

FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER
Student and Staff Wellbeing
Mr Chris Caldow

**Whole School Activity Days - Athletics Day Wednesday March 28
and Edmund Rice Day Friday May 4**

I would like to take the time to outline our expectations with regards to these events. When students and families sign up for a place at St Patrick's College they agree to the whole package and do not get to choose which parts of the package they will participate in. Attendance is compulsory at all whole school functions including the Athletics Carnival and Edmund Rice Day. If your son is going to be absent on any of these days could you please ask him to come and see me. I will follow-up all absences on both of these days.

I ask for your support in this area, particularly for the Athletics Carnival and Edmund Rice Day which provides us with an opportunity to focus upon the foundation of our entire being as a community, Blessed Edmund Rice. It also allows us to raise money and awareness for the underprivileged and marginalised people within the community. It is core to our being and existence as a catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition.

The Student Council have decided that they would like to raise \$40,000 in this year's Edmund Rice Day Walkathon. That equates to about \$40 per boy. Again, I would encourage each boy to make a start on asking for donations from friends, family and neighbours during the holidays. The money raised will go directly to various agencies and places who appreciate the generous support we give them as a school. Encourage your son to make a big effort this year and to reach the \$40 target!

Alternative Programme for Year 10 Students in the Last Week of Term

Year 10s will deviate from their usual routine from Monday March 26, Tuesday March 27, Thursday March 29 and Friday March 30. The four days will consist of a Retreat, Differential Aptitude Testing (DAT), Occupational Health and Safety Training (OHS)/Career Voyage Workshop and the Leadership Journey program. All students will begin and end each day at St Patrick's College. Each student is required to attend every day. Year 10 students who attend VET during these days are expected to attend all sessions.

All families with a Year 10 student have received a letter outlining the arrangements for next week. This week provides opportunities for personal and spiritual growth, provided the boys actively engage with the tasks at hand. There will be times where each boy will be challenged on some level or another and our hope is that they will rise to meet these challenges.

Term Two Reminders

Trousers

All boys are reminded that when they return in Term Two, they should be wearing navy blue trousers. Boys are to wear trousers during the Winter terms of Terms Two and Three. Trousers are available for purchase from The College Shop. If required, trousers should be purchased before term commences to avoid any problems with uniform once the term commences on April 17. The College Shop will be open during the term break from 8:45am – 3:30pm, Monday to Friday if new trousers are required.

Hair

Holidays are often a very good time to have a haircut to tidy up and get ready for a new school term. A number of boys are pushing the College's guidelines on acceptable hair cuts and styles presently and rather than leading to the inevitable clash, I would expect boys to show some initiative, make sure their hair is acceptable and avoid this conflict at school. Guidelines are published in the Student Diary for anyone unsure

Scarves

Students are able to purchase College Scarves from The College Shop at a cost of \$15. These woollen scarves are navy blue with an embroidered College Crest.

St Patrick's Day Mass and Celebrations

Last week I wrote about the people responsible for the organisation of the St Patrick's Day Mass and Assembly. This week I would like to publically acknowledge the efforts of the entire student body for the reverence and attention that they displayed throughout the mass. The Mass is the high point in terms of celebration in any Catholic school but I have been pleased to witness the improved respect of our boys with regards to their behaviour and participation in the Mass. The Mass is an activity that unites the community and is integral to who we are and what is important in a Catholic School in the Edmund Rice tradition.

I wish to acknowledge the College Captain, Jack Owen, for his address to the College community. Jack spoke of what St Patrick's means to him. It is important that the Captain has an opportunity to talk of these important things to his peers and to the younger boys. Congratulations, Jack!

I have included Jack's concluding remarks as an excerpt of his speech below:

St Patrick's College is an experience of the present – of being in this world as we find it, and then transforming it in truth, peace and justice. We are here right now. We all bring our unique histories to this very moment. So many other paths we could have taken, but we are together. For me, to be part of this unique history drives me to make the most of every opportunity, it is the response of someone who is grateful to be here.

Your time here is only short. That means participation is vital. I stand proudly under our four pillars, faith, tradition, excellence and joy.. That raises the question of how do these associate with us and what makes us patty boys? The one voice of the war cries points to something creative and formative in our experiences of joy. Our endeavours in the classroom reveal a serious side to our nature – a strive for excellence. The spirit and courage shown when we are faced with saying goodbye to one of our own exhibits our need for faith. An undoubtable pillar of our tradition is the sporting achievements that come from co-operation and spirit.

Most of all, for me it is the bonds of friendship that brings together all the pillars. A friendship that unites every Patty boy as one. Christ taught us that friendship with God is the greatest gift we have received. When we live in genuine friendship with each other we share in a great gift. This is a friendship that recognises the dignity of every person I meet, even if I do not know your name. This College is a place of lasting friendship, and thus a great force for unity in the world as we find it. A unity that can change the world for truth, peace and justice

St Patrick's College is also an experience of the future. This place will be a part of me, no matter what happens in the future. I have been formed in a faith that offers values that will never lead me astray. I might find it hard to follow them, I do not know what lies ahead, but I know that they will always be there. I can trust them. I have been at a school that was everything my parents wanted it to be, as they shared the task of raising a son.

The future is possibility and probability. We all play a part in it, to shape the world as we know it should be. Values need to be lived out. They are not just good ideas to discuss over a café latte. This is why I have a future. This is why I feel confident about the future. My time at St Pat's proves to me that I am not alone in wanting to make the world a better place. I take up the history of St Patrick and Blessed Edmund. I will be forever grateful for and guided by being a Patty boy. Because I know once a Patty boy, always a Patty boy.



The Catholic Diocesan Dinner was held at the Old Collegians Pavilion on Friday March 16 to celebrate 30 Years in Catholic Education. Mr Barry Schuurs and Mr Malcolm Barrins were present to accept their awards.

FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY HEADMASTER
Teaching and Learning
Ms Elizabeth Till

End of Term One

All parents should receive at the end of Term One a mail out which will include the Interim Report. Parents are encouraged to take the time to sit with your son(s) and to make a point of going through the Interim Reports.

Regardless of what Year Level and subject, the process in which boys' start or continue to reflect on what is working well for them within a subject and what they need to do to continue to improve is essential for them to achieve in all aspects of their learning.

Years 8-11 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

Parents are encouraged to take up the opportunity to make appointments with their son(s) teachers at the upcoming Years 8-11 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews. The Interviews will be held on May 1 and May 2.

Term Two Dates

Tuesday April 17 - Classes commence for all students for Term 2. This will be Week B of the Timetable.

Friday June 22 - Term Two concludes.

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 students will undertake Work Experience placements commencing Monday June 25 – Friday June 29.

School Work - Organisation

Often during Parent Teacher Interviews parents will ask how they can best support their son during the course of his schooling regarding organisation. The following practical points may assist in helping students with their organisation which are essential elements for academic success at school.

During Class

- Just hearing what your teachers say is not the same as listening to what they say. Listening is a cognitive act that requires you to pay attention, think and mentally process what you hear.
- Make an effort to concentrate during every class.
- Be attentive and concentrate on what the teacher is saying.
- Try to make links between what you are learning and what you already know.
- Sit near the front or middle of the class room.
- Identify what the teacher hopes to teach you during the lesson.
- Make an effort to sit away from friends who distract you during class.
- Participate in class – ask at least one question per class.
- Write notes – jot down a few points about what the teacher is saying.
- Wear an elastic band around wrist and flick it to remind you to concentrate!
- Use a Diary – after each lesson write down homework (if nothing is set write this down).

Each Night

- Look at diary and check what home work needs to be done.
- Write a "To Do List" and work through the list, crossing off each task as it is completed.
- Prioritise homework and complete what needs to be done for the following day first.
- Break home work and assignments into small manageable chunks.
- Think about each lesson during the day and write a brief summary of each class.
- Pack bag with books and gear for the following day.
- Reward yourself after homework is completed.
- If you have no homework for that night – sit at your desk and complete a puzzle or reading task.
- Make sure you get enough sleep.

Study Space

- Ensure that study space is clean and organised.
- Minimise distraction (i.e. computers, mobile phones, photos) in study space.
- Place some positive or motivational quotes on the wall.

Folders

- Ensure you have a folder for every subject.
- You may like to colour code your subjects!
- When you have a worksheet or handout, ensure it is filed into the subject folder.

DIRECTOR OF MISSION

Mr Geoff Brodie

I recently read a newspaper article that came as a timely reminder as we commence Catholic Education Week. The author was making a case to reclaim the word *sacrifice* from a common misunderstanding. He made the contrast between the life of the elite athlete and acts of 'conspicuous, humbling virtue, the glad relinquishing of something important for reasons of pure goodness'. Allow me please to quote at length:

Olympic athletes don't live a normal life. They exist under a brutal regime of hard work and self-denial. But that's not sacrifice, that's investment. It doesn't count as a sacrifice if you expect something back.

Sacrifice is essentially a religious term. You offer something of value to the gods, in thanks or to do them honour. It's not a deal or a bargain; the gods would not like that. Christians regard the crucifixion as the ultimate world defining sacrifice. I am not prepared to look on a decision about a career in sport in the same terms.

This week is a chance to be thankful for the many people whose sacrifice gives Catholic education its life. I am thinking especially of our parents. I invite us all to acknowledge the sacrifices of time, energy, emotion and resources that our parents make to support their son and St Patrick's College. In all this we see the love of God in our daily lives.

(The article referred to can be read at

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/world/for-olympic-athletes-its-not-a-sacrifice-but-an-enviable-choice/story-fnb64oi6-1226295456029>)

ACTING DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Mr Joe Carmody

Year 10 Workshop

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College Athletics Carnival

The College Athletics Carnival will take place on Wednesday March 28. All students are expected at school on this day either competing, assisting or supporting their House. This day has special significance as it is one of the few days when all House Year Levels are together for an event.

End of Term 1 Finish

Classes will conclude at 2.30 pm on Friday March 30.

DIRECTOR OF PERFORMING ARTS

Mrs Kathleen Plastow

We have had a number of boys represent us in the public arena this week with resounding successes.

Ballarat Symphony Orchestra – Jakob Baric'

Recently, the talents of Jakob Baric' (Year 11 Trombone) have been rewarded by the Ballarat Symphony Orchestra conductor, Mr Hugh McKelvey. An invitation to join the Orchestra for their first concert for the year was extended. Jakob has been playing with the Australian Youth Band since 2011. Jakob has had little experience in orchestral work which required him to learn to read music in a new clef.

On Sunday March 18, The Ballarat Symphony Orchestra had their first performance for the year. A full programme including Symphony in C by Schubert, Overture to the Barber of Seville by Rossini and more including Mozart, Schubert and the World Premier of Tails of the Trebouchet by Raelene Howell entertained guests. The Orchestra was conducted by Mr Patrick Burns.

Congratulations to Jakob Baric' for being accepted into the Orchestra. Hard work and persistent practice always pay off and Jakob's efforts are to be applauded.

Ballarat Schools Symphony Orchestra

Only a matter of weeks ago, Thomas Thorpe (Flute), Andrew Groch (Flute), Peter Oakley (Percussion) and Jakob Baric (Trombone) auditioned for very coveted positions within the Orchestra and were successful in their efforts.

The Ballarat Schools Symphony Orchestra rehearses weekly on a Monday night and is made up of elite musicians from all over the district. Congratulations to all boys on a great achievement in being accepted into such a prestigious ensemble and we look forward to their first performance.

St Patrick's Day Gala Fundraiser – The Knights of the Southern Cross

Saturday night, March 17 saw 13 St Patrick's College musicians provide the pre-dinner entertainment for a very worthwhile Gala Fundraising event. The Knights of the Southern Cross raise money for educational bursaries for St Patrick's, Loreto College and Damascus College as well as Nazareth House.

The St Patrick's Senior Flute Ensemble consisting of Thomas Thorpe, Andrew Groch, Luke Howard, John Hickey and Ryan Shaw and the St Patrick's College Saxophone Ensemble of Timothy Crowe, Timothy O'Shea, Isaac Sullivan, James McKinnon, Thomas Plover, Mitchell Steele and Nico Guevara entertained the 180 strong audience until the official opening of the event. Congratulations to all on fine performances.

Concert Series

All students and parents are welcome to attend this year's Concert Series. Students will be performing on a variety of instruments at the OCP on May 3, 28 and June 4. The Concert's commence at 6pm and tea and coffee are available after the show.

Music Stands for Sale

The Music Department currently has a number of high quality Music Stands for sale at \$15.00 each. Anyone who is wishing to purchase a stand are asked to please see Mrs Kathleen Plastow or Ms Andrea McDonald in the Music Office. Numbers are limited.

Chocolate Money Reminder

All fundraising money and unsold chocolate is to be returned to the Music Department before the end of Term One. It is pleasing to see the responsibility that many of the Music students have taken.

Thank you to all parents that have assisted in the packing and selling of the chocolates this year. The Raffle of the iPod prize will be drawn shortly.

DIRECTOR OF BOARDING

Mr Alex Hunt

Boarding Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews Monday April 16

At the commencement of Term 2 Boarding Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews will be held. The interviews will be conducted from 3.30 pm to 5pm on Monday April 16.

If you would like to meet with one or more of your son's teachers please phone Student Services on 5331 1688 to schedule an appointment between 3.30 pm-5pm.

Appointments will be for 10 minutes.

Timings for interviews will be determined according to return travel distance home. Priority will be given to families who will be travelling a considerable distance to get home.

If you would prefer to have a telephone conversation with your son's teacher please call Student Services at the College.

HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Mrs Elizabeth Ryan

Holiday Study and Homework

I have spent many hours over the past week analysing the 2011 General Assessment Test (GAT) results and comparing them to the 2011 Year 12 students scored VCE results. While for many teachers and students this is a rewarding and affirming exercise, the data shows that the Scored VCE Results met or exceed the students predicted scores based on the General Assessment Test results.

However, sadly, each year a number of boys fail to achieve to the best of their potential. I concede many factors impact on a students VCE results one thing is clear "A students attitude does make a difference to a students results".

Year 12 students need to be aware that they have 21 weeks of teaching and learning time remaining this year. Term Four marks the beginning of the revision and exam preparation period. Thus every day is important and attention to study in small incremental stages will impact on the overall result. John Powell, while not specifically referring to study, provides a great analogy.

"It (study) is like receiving one by one the pieces of a mosaic or a jig saw puzzle. The mosaic is "reality". It does not come about all at once in a neat box. It comes piece by piece in packages marked "days." Each day brings new pieces. Every new piece adds its own contribution of deeper understanding to the total picture of reality."

In the term break I stress to all boys undertaking a VCE Unit 3 study that it is not a time of total relaxation and a break from all study. Rather it is a time to enjoy Easter and undertake study commitments at a more relaxed pace by allocating a part of each day to the revision of one subject.

All Year 12 students and any Year 11 students undertaking a VCE Unit 3 **will** have holiday homework and study exercises. It is important that the boys keep up the study pace at this time rather than "chill" and be in the position of playing catch up on their return in Term Two. This positive attitude and approach will go a long way to ensure that come December they meet or exceed their GAT predicted study scores.

May Gods peace be with you and your families.

HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr Neal Arthurson

Year 9 St Patrick's College and Loreto College Interaction Day

On Thursday March 29, the Year 9 St Patrick's and Loreto College Interaction Day will be held. The event will be conducted at both St Patrick's College and Loreto College, with half of the Year 9 boys making their way to Loreto and half of the Year 9 girls making their way to St Patrick's.

A variety of activities will be on offer including: Trivia, Art, Team Games, Dodge Ball and Chill-out Time. The day will conclude with all students undertaking a Zumba Class at Loreto College.

Students are to go to Pastoral Care as normal at 8.50am, where further instructions for the day will be explained. Students will return to their Homerooms at the end of the day to be dismissed at 3.25 pm. All students are to wear their P.E uniform and will need to provide their own recess and lunch as normal bell times will not be followed on this day.

Year 9 Camp Reflections

Year 9 Queenscliffe Camps

With the conclusion of the Year 9 Camps to Queenscliff, I once again thank all Pastoral Teachers and other staff members who have so willingly given of their time to ensure the smooth running of the camps.

Two Year 9 students, James McKinnon and Nathaniel Smith, have kindly provided their reflections of the Queenscliff Camp.

James McKinnon

Year 9F

The first day of Year 9 Queenscliff Camp started with an hour and a half bus ride down to Queenscliff. Five kilometres out of the Camp the bus stopped and we were told that we were walking the rest the way. This at first seemed to be fairly harsh but it turned out okay because it was a nice day and it was a beach side walk.

During the walk we were involved in team building activities, one of which had half the class blindfolded and the others guiding them using a rope. Once we got to the camp we got straight into our activities. The first activity that I did was surfing; we had some of the best weather for camp and some of the best waves. It wasn't too hard to stand up but once up, it was difficult to stay up! Because the tide was coming up, you had to be careful that you weren't going into the promenade walls.

Jack Walter, Ryan Rumble and I travelled back to Ballarat on the second day to swim at the BAS Swimming Carnival. All three of us were fairly tired after that day. When we got back to camp we arrived in time for dinner. Thank you to Mr Gilbert and Mr Daniels for driving us to Ballarat and back.

DIRECTOR OF SPORT Mr Chris Gleeson

The 2012 SPC House Athletics Carnival will be held at St Patrick's College on Wednesday March 28 from 8.30am – 3.25pm. This year the Carnival returns to the College grounds after a number of years being held at the Ballarat Regional Athletics Centre, Llanberris Reserve.

Parents attending the Athletics Carnival will need to register at Front Reception to come onto the College grounds. All external gates will be locked on the day. Please enter via the College front entrance to obtain a Visitors Pass.

Please view the House Athletics flyer in this edition of The Crest for further information.

BAS Sport

Tennis First IV

SPC 4 sets, 42 games defeated Ballarat High School 2 sets, 22 games

Second IV
SPC had the Bye this week.

Intermediate Tennis

SPC Blue - 3 sets, 20 games defeated Damascus College 1 set, 10 games

SPC Green - 3 sets, 22 games defeated Ballarat High School 1 set, 10 games

SPC White - won on forfeit against BCC Black

Senior Volleyball

Grand Final

SPC Green 2 sets, 63 points defeated SPC Blue 1 set, 37 points.

Lawn Bowls

SPC Blue vs Grammar Loss 5 -37

Lachlan Kennedy (skip) and Charles Cook (second) lost 3-19.
Jordan Purcell (skip) Cameron Speeding (second) James Meagher (lead) lost 2 -18.

SPC Green - 49 Defeated Damascus - 2

Will Perkins (skip) and Rory Conroy (second) won 26 -1.
Luke Polmear (skip) Cameron Butcher (second) Austen Millar (lead) won 23 -1.

After dinner we had a reflective talk. A game of Beach Rugby followed, where the teachers versed the students On the third day we had a water balloon fight using rubber sling shots and hundreds of water balloons. After that we walked to the Queenscliff township and were allowed 2 hours free time. We were allowed to have a hot chocolate or a gelato, although some people had both. After we walked back to camp in groups of 3-4 it was time to head back to Ballarat.

I think that the whole group learnt a lot about each other during these three days and we all had a good time. Students acted as leaders who were mature and responsible. Special thanks to the Homeroo teachers Mr Skillen (9F), Mr Van Bentum (9E), Mr Hayes, Mr Joyce and Mrs Scholten, for everything that you did in those three days to make the camp so enjoyable.

Nathaniel Smith Year 9F

At the Year 9 Camp to Queenscliff we did a lot of things. On the first day as we approached our destination we had to walk the last 5 kms long the beach. It took ages. Along the way we did challenges. One of them was to walk blind folded hanging on to a piece of rope.


At the start of the walk we had to carry two barrels like Donkey Kong. After arriving at camp and moving into our rooms we began the first of our three activities which included surfing, beach skills and snorkelling. The first activity I did was surfing. I took ages to put on the website and when we got into the water it was full on. The first couple of waves were the hardest then you got on a roll of going over the waves. After dinner we did trust building activities. We then discussed the differences between being a boy and being a man.

In the morning we were woken up at 6:30am and had a fitness session on the beach followed by a big breakfast. The day began with further group activities. The first one I did was beach skills and involved having a race against the other groups. The good thing about the beach skills was that it made us work as a team. Then as we finished we ran into the water for a swim. Snorkelling followed after lunch and again we had to wear a wetsuit. When we started we saw lots of fish and even a stingray. It was awesome snorkelling around the pier.

Again the next morning we did a 6:30am fitness session followed by breakfast and a walk into the Queenscliff Township. After we explored the township we cleaned our rooms and got on the bus and headed for home.

ACTING HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL Mr Peter Brady

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

	<p>YEAR 7: BRAEDEN ILSLEY</p> <p>For showing honesty and responsibility in finding money on College grounds and returning it to the appropriate staff member.</p>
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Cricket
Director of Cricket
Mr Michael Busscher

First XI

SPC 3/101 defeated BCC 7/99

In what was essentially a Semi Final match up, SPC was able to come up trumps in the final game of the BAS 1st XI season against Ballarat Clarendon College. BCC won the toss and elected to bat on a fantastic new wicket and got off to a reasonable start getting to 1/40 after 7 overs, courtesy of some wayward bowling. However from there the next 6 wickets were lost for just 18 runs.

Joab Mead was outstanding with the ball, at one stage with figures of 3 wickets for 2 runs after 3 overs. Joab had 3/10 from his 4 and was supported by Hayden McCrow with 2/8 from his 3 overs.

In reply SPC got off to a quick start thanks to Jack Peeters (11). However once he fell Matt Crouch and Joab Mead came together to put on what would prove to be a match winning 52 run partnership.

When Joab fell, he was quickly followed by Grant Trevenen, leaving SPC at 3/70 with 8 overs to go. Matt then showed everyone why he has become one of the states best young cricketers, dominating the bowling with crisp drives, big hits and great value on his wicket. Matt ended with 48 not out from 38 balls and was assisted by Oliver Hayes (14 from 8 balls). SPC are now in the Grand Final berth with 5 overs to spare.

Please come along and support the boys in their endeavour to win the inaugural BAS 1st XI 20/20 Competition this Friday March 23 at the College.

Junior House Cricket

Semi Final 2 – March 13 and 14

Ryan 6/147 defeated Galvin 2/121

The Hill Oval was the venue for the Semi Final clash between Ryan and Galvin House. Galvin won the toss and elected to send Ryan in to bat. The Ryan openers took full advantage of the perfect batting conditions, with both Taylor Sutton and Harry Blomley reaching 30 runs before having to retire. Both batsmen returned to the crease later in the innings, with Taylor eventually top scoring with 51. Harry remained unbeaten on 38. Ben Jackson also proved very useful with the bat, scoring 27 (including an impressive 6) before he was eventually caught by Tom Cranage off the bowling of Connor Stone.

After 27 overs, Ryan had amassed a total of 147, setting Galvin a tough task of chasing 5.44 runs per over. Ben Landwehr was very impressive with the ball for Galvin, finishing with figures of 3/16 from six overs. Tom Hallett, Connor Stone and Tom Cranage each finished with a wicket each.

Overcast conditions greeted the Galvin batsmen on the second day of the match. Ben Landwehr and Dan Wrigley began aggressively in chasing down Ryan House total. A rush of blood led to Dan playing too enthusiastically at a delivery by Harry Blomley only to see the ball crash into his stumps.

Ben was joined at the crease by Richie Dell and together, they put on an impressive 69 run partnership before Richie was caught by Matt Hastings for a solid 21. Ben retired on 30 while Nick Munday and Tom Hallett went about chipping away at the Ryan target. Nick batted solidly and eventually retired on 30 while Tom remained 20 not out.

A gallant effort by Galvin unfortunately went unrewarded as they ran out of overs and found themselves at 2/121, handing Ryan a victory by 26 runs. Harry Blomley and Sam Jackson were the only wicket takers for Ryan. Congratulations to both teams for providing such an entertaining match.

BAS Junior XI

The BAS Junior XI was scheduled to play Damascus College in the final game of the season this week. Unfortunately Damascus College were unable to field a team and therefore St Patrick's College were awarded a victory. The Junior BAS Cricket team has remained undefeated throughout the season and have been crowned Junior BAS Cricket Champions in 2012.

Congratulations to the entire side and I look forward to next year and seeing the boys move up into Intermediate Cricket.

This week will see the conclusion of the First XI and the Junior House Cricket Competitions. Good luck to all boys involved in their respective Grand Finals.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Michael Rodger who has won the prestigious "Mick O'Neil" Award for his outstanding achievements in swimming this season. The award is presented to Ballarat's Most Outstanding Swimmer for 15/Under. This is especially significant considering Michael is 13 years old. Well done Michael.

If anyone is aware of any outstanding achievements of our students outside of the College please email Mr Chris Gleeson to allow recognition in these pages of The Crest at cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Mr Gavin Nash

Key Development Dates 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

2013 Year 7 Enrolment

2013 Year 7 Offers of Enrolment have been mailed home to all families. The Confirmation of Enrolment Sheet is to please be returned to the College by Friday March 30. Please contact Ms Caitlin Bennett at the College if there are any further enquiries.

2013 Scholarship Programme

2013 Scholarship offers for Years 7, 10 and 11 will be mailed to all families who have applied at the commencement of Term Two. Thank you to all families who have applied.

THE COLLEGE SHOP

Ms Michelle Lloyd

College Shop Hours – Term Break

The College Shop is open in the term break from 8.45 am to 3.30 pm each day.

The College Shop is open from Monday to Friday each week from 8.45 am to 3.30 pm. All other times by appointment.

CLEARANCE STOCK

Compression Tops, pants and Nicks at \$30 each. Hurry!

Term 2 – Winter Uniform

A friendly reminder, that all boys are required to wear long trousers for Terms 2 and 3.

Please contact the College Shop Manager Ms Michelle Lloyd on 5322 4313 or email at mlloyd@stpats.vic.edu.au for all enquiries.

EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

Canteen

Canteen Roster Monday March 26 to Friday March 30. Please, if unable to attend phone Veronica 5335 6244, Cheryl 5339 3655 or the College Canteen on 5322 4481.

Monday March 26

Debbie Coutts*, Adrienne Cove*, Julie Spittle*, Vicki Duffy*, Joanne Forbes*.

Tuesday March 27

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

Wednesday March 28

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

Thursday March 29

Sue McDougall*, Lisa Schreenan*, Amanda Smith, Angela Smith*, Jane Clark*.

Friday March 30

Bronwyn Stewart, Helen Spratling, Jane McDonough, Belinda Joyce, Veronica Kiley, Ange Stuhldreier, Tracey Stalker, Nikki McKinnon, Jacinta O'Brien, Tanya Cullen, Lisa Garner.

*Not in attendance for the entire canteen duty

EVENTS OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE

Ballarat Arts Foundation Inc.

“To encourage and develop the aspirations and talents of emerging visual and performing artists who have lived, worked or studied in Ballarat”.

Visual and Performing Arts students are invited to apply for a Grant to assist them in their pursuit of excellence within their chosen discipline. Application forms, setting out the criteria and process for receiving Grants are available at www.ballaratartsfoundation.org.au

Applications close on March 31 2012. For further information please speak with your Head of Performing or Visual Arts Department or phone Wendy Rechenberg on 0409352268.

COMING EVENTS

Monday March 26

Year 10 Retreat DAT OHS
BAS v ACS Summer Carnival
1st XI and House Cricket Presentation Night (7:30 pm-9:00 pm)

Tuesday March 27

Year 10 Retreat DAT OHS

Wednesday March 28

SPC Athletics Carnival (SPC) (9:00 am -3:00 pm)
OCA Regional Dinner (Terang) (7:30 pm-9:00 pm)

Thursday March 29

Year 10 Retreat DAT OHS

Friday March 30

Year 10 Retreat DAT OHS
End of Term 1, Finish 2.30pm

Sunday April 1

1st XVIII Football Tour to Melbourne
Palm Sunday

Monday April 2

1st XVIII Football Tour to Melbourne

Tuesday April 3

1st XVIII Football Tour to Melbourne

Wednesday April 4

1st XVIII Football Tour to Melbourne

Thursday April 5

1st XVIII Football Tour to Melbourne
Holy Thursday

Friday April 6

Good Friday

Saturday April 7

Easter Saturday

Sunday April 8

Easter Sunday

Monday April 9

Easter Monday

Monday April 16

Staff PD Day
Boarding Parent-Teacher Interviews (3:30 pm -5:00 pm)

Tuesday April 17

Students Commence Term 2

Wednesday April 18

St Kevin's v SPC Sports Challenge

Thursday April 19

SPC Athletics Championships at Llanberris (12:00 pm -3:00pm)

Friday April 20

AGSV Championships at Royal Melbourne

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE

2012 TERM DATES

TERM 1

Monday, January 23	Office Opens
Monday January 30	Staff Commence
Thursday February 2	Students Commence
Friday March 30	End of Term 1

TERM 2

Monday April 16	Staff Commence
Tuesday April 17	Students Commence
Friday June 22	End of Term 2
Friday June 29	Last day for Staff

TERM 3

Monday July 16	Staff Commence
Tuesday July 17	Students Commence
Friday September 21	End of Term 3

TERM 4

Monday October 8	Students Commence
Tuesday, November 27	Year 11 Students Finish
Thursday November 29	Year 10 Students Finish
Friday December 7	Year 7 – 9 Students Finish
Friday December 14	Last Day Teaching Staff
Friday December 21	College Office Closes

