

FROM THE HEADMASTER
Dr Peter Casey

Dear Friends

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have celebrated the last week of classes for those studying VCE Units 4: all of our Year 12s but also a large number of Year 11s. For some boys, nervousness and anxiety has been creeping in, for others the urge to reckless abandon, and for others a sense of nostalgia or achievement crescendoed. We as a staff acknowledge the spectrum of emotions at this time. We have honoured them while maintaining our dignity and our expectations. I find it difficult to accept the view that while we have our expectations based on mutual respect for six years we may then let mayhem take over for one or two days. We have been blessed in the calibre of boys we have at St Pat's and their collective wisdom and appreciation. I hope that we are able to build on this tradition.

If at the end of this week you feel the need to get some fresh air, we have a working bee on Saturday. Students, staff and parents are welcome to call in, even if just to say hello.

Boarding House Leaders for 2009

At the Boarders' Farewell dinner on Tuesday evening I was pleased to announce the student leaders in our Boarding Houses for 2009:

	McCann House	Kenny House	Nangle House
Captain	Oliver Whiteley	Bernard Peoples	Sean Mundy
Vice-Captain	Clayton Zanella	John Wood	Dwayne Hector

Prayers

Many of you would recognise Jeffrey Bunn as the architect of our garden displays, particularly the front gardens. It is with great sadness that I inform you that Jeffrey passed away tragically last week. I ask for your prayers for him and for his family, particularly his widowed mother. I pray that he will rest in peace in the arms of our Creator God while his artistry thrives around us.

James Kerr (SPC 2000-05) is studying for the priesthood in Melbourne and is completing his second year. He writes telling us that he now plans to be ordained for the Diocese of Ballarat rather than for Melbourne. I am sure that Bishop Peter will be as delighted as I am with this news. James would appreciate the prayerful support of our College community as he ventures forward. Please also pray for Francis Denton (SPC 1994-99) who is also in second year, along with the other Ballarat seminarians, John Corrigan in fourth year and Jim McKay who is to be ordained to the diaconate this weekend. May God be with them on their journey.

Kind regards

PeterC

FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER
Mr Steven O'Connor

Arrangements for Speech Night

I would like to detail some of the arrangements for Speech Night 2008. Speech Night will be held at Her Majesty's Theatre on Friday, November 21 commencing at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available for Year 12 parents from October 27 - 31 through the Majestic Box Office. Year 12 students will need to purchase a ticket for the event.

Majestic Operating Hours are: Monday - Friday: 9.15am-5.00pm

In preparation for Speech Night, we would like all Year Twelve students to attend two rehearsals. The first rehearsal will be at 2:00pm on Thursday, November 20 at the College. The second will be held on Friday, November 21 at 11:00am at Her Majesty's Theatre. On the night we would ask students to arrive at the Her Majesty's Theatre by 7.15 pm and register their attendance with their Head of House, before taking their seat. It is the College's expectation that all Year 12 students attend Speech Night. If there are difficulties with attending the rehearsals, a phone call to the College would be appreciated.

Speech Night: Friday, November 21 2008

Ticket Prices

Pricing for Speech Night Tickets:

Adult	\$15.00
Concession	\$8.00
Children under 15	\$8.00
SPC students with parents	\$5.00

Speech Night Ticketing Arrangements

Unfortunately due to the limited number of seats that are available at Her Majesty's Theatre and based upon previous years demand for Speech Night tickets, (and to ensure that family members of Year 12 students and academic and sporting prizes winners are able to attend Speech Night), the following arrangements for the sale of Speech Night tickets have been put in place:

- All Speech Night tickets are to be purchased through Majestic (Her Majesty's Theatre Box Office).
- Year 12 ticket sales to occur from 27 - 31 October. A limit of four tickets per family will apply. The three tickets include a ticket for Year 12 students: i.e. one ticket for each parent, student and one other.
- Ticket sales for parents of Prize Winner's will occur from 3 to 7 November. A limit of two tickets per family will apply. Seating will be provided for Prize Winners.
- Open ticket sales for all members of the College to occur from 10 to 20 November.
- Students who are receiving awards or who are performing in programmed acts are not required to purchase tickets. All other students must purchase tickets.

DIRECTOR OF MISSION
Mr Joe Doolan

“Let’s Go For A Swim”

Religious Education Reflection for Year 12 students

What shall comprise our last reflection for the Year 12 students who complete their class room lessons this week and begin examination preparations in earnest? In offering a spiritual idea I am encouraged by the writings of Thomas Merton who sees God as a river and asserts that stability in life and true harmony in relationships is found by those who have learned two things: to ride the river, and swim the strong currents of this stream.

The Murray River at Echuca is the strongest watercourse I have swam in and skied upon but I never ventured to the other side; the current was too intimidating. Stronger swimmers used power across to New South Wales but would end up two hundred yards down stream! There is little comparison between the Murray and the Mighty Mississippi at Memphis or the St Lawrence at Ottawa. You would wind up in a different State if you attempted crossing them at certain places! The endeavour of swimming a strong river is to learn to use the power of the watercourse to achieve you goal.

Merton advises that God is such a strong stream and we need a certain education in order to negotiate the combined current of Creation and Salvation won by Christ. As the Year 12 students complete their secondary education this week we are conscious that they have attended hundreds for religious education classes. The masses, prayers and retreats have all had one aim: to enable them to swim with God’s love.

At St Patrick’s College we continually teach students to navigate the stream of God’s love. Our Morning Prayer and weekly Masses assert that we are in the midst of some powerful forces, fathomless in depth, refreshing to the soul and nourishing to countless numbers of people.

We pray at the commencement of every meeting and we teach Religious Education in all levels, in every class. We know that God’s love, not only made our world but it flows endlessly through creation. We strive to enhance the life of all members of the staff and students, parents and benefactors as we are swept along the stream. We earnestly encourage all people to learn to ride and swim in the God’s goodness and share a life filled with goodness and strength.

God’s love is like a river springing up and flowing endlessly through creation filling all things with life and goodness and strength.

True peace is found by those who have learned to ride and swim with the strong currents of this stream.

*For them Life becomes simple and easy.
Every moment is rich in happiness.*

Thomas Merton

COLLEGE DEAN
Mr Stephen Hill

SPAM - St Patrick's Awards for Media

To celebrate the films made by the Year 12 Media students, there will be a dinner and presentation evening held to acknowledge student work.

When: Thursday, November 20 2008

Where: OCA Pavilion

Time: 6:30 pm for 7pm

Dress: Formal

Cost: \$20 per head

Please register your interest and purchase tickets from the College Front Reception.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION
Ms Elizabeth Till

Year 12 Finish

Year 12 students finished formal classes on Thursday 23 October 23. Boys are now on SWOT VAC until next Thursday October 30. Please note that all Unit 3 & 4 teachers will be available at normal class times to assist boys in their exam preparations during this time.

SENIOR SCHOOL
Head of Senior School
Mr Hamish McCrum

Year 12 Jumper and Tie 2009

College Jumpers and Ties for all current Year 11 boys for Year 12 2009 will be charged to the family account. The cost of the jumpers will be approximately \$80.00 and the Tie \$30.00. Final costings for these items is still to be confirmed.

Please contact the College if your son does not wish to purchase a Year 12 2009 Jumper or Tie as soon as possible.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
Head of Middle School
Mr Terry Blizzard

Term Four Outdoor Education Experience

The Year 9 boys will attend the Term Four Outdoor Education Experience, which is a further part of the experiential learning inherent within Middle School. The dates are listed below. You may note a change with the dates from those listed on the College calendar. This is to do with staffing and hopefully will not inconvenience parents.

The camps will be held over three days and two nights. During the camp the boys will participate in two overnight camps, rock-climbing, abseiling, mountain bike riding and a significant bush hike.

Dates

PEL004 & 005 – Wednesday November 5, Thursday November 6 & Friday November 7.

PEL000 & 003 – Monday November 10, Tuesday November 11 & Wednesday November 12.

PEL009 & 010 - Wednesday November 12, Thursday November 13 & Friday November 14.

PEL006 & 008 - Monday November 17, Tuesday November 18 & Wednesday November 19

The students will be camping in small dome tents at various locations. Each student will be required to provide his own food and will have had lessons on camp nutrition, menu planning and cooking on a Trangia prior to the experience. Menus should be checked by parents and teachers prior to camp.

I am sure this will be an enjoyable experience for all involved.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Head of Junior School
Mr John Richards

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



YEAR 7: KEEGAN PASCOE

For his honesty in handing in a mobile phone.

SPORT

Director of Sport
Mr Chris Gleeson

Director of Cricket
Mr Damian McKee
First XI

The First XI season begins on Sunday October 26 with the annual 'Friendly' match against Geelong College on the Main Oval. It must be noted that two of the First XI squad members are performing exceptionally well in BCA First XI Cricket.

Congratulations to Mathew Begbie who scored 105 not out for Wendouree on the weekend.

A question to the cricket community:

Is Mathew the youngest ever centurion at the BCA First XI level?

If anyone has an answer please contact Mr Damian McKee at the College.

Congratulations also to Peter Colbourne who backed up a performance of 88 and three wickets in round one with a four wicket bag for East Ballarat. It is great to see the SPC players excel beyond school cricket.

Intermediate

BAS Round 1

SPC Blue 0/169 defeated by Ballarat Grammar 3/216

David Dickinson 50 ret., James Richardson 50 ret., Charlie Cook 21 not out & 2/21.

SPC Green had the bye

Website

To find out more about the Intermediate or Senior cricket season please log onto the College website at:

<http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/cricket.php>

Please visit the site for draws and updated competition information.

Term 4 Sport

The following teams are representing the College in BAS competitions in Term 4.

First XI Cricket - Friday and Saturdays: Mr Damian McKee

Intermediate Cricket - Tuesday and Wednesdays: Mr Joe Carmody and Mr Terry Blizzard

Touch Rugby - Thursday nights: Mr Peter Joyce.

Junior Golf - Wednesday nights: Mr Scott Kruger

Intermediate Volleyball - Thursday nights: Mrs Fiona Carroll

Junior Volleyball - Wednesday nights: Mr Juri Kaczkowski

Junior Hockey - Tuesday nights: Mr Art Nicholls

Croquet - Wednesday nights: Mrs Melissa Griffin and Mrs Kathy Oliphant.

Whilst competition has commenced, places are still available in most sports for any interested students to participate in the Term 4 College sporting programme.

Farewell to Year 12 students

There will be many formal occasions to recognise the Graduating Year 12 students, however I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the senior students who are finishing regular classes this week and to wish them all the very best for their exams. 2008 has been a most significant year in sport and I trust that the same pride in personal performance, desire to achieve and ability to perform at your best carries into the upcoming exam period. Good luck boys.

Bacchus Marsh Late Bus

The College will again offer the late bus for students wishing to fully participate in the after school sport programmes. The bus runs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday evenings, leaving from the SPC tennis courts at approx 5.30 pm. Further information is available at Student Services.

Junior Volleyball Round 1

Mr Juri Kaczkowski

SPC defeated BCC: 3 games to 0. (67 points to 53)

The first game of the season saw many students playing their first competitive game of volleyball. Whilst many boys had played volleyball during PE classes, it was quite a different perspective playing inter-school competition. This challenge was handled very well by all players concerned with the score line showing a tightly contested match. Congratulations to the team consisting of Mitch Robertson (Captain), Sam Cosgriff, Tom Miles, Ash Simpson, Jack Sloane and Jack Knights.

Intermediate Volleyball

Mrs Fiona Carroll

The Intermediate volleyball season started with all three teams representing SPC victorious on the day. This was a tremendous beginning to the competition and hopefully will ensure strong representation in the sport at this level for the remainder of the term.

SPC Blue Def BCC 3 games to 0 (65 points to 47)

Players were Lachlan Clydesdale, Nick Johnston, Sam Morrissey, Jake Belsar and Jesse Dundon.

SPC Green Def BGS 2 games to 1 (61 points to 51)

Players were Kayne Allen, Tom Armstrong, Matthew Callahan, Pat Doyle, Scott Erkamps, James McErvale and Nathan Olver

SPC White Def BHS 3 games to 0 (65 points to 37)

Congratulations to all players on the successful start to the season.

Junior Hockey Round 1

Mr Juri Kaczowski

SPC 1 lost to BCC 2

Zac McMurray was the goal scorer and despite limited preparation and experience the team played well against a competitive outfit from College.

The following players represented the College in Junior Hockey in Round 1 of the competition. James Crawford, Andrew Groch, Alex Fitzsimons, Will Perkins, Charles McGrath, Jesse Jones, Isaac Harbour, Jai Shai, Sean O'Neil, Luke Polmear, Zac McMurray, Jye Matthews, Khristopher Thomas and Kieran Missen.

Shooting

Minyip Filed and Game

Mr Matthew Taylor

Twenty students contested the annual Minyip Field and Game shoot on Monday October 20. The competition was high and although none of the students made it through to the finals, all boys enjoyed the opportunity to participate at this level. Thank you to Mr Matthew Taylor who drove the bus and arranged the competition.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Michael Ferguson, Year 10 who participated in the winning State Championship team for Futsal during the term three break. Michael's play was to an exceptionally high standard. Well done Michael!

Please notify Mr Chris Gleeson about student sporting achievements so that they may be published in upcoming editions of The Crest. Please email: cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au

DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Mr Mark Waddington

Movie Ticket Fundraiser

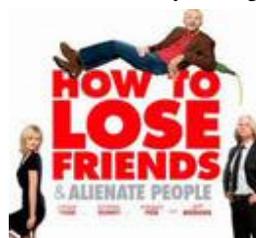
A reminder to families to utilise the discounted Regent movie tickets sent out recently. \$3 from each ticket will be paid to the College for use in co-curricular projects. The tickets also give adults a \$3.50 discount at the Box Office. If you require additional tickets please contact Ms Caitlin Bennett on 53 311688, cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au or drop into the Front Office.

Some of the films to choose from over the coming weeks include:

[Brideshead Revisited](#) (PG) 133 mins

Cast: Emma Thompson, Michael Gambon, Matthew Goode, Ben Whishaw

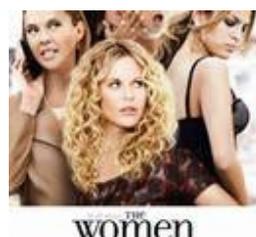
Synopsis: Brideshead revisited, the epic novel of life, death and spiritual renewal among the English Catholic gentry, is widely described as Evelyn Waugh's greatest work.



[How To Lose Friends and Alienate People](#) (M) 110 mins

Cast: Simon Pegg, Megan Fox, Kirsten Dunst

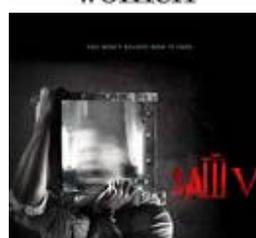
Synopsis: Sidney Young (Simon Pegg) is a disillusioned person who both adores and despises the world of celebrity, fame, glitz and the glamour. His magazine, Post Modern Review, pokes fun at the media-obsessed world in which we live.



[Women, The](#) (PG) 114 mins

Cast: Meg Ryan, Annette Bening, Eva Mendes

Synopsis: The women is about friends and mothers and daughters. It's about breaking up and finding your way back. It's about reinventing yourself. It's about walking through fire for what you believe in. It's...



[Saw V](#) (MA15+) 92 mins

Cast: Tobin Bell, Julie Benz, Scott Patterson, Meagan Good, Shawnee Smith, Costas Mandylor

Synopsis: Forensics expert Hoffman (Costas Mandylor) is seemingly the last person alive to carry on the Jigsaw legacy. But when his secret is threatened, Hoffman must go on the hunt to eliminate all loose ends.



[Max Payne](#) (MA15+) 101 mins

Cast: Mark Wahlberg, Chris O'Donnell, Ludacris

Synopsis: Based on the legendary, hard-hitting interactive video game, Max Payne tells the story of a maverick cop determined to track down those responsible for the brutal murder of his family and partner.



[Burn After Reading](#) (MA15+) 95 mins

Cast: Brad Pitt, George Clooney, Frances McDormand

Synopsis: CIA agent Osbourne Cox is writing his memoirs after getting fired from the CIA. The disc containing the memoirs is discovered in the female locker room at the gym, where it was left by mistake.

EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

Canteen

Canteen Roster Monday October 27 to Friday October 3. 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.

Monday October 27

Maureen Mason, Julie Ronan, Pam Ryan, Susan Haase, Jane McDonough, Debbie Coutts.

Tuesday October 28

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

Wednesday October 29

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

Thursday October 30

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

Friday October 31

*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 - Term 4

Tuesday 12 - 4.00 pm

Thursday 12- 4.00 pm

EVENTS OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE

Your Last Chance to Tour

Nieder Weisel before it is closed to the public.

Samantha and Greg McIntosh have donated the use of Nieder Weisel for this Loreto College Rowing fundraiser.

**Come and join us on
Sunday October 26
Champagne Tour (\$15) at 2pm
or 3pm**



109 Webster Street, Ballarat

Nieder Weisel was built in 1885 by Irishman Edward Stephens, who, like many, came searching for their fortunes that lay hidden on the goldfields. What sets this mid 1800's Victorian home apart from others is the fascinating underground house, constructed for the original owner so he could hibernate from the heat during the summer months. Nieder Weisel has Victorian National Trust classification.

To book please text your name, preferred time and number of people to 0438 328 530 or by ringing 0419 365 625

Napoleons Primary School Twilight Fair

Napoleons Primary School will come to life with a fun twilight fair event designed for the whole family.

When: Thursday November 20

Time: 5pm — 8pm

Napoleons Primary School

**4721 Colac-Ballarad Road,
NAPOLEONS VIC 3352**

Market stalls, sideshows, games, sports clubs, emergency service displays, showbags, recipe books, face painting and raffles. Something fun for everyone! A variety of food will be available including hotdogs, sausages and hamburgers, pancakes, drinks and cookies.

For further info please contact the School on 5342 0414.

St Michael's Primary School, Daylesford

SCHOOL FETE!

WHEN: Sunday November 2

TIME: 10AM -4 PM

This year there will be new attractions including:

Rockclimbing
Bunnings DIY Kids Tent
YMCA Outdoor Games
Wine Tasting
Horse Riding

As well as Food, Plants, Cakes, Books and much more!

Please come along to this great family day out.

WANTED UNDER 16 CRICKETERS

The Ballarat-Redan Cricket Club, Under 16 side is seeking some additional players to join the club for the 2008/2009 Season.

The Ballarat-Redan Cricket Club is based in Alfredton and provides excellent facilities for players and their families.

Training is held on Thursday's from 4.30pm - 6.00pm with matches on Saturday mornings 8.30pm - 11.30pm.

If you are interested or have any questions please give us a call.

Aaron Johnson (Joint Coach) 0400 107 281
Josh Murphy (Joint Coach) 0422 542 637
Peter Willowwhite (Team Manager) AH: 5338 2141
Grant Cassidy (President) 0417 142 427
Matt Guinea (Secretary) 0407 359 916
Email: ballaratredan@club.cricketvictoria.com.au

Relay For Life Fundraiser

Come along and support Cancer Research and see 'Australia' starring **Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman.**

Where: Regent Cinemas

When: December 1 at 8.30 pm.

Tickets: \$13.50 each with \$5.00 from each ticket going to Cancer Research.

For tickets please contact John or Jan Cosgrigg on 5341 7642 or 0408 526 052 ASAP

COMING EVENTS

Saturday October 25

Spring Working Bee – 8.30 am-12.30 pm

Sunday October 26

Gymnastics Competition and Workshop – Ouyen – Br Scott Return – 6.00 pm

1st Cricket SPC vs Geelong College – SPC Main Oval

Tuesday 28 October

College Assembly

Jun B Hockey

Inter B Cricket

Wednesday 29 October

Jun B Volleyball

Inter B Cricket

Thursday 30 October

Inter B Volleyball

Friday 31 October

Unit 4 Exams begin

1st XI Cricket Round 1 SPC vs BCC – Main Oval

Boarding Exeat Weekend (Year 10-11)

Saturday 1 November

All Saints Day

1st XI Cricket Round 1 SPC vs BCC – Main Oval

Monday 3 November

Cup Day Holiday

Tuesday 4 November

Cup Day Holiday

Wednesday 5 November

Year 9 Grampians Camp

Thursday 6 November

Year 9 Grampians Camp

Friday 7 November

Year 9 Grampians Camps



**Andrew Locke, Br Brian Davis, Matthew Coutts, Phillip McFarlane, Nicholas O'Sullivan
at the Class of 1988 Reunion**



**The 2008 Year 12 Farewell
Boarding Dinner**

