

NEWSLETTER 9/2 Friday June 6, 2008

FROM THE HEADMASTER Dr Peter Casey

As our students and staff work diligently through another cold burst of whether it is heartening to see that great things continue to happen at St Patrick's. It is with great excitement that we look forward to the first official function in the Old Collegians Pavilion – the annual Health and Physical Education Faculty Wellbeing Seminar. The seminar is an excellent example of collegiality with teachers from schools across the region gathering to discuss professional practice and to share ideas and initiatives that will inform students about healthy living principles. Thank you to Mr Jeremy House for leading this significant event.

Feedback from visitors to the Pavilion has been quite overwhelming, highlighting its value to the College as an educational space and as a space to come together as a College community. It is again timely to voice our appreciation to Project Manager Mr Tony McMaster and Business Manager Mrs Shirley Walters who have overseen the construction of a first class facility, gifted to the College by many generous benefactors from within our old boys and parents and friends communities. I look forward to sharing many great St Patrick's College events with students, staff and parents in the times ahead.

Next week the Pavilion will be used for VCE examinations once again highlighting its value. This exercise also reminds us all of our primary focus as a school; the achievement of excellent teaching and learning outcomes for all our boys. I wish all boys well as they strive for personal excellence in their examinations and exhort each student to 'commit to the contest', just as each St Patrick's player did so naturally as I watched them from the comfort of the Old Collegians Pavilion yesterday!

Enjoy a well deserved long weekend.

Regards

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FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER Mr Steven O'Connor

Semester Exams

At this week's College Assembly, I had the opportunity to speak to the boys about the semester exams, which are about to commence for some VCE students next week and then Year 7 to 11 shortly after. Exams are another important way of measuring a student's progress in their studies and form an important part of the assessment completed at the College and reported to parents via the end of semester reports.

At the Assembly, I spoke of the importance of boys talking and working with their individual teachers in their preparation for the exams. Boys should be having some simple and constructive

conversations about the length of the exam, the format of the exam (How many sections? What type of questions in each section? Time length?), what units of work are to be covered in the exam and what materials are allowed in the exam?

As well as this, many boys will need some guidance on how to best revise the material for the exam – again, the boys teachers are the best source. Effective study techniques are skills that are developed over many years of practice and guidance.

It is important that each boy tries his very best in each exam. By initiating some simple conversations with teachers, each boy will undoubtedly place himself in a better position to enter the exam room and attempt the exam without encountering any nasty little surprises ("I didn't know that this was going to be on the exam"!). I wish all boys the very best of luck as they prepare and complete the exams to end this semester!

Parent Information Evening – Wednesday, July 16

On the evening of Wednesday July 16 the College will present a guest speaker to parents. The guest speaker is Mr John Joseph, who is known nationally and internationally as the 'Brain Man'. John is a highly experienced secondary teacher from Adelaide who now works with schools, universities and professional educational organisations around Australia and internationally developing their knowledge and understanding of how the brain works, grows and responds to various stimuli. John is working with the academic staff at the College at the end of this term and at the beginning of Term Three and will present a information session to parents on how their son's brains work and how parents can support maximising educational outcomes with this in mind (no pun intended)!

More information will be published as we get closer to the date but please mark this date on your calendar – Wednesday, July 16 at 7:30pm.

COLLEGE DEAN Mr Stephen Hill

Headmaster's Academic and Endeavour Award's.

Six awards were presented to students at this week's assembly. The first of these was an Academic Endeavour award presented to Year 7 student **Laiton Sullivan** for his efforts and academic success in Japanese. When I met with Laiton he spoke of the various strategies that he has used to help him this semester. However, the aspect that most struck me about Laiton was his willingness to persevere with study by consistently revising notes and study materials in preparation for assessment tasks. Being prepared to do this type of revision does not come easily to many students. Well done, Laiton!

The second Academic Endeavour award was presented to Year 7 student, **James Prebble**. James' award acknowledges his efforts in completing a pictorial history of St Patrick's College as part of the Year 7 Religious Education Belonging unit. James' images give a clear summary of the history and stories that have contributed to the St Patrick's that we know today.

The third Academic Endeavour award was presented to Year 8 student, **Luke Saunderson** in recognition of the progress he has made in Mathematics this semester. Luke has progressed from a student passively waiting for work to be given, to a student who now works continuously throughout each class and who actively seeks extra work. Well done Luke on your improved attitude and approach to your studies.

Two further Academic Endeavour awards were presented to Year 8 Mathematics students **Jack Sloan** and **Edward Meagher**. I interviewed these two boys together and it soon became clear that they not only enjoy Mathematics, but that they also like the challenge and competition of sitting together in class with each trying to be the first to solve problems or answer questions. Both boys have demonstrated a level of understanding and knowledge well above the expected level of a Year 8 student having completed work considered to be at the Year 9 level. Congratulations to both boys on their sustained effort and work ethic in Mathematics.

The final award this week was presented to Year 7 student **Jai Sharp**. Jai received an Academic Endeavour award in recognition of the story book he completed in Year 7 Art. In meeting with Jai it was clear that he is a student who is genuinely enthusiastic about Art. Jai was able to explain with great clarity how he used colours from the colour wheel to create particular emotions or moods and how he used tone to generate the effect of shading. Congratulations, Jai on an excellent piece of work.

As this was the last assembly for the semester, all the boys who received either a Headmaster's Excellence or Academic Endeavour Award in Semester One were once again acknowledged.

This semester, awards were given to:

| Year 12 students | Year 11 students | Year 10 students | Year 9 student | Year 8 students | Year 7 students |
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| Damien Farrell | Daniel Sharp | Brad Brennan | Matthew Norman | Jack Sloan | James Prebble |
| Marcus Jolly | Jarryd Allan | Diarmaid Driscoll | | Edward Meagher | Jai Sharp |
| Callum Leonard | Nathaniel Winfield | | | Luke Saunderson | Laiton Sullivan |
| Jacob Hughes | Ashley Jan | | | Ben Rodger | Paul Barresi |
| Liam Toohey | | | | | James Rousch |
| | | | | | Luke Howard |
| | | | | | Joseph Mason |
| | | | | | Nick Treloar |

Ms Victoria Moore
Head of Languages

The Plain English Speaking Award - PESA

The Plain English Speaking Award is a public speaking contest hosted annually by VCAA. This is an alternative speaking contest in that it seeks to award a person conveying their message through the use of 'Plain English'; that is, speaking through the use of everyday, conversational and comprehensible language.

On May 20, the regional Plain English Speaking Award was held in Ballarat. Two students from St Patrick's College, Jack Ferguson and Bradley Brennan competed in this regional contest. Whilst neither advanced through to the next stage, both spoke incredibly well on their chosen topics and in their impromptu.

Jack Ferguson's topic was 'No Republic' and Bradley Brennan's topic was 'My Dune Buggy'. These two students represented the College proudly in their participation and have contributed to another important aspect of the cultural activities which the College significantly values and promotes.

Congratulations to both boys and we look forward to hearing more from the students in this and similar competitions in the future.

DIRECTOR OF MISSION

Mr Joe Doolan

Pope John XXIII
A Most Remarkable Leader

This week we celebrate the 45th anniversary of the death of Angelo Roncalli who was later to become Pope John XXIII. What a remarkable man! Where would we be if the Second Vatican Council did not occur? Scholars today debate the impact of that progressive, optimistic Council. Some note that the lofty ideals have been moderated in subsequent decades and that the curia has re-established a controlling role. Whatever the debate about the reception of Vatican Two, we must continue to celebrate the wonderful aims that it achieved and the man who forged the gathering in the first place.

How did the old, smiling prayerful Pope succeed in calling a Council that was to extend beyond his reign? His accession to the papacy was greeted with amusement by some. A New York Cardinal scoffed at his election, suggesting that he should be selling bananas! But Angelo Roncalli was a canny scholar. He kept abreast of the many theological, scriptural and liturgical developments through the middle of the 20th century and was, therefore, well versed to invite the highest echelon of Catholic scholars to debate their ideas in Rome. Two thousand, one hundred and fifty-two Bishops voted on the first document of the Council amongst whom was Ballarat's own Bishop J. O'Collins.

Pope John XXIII died forty-five years ago, June 3 1963, a most significant figure.

When we look at the aims of the Council it is little wonder that it is called the third revolution in the Church. Joining Pope Gregory the Great and the Council of Trent, the Second Vatican Council opened the windows of the Church, letting in the fresh air of scholarship, pastoral care and energy of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost Prayer to the Holy Ghost by Pope John XXIII

Let everything be in us on a grand scale: the search for truth and the devotion to it, and the readiness for self-sacrifice, even to the cross and death, and may everything finally be according to the last prayer of the Son, and according to your Holy Spirit of Love.

June 10, 1962

The aims of the Second Vatican Council

The world renowned historian William J. O' Malley assessed the key points of the council in these eleven aims:

- To end the stance of cultural isolation that the Church was seen to have maintained.
- To institute new freedom of expression and action that certain Vatican institutions were now interpreted as having previously curtailed.
- To distribute more broadly the exercise of pastoral authority especially by strengthening the role of the episcopacy over the Holy See.
- To modify in people's consciousness and in the actual functioning of the Church the predominantly clerical, institutional and hierarchal model.
- To affirm the dignity of the laity in the Church.
- To establish a better relationship with other religious bodies through new theological insights and better relationship and to heal divisions in Christianity and fruitful dialogue with non-Christian groups.
- To change the Church's teaching on religious liberty and give new support to the principle of freedom of conscience.
- To base theology and biblical studies more firmly on historical principles.
- To foster styles of piety based more obviously on the scriptures and public liturgy of the Church.
- To affirm clearly that the church was and should be affected by cultures in which it exercises its ministries.
- To promote a more positive appreciation of the world and the relation of the Church to it with a concomitant assumption of cleared responsibility for the fate of the world in the new era opening before our eyes.

The Council was certainly the Church working on a grand scale. The final impact of this revolution will, arguably, take centuries to assess.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Ms Elizabeth Till

Mid-Year Exams

Please find attached to The Crest a copy of the Senior School June Exam programme and the Junior and Middle School June exam programme.

VCE Unit 3 Exams

VCE Exams for Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Accounting take place on Wednesday June 11 and Thursday June 12. Students have received information regarding the times and requirements of these exams. All students undertaking a Unit 3 study (in either Year 11 or Year 12) will be required to sit for the GAT on Friday June 13. No Year 11 or Year 12 classes will operate on this day.

Queen's Birthday Holiday

The Queen's Birthday Holiday is on Monday June 9. The College will be closed.

SENIOR SCHOOL

Head of Senior School

Mr Hamish McCrum

At present, the main focus for Senior School students is examinations. If the boys have worked diligently all semester it is important that they finish well so as to get the results they deserve. Students who are not proud of the effort they have put in at this point need to become very busy now. A large effort from this point on can alter exam grades quite significantly for the better. For those undertaking external exams, the completion, correction and re-completion of practice exams is vital.

Students sitting a Unit 3 exam for Physics, Biology, Accounting or Chemistry may take a study day on the day prior to their exam. On the day of the exam, boys are expected to attend classes once the exam has concluded. All students undertaking a VCE Unit 3/4 Study, or scored VET Study, are required to sit the GAT on June 13. Students are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the GAT, however a study day in preparation for the GAT is not permitted. No Year Eleven or Twelve classes will run on the day of the GAT.

External exam timetables, rules and approved materials can be found at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or via the Exam Navigator which was posted home earlier this term. A personalised timetable for VCAA exams will be provided to each student, showing exam times and their VCAA number, which makes finding the right room and desk on the day of the GAT quicker and easier.

Emergency Special Provision and Derived Examination Scores

Should a student become ill or suffer some personal trauma, they need to contact Mr Hamish McCrum as soon as possible on 0427 100 676. The VCAA may grant Special Provisions to allow students to demonstrate what they have learned.

Students may also apply for a Derived Exam Score for examinations, other than the GAT, where circumstances not of their making or choosing have prevented them from demonstrating what they have learned. Applications for the Derived Exam Scores need to be lodged within 7 days of their last June exam (not counting the GAT) however they should make it known they intend to do this prior to the exam where possible. Applications for Derived Exam Scores and for Emergency Special Provision are made through the College however the final decision rests with VCAA. Should a Derived Score be granted, the higher of the Derived Score or the actual performance is used. All students should sit all exams unless they have spoken with Mr Hamish McCrum and after consultation with VCAA, have advised otherwise.

Internal Year 10 Examinations commence from June 12 to June 20 and Year 11 exams commence from June 16 to June 20. Students are not required at the College when they do not have exams during the exam period. It is crucial to success in later years that boys prepare for exams thoroughly. In this way they will also develop the skills, strategies and habits that will see them do well in Year 12.

Senior School Lap of the Lake

The Lap of the Lake for Senior School students will take place on Tuesday June 10. All Senior School students are therefore asked to bring running gear on this day. However, if boys forget their running gear, this will not remove the requirement upon them to participate. Those students with an external exam for Physics, Biology, Accounting or Chemistry are exempt from taking part. Should these students wish to qualify for the cross-country team they may participate in the event on Friday June 13 at 2 pm. All other Senior School students are required to participate in the event on Tuesday.

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



GALVIN HOUSE: CHRISTIAN VAN RIJIN

For his honesty in handing in a substantial amount of money found on the College grounds.



GALVIN HOUSE: LIAM O'RILEY

For an inspiring display of honesty.

JUNIOR SCHOOL
Head of Junior School
Mr John Richards

This week in Junior School, the Year 7 boys have had the benefit of listening to Craig Schepis who works with homeless youth in Ballarat. Craig was awarded the title of 'Ballarat Citizen of the Year' for his work with young people.

Craig Schepis was approached by Mr Juri Kaczowski, to relate his experiences of working with youth on the streets in the local community. The underlying message was that many young people in our own community have a standard of living that is well below that of what be expected in a nation such as Australia.

As part of the Year 7 SOSE programme the boys have been investigating the social, economic and political issues surrounding the concept of living standards. In previous weeks they have contrasted their own standard of living with that of children in Kenya. Director of the Kely Resource Centre, Mrs Sara Taylor has recently returned from a trip to Kenya, during which she worked in various Edmund Rice Schools. Sara has shared the benefit of her experiences in Kenya and related the day-to-day lifestyle of the Kenyan children to our boys.

Junior School Exams

Exams are a part of the assessment programme at St Patrick's College and are held twice a year, at the conclusion of Semester One and at the conclusion of Semester Two.

The Semester One exams are quickly approaching. Exams will commence with the English exam on Monday June 16, Tuesday June 17 will be Science and Wednesday June 18 Mathematics. The exams will be held in the morning session commencing at 9 am.

Boys are reminded to set aside time each night for revision. This should take place away from the television and other distractions. Boys are encouraged to ask their teacher's questions staff regarding any areas of difficulty or requiring clarification.

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YEAR 8: CHRISTOPHER WALTER

For his honesty in handing in a wallet found at St Kevin's College in Toorak. The wallet belonged to Greg Hoy who is the Finance Editor on the 7.30 Report

ARCHIVES
Br Brian Davis

Swimming in the Seventies

St Patrick's College entered a team in the first annual Inter School competition hosted by the Midlands District Swimming Association at the Wendouree Pool on March 7, 1973. The team finished third behind Ballarat Grammar and Ballarat College and ahead of Ballarat North Technical School, Sebastopol Technical School, Ballarat East High School and Ballarat West High School. It seems clear the Midlands District Swimming Association invited any interested Ballarat Secondary Schools into this competition, just as they do at present in the Primary and Post Primary Schools Competition.

The first Captain of the St Patrick's College Swimming team was Wayne McGlashan. Outstanding performances were achieved by Michael Rice in the U/16 Freestyle (29.20 s) and Mark Thomas in the U/13 Breaststroke (48.60 s).

The Senior Relay team consisted of Wayne McGlashan, Tony Caine, Noel King and Mick Angus finished a strong second. Final points were Ballarat Grammar 208; Ballarat College 204; St Patrick's College 157; Ballarat North Technical School 146; Ballarat High School 138; Ballarat East High School 128 and the Sebastopol Technical School 108. In 1974, Michael Rice was Swimming Captain. The 1975 Swimming Captain was Peter Harris. Mark Thomas was Captain in 1976.

By the fifth year of the Midland's competition, St Patrick's College was still finishing third behind Ballarat College and Ballarat Grammar but had closed the gap between third and second place from 47 points to 17 points. The gap however to first place had ballooned from 51 points to 88 points. The most notable result in 1977 came from Michael Caine, who won the U/13 Freestyle in 13.9 seconds and the Breaststroke in 45.9 seconds. Peter McBain won the U/13 Butterfly in 43.9 seconds. Michael and Peter were joined by J. Reid and R. Corbett in winning the U/13 relay. Team results were Ballarat College 280, Ballarat Grammar 216, St Patrick's College 192, East Ballarat High 175 and North Ballarat Technical School 157. In 1978 St Patrick's College came 2nd with 273 points.

The swimming report in the 1979 annual states; "For the first time ever SPC proved to be a force in Inter School swimming. After a magnificent and wholeheartedly dedicated performance, SPC came within one point of winning the elusive swimming championships. Captain of the team was Martinus Claassen and outstanding performances came from Michael Caine with five wins, John Caine with three wins and the performances of the five relays with four firsts and one second. Br Peter Noonan was the coach.

After seven years of the Midland District Swimming Association Schools Competition, The Ballarat Public Schools Association (BPSA) organised their own competition to commence in 1980 and called it the Central Highlands Independent Schools Sports Association (CHISSA) and invited Monivae College, Hamilton and Braemar College, Woodend to join the Ballarat Independent Schools, St Patrick's College, Ballarat Grammar School, Ballarat College and Ballarat High School. St Patrick's College was poised to perform really well after finishing just one point from victory in the final Midland's sponsored competition.

(Sources: St Patrick's College Annual Magazines 1973 to 1979).



EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

Canteen

Canteen Roster Monday June 9 to Friday June 13. Please, if unable to attend [phone](tel:53356244) Veronica 5335 6244, Cheryl 5339 3655 or the College Canteen on 5322 4481, preferably the evening before your rostered day.

Monday June 9

College Closed – Queens Birthday Holiday

Tuesday June 10

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

Wednesday June 11

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

Thursday June 12

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

Friday June 13

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

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

Dobson's Uniform Shop

Please contact Annette on 5333 7486 for personal fitting appointments.

Uniform Shop hours effective Term 2:

Tuesday 12 - 4.00 pm
 Thursday 12- 4.00 pm

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

COMING EVENTS

Monday 9 June

Queen's Birthday – College closed

Tuesday 10 June

Jun B Soccer
 Inter B Football
 2nd XVIII Football

Wednesday 11 June

Year 12 Exams start
 Jun B Football

Thursday 12 June

Year 12 Exams
 Year 10 Exams Start
 Inter B Soccer

Friday 13 June

Year 12 GAT
 Year 11 Study Day
 Year 10 Exams

Saturday 14 June

U16 Div. 2 Rugby – BYE
 1st XV Div. 2 Rugby – SPC vs SC 2nd XV 11.15 am

Monday 16 June

Year 10/11 Exams
 Year 7-9 Exams

Tuesday 17 June

Year 10/11 Exams
 Year 7/9 Exams
 Jun B Soccer
 Inter B Football
 2nd XVIII Football

Wednesday 18 June

Year 10/11 Exams
 Year 7/9 Exams
 Jun B Football
 1st XVIII Football (6)
 1st XI Soccer

Thursday 19 June

Year 10/11 Exams
 Year 7/9 Exams
 Brehaut Badminton Singles (B & G)
 Inter B Soccer
 1st XI Soccer
 Sen B Basketball

Year 12 VCE Exam Timetable

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|--------------------------|---|--|--|
| Wednesday June 11 | 9.00 am – 10.45 am Biology Exam 1 | 11.45 am – 1.30 pm Physics Exam 1 | 2.45 pm – 4.30 pm Accounting Exam 1 |
| Thursday June 12 | | 11.45 am – 1.30 pm Chemistry Exam 1 | |
| Friday June 13 | 10.00 am – 1.15 pm General Achievement Test | | |

Year 11 June Exam Timetable

| Date | Exam | Time |
|--------------------------|---|-------------|
| Friday June 13 | Year 12 GAT All Yr 11 students not required to sit the GAT have a Study Day | 10:00 am |
| Monday June 16 | U1 Religious Education | 09:00 am |
| | U1 Vocational English U1 English | 10:55 am |
| | U1 Technology – Systems U1 20 th Century History U1 Physical Education U1 Math Methods CAS – Exam 1 | 1:55 pm |
| Tuesday June 17 | U1 Outdoor Education U1 Studio Art | 8:45 am |
| | U1 Math Methods CAS – Exam 2 U1 Architectural Design U1 French | 11:20 am |
| Wednesday June 18 | U1 Accounting U1 Health & Human Development | 09:00 am |
| | U1 Literature U1 Economics U1 Food Technology | 11:40 am |
| | U1 Design Technology U1 Information Technology | 1:55 pm |
| Thursday June 19 | U1 Media Studies | 09:00 am |
| | U1 Legal Studies U1 Physics | 10:55 am |
| | U1 Biology U1 Business Management | 1:55 pm |
| Friday June 20 | U1 Foundation Maths U1 General Maths | 09:00 am |
| | U1 Japanese U1 Chemistry U1 VCD | 10:55 am |

Year 10 June Exam Timetable

| Date | Exam | Time |
|--------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Thursday June 12 | Religious Education | 09:00 am |
| | English – Pre Vocational English | 10:55 am |
| | Art – 3D Information Technology | 1:55 pm |
| Friday June 13 | IT – Web Food Technology IT – Programming | 09:00 am |
| | Japanese Technology – Metal | 10:55 am |
| | General Science Biology | 1:55 pm |
| Monday June 16 | Indigenous Studies VCD | 09.00 am 1:55 pm |
| Tuesday June 17 | Theatre Studies Health | 8:45 am |
| | Media Studies Physical Education | 11:20 am |
| Wednesday June 18 | Architectural Design | 09:00 am |
| | Music Chemistry | 11:40 am |
| | Intro Graphics | 1:55 pm |
| Thursday June 19 | Gen. Specialist Maths | 09:00 am |
| | Technology – Systems Physics | 10:55 am |
| Friday June 20 | Modified Maths General Maths | 09:00 am |
| | Art Technology - Wood | 10:55 am |

Middle School Exam Timetable

| DAY | EXAM | Time |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Monday June 16 | Sport | 9.00 am |
| | English | 10.55 am |
| | LOTE - Japanese | 1.55 pm |
| Wednesday June 18 | LOTE - French | 9.00 am |
| | Immersion Humanities | 1.55 pm |
| Thursday June 19 | Maths | 9.00 am |
| | Sport | 10.55 am |
| | Immersion Science | 1.10 pm |

Junior School Exam Timetable

| Day | Exam | Time |
|--------------------------|--|---------|
| Monday June 16 | Year 7 English Year 8 English | 9.00 am |
| Tuesday June 17 | Year 8 Science | 9.00 am |
| Wednesday June 18 | Year 7 Mathematics Year 8 Mathematics | 9.00 am |