

## NEWSLETTER 2/1 Friday February 10, 2012

### FROM THE HEADMASTER Dr Peter Casey

Dear Friends

We have enjoyed a very smooth start to the year. The boys are pleased to be back and have responded well to both parental and staff preparation for their return. Very happily, I have been approached by many parents here at school, around town, at rowing and cricket, and even the Rockbank Service Station who just wanted to say thank you for the way their boys have come home excited about being at school. I say thank you in return to all of you.

The Year 12 Retreats and Year 7 Camps have been highlights of a week of extremely positive experiences. Many other activities are recorded in this edition of The Crest but the work involved in taking 183 Year 12s to five venues with 19 staff and nine priests or 125 Year 7s (half of Year 7 2012!) to Creswick with current Year 12 student leaders and past students as assistants takes commitment and good organisation. The boys at the start of their SPC experience and those nearing the end have universally appreciated the opportunities afforded them by our staff to whom I offer my thanks.

All things work together for good for those who love the Lord!

Much joy to you all.

PeterC

### FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER Student and Staff Wellbeing Mr Chris Caldwell

#### Congratulations

Congratulations to the Headmaster, Dr Peter Casey, who was presented with the Senior Educator of the Year Award by the Ballarat Chapter of the Australian College of Educators. This award is based on an outstanding contribution to education within the Ballarat district and Peter is a very worthy recipient of this award.

#### Student Photos

Student photographs will be taken by David Torrington Master School Portraits on Tuesday February 14 for the vast majority of boys. For the Year 7 boys who will be on camp on the day of the photographs (Classes 7B, 7C & 7J) an alternative time has been arranged on Friday February 17 at 2.30pm. I thank all boys, in anticipation, for their cooperation throughout the day and remind all boys to wear their uniform correctly. Students are to bring along their envelope on the day of the photographs and hand it directly to the photographer.

Any boys who do not return their envelope on this day have until Tuesday February 21 to deliver their envelope directly to David Torrington Master School Portraits, please note the address listed below. Please do **not** send the envelope to school.

**David Torrington Master School Portraits**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Floor,**  
**426 Sturt Street,**  
**Ballarat**

#### Information Night

The Information Night for Years 7, 8, 9 and 12 was held on Thursday February 9 in the O'Malley Sports Centre. I thank the parents who took the time to attend this information night and we estimate nearly 800 people were in attendance. I acknowledge that it is difficult for a number of families who have a number of boys attending St Patrick's College but the advantages in staging a general information session followed by year level information sessions is beneficial. One of the main ideas for changing the format for the evening was to reduce the number of times that parents were required to attend the College. Parents are welcome at all times and I encourage you to make contact with your son's Pastoral Tutor as the first point of contact in dealing with any matters relating to your son.

#### City of Ballarat Immunisation Programme

The City of Ballarat Immunisation Service will be conducting the school immunization programme for boys in Years 7 and 10 on Wednesday, February 29. The vaccinations will take place at 10:00am for Year 7 students and 12:00 noon for Year 10. The recommended vaccines for secondary school students in 2012 are as follows:

##### Year 7:

**Hepatitis B** – a 2 dose course of hepatitis B vaccine given 4 – 6 months apart;

**Chicken pox (Varicella)** – all Year 7 students will be offered the chicken pox vaccine. Those students who have had the disease or a chicken pox vaccine in the past DO NOT require this vaccination.

##### Year 10:

**Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertusis (whooping cough)**

Boys in Years 7 and 10 have been given a letter explaining the programme as well as the consent cards. Please return these cards to your son's Pastoral Care Teacher by **Friday, February 17** even if your son is not being vaccinated.

I commend this service to you and your son and thank you for completing the consent forms and returning them to the College by the due date.

#### Swimming

Next week the Junior and Middle School House Swimming Carnival as well as the Senior School Swimming Carnival will take place.

An enormous amount of time and effort goes into preparing for these events from many staff and boys. Thanks to Mr Brendon Gilbert, the Director of Swimming, Mr Chris Gleeson, the Director of Sport, the Year Level Coordinators and Heads of School as well as a large number of parents who will volunteer as officials on the day. I encourage all of our students within their respective Schools to have a go and become actively involved in as many events as possible.

### Student Counsellors

Our Student Counsellors do a fantastic job here at St Patrick's College in supporting individual boys and their families in times of need. There are a whole range of issues which are addressed by the Student Counsellors ranging from time management, mental health issues, relationship breakdowns and many others. Our Student Counsellors for 2012 are Mrs Cathy Walls, Mr Eric Hayes and Mr Gerard Knobel. Both Eric and Gerard work Monday to Friday and Cathy is available on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Individual boys may be referred to a counselling session either by themselves, a member of the teaching staff or by their parents. Confidentiality is a key aspect of the service that they provide but contact is made with parents when necessary or without the consent of the individual boys. If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact myself or any of the Student Counsellors.

### Academic Assembly

The annual Academic Assembly was held on Friday February 10 and provided an opportunity to recognise the efforts of students in 2011. These young men have been selected due to their academic excellence at either Year 12 or at Years 7 – 11. The Year 12 awards are known as the VCE Excellence awards and there were two types of awards at Years 7 -11; The Chris Nolan Semester 2 Awards and the Headmasters Awards for those students who received a Chris Nolan award in both semesters. More information regarding the Chris Nolan and Headmaster Awards is presented in this edition of The Crest from Ms Elizabeth Till.

The VCE Achievement of Excellence Awards are presented to students who received an ENTER of 90 or above. In 2011 the following students received these awards:

1. Timothy McOwan – 97.60, Tim has received an offer to study Biomedicine at the University of Melbourne.
2. Tyler Brandenburg – 96.30; Tyler has received an offer to study Software Engineering at Monash University.
3. Jack Callil – 94.05; Jack has received an offer to study Journalism at Monash University.
4. Patrick Ross-Taylor – 93.55; Patrick has received an offer to study Engineering at Monash University.
5. Carl Smith – 92.20; Carl has received an offer to study Arts/Education (Secondary) at Monash University..
6. Samuel Higgins – 91.80; Sam has received an offer to study Commerce at Deakin University.
7. Jack Dean – 91.65; Jack has received an offer to study Accountancy at RMIT University.
8. Alex Hobson – 91.55; Alex has received an offer to study Arts at Monash University.
9. Sean McDonald – 90.85: Sean has received an offer to study Engineering at Monash University.
10. Kieren Hickey – 90.00; Kieren has received an offer to study Commerce at the University of Melbourne.

The VCE Academic prizes are awarded to students who received the highest study score which is a study score of 40 or above or a scaled score above 40.

Daniel Baxter	Dux of Systems Engineering (43)
Tyler Brandenburg	Dux of Information Technology: Software Development (49) The "Stephen Callahan" Dux of Mathematical Methods CAS (40) (44.4 scaled) Dux of Physics (42) (44.4 scaled)
Jack Callil	Dux of English (41) Dux of Literature (40) (41.4 scaled) Dux of Media (42)
Nathaniel Carey	Dux of Studio Arts (40)
Jack Dean	Dux of Religion & Society (43) (43.8 scaled)
James Fahey	Dux of Business Management (50)
Riley Fullerton	Dux of Further Mathematics (46)
Samuel Higgins	The "Paul Watson" Dux of Accounting (41) (42.02scaled) Dux of Physical Education (43)
Alex Hobson	Dux of Legal Studies (42)
Christopher Irving	Dux of Design and Technology (44)
Luke Kemp	Dux of VET Sport & Recreation (43)
James Liston	The Robert Connelly Memorial Prize Dux of Australian History (43)
Sean McDonald	Dux of Chemistry (36) (40.56 scaled) Dux of Systems Engineering (43)
Timothy McOwan	Dux of Japanese (32) (41.00 scaled) Dux of Literature (40) (41.4 scaled) Dux of Chemistry (36) (40.56 scaled) Dux of Biology (46) (2010)
Nicholas O'Donohue	Dux of Outdoor and Environmental Studies (41)
Killian Plastow	Dux of German (31) (41.03 scaled)
Patrick Ross-Taylor	The "John Cosgriff" Dux of Specialist Mathematics (35) (46.86 scaled) The "Stephen Callahan" Dux of Mathematical Methods CAS (40) (44.4 scaled)
Carl Smith	Dux of Economics (40) (41.62 scaled)
Darcy Tuppen	Dux of Media (42)

Congratulations to all these boys.

**FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY HEADMASTER**  
**Teaching and Learning**  
**Ms Elizabeth Till**

### Student Planner Usage

As students commence the 2012 school year, one of the key points being emphasised by classroom teachers is the importance of the College Student Planner as a tool to support learning. The message is simple and clear – planning and success are clearly linked. Effective use of the College Planner is a skill that is an essential ingredient to a successful study program. Therefore, each boy must devote time and effort to cultivating it as a habit.

While teachers will do their utmost to ensure that students make continued and effective use of the Planner, parents can support their son's and the College by considering the following tried and proven "musts" for efficient and effective Planner use:

- The student and his College Planner must be inseparable partners at school and be brought home each night.
- In every class, all work set and the date that it is due should be recorded; this must be done immediately their teacher tells them; don't wait till afterwards, it's too easy to forget.
- Students should write it in the "Priorities/Due In" column (left side of each week view) and also record it on their Forward Planner.
- After school, before students leave for home each night, they should look at the home study that has been recorded in their Planner during the day for each subject and then take the required books and folders home. It is important to look extra closely on Friday nights before the weekend.
- If students haven't a great deal to do on a particular night, they should look ahead in their Planner for what is coming up, and make an early start, especially on reading and preparation for assessment tasks. They may start revising for an upcoming test or do extra study to add depth to their understanding and knowledge.
- That night or before they leave for school the next morning, a good idea is to check what is coming up for the day ahead. Any preparations or pre-reading required? Any work due in? Any sport or music practice? When they know this, they can plan their day more effectively.
- Every Sunday night after tea, students should spend 15 minutes planning their upcoming week in the "Priorities/Due In" and "Things to do" sections. Also, on individual days highlight work that is due in. This puts them in control and reduces their anxiety.
- When they have assessment tasks or tests coming up, they should look in the *Index* and *Focus* on page 2 for extra information/support that will help with their efforts. The *Focus* section covers a large number of student learning needs and will assist with the development of positive study habits.

Learning to use a planner is a lifelong skill and one that will benefit your son well beyond his years at St Patrick's. Should you have any queries or concerns regarding your son's progress please do not hesitate to contact his Pastoral Group Tutor.

## DIRECTOR OF MISSION

Mr Geoff Brodie

On Monday and Tuesday of this week our entire Year 12 cohort attended their two day retreat. Students resided at various locations that included Halls Gap, Creswick, Pax Hill, Roses Gap and Lysterfield. Sessions focussed on prayer, reconciliation, eucharist, personal reflection and life's Game Plan. These were enriched by the generous and insightful contribution of nine priests who gave freely of their time to be a part of the retreats. Many students have already commented on the valuable contribution of these men. The College would like to acknowledge and thank Frs. Patrick Lim, Peter Hudson, Ed Maloney, Andrew Hayes, John Prest, Rob Stewart, Martin Tanti, John Corrigan and Matthew Thomas.

All students also engaged with Sam Clear, a young man who walked over 15,000kms around the world asking people to pray for Christian unity. Sam's journey taught him that genuine unity is not borne of merely agreeing to disagree in a form of minimal tolerance. Rather, his walk became a witness to the *unity of love* that remains the heart of the gospel message. From his website:

*The journey encompassed 20 countries & 10 languages, thrusting Sam onto the front page of numerous overseas news services as he continued onwards despite major obstacles.*

*Having to find food and water every day and relying on the hospitality of complete strangers, he was mugged at knife point, threatened at gun point, bashed on the side of the road, came face to face with dangerous animals and experienced 80° of temperatures from -33°C to 47°C, yet through it all what stood tall was God's love in action under the most incredible circumstances. (<http://www.walk4one.com/>)*

Judging from the active participation of our students the retreat experience remains a valuable aspect of our identity. The retreat programme across the College seeks to offer personal experiences of the power of God's love. The ability to step back from our normal routines is an important human need. It allows us to affirm what is truly important and so transform those normal routines into living witnesses of God's unfailing love.

## ACTING DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Mr Joe Carmody

### The Crest

A reminder that The Crest is emailed to all College families every Friday. Please ensure your email contact is correct and lodged with the College. If you require a hard copy then your son may pick up a copy from Student Services.

### Year 7 Camps

7B, 7C, 7J are on camp from Monday February 13 to Wednesday February 15. 7D and 7I are on camp from Wednesday February 15 to Friday February 17.

### Individual and Class Photos

These will be held on Tuesday February 14. Photos for students in Year 7B, 7C and 7J will take place on Friday February 17 at 2:30pm. Catch up photos will also take place at this time.

### Years 7 and 10 Immunisations

Years 7 and 10 Immunisations will take place on Wednesday February 29 with Year 7 students at 10.00 am and Year 10 students at 12.00 pm.

## DIRECTOR OF KELTY RESOURCE CENTRE

Mrs Julia Petrov

### Text Help

Text Help is a programme that reads the words in a document or webpage. This **Speech Maker** function may be of particular interest to **Year 12** students who are working on an oral presentation assessment. It doesn't write the speech but it does convert selected text into speech, which can be saved as an audio file (.wav, MP3, .wma). Students can then listen to their writing enabling them to gain an objective view.

As you listen to your writing you will hear what sounds good... and what doesn't. It makes editing your work much easier.

### Bring your ear phones to the KRC and an electronic file of your speech and give it a try during your study sessions.

#### To find this software on school computers go to:

Start > All Programs> School Applications> Text Help Read and Write.

### You can also use it at home

**Borrow a CD** of Text Help from the **KRC** to install on your computer at home.

## HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr Neal Arthurson

It has been a very positive start to the year in the Middle School. The boys have settled in well and are eager to be engaged with the Middle School Programme.

At the Middle School Assembly last week, the 'Stepping Stones' theme was discussed and the areas of Respect, Responsibility and Awareness were addressed. Our desire is for boys to take up the challenges of Stepping Stones, intellectually, physically and socially with a sense of purpose and responsibility. Boys will be encouraged to take on the challenges of moving from boyhood to manhood.

The upcoming camps will be an opportunity to further emphasise the concepts of Respect, Responsibility and Awareness, as we commence our Stepping Stones journey. As outlined in the Stepping Stones booklet that was distributed at the Parent Information evening, the Term 1 Camp Dates are as follows: -

**Rooms 9G and 9H – March 5, 6 and 7**  
**Rooms 9A and 9B - March 7, 8 and 9**  
**Rooms 9E and 9F - March 13, 14 and 15**  
**Rooms 9C and 9D - March 19, 20 and 21**

All details including permission forms, will be sent home shortly for checking and signing, and we ask that parents return these as soon as possible. Unfortunately individuals that do not return these forms cannot be taken on camp.

## DIRECTOR OF PERFORMING ARTS

Mrs Kathleen Plastow

### Performing Arts News

Welcome back to another busy cultural year at St Patrick's College. We are already in full swing with rehearsals for Music, forming DAV Debating teams and preparing for the 2012 Music Camp.

### Music

#### Celebrating Success

At the conclusion of 2011, a large number of students undertook AMEB (Australian Music Examinations Board) Examinations with extremely pleasing results. Some students sat for Theory of Music Exams whilst others underwent gruelling performance exams. Our congratulations go to the following boys:

### Performance

**Liam Jess:** Trumpet 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Pass with High Distinction  
**Alec Robinson:** Trumpet 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Pass with High Distinction  
**Matthew Keogh:** Trumpet 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Pass with High Distinction  
**Jack Shaw:** Clarinet 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Pass with Honours  
**Callum Holland:** Saxophone 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Pass with Honours  
**Oliver Ilse:** Tuba 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Pass with Credit  
**Ryan Attwood:** Clarinet 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Pass with Credit

### Theory of Music

**Cameron Adams:** Theory of Music 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Pass with High Distinction  
**Patrick Keogh:** Theory of Music 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Pass with High Distinction  
**Brandon Falland:** Theory of Music 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Pass with High Distinction  
**James Parini:** Theory of Music 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Pass with High Distinction  
**Annual Music Camp and Chocolate Drive**

The Music Camp in 2012 returns to Lake Dewar Lodge, Myrning and runs from Friday February 17 until Sunday February 19. This is an important part of the year where all of our Concert Band and Guitar Ensemble members work intensively on pieces for representative competitions. This is a vital time for focussed preparation and for building a sense of team within each of the ensembles. This is particularly important this year as we once again prepare to head off to Queensland in August to compete at the Catholic Colleges Music Festival.

We will also run our annual chocolate drive in Term 1. The goodies arrive on Friday February 24, and we would greatly appreciate assistance on that afternoon to pack the boxes. Please call or email Andrea McDonald if you are able to assist on 5322 4439 or at [amcdonald@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:amcdonald@stpats.vic.edu.au)

### Rock Band

Starting on Tuesday afternoons are our new Rock Bands. Rehearsals will run until 5pm and boys will be supported to form bands that produce both original music and interpret covers. A sign up sheet is in the Music Office for all interested members. Places are filling fast and students will need to be quick!

### Debating

We are in the process of forming teams for this years DAV (Debating Association of Victoria) competition. We have experienced a huge growth in the number of teams that we enter and the quality of the team of coaches has paid great dividends through our ever improving results. Any student that wishes to become a part of a team or wishes to get further information needs to see Ms Sofia Thapa, Debating Coordinator.

### Chess

College Chess will begin next week at Junior Lunch time in the lower level of the Sir Hugh Devine building. Any boys that would like to be involved can get further information from Mr Neil Arthurson, Head of Middle School.

## ACTING HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Mr Peter Brady

2012 sees the largest number of students ever enrolled in our Junior School with 252 boys in Year 7 and 256 in Year 8. As is to be expected some of the younger boys have been somewhat anxious in their new school environment however generally, it has been a smooth beginning to the year. The Junior School Year Level Coordinators and Pastoral Tutors have made every effort to ensure that all boys settle in and feel at ease.

Mrs Jacinta Burge and Mr Gerry Willis are the Year 7 Year Level Coordinators while Ms Sarah Hughes and Mr Jamie Lynn will be fulfilling these roles in Year 8.

There are ten Pastoral Care groups at each year level and the respective Pastoral Tutors are as follows:

7A – Mr Greg Shawcross	8A – Mrs Kris Smardon
7B – Ms Victoria Moore	8B – Mr Leigh McKee
7C – Mr Michael Brady	8C – Mrs Ursula Bridges
7D – Ms Emma Carracher	8D – Mr Andrew Agardy
7E – Ms Rachael Leighton	8E – Mrs Louise Klopak
7F – Mrs Maria Richards	8F – Mr Chris Neilson
7G – Mr Brett Earl	8G – Mrs Marianne Kambouridis
7H – Mr Juri Kaczowski	8H – Ms Sarah Hughes
7I – Mr Brett Dickinson	8J – Ms Sarah Slater

The first three weeks of Term One will be particularly busy for the Year 7 boys with swimming trials, camps at Log Cabin Lodge via Creswick and the Junior Swimming Carnival on February 15. Both Mr Gerard Willis and Mrs Jacinta Burge have spent considerable time and effort in the preparation and planning for these events. It has been pleasing to note that a number of last year's Year 12 students have also been assisting during the camps.

It has been quite exciting to being able to move the Junior School classes back into the refurbished O'Malley Wing. This excellent facility together with the recently constructed Devine Wing as well as the classrooms in the Little Wing, provide very pleasant surroundings for teaching and learning.

Thank you to those Year 7 parents who were able to attend the recent Information Evening and to also meet with your son's Pastoral Tutor. As the year progresses it is vital that we maintain communication between home and school and all Junior School staff look forward to working with parents as we continue to challenge the boys and encourage them to be engaged in their learning.

## DIRECTOR OF SPORT Mr Chris Gleeson

### Welcome

Welcome to the new academic year. In accordance with our tradition the College will again offer a strong and varied extra curricular sports programme to students of all ages and abilities. The College is fortunate to have Directors of those sports with a larger participation base. Should you require any clarification or have any questions please feel free in the first instance to contact Mr Chris Gleeson via email at [cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au) I look forward to a great year of sporting participation at St Patrick's. Further details including all contact details are available on the College website.

### The Western Highway Late Bus

The College will once again be offering the Late Bus Service for students participating in after school activities. Thank you to the parents who have returned the Late Bus application form. Forms are still available for students to collect from Student Services or on the College website at [www.stpats.vic.edu.au/curriculum](http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/curriculum).

Once registered for the term, students are reminded to place their name on the Late Bus Register in Student Services no later than the end of recess on the day of travel. Students will need to do this for each individual trip. If there are any questions, please direct to Student Services.

**Please note:** The service is not offered in the first or last week of each term.

### Sport Uniform

The College Sports Uniform consists of the navy blue polo shirt and navy shorts. This is well documented in the College Student diary and can be purchased at The College Shop. Students will not be able to represent the College unless they are wearing the College Sports Uniform. Some sports and activities will have separate items of sports specific apparel such as the First XVIII and students will be advised as required.

### BAS Sport

The Ballarat Associated Schools (BAS) sport competition for Term One will soon be underway. The following sports are offered in Term 1 with most competitions commencing in Week 3.

Please listen and watch carefully for morning notices as teachers in charge will place notices regarding sign ups and start up meetings for each sport.

SPORT	DAY	Week	COACH/MANAGER
<b>TERM 1</b>			
Lawn Bowls	Monday	3	Mrs Clare Kavanagh / Mr John Fitzimmons
Cycling - Valedrome	Tuesday	TBC	Mr Matt Taylor / Mr Andrew Chamings
SPC Junior House Cricket	Tue/Wed	3	Mr Michael Busscher / Mr Gerard Willis / Mr Keiran Baxter
Intermediate Tennis SPC Blue (Year 9)	Tuesday	3	Ms Kara Hart
Intermediate Tennis SPC Green (Year 10)	Tuesday	3	Ms Sarah Hughes
Senior Volleyball Blue and Green	Wednesday	3	Mr Daniel Sutton/ Mr Hamish McCrum
Senior Golf	Wednesday	3	Mr Jeremy Daniel
Year 7/8 BAS Cricket	Wednesday	3	Mr Greg Shawcross
Junior Baseball	Wednesday	3	Mr Shane Murphy
1st XI Cricket	Fri / Sat	1	Mr Luke Corden
25/25 Cricket (2nd XI) SPC Blue	Thursday	3	Mr Joe Carmody
SPC House Tennis	Thursday	3	Mrs Deb Jordan / Mr Claudio Procaccino / Mrs Elizabeth Downey
SPC House Lawn Bowls	Wednesday	TBC	Mr Garry Fitzimmons
1st IV Tennis	Friday	2	Mrs Louise Klopak / Mr Emmanuel Desfosses
2nd IV Tennis	Friday	2	Mrs Louise Klopak / Mr Emmanuel Desfosses
Cycling - BRCC Cycle Challenge	Varies		Mr Matt Taylor / Mr Andrew Chamings
Rowing	Varies	1	Mr John Cumper / Mr Jamie Lynn
Weights Room	Varies		Mr Damian Kinnerlsey
Swimming Squad	Varies	1	Mr Brendan Gilbert / Mr Guy Skillen
Gymnastics Squad	Varies	1	Mr Don Pennell
Sports Carnivals IT support			Mrs Nikki Hexter

**Please see the relevant teacher or your Pastoral Care teacher for more information.**

### House Sport

In Term One there will be five sports available for participation under the House banners of Keniry, Galvin, Ryan and Nunan. These sports will include Cricket, Tennis, Lawn Bowls, Swimming and Athletics. For further information please contact the appropriate Year Level Coordinator or the Director of Sport

Future editions of The Crest will have further details regarding House sport including the Swimming Carnival.

If you require in further information regarding draws and venues, please email [cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au).

**Swimming**  
**Director of Swimming**  
**Mr Brendon Gilbert**

**House Swimming**

The House Swimming Carnival is next Wednesday February 15. Students are asked to note the following reminders:

Junior and Middle School students will attend the full day with racing between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm. Finals will be at approximately 2.00pm. Senior students will attend from 12.00 noon with racing starting from 12.30 pm. Only Year 10 and 11 swimmers will attend. All non-competing students will remain at school. All Year 12 students will attend. Students will be transported to and from the venue by buses arranged by the College and will be dismissed at school at 3.25pm.

Event details will be available at the College on Friday February 10. Please ensure you swim in the event you have selected.

All students are reminded to wear House colours, to slip slop slap and to keep hydrated with water.

**Swimming Squad**

Swimming training will take place on Monday and Wednesday nights at the YMCA from 6.30pm – 7.30pm from Week 2 to Week 7 of Term 1.

The 2012 SPC Swimming Championships will be held on Tuesday February 14. The warm up will commence at 5.30 pm for a 6.00 pm start. The event determines the age group champions who will qualify for the BAS Team and BAS Competition on March 14. Students should contact Mr Brendon Gilbert for further information.

**Swimming Squad Competition Dates:**

- Tuesday February 14 (Week 3) - SPC Swimming Championships.
- Wednesday February 15 (Week 3) - SPC Swimming Carnival.
- Wednesday March 14 (Week 7) - BAS Swimming Carnival.

St Patrick's has a very proud and successful swimming history and has been the premier boys' school in the BAS Swimming Competition for many years. It would be wonderful to see the boys, who participated in the BAS Swimming Competition in 2011, attend at least one training session per week to give the College the best chance of maintaining its successful history.

**Rowing**

The Rowing Programme under the direction of Mr John Cumper, Director of Rowing is in final preparations for the Head of the Lake after the successful camp held in January. Well done to John and all the coaches for their efforts so far. Congratulations also to the boys who have again prepared well for the competition phase.

**SPC Regatta**

The SPC Regatta will be held on Lake Wendouree on Sunday February 12. If there are any parents interested in assisting please feel free to contact either the Director of Rowing, Mr John Cumper or Director of Sport, Mr Chris Gleeson.

**Cricket**

**Director of Cricket**  
**Mr Michael Busscher**

**St Patrick's College First XI in Tasmania**

Our First XI Cricket team recently completed their Tasmania Tour participating in matches against fellow Edmund Rice Schools SPC Launceston and St Kevin's College.

Both games were thrilling and came right down to the wire. All the boys performed well throughout the week in all matches and the team received nothing but the highest praise from the families which the boys stayed with.

**Breach Cup- SPC Ballarat won by 24 runs**

**SPC Ballarat 10/306 from 99. 2 overs**

Matt Short-97  
Jayden Hayes-49  
Andrew Fay-47\*  
Blayde Baker-32

**SPC Launceston 10/282 from 97.2 overs**

Tyson Jenkin 4/39 from 20 overs  
Matt Short 2/61 from 27 overs  
Lachlan Phyland 2/30 from 10 overs

**Casey Cup- St Kevin's College won by 1 wicket with 2 balls to spare**

**SPC 10/163 from 47.1 overs**

Matt Short- 72  
Mitch Walsh-22  
Blayde Baker-20

**St Kevin's College 9/164 from 49.4 overs**

Hayden McCrow 3/29 from 10 overs  
Matt Short 2/30 from 10 overs  
Oliver Hayes 2/32 from 10 overs

Congratulations to the Director of Cricket Mr Michael Busscher and First XI Coach Mr Luke Corden on the successful tour.

Last weeks return game for the 2011/2012 season saw SPC take on Ballarat Grammar at Grammar.

Grammar won the toss and elected to bat on a very soft wicket and soon came to regret the decision courtesy of some excellent bowling from Oliver Hayes (4 overs 3/6) and Liam Jordan (3 overs 3/18). Grammar were 4/11 but rallied due to some, at times, wayward bowling to make 97.

In reply the result never seemed in doubt with Matt Short (39 from 38) and Matt Crouch (37\* from 41) adding 65 in quick time before Joab Mead chipped in to hit the winning runs, SPC ending up 1/101 from 13.5 overs.

**Junior House Cricket**

The Junior House Cricket will start next week despite some boys being away on Year 7 camps with the chance for all interested Years 7 and 8 students to come out to the nets and have a training session. Games will commence in Week Four and we will again be offering both the chance to play either the House Cricket Competition over two days (Tuesday and Wednesday) in a 20/20 format or to represent the College in the BAS Years 7/8 side which only plays on a Wednesday.

**Golf**

**Mr Jeremy Daniels**

The inaugural BAS Schools Championships will be contested on Sunday March 25, 2012. Open for boys and Girls from Year 7 – 12 the competition is conducted by BAS Sport. Players must have a handicap. The competition will be played at the Creswick Golf Club and is open to all Victorian Secondary Students and is expected to draw strong participation from Melbourne Schools. Entry will include BBQ lunch and drinks and 18 holes of Golf on Victorian PGA Course.

For registration details please contact Mr Jeremy Daniel.

As part of the ADROIT Victorian PGA championships at Creswick Golf Club there will be a Junior Pro Am event on Monday February 13 with a shotgun start at 2.30pm. This is a non sanctioned BAS Sport event. For further details please contact the Creswick Forest Resort on (03) 5345 9628.

#### Student Achievements

If anyone is aware of any outstanding achievements of our students outside of College sport please email Mr Chris Gleeson [cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au) with details to allow recognition in The Crest.

### DEVELOPMENT OFFICE Mr Gavin Nash

#### Key Development Dates 2012

##### 2013 Year 7 Enrolment @ St Patrick's College

To receive a 2013 Enrolment Package please contact Ms Caitlin Bennett on 53 311688 or [cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au)

##### Please note that 2013 Year 7 Enrolment closes on Friday February 10 2012.

##### College Open Mornings

Each Friday morning the College will be conducting tours for prospective students and their families. This is an ideal opportunity to see students and staff in action in a wide range of learning areas. Current parents are also most welcome to attend. To book a place on a tour this term or in 2012 please contact Ms Caitlin Bennett on 53 311688 or [cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au)

**2013 Scholarship Testing Day for Year 7, 10 and 11 entry level Scholarships** - Saturday February 25, 9 am. *All scholarship and enrolment information is available by contacting Ms Caitlin Bennett – [cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au)*

##### Receiving 'The Crest'

'The Crest' is the College's weekly newsletter which is available to all members of the College community in a variety of formats. It is an important medium for communicating important information about programmes, events and educational initiatives as well as recognising the outstanding achievements of students in a range of curricular and co-curricular areas.

The Crest is available to members of the College community via:

- Email – the e-newsletter is distributed each Friday to all members of the College community with a current email address registered with the College. To update your email contact details please contact Ms Caitlin Bennett at [cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au)
- Hard Copy Format – students can collect a hard copy of The Crest each Thursday afternoon from 3:00 pm from the Student Reception Desk. Parents who would like a hard copy of The Crest mailed to them each week can arrange for this service by emailing Ms Caitlin Bennett – [cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au) A cost of \$20 per term applies for this service.
- A PDF newsletter can be downloaded from Friday each week via the College website – [www.stpats.vic.edu.au](http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au)

We trust that you enjoy reading about the many exciting events happening at the College and learning of outstanding student achievements. If you have news to share with the College community regarding student achievements please contact the editor of The Crest. Mr Gavin Nash on 53 311688 or [gnash@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:gnash@stpats.vic.edu.au)

### THE COLLEGE SHOP Ms Michelle Lloyd

#### Shop Hours

Monday to Friday from 8.45 am to 3.30 pm. Other times by appointment.

Please contact the College Shop Manager Ms Michelle Lloyd on 5322 4313 for all enquiries.

### EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

#### Canteen

Canteen Roster Monday February 6 to Friday February 10. Please, if unable to attend phone Veronica 5335 6244, Cheryl 5339 3655 or the College Canteen on 5322 4481.

#### Monday February 13

Debbie Coutts (8.30am-2pm), Adrienne Cove (10.30-2 pm), Julie Spittle (8.30-2 pm), Vicki Duffy, (11.30-1.30 pm), Joanne Forbes (11.30-2.30 pm).

#### Tuesday February 14

Karen McMaster, Narelle Howes, Simone Meagher, Therese Leighton, Glenda Clydesdale.

#### Wednesday February 15

Kathy Walters, Robyn Lavery, Simone Adamczyk (10-2.30 pm), Daydie Burgess, Janine Smith, Melinda Nicholls (10 am-12 pm), Jacinta Waller.

#### Thursday February 16

Sue McDougall (9-2), Lisa Schreenan (8.30-2), Amanda Smith, Angela Smith (8.30-11.30 am), Jane Clark (8.30-2 pm).

#### Friday February 17

Janice Holloway (10 am-2 pm), Debbie Jew (lunch), Barb Peters (1<sup>st</sup> each term), Jodie Butler (10 am-12 pm once per term), Julia Walker (8.30-11.30 am), Jodie Ilsley 11.30 am-2.30 pm), Amanda Elliott, Heather Savage/Trudy West (11.30-2.30 pm), Karen McPherson (9.15 am-11.15 am).

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

### EVENTS OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE

**'100 Year Anniversary of the Head of the Lake Regatta Dinner'**  
**Saturday March 3 2012**  
**OCA Pavilion**

**Guest Speaker: Chris O'Brien**  
**Master of Ceremonies: Christian Ryan**

#### Time: 7pm-11pm

Cost: \$40 per head includes drink on arrival and 3-course meal.  
*Further drinks will be available at bar prices.*

Please RSVP your attendance to the Director of Development, Mr Gavin Nash on 5322 4450 or [gnash@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:gnash@stpats.vic.edu.au) prior to 5pm Monday February 27, 2012.

Payment can be made online through the payment-portal at [www.stpats.vic.edu.au](http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au) or at The College Shop.

## COMING EVENTS

### **Saturday February 11**

Wendouree Rowing Regatta

### **Sunday February 12**

St Patrick's College Rowing Regatta

### **Monday February 13**

Year 7 Camps

### **Tuesday February 14**

Year 7 Camps

Individual and Class Photos

College Assembly - 10:15 am-10:55 am

SPC Twilight Swimming Championships - 5:00 pm-8:00 pm

### **Wednesday February 15**

Year 7 Camps

Middle and Junior School Swimming Carnival - 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Senior School Swimming Carnival - 12:00 pm-3:00 pm

Class of 2011 BBQ - 6:00 pm-9:00 pm

### **Thursday February 16**

Year 7 Camps

### **Friday February 17**

Year 7 Camps

Music Camp (Lake Dewar Lodge, Myrniong)

Opening Morning Programme - 9:00 am-11:00 am

BAS First XI Cricket v BCC (Home) 20/20 - 4:00 pm-6:00 pm

### **Saturday February 18**

Music Camp (Lake Dewar Lodge, Myrniong)

Wendouree Ballarat Regatta (Nagambie Lakes)

Year 7 2013 Enrolment Interviews - 8:00 am-12:00 pm

BAS First XI Cricket v BCC (Away) 2 day format - 10:00 am-6:00 pm)

### **Sunday February 19**

Music Camp, Lake Dewar Lodge, Myrniong - All Day

