

FROM THE HEADMASTER
Dr Peter Casey

Dear Friends

Greetings as the days now start to lengthen. Tomorrow, June 27 is the feast day of Our Lady under the title of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. It was to Our Lady under this title that Blessed Edmund Rice entrusted his fledgling congregation as he sought legitimacy in the eyes of the Church, in the face of opposition from some of the Irish clergy. The feast day remains a highlight on the calendar of the Christian Brothers' communities and in their schools. The current Congregational leader, Br Philip Pinto, has called on the modern generation to reflect on the question of sexual and physical abuse and the harm done by some members of the Congregation in some places. As you are aware, St Patrick's College and the Diocese of Ballarat figure largely in many such cases through the actions of a finite number of priests and brothers. At present Ireland is coming to grips with the publication of the Ryan Report into abuse in institutions in that country and the fallout is great.

One of the terrible outcomes of these revelations is the knowledge of lives ruined, of men and women who have grown up with dark secrets, unable to form stable relationships, and in some cases, who have become offenders themselves. We ask God's forgiveness for the wrongs done these people entrusted to the agencies of the Church and for the silence adopted by some in authority. We pray for the Lord's peace for these victims as they seek redress, justice and compensation.

Another deplorable outcome of these revelations is the discrediting of the selfless work of so many workers within the Church- priests, brothers and nuns. My heart goes out to those who have laboured long with little reward other than Jesus' injunction that those who instruct many unto justice will shine forever as stars in the night. Betrayal by faceless strangers is one thing, but betrayal by friends is a bitter experience.

On Saturday evening we hosted a gathering of St Patrick's College Captains and Duces in the Old Collegians Pavilion. The guests spanned the life of the College through Des Nolan who was Captain and Dux in 1938 through to Stephen Kirby, College Captain in 2009. In the course of a marvellous and warm gathering, the affection for and appreciation of the Christian Brothers and their work for our boys for over a century was very evident. I do not ask anyone to hide the pain and the faults in this very human institution, but I do ask for some extended reflection, some balance and affirmation for some great men.

The semester reports which accompany this edition of The Crest to our current families bring generally welcome news, reflective of the good intentions of students, staff and parents working together to maximise outcomes for all of our boys. I offer my thanks and my congratulations for a semester well spent. Spare a thought for our colleagues on the Kokoda track, and those in Japan, and others travelling independently across the face of the globe. Please make the most of the ensuing weeks and enjoy the change of pace.

PeterC



College Captains & Duces Dinner:
From front and centre: Chris Nolan (85), Craig Sharp (85), Eileen McCormack, Chris McBrearty (2002), Mary Nolan, Mark Lacey (1984), Lachlan Keen (2003) and Sally Bateman.

FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER
Student and Staff Wellbeing
Mr Chris Caldow

Reports

I would encourage all parents to sit with their son(s) and go through their End of Semester Reports with them. It is important to discuss the strengths and weaknesses as indicated by teachers with your son and then to make appointments to follow these issues up if need be. The reports should be an accurate reflection of your son's progress throughout Semester One and the comments should reflect the areas for future improvement. It is important to note that the reporting process not only informs staff, students and parents of the student's progress but also provides an opportunity to evaluate whether the student is fulfilling his potential and to look at the necessary steps needed to rectify any situation.

Student Opportunities

I am constantly amazed at the array of activities on offer here at St Patrick's College. Our boys certainly have some fantastic opportunities both within the curriculum and in the co-curricular programme. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all boys and staff involved in both the Japan and Kokoda trips all the best!

My thanks to Mrs Margaret McIntyre, Ms Belinda Lees, Mr Michael Weadon, Mr Juri Kaczowski and Mr Jamie Lynn for their organisation, planning and supervision of these excursions. I hope that you all travel safely and I look forward to your stories and viewing your photographs upon your return.

Casual Clothes Day

The Student Council conducted a Casual Clothes day to raise funds for various charities in Papua New Guinea on Friday, June 12. The day was well supported by both the boys and staff and I congratulate the College on their efforts to support communities and organisations who are in need. These efforts are on-going and as mentioned previously are one of a number of distinguishing features of the College. Well done!

Thanks

Thank you to all boys who continually wear their uniform correctly, that is, with top buttons done up, ties correctly positioned, shirts tucked in, suit coats worn to and from school and their hair in accordance to the College guidelines. Thanks to all boys who show respect for themselves, their peers, staff and others within our community. Finally thank you to all boys who respect the learning environment at St Patrick's College and strive to do their best at all times.

I hope that all boys enjoy a safe and happy term break. Term II has been a busy term and much has been achieved both in and outside of the classrooms. It is important for boys to have a break from the busy routine of the College. Having said this, I would expect that boys in the Senior School would commit themselves to study during the break, particularly those boys undertaking Unit 4 subjects in Semester II.

Term III Dates

Tuesday, July 14	Classes commence for all students
Thursday, August 20	No classes: Staff Formation Days
Friday, August 21	No classes: Staff Formation Days
Friday September 18	Term III finishes

FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Teaching and Learning
Mr Stephen Hill

Year 8 Humanities Development Mrs Karina Dunne

Year 8 International Studies: Countries Exhibition - June 11 2009

As part of the Term Two Year 8 International Studies curriculum Year 8 students researched various aspects of a country other than Australia. Working in pairs, students explored the economic, political and social features of that country. At the conclusion of the assignment the boys were required to present their information in an 'expo style' format, where they were to use posters, pamphlets and a speech to present information to the public.

With an array of posters displayed around the Lower Wilding Wing there was a buzz of excitement as pairs of students from the three Year 8 International Studies classes prepared themselves with pamphlets and possible answers to questions coming from parents and teachers.

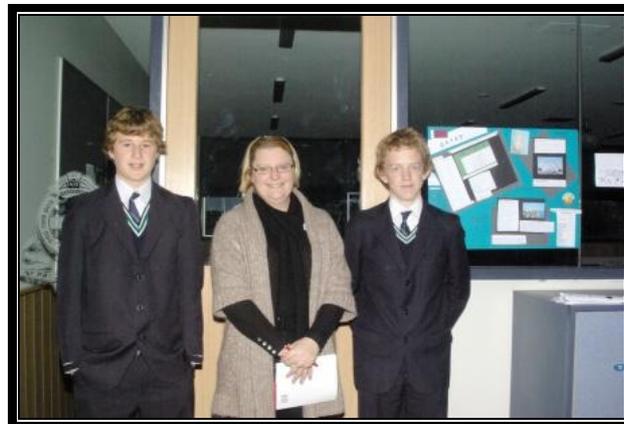
The three teachers of International Studies, Ms Victoria Moore, Mr Rohan Davies and Mrs Karina Dunne, observed how the students interacted with parents and other teachers. It was pleasing to witness how well students had prepared themselves for the exhibition, as evident in the variety of presentation styles, poster layouts and the use of props to make their country stand apart from others.

The College was delighted with the number of parents who attended the exhibition and the support they gave the students. The students were able to answer parent and teacher questions well, demonstrating the level of learning which had taken place prior to the event.

Thank you to the Year 8 International Studies teachers for their time and effort to ensure that the exhibition ran smoothly and to Catering Manager, Ms Tracey Downes, for providing the refreshments.

I would like to especially thank the parents and other St Patrick's College teachers who attended for making this activity a rewarding and worthwhile one for all the students.

Finally, congratulations to the Year 8 International Studies students: your efforts and commitment in making the exhibition a success were very satisfying. You should be proud of your work – we are!



Harrison Antoniazzi, Ms Victoria Moore and Sean Houlihan
– all Qatar experts

Careers and Transition Mr Anthony Meehan

Second Semester Subject Changes

Year 9, 10 and 11 students who wish to request a subject change for Semester Two are currently able to apply. Students must first obtain a form from the Director of Administration, Ms Elizabeth Till and then 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.

Tertiary Information Service Event – Year 12

St Patrick's College has arranged for the Year 12 students to attend the 2009 Tertiary Information Service (TIS) Event. SPC requires all Year 12 students to attend the TIS and bus transport will be provided on the day. TIS is a collective of University, TAFE and independent tertiary colleges who run free information sessions for Year 12 students across Victoria. Please contact Mr Anthony Meehan at the College on 5322 4407 for any further enquiries.

DIRECTOR OF MISSION Mrs Maree Moore

WINTER

As we approach the College winter break, it is timely to recognise the absolute joy of long dark nights, sitting cosily around a warm fire.

Winter is a great time of turning inwards as temperatures drops and the earth is barren, I often feel the peace of taking time out and seeking warmth and sustenance of the shelter of quiet times. Though the days have grown ever shorter, we can take time to reflect on our lives.

In a sense, this gentle pace allows time to cut away some of the peripheral concerns we all harbour, so that we may begin anew when the sunshine of spring ushers in new life.

This reflection offers us the opportunity to sit awhile and wonder at the glory of God.

Let Your Roots Sink Deep

I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. John 12:24-25

Prayer

Reference “Sanctuary – Where Heaven Touch Earth”

Trisha Walls & Gabrielle Lord pg. 75

Winter, a time of rain and wetness.

The days are short and cold, the deciduous trees are bare.

Winter, a time for cutting away dead wood from roses, and pruning unwanted branches from grape vines.

Winter, a time of shaping things and typing up the waste.

Winter, a time for clearing, cool and passionless.

Yet, in this time, there is still growth:

the flower withers to form the seedcase, just as souls need to be empty before they can be filled to overflowing.

Under the earth, tubers shrink and turn inside out, sending up the shafts of stem and sending down the anchoring roots.

Underneath everything, in the darkness, new life is seething, yearning to break through the surface.

The husks fall away from the seed and the ticking kernel starts to shoot.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Ms Elizabeth Till

Term 3

Term 3 commences for all students on Tuesday July 14.

Semester Two

Year 9 and 10 students will be given a new Timetable with updated Electives and Subject Codes.

Year 7 & 8

All students in Years 7 and 8 will receive a new Timetable with their new electives which will commence operation on Tuesday July 14.

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Mr John Richards

Another term has come to an end and marks yet another chapter in the academic year during which much physical, spiritual and academic growth has taken place. Parents will receive their son's End of Semester Report in this mail out next week. Please take the time to sit down and discuss the report with your son as it will provide an opportunity for you to converse with him regarding his progress at school. It is important to acknowledge the good work that your son has done during the semester and to identify and affirm the positive growth that he has demonstrated.

I thank the dedicated teaching staff in the Junior School for their work this semester and their diligence and professionalism in completing the End of Semester School Reports. Much work has gone into the development of assessment tasks that identify and reinforce the necessary skills and competencies required of boys at the Year 7 and 8 level.

The correction of these assessments is an arduous task that provides all with an excellent snap shot of a student's academic growth. The results from these assessments is reflected in the school report.

The end of the semester is also an ideal time for your son to take stock of his own academic progress and to take responsibility for his own learning. As detailed in earlier editions of *The Crest*, the importance of developing a study routine is paramount. If your son does not have a regular study time and venue, it is never too late to establish this. At the commencement of Term 3 please encourage your son to:

- Set aside a regular time each evening to complete his homework
- Study in an area away from distractions.

Boys in Year 7 and 8 should be completing between an hour and an hour and a half of study each night. This study could comprise:

- The completion of class work;
- Assignment work;
- Revision of the day's learning;
- Exam revision.

Nightly reading

Reading is an expectation each night in the Junior School. Your son should be reading his English novels and other wide reading material. The Kelty Resource Centre has a wealth of quality reading material to make the most of. Your son will have an opportunity to borrow from the library on a weekly basis and I strongly encourage them to take advantage of this.

Study Diary

Finally the College Study Diary is a most helpful study aide if utilised well. At the conclusion of each class the classroom teacher will give the boys an opportunity to record the night's study tasks in the diary. This will provide the boys with a hard copy of the study expectations for the evening. By this stage in the year it would be a reasonable expectation for your son to take responsibility for his own learning by maintaining his Study Diary.

Junior School Exams

Last week the boys in the Junior School sat the end of Semester Exams. Much work went into the preparation of exams from both staff and students. The hope is that by providing students with the opportunity to sit exams at the end of each semester, they will start to develop skills in exam revision, preparation and exam technique.

Exams are indeed a part of life and it is important that we equip our boys with the opportunity to sit exams in a formal setting in order to familiarise them with the expectations that they will encounter as they progress through their educational lives. Thanks are extended to the many staff involved in the setting, vetting, supervision and correction of exams.

Lap of the Lake

Last Friday the Junior School Lap of the Lake was held. Well done and thank you to the majority of boys who challenged themselves to run the lake to the very best of their ability. Thank you to the Director of Sport Mr Chris Gleeson, and his staff for the excellent work done in preparing for the event. For the results and placings please see the Sports section of this week's edition of *The Crest*.

Items of Value

A reminder to all that items of value: phones, mp3 players, cash, game consoles etc... 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.

DIRECTOR OF SPORT
Mr Chris Gleeson

Term 2 Sport
Bacchus Marsh Late Bus

In accordance with normal procedure the Bacchus Marsh Late Bus will not run in the last week of Term Two or the first week of Term Three.

Term Three sports offered

The College is pleased to offer the following sports for students in Term Three. Students are advised to watch the morning notices regarding sign ups for sports in Term Three either towards the end of this term or in the first week in Term Three. A number of sports continue from Term Two. For more information please email cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au

Term Three Sport	Day
Intermediate Hockey	Monday
Intermediate Basketball	Wednesday
Junior Basketball (Year 8)	Tuesday - 4pm
Junior Basketball (Year 7)	Tuesday - 5pm
Table Tennis	Tuesday
Squash/Racquetball	Thursday
Weights Room	Varies
BAS Cross Country	Varies
Weights Room	Varies
Swimming Squad	Varies
Gymnastics Squad	Varies

Urgent assistance required – Sports First Aid

In 2009 the College has utilised the services of a qualified nurse to be in attendance at sporting fixtures on the grounds of SPC catering for the relevant team sports. This has included after school sport on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturday. Unfortunately our regular appointee is unavailable from Thursday July 30 to Sunday August 9 inclusive during Term 3.

If you are aware of any person who may be interested in assisting in this position please contact the Director of Sport, Mr Chris Gleeson for more details. Remuneration is available pending qualifications. Whilst a nurse is the ideal replacement, someone with qualifications in Sports First Aid or Sports Training would also be considered.

From the Director of Cricket
Mr Damian McKee

Coaching Seminar – ‘Pace Bowling’
Monday June 29
St Patrick’s College Old Collegians Pavilion
6.30-8 pm

Victorian Bushrangers fast bowler Shane Harwood and Bushranger Fast Bowling Coach David Saker will lead the 2009 Central Highlands ‘Diamonds in the Bush’ Coaching Seminar on ‘Pace Bowling’ on Monday June 29 2009 from 6:30-8 pm in the St Patrick’s College Old Collegians Pavilion. The regional seminar is free to attend and everyone is welcome!

Please register your attendance with the Central Highlands Regional Cricket Manager, Campbell Waring on 0427 839 548 or email cwarling@cricketvictoria.com.au by Thursday June 25 2009.

Junior School Cross Country

Sunny skies greeted over 400 keen runners for the Annual Junior School Cross Country Lap of the Lake on the last day of Term 2. The top 5 Year 7 boys all beat home the second of the Year 8 runners which should go well for the cross country team in the years to come.

Congratulations to the following boys who performed extremely well:

YEAR 7 TOP 5 RUNNERS	House	Time
Wilkie, Jake - 7GB-OMW003	G	22.24
Leviston, Josh - 7NF-OMW008	N	23.27
Hayes, Jackson - 7NF-OMW008	N	25.10
Weightman, Nich - 7GB-OMW003	G	25.14
Martin, Ben - 7KC-OMW004	K	25.20

YEAR 8 TOP 5 RUNNERS	House	Time
Thompson, Mitchell - 8B-OMW103	N	23.04
Cullinan, Josh - 8D-OMW106	R	26.00
Murphy, Lachlan - 8H-OMW112	G	26.23
Zelencich, Michael - 8I-OMW113	R	27.00
Gunn, Jack - 8D-OMW106	K	27.05

Soccer
First XI
Mr Tony Beggs
Round 7: SPC 3-1 BHS

Goals: Kyran Taylor 2, Daniel McIntyre.

Best: Kyran Taylor, Marcus Lynch, Michael Ferguson, Scott Berg, George Martin.

At the kickoff a competitive Ballarat High School outfit proceeded to bring the ball deep into their attacking half making several early aggressive moves. Many of these attempts however were brought undone by Michael Ferguson whose movement and positioning countered many of BHS’s early plays and allowed the SPC mid field to get a steady feel for the ball after the initial surge from the BHS forwards.

St Patrick’s College’s first threatening goal attempt came from Kyran Taylor who on the left boot narrowly punched the ball past the outside of the upright. In response, Ballarat High School brought the ball deeply into their attacking corner and crossed dangerously towards goal but was thwarted by Scott Berg who threw his body in the way.

As the home team steadied and their passing became cleaner, St Patrick’s College scored the first goal of the match through a forward attacking cross by Marcus Lynch and guided skilfully from a one-touch to the lower right corner of the goal by Daniel McIntyre.

Not long after the opening goal Kyran was again brought into the play by running onto a through ball that pierced the last line of defence for Ballarat High School and was punched past the goal keeper for a 2 – 0 lead.

Ballarat High School remained dogged in their play and were perhaps rewarded with a stroke of luck when a handball foul was committed by a St Patrick College. The foul took place in the respective penalty area at which point a penalty was awarded and promptly taken successfully bringing the score to 2 – 1.

It wasn’t long after that Ballarat High School, seemingly hitting a collective second wind through their scoring, was able to open several gaps in the St Patrick’s College defensive lines and had the boys out of position on several occasions.

The most dire of these examples was when SPC goal keeper Tom McKinnon was forced out of the goal area and was left stranded as the BHS striker got past him and shot towards goal. Amazingly Scott Berg did away with the goal by coming in and sliding along side the goal line narrowly putting the ball clear to stop an equalizing goal.

Prior to the final whistle another handball foul was awarded, only this time the penalty shot was awarded to the home team. The penalty was taken and scored by Kyran Taylor who deposited the ball to the right of the BHS Goal Keeper. With the scores settled at 3-1 it concluded a significantly tougher match for St Patrick's College where one on one pressure was the order of the day. However the dynamic movement through the field provided the boys with enough scoring opportunities for which they were ultimately rewarded for.

Badminton

Mr Tim Bennett, Mr Michael Goss and Ms Laura Fazalari

Thursday June 18 saw the Brehaut Cup Competition conducted. There were some outstanding skills on display with St Patrick's represented by Steve Weightman (Year 7), Jarrod Sharrock (Year 11), Ben Couch (Year 12) and Brayden Allen (Year 10).

Pool matches ensured all boys played two games with Brayden Allen progressing to the semi-finals and then the final where he was defeated by Matt Wilson from Damascus College. The two sets to love victory did not show the closeness of the contest. Brayden had also played a marathon three set semi-final against another Damascus College student Kyle Findlay.

Results

Semi Finals

Brayden Allen Def Kyle Findlay (DC) 21-10, 22-24, 21-14

Final

Matt Wilson (DC) Def Brayden Allen 21-17, 21-19

Congratulations to Brayden for his runners-up trophy and all the boys for their efforts.

Senior Basketball

Ms Tamara Westwood

SPC White 57 Defeated BHS 41

Leading Scorers: Bernie Peoples 16 points, Oliver Whiteley 12 points, Jack Bennett 11 points.

A very close match right up to the end saw the SPC White team overrun BHS to claim a 16 point victory. The first half was extremely even with the teams going basket for basket however at half time it was SPC who held a 5 point advantage. Bernie Peoples and Oliver Whiteley stepped up a gear in the second half, running the floor and scoring at will. SPC White continued to play as a team and was rewarded by the score at the conclusion of the match.

SPC White's next game will be against BCC Black on July 16 at 4:50pm. All support would be greatly appreciated.

SPC Blue 46 defeated by BCC Red 47

Leading Scorers: Lachlan Barker 10 points, Josh King 9 points, Ben O'Keefe 8 points.

A controversial and interesting end to this match saw the boys from SPC Blue narrowly defeated by BCC Red. SPC Blue started the game well using each other's strengths to go into the half time break 8 points up. A very close second half followed, which in the end came down to foul shots and resulted in BCC Red having the slight advantage at the final siren. Well done to all the boys who participated and thank you to all parents for their support.

SPC Blue's next game will be against Ballarat Grammar on July 16 at 4pm. All support would be greatly appreciated.

SPC Green - 74 defeated Damascus College - 43

Leading Scorers for SPC Green: Ethan Stewart 24 points, Joel Williamson 18 points, Clayton Zanella 17 points and Luke Brown 15 points.

With only 4 players available this week the SPC Green side were undermanned against the team from Damascus College. The SPC boys started well and did not look back scoring 35 points to Damascus's 14 in the first half. The second half was much the same with SPC scoring at will and stopping any run that DC tried to start. Clayton Zanella's three 3 pointers were a highlight, but it was Joel Williamson's ability to be in the right place at the right time that stole the show.

SPC Green's next game will be against Ballarat High School on July 16 at 4:50pm. All support will be greatly appreciated.

FREE TICKETS TO SEE THE BALLARAT MINERS

The RetireInvest Ballarat Miners would like to recognise the great relationship that has existed over many years between St Patrick's College and the Miners.

In the 2009 season past student and former captain of the St Pats First 5 Basketball team, Nathan Cavanagh, is a part of the Miners' playing group.

We would like to offer a **free family ticket** to the first 150 people who return the form attached below to Front Reception

When: Saturday July 4

St Pats vs St Pats @ 6.30pm

Miners vs NW Tasmania @ 8pm

On the day we will have a special exhibition match between the first teams from St Patrick's College.

Yes, we would like to be given a free family pass to the Miners game on Saturday July 4 2009.

Please fill in this form with the family member names in order to allocate the correct number of tickets.

Adult 1 _____ **Adult 2** _____

Child 1 _____ **Child 2** _____

Parent/guardian signature _____

Please return this form to the College Front Reception.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Year 10 student **Ashley Constable** who was named in the Under 17 Australian Basketball Squad. Ashley was one of 15 players chosen following a camp held at the AIS. Ashley will now contest the FIBA Oceania Championships in Brisbane from August 20 - 22 in an attempt to qualify for the 2010 FIBA World Championships. Well done Ashley the College community wishes you all the best!

NUNAN HOUSE
Mr Warrick Bottrall

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



NUNAN HOUSE: AARON PREDDY

For his excellent contribution to Pastoral Care and College spirit.

RYAN HOUSE
Mr Damian McKee

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



RYAN HOUSE: NICO GUEVARA

For using his initiative and goodwill to make a positive contribution to the Homeroom.



RYAN HOUSE: HUGH DICKSON

For using his initiative and goodwill to make a positive contribution to the Homeroom.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGER
Mr Mark Waddington

2009 St Patrick's College Art Exhibition
September 11 to 13, 2009
Old Collegians Pavilion
Gala Launch
Friday September 11, 7 pm to 11 pm

In less than three months time the second annual St Patrick's College Art Exhibition will be staged in the Pavilion. The Art Exhibition will feature a range of outstanding works from artists from around the country, with a number of outstanding entries received to date. A feature of the Exhibition will be the awarding of an acquisitive prize, 'The Flanagan', an open award for all artists, kindly sponsored by the Xerox Business Centre and the University of Ballarat Emerging Artist prize for student, and recently graduated artists. The Judges will again have a very difficult task in selecting the final 75 works to display at the Exhibition.

The Exhibition will open with a Gala Launch featuring exquisite regional food and wine, fantastic musical entertainment from the College's Stage Band as well as the chance to view works and to be present when the inaugural winners of 'The Flanagan' and University of Ballarat Emerging Artist Prize are revealed by Art Gallery Ballarat Director, Mr Gordon Morrison.

Tickets for the Gala Launch can be purchased from the Front Office at the College. Tickets are strictly limited so please get in early to avoid disappointment. Weekend viewing passes are just \$5 and can be purchased at the door. Entry for all students is free of charge. In 2009 VCE Art Student viewing sessions will be held in the days prior to the Exhibition which will provide regional students with an invaluable learning experience. Over the weekend visitors will have a chance to meet featured artists and attend a number of Art Master Classes.

The Committee led by Mrs Tracey Wilson have been working since last October to make this an even more successful event than the stunning 2008 inaugural Exhibition. Whilst all administrative details are in place the Committee would still love to hear from volunteers who can give up four hours during the week of the Exhibition.

Jobs required to be filled include food and drink service, reception, event set up and art sales. No knowledge of art is necessary just a willingness to get involved and assist the boys of the College. The College is indebted to event sponsors Xerox Business Centre and the University of Ballarat for their generous support of this significant community initiative. If you can assist as an event volunteer please contact Caitlin Bennett on 53 311 688 or cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

ARCHIVES
Br Brian Davis

The St Patrick's College Display Centre

An exciting development at St Patrick's College in recent times has been the establishment of the College Display Centre in the Vestibule area of the College campus adjacent to the Edmund Rice Student Services Centre. It is to be known as 'The Gerald Coffey Display Centre' for Foundation Old Collegian, Gerald Coffey.

The first need was to obtain mannequins to display various items ranging from SPC blazers from 1910 to 1949 and larger items like a Habit and Cloak worn in the yesteryear by the Christian Brothers. Plastic torsos were purchased and attached to height adjustable metal stands, constructed by Julian Ryan from the College Maintenance Team. A further innovation was to attach plastic displays to the top of each stand via a height adjustable screw. A full sized mannequin was purchased to display the Antarctic gear of Old Collegian, George Hamm.

Mounted on racks on the back wall are artefacts donated by the indigenous community of Timber Creek in the Northern Territory. Hanging on a metal stand skilfully created by Julian Ryan is the St Patrick's College Bell, which from the College's earliest times summoned staff and students to duty. Another interesting item is a rowing megaphone found in the dry bed of Lake Wendouree in 2007. Recent additions have been an SPC blazer and football guernsey donated by Brian Hogan from the late 1940s.

One of the aims of the establishment of the Display Centre is to embark on integrated outreach educational activities where the objective is to inform and educate the St Patrick's College community about the College's heritage. One such activity is to write an article about a trophy collection, feature it in a digital display on an LCD screen in the College Front Foyer and physically display it in the Gerald Coffey Display Centre.

After displaying the Torpy Trophy Collection, the present display on a table in the Centre is the Tobin Trophy Collection.



The Gerald Coffey Display Centre, St Patrick's College
(Source of Mannequin and Mannequin Torsos: Nearly New Shopfittings, 10 Tharle Street Dandenong VIC).

EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

Friends of St Patrick's (FoSP) **Mr Chris Caldwell, Deputy Headmaster**

As detailed in last week's edition of The Crest, the first meeting of the 'Friends of St Patrick's' has been held. Groups represented included music, rowing, football, rugby, basketball, OCA, Foundation and the Art Exhibition. The aims of this new entity are reflected in the mission of the group:

The Friends of St Patrick's will support the development of a sense of community at St Patrick's College with a view to increasing the educational opportunities available to all students. The Association will coordinate the activities of support groups and volunteers to better utilise volunteers and to ensure all groups operate in an integrated, supportive and effective manner.

The FoSP is committed to increasing the sense of community at St Patrick's and enable support groups to work in an integrated manner. The sharing of ideas, resources and networks will enhance the operation of each group which will ultimately improve the outcomes of volunteer efforts in supporting all students at the College.

St Patrick's College Rowing Club **Video Trivia Night**

Come along to a great night on Friday July 24! The St Patrick's College Rowing Club is holding a 'Video Trivia Night' full of fun and games, not just trivia!

When: Friday July 24

Where: St Patrick's College Old Collegians Pavilion

Cost: \$80 per table – refreshments available from the bar

For more information or to book a table please email Jamie Lynn on jllynn@stpats.vic.edu.au

Canteen

Roster Monday July 13 to Friday July 17.

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 July 13

School Term Break – No Classes

Tuesday July 14

Joanne Dickson, *Nicki Quinlan, *Debbie Hill, *Moirra Devlin, *Marty Forbes, Angela Langdon, Lauren Duffin, Bernadette Martin, *Sarah Sullivan.

Wednesday July 15

Lyn Weightman, Andrea Perkins, Raelene Harty, *Sam Fraser, *Annette Barresi, *Gary Lenneke, *Mark Allan, Robyn Lavery.

Thursday July 16

*Angela Cushing, Gayle Edmonds, Anna McIntyre, Frances Powlett, *Jacqui McMaster, Maree Dodd, Carla Taylor & Liz Quick, Maria McOwan, *Susan Clifford.

Friday July 17

*Francis McDaid, Karolyn Malone, *Carol Callil, *Julie Delahay, *Jenine Leonard, *Robyn Clarke, Anne Jreige, *Janne Ferguson, Doris Razbocan, *Marika Rawlings, *Andrea Tully, *Angelique Stuhldreier.

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

Uniform Shop

Please contact Annette on 5333 7486 for personal fitting appointments. SPC Scarves are now available to help stave off the chills of winter!

The Uniform Shop will be closed for the term break. Normal operating hours will re-commence on Tuesday July 14 from 12 noon to 4 pm.



1960 College Captain Tony Joyce with his wife Mary Joyce at the College Captains & Duces Dinner on Saturday evening June 20.

EVENTS OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE

Education Tax Refund – Don't forget to claim!

How do I claim the Education Tax Refund?

- In your tax return.
- If you don't lodge a tax return, claim on a separate form or over the phone.
- If you use a tax agent, make sure you ask them to claim for you.

The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50% of eligible education expenses for school children. If you are eligible, you can get back up to \$375 for each primary student and up to \$750 for each secondary student.

You can claim things like text books, stationery and even internet costs.

If you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a child at primary or secondary school, you will be eligible. Some other people are eligible too, to find out more about this and other information such as what you can and can't claim go to australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund or call the Tax Office on 13 28 61.

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

Celebrating 100 years of distance education

The Distance Education Centre Victoria (DECV) is celebrating 100 years of Victorian government distance and correspondence education. A celebration for past students, teachers and friends of the DECV and the Correspondence School will be held at DECV Thornbury on the afternoon of Sunday October 18 2009 starting at 2.00 pm.

We also seek memories and memorabilia of the last 100 years. Please RSVP to centenary@distance.vic.edu.au or write to the DECV at 315 Clarendon Street Thornbury 3071.

Holiday Entertainment: The Thwarting of Baron Bolliger by Robert Bolt

Dragons, knights, magic, mystery, magpies and one bad baron!

Sir Oblong Fitz Oblong, a highly unlikely knight-errant is sent by his duke to fight the black dragon which lives on the Bolligrew Island – ruled over by the bad baron Bolligrew and his henchman Squire Black Heart.

When: July, 3,4,10 & 11 at 7.30 pm

Matinees: July 4 & 11 at 2 pm.

Where: Drama Centre, Ballarat Secondary College
Wendouree Campus, Corner Forest St and Giot Drive.

For bookings and information please call 0432 369 530.

COMING EVENTS

Term 3

Tuesday July 14

Students Begin Term 3
Week B of Timetable

Wednesday July 15

2010 Year 10 Student Information sessions 8 and 9
Second Year 12 Retreat leaves

Thursday July 16

1st XI Hockey
Year 8 – John Joseph – Student workshop
Second Year 12 Retreat returns

Monday July 20

Year 9 Retreats Start
2010 Year 11 Student information sessions 8 and 9
1st XVIII v BG

Tuesday July 21

Year 9 Retreat
College Assembly – Chris Nolan Awards
Junior House Football Round Robin

Wednesday July 22

Year 9 Retreat
MCC Herald Sun Shield semi final
Third Year 12 Retreat leaves

Thursday July 23

BAS Road Relay
Third Year 12 Retreat returns
2010 Year 10 Parent Information evening 7.30 pm

Friday July 24

Year 11 Seminar Day - retreat