

FROM THE ACTING HEADMASTER
Mr Chris Caldwell

Mob Mentality

I have spoken with some of the Old Collegians who were involved with the incidents on the train and expressed my dismay at the negative publicity and damage that their actions caused to the reputation of our fantastic College. One of the key learnings that our boys can take from these incidents is that a mob mentality can cause us to act in ways that we would never dream of if we were on our own. This highlights the influence that peer pressure can have upon adolescents and is a key reason why we must think before we act. I have tried to highlight this to our boys on numerous occasions and will continue to do so.

This mob mentality, if not addressed or left unchecked, can destroy the very fabric of our fine school. This mob mentality can result in sexist behaviour, a lack of respect for authority and can have tragic consequences within wider society. Our community is based upon the Gospel values and the mob mentality is in direct conflict to these values. If this mob mentality continues, or even worse, prevails, within our school, we are better off closing the school rather than allowing this attitude to continue.

However, rather than focus upon the negatives, I would like to focus upon some of the more positive events from last week. I received a letter from Chief Magistrate of Brisbane law courts, Mr Zachary Sarra who had contact with our boys at the Queensland Catholic Schools Music Festival. I quote: "It was truly refreshing to engage these bright committed enthusiastic young men who spoke openly about the pride and joy they felt for their school. I am pleased to bring to your attention the young men who made such a wonderful impression, worthy of comment were John, Tom and Charlie. Their appearance demeanour and attitude is worthy of recognition as these young men proved to be exceptional ambassadors for their family, school and community."



Queensland Music Tour

Other positives include our performance at the Brisbane Catholic Schools Music festival where every band/ensemble received a medal for their performances. I would like to make mention of Jaykeb Lench for his leadership in trying to diffuse a volatile situation on the Melbourne to Ballarat train. I have comments from the general public as well as a number of Old Collegians and the Police commending Jaykeb for his efforts.

As most of you are aware, our 2011 College Captain Nick O'Brien made his debut for Essendon on Friday night. The Year 8 boys have been involved in their camp/retreat at Amberley over the past fortnight and their behaviour was fantastic. Year 11 students have been involved in a Justice retreat to Melbourne where they assist Catholic organisations in catering for the marginalised within our society. Our Year 9 boys have been involved in a range of activities throughout Immersion Week. As I said to our staff last Friday, our school is made up of exceptional young boys and men.

This is the message that we need to promote in the wider community rather than focussing upon the small minority who do the wrong thing.

I was fortunate to attend the 40 Year Reunion on Saturday night for the Class of 1972. Many stories were told and you certainly got a sense of the changes in education that have occurred in the past 40 years. Class sizes have reduced from over 50 to a much more productive 25, corporal punishment, such as caning and using the strap, has disappeared and the facilities have improved considerably. Some things remain similar however, such as the sense of pride that the students have in their school and the desire to see St Patrick's College be the best that it can be.



Class of 1972 Reunion

I always come away from these events uplifted but thankful for the environment that we currently have here at St Pat's. I believe that I have said this before, but when people ask me about working at St Patrick's College I always say that I love it. Most ask why and I reply that we have exceptional facilities, a brilliant staff and fantastic boys. What's not to love!

Edmund Rice Education Australia Congress

Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) is about to embark on a significant event in its short history. After 5 years, the EREA Council and Board has called its inaugural *Congress* to be held in Melbourne from September 7 to 9, 2012.

Over 240 delegates from all of its 48 schools across Australia, the Christian Brothers and their co-workers in Oceania, North and South America, Europe, Southern and Central Africa and India as well as partners from the Diocesan Catholic Education, religious Orders, Catholic Tertiary Institutions and Associate Schools will gather to share the story through looking back, looking in and looking forward to a future full of hope.

Delegates will be involved in an experience of listening, reflecting and sharing to discern significant signposts within the context of the Charter of Catholic Schools in the Edmund Rice tradition for its future.

It is anticipated that through the *Congress* process all delegates will make a significant contribution in discerning these signposts which will help guide the future direction of EREA.

The four delegates from St Patrick's College will be myself, Mr Adrian Doyle (Board Chair), Mr Geoffrey Brodie (Director of Mission) and Ms Elizabeth Till (Acting Deputy Headmaster: Wellbeing). I will report in more detail in The Crest upon the completion of the EREA Congress.

Gonski Review of School Funding Update

The political arena was busy with commentary on the government's possible response to the Gonski Review of School Funding last week, with all sides weighing into the debate.

One of the frustrations of this time for Catholic education is that the government has yet to make a statement or propose a policy about how the review will be used to inform future funding to Catholic schools. Government modeling has been examined and the Catholic Education Commissions (Victorian and National) have also undertaken financial modeling based on the Gonski Review Report. Most of this modelling is inconclusive, but it does suggest that many Catholic schools could receive less funding and that local communities could need to increase their financial contributions through fundraising and fees – *if the Gonski recommendations were implemented.*

More positively, the Prime Minister announced last week that no independent school would lose funding; we presume that this would also apply to Catholic schools and we are very thankful for this commitment from both the Government and the Opposition. Advocacy for Catholic education continues at the national level, with a very strong team of Catholic educators working on committees and in dialogue with the government around the needs of Catholic schools and seeking fair funding commitments for our system of schools.

Proposed Stop Work Action – September 5, 2012

St Patrick's College has been notified that a small number of teaching and non-teaching staff intend to participate in industrial action as part of the wider AEU and IEUA campaign on Wednesday, September 5. This action has been taken by these staff as they believe that the 2.5% salary increase proposed by the State government for teachers is inadequate, as well as being opposed to the introduction of performance pay.

It is our intention to continue with full classes for all year levels despite this action. Should that not be feasible and the situation changes, the College will be sure to alert the entire College community as soon as is possible.

FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Teaching and Learning

Mr Stephen Hill

This week's College Assembly provided the opportunity to acknowledge the efforts and successes of boys from both Junior School and the Senior School.

The first of this week's recipients of a Headmaster's Excellence Award was Year 8 student, **Hasker Dawborn**. Hasker achieved consistently high marks in English throughout Semester One – 95% for his Oral Presentation, 96% on his Short Answer Response, 90% for his Short Story, 97% for his Persuasive Essay and 96% on his end of semester Exam.

Talking with Hasker highlighted the importance he places on fully understanding what each assessment task requires of him before he sets about actually completing the task. Knowing the task; understanding what has to be done; learning what is required to successfully complete each type of assessment task; making use of the work sample given in class and producing draft responses to the tasks have together contributed to Hasker's success in Semester One.

The important point for all students to consider is that these are aspects that each of them can do. They don't require any special knowledge or skills, they are simply very good work habits which each student should be following. Congratulations, Hasker, on an outstanding semester of work in English.

Our next recipient of a Headmaster's Excellence Award was Year 10 student, **Bradley DeVries**, in recognition of the exceptional work he has been doing in his Systems Engineering class this semester. Bradley's first major assessment task for the semester was the Design Folio which required him to research the engineering principles found in buildings, bridges and other trussed structures, complete design drawings using Pro-Engineer CAD software and the completion of documentation for his production planning.

Bradley's teacher, Mr Sullivan, noted that he utilised the CAD software very well and that he has also submitted several other supplementary drawings showing specific details of his design and all were done to the highest standard of presentation.

In meeting with Brad it was clear he has genuine enthusiasm for all aspects of learning taking place in the Systems Engineering class. At this time of year, when most students are considering subject choices for the next year, we often talk to the boys about doing subjects they enjoy.

Bradley has made the most of this advice. His success reflects how he has taken and used his enthusiasm for the subject to produce work far beyond that of most Year 10 students – his expansive use of research, negotiating his own extended version of assessment tasks and extending aspects of the folio students must produce are all well in advance of the typical Year 10. Congratulations, Brad, on being able to take your genuine interest and enthusiasm and using it to help motivate and drive you and produce excellent results.

Our third recipient of a Headmaster's Excellence Award for this week was Year 11 student, **Jake Muscat**, in recognition of his achievement in reaching the final of the 2012 WorldSkills Australia National Competition which will be taking place in Sydney later this week.

Jake, who is in his second year of VET Automotive, has already had two preparation sessions in Melbourne and has spent many hours training and developing his skills in a range of areas related to automotive repair and maintenance.

As the largest and most prestigious skill and trade show in Australia, Jake knows just how valuable his participation in the WorldSkills Australia National Competition will be on his resume whether looking for an apprenticeship or as part of any possible application for future tertiary studies. Congratulations to Jake on reaching the final and we all wish you well for this week's competition.

Our Year 12 recipients of a Headmaster's Excellence Award for this week were **Adam Lavery** and **Daniel Vearing**, in recognition of their 90% plus average for the SACs they completed in VCE Unit 3 of Health and Human Development.

An important contributor to Adam's academic success is his attitude to Year 12. From Adam's point of view it is simple - once you are in Year 12 you should commit yourself to it fully and understand that you are there to work. This is a great attitude to take towards learning and is one that all students should look to.

Like so many of the boys we acknowledge with these awards, Adam has a process or plan for learning. His success is not some random outcome as he consciously plans to maximise his results. Pre-reading, questioning, creating mind-maps and developing glossaries of key words are just some of the techniques that Adam is using to make sure he is fully prepared for assessment tasks. In his words, "Making sure there are no blind spots."

The other reason that Adam is undertaking these learning activities, is that he understands how difficult it is to prepare for an exam if your preparation is left to the time just before an exam. From Adam's point of view, each of the small steps you take along the way will make things easier come exam time. Congratulations, Adam, on your academic success to-date.

While Daniel is also making use of a number of the same learning strategies as Adam, he is also taking advantage of the scheduled two hour study block that all boarders must attend. Creating and making use of study groups or partners is an efficient and effective way for all students to study. It ensures that you are more likely to discuss and address all aspects of any assessment task because you are working together to prompt or remind each other of what needs to be done or covered. Study groups or partners also provide students with the ideal opportunity to explain or show to other students what they know about a topic or concept. As Daniel pointed out to me, if another student asks him a question and he can answer it, that process of recall and explanation helps consolidate his own knowledge and is therefore valuable preparation for any assessment task.

This advice is timely for Year 12 students given that their interim reports will include information about the exam preparation sessions that VCE Units 3/4 teachers will be running between now and the November exams. These sessions, along with private study time, provide the ideal opportunity to form the type of study groups or partners that Daniel has found so useful.

2013 Year 9 Subject Selection

Current Year 8 boys attended the student information session for 2013 Year 9 early this week. While at this session, the boys received a copy of the *2013 Year 9 Information Booklet* and the *2013 Year 9 Subject Selection Guide*. The information booklet provides Year 8 families with an overview of the Middle School programme and includes descriptions of the core and elective subjects being offered in Year 9 at St Patrick's College in 2013. The selection guide goes through subject selection process step-by-step.

Should Year 9 parents have any concerns regarding their son's options for 2013 please do not hesitate to contact the College and speak to Mr Neal Arthurson (Head of Middle School), relevant Year 8 subject teachers or myself.

Electronic copies of the documents which were given to the boys and the PowerPoint presentation can be accessed via the St Patrick's College website.

I would also like to remind all Year 8 parents and students that the 2013 Year 9 Subject Selection Guide is due on **Friday, September 7**.

FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY HEAD Student and Staff Wellbeing Ms Elizabeth Till

Road Safety in Sturt Street

A reminder to parents and student regarding road safety around the school as a number of members from the general public have made contact expressing concern about the safety of our boys crossing Sturt Street at the front of the College. All boys are to cross this busy road via the Pedestrian Crossing which is located at the eastern end of the property (out the front of Ballarat Clarendon College).

Boys who continue to run the gauntlet by crossing at any other point along Sturt Street run the real risk of being involved in a tragic accident. I have reminded staff of the importance of monitoring and policing this vital safety issue and hope that parents whose boys walk to school or home via Sturt Street will talk to them about the importance of doing so safely via the controlled crossings before and after school.

Pedestrians account for around 15% of deaths and 10% of serious injuries on Victorian roads. Over recent years, on average, about one pedestrian a week is killed in Victoria.

As a pedestrian, pay special attention to safety because you are more vulnerable to injury if hit by a vehicle.

Stop, Look, Listen, Think

To be a safe pedestrian, use your eyes, ears, judgement and common sense.

Follow the safe road crossing procedure – STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK:

- STOP one step back from the kerb or shoulder of the road if there is no footpath.
- LOOK in all directions for approaching traffic.
- LISTEN in all directions for approaching traffic.
- THINK about whether it is safe to cross the road – when the road is clear or all traffic has stopped.
 - When crossing, walk straight across the road. Keep LOOKING and LISTENING for traffic while crossing.

Make sure you can be seen

- When you are crossing a road, never assume a driver has seen you just because you have seen them.
- Avoid crossing roads near the crest of a hill or a bend, because it is harder for drivers to see you.
- Wear light, bright or reflective clothing especially at night.

Cross at safe places

Make sure you cross the road at safe places:

- Whenever possible, cross at a pedestrian crossing, traffic signal or pedestrian refuge.
- Where you have a clear view of approaching traffic, and where drivers can see you.
- If you cannot cross the whole road in one attempt, wait on the pedestrian refuge or median strip, if there is one.

- Even at crossings you still need to remain alert and check whether vehicles are stopping for you.
- Always make sure traffic has actually stopped before stepping onto the road.
- School crossings are legally active only when the flags are displayed. If a crossing supervisor is on duty, cross only when he or she indicates that it is safe.
- At railway level crossings, wait for the bells and lights to stop and the boom barriers to be raised before crossing. Many accidents occur because pedestrians cross immediately after a train, not realising a second train is coming.

Obey the law and avoid fines

On-the-spot fines of \$61 apply to pedestrians who commit the following offences:

- cross against an amber or red traffic light
- cross against a 'don't walk' sign
- cross the road within 20 metres of a pedestrian crossing
- fail to cross to the nearest edge of the road after getting off a tram
- fail to obey a traffic instruction from a police officer
- fail to use the shortest or most direct route across a road
- alight from a moving vehicle
- walk along or fail to give way when crossing a bicycle path
- walk improperly on a road
- cross a level crossing when not permitted
- disobey a 'no pedestrian' sign.

Unit 4 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

A reminder to all Unit 4 students and parents of the Parent/Teacher/Student interviews which will be held next Wednesday, September 5. At this stage of the year significant improvements can be made with a structured and planned study timetable. The upcoming term break is a critical time in terms of preparing for the end of year exams.

Regardless of the amount of revision that has been completed to date, there is still time to improve your grades. However, it will take both time and effort to achieve success!

Each Year 12 boy should be asking their subject teacher for strategies to assist with their revision. In a large number of cases these strategies will include organising your notes, completing as many trial exam questions as possible, consulting the VCAA website to review the study design and resource materials and revising texts, study guides and other appropriate resources.

DIRECTOR OF MISSION

Mr Geoff Brodie

The Year 11 retreat program continues and I was able to attend the one conducted last week. It is a profound experience to watch our students deal so well with the many challenges on retreat. From an outside perspective their actions may be mistaken as only offering the material welfare that is so obviously vital for those in need. But there is the more significant impact at an entirely different level.

At the start of the retreat students are offered a vision of the human person that is most compelling. We are invited to acknowledge the dignity of every human person that is a gift of God – it is an irrevocable core of the fact of being human. No matter how poorly society has treated the people we meet, or how misdirected the choices they may have made in their life, **their dignity remains**. The great heart of social justice is when these people can be assisted to recognise their own dignity. We echo the call of St Leo, “*Christian, recognise your dignity*”.

The act of spending time with someone who is lonely and listening attentively to their stories makes a connection at our most fundamental level. Our students are not invited to be motivated by mere sentiment or a ‘*self-satisfying altruism*’, but rather allowed to explore the depths of what it means to be human. Our faith reassures us that Christ is with us in every step of that great adventure.

The invitation to discover our dignity through meaningful relationships abounds at St Patrick’s College. It is there in the Fathers’ Day Mass, in listening to guests from Africa speaking of their challenges, the invitation to attend Edmund Rice camps as a volunteer and especially in the daily routines of our life together. We are all called to help each other recognise the great gift of our dignity that is founded in and through the infinite love of God. May we dwell in the joy of each other.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Mr Joe Carmody

VCE Unit 4 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

On Wednesday, September 5 from 4.00 pm – 9.00 pm there will be VCE Unit 4 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews. Bookings will be made available using the PTOonline booking system and information regarding instructions on how to use this system has been sent out to parents.

Year 7 Immunisation

All Year 7 boys will receive their second and final immunisation for the year on Wednesday, September 5. If your son is absent, you will be able to arrange with the Council Health Services for the injection at another date.

HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Mrs Elizabeth Ryan

Unit 4 Study/Examination Support Sessions 2012

A must have for all parents of Unit 4 students!

Included in your son’s Interim Report and placed on the College website homepage is a calendar advising all the extra study sessions offered by the College over the forthcoming weeks. This is an invaluable tool to assist parents and boys when planning their revision and examination preparation time.

Also, over the next few weeks teachers in the Senior School will also be publishing subject specific revision programmes to assist boys in their examination preparation and alert them to the key topics which need to be revised. It is important for all students to refer to and utilise these valuable examination preparation tools.

May God’s peace be with you and your families.

St Patrick’s College

Keys Please Programme

Tuesday, September 4 and Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Keys Please is an essential component of the learning to drive process. It is an invaluable tool for all learner and pre-learner drivers. It is a positive and engaging program that highlights the different driving skills and experiences that a learner needs to master in order to become a responsible and safe licensed driver. Keys Please offers information and practical ideas for Year 10 students on how to use the learning to drive period to gain 120 hours of practice and become safe drivers.

It's important for learners to get the right driving experience at the right time. But how do you know what or when that is?

At Keys Please your child will find out about:

Why young drivers are at risk and why driving experience is so important.

The importance of learning to drive in stages – from simple tasks on quiet roads to more difficult drives in all sorts of road, weather and traffic conditions.

The importance of developing a positive partnership between learners and their parents/supervising drivers, including tips for managing stress.

Working with driving instructors.

Risks for new drivers.

What you can do as a parent/supervising driver!

Parents and anyone that help a learner driver gain at least 120 hours of driving practice are recommended to view the online resource 'Lessons from the Road' for tips and videos from parents who've been there.

The videos can be viewed at your own leisure on the VicRoads website. www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL
Mr Neal Arthurson

Developing Memory Skills

Over the last few weeks we have been exploring ways to assist the boys with the taking and revision of class notes. Having mastered this skill the next step is to encourage the development of memory skills. The ability to retain and recall information is vital, and the more one exercises the brain the more one will remember.

Three ways we can work with our boys to further develop and enhance memory include:

(1) Using Mnemonic Sentences

- Mnemonic Sentences is the practice of using the first letter of each **Key Point** (taken from one's notes) to start a word in a sentence.
- Mnemonic Sentences are then learnt by rote learning. *Rote learning* is a learning technique which focuses on memorization. The major practice involved in *rote learning* is learning by repetition.
- Two examples of using mnemonic sentences:
SPELLING EXAMPLE – To learn the spelling of –

Because

Big Elephants Can Always Understand Small Elephants

Orders Of The Colours In The Rainbow

(Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet)

Richard Of York Gave Battle In Vain

(2) Mind Maps / Memory Maps

Mind mapping (or concept mapping) involves writing down a central idea and thinking up new and related ideas which radiate out from the centre. By focussing on key ideas written down in your own words, and then looking for branches out and connections between the ideas, you are mapping knowledge in a manner which will help you understand and remember new information.

Further information can be found on a number of sites including; <http://www.mind-mapping.co.uk/mind-maps-examples.htm>

This site has a number of excellent examples.

(3) Health and Exercise

Another important factor contributing to improved memory skills has to do with Health and Exercise. The following five points play a vital role:

- Eat well
- Drink plenty of water
- Get enough sleep
- Learn to relax / meditate
- Exercise at three times weekly

Year 9 Assessment Planner

Week Due	Subject	Task
8 September 3 – September 7	Religious Education	Prophets and Saints Assignment
	Maths	Geometry Test
	Science	Presentation on Earth Science Concept
9 September 10 – September 14	Multimedia	Stop Motion Animation Video
	Design Metal	Design Folio
	Maths	Geometry Application Task
	IT	Animoto Video
	English	Persuasive Writing Task
10 September 17 – September 21	Public Speaking Humanities	Formal and Impromptu Australian Identity
	Healthy Living Science	Digestive System Story Topic Test

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL
Mr John Richards

Year 8 Camps

Over the past four weeks the students and staff in Year 8 have been participating in the annual camp and retreat programme at Amberley in Melbourne's Northern suburbs. The Amberley centre is located on the banks of the Yarra River in a beautiful bushland setting overlooking the expanses of Westerfolds Park.

Each three day camp was an opportunity for our Year 8 groups to spend some time together in outdoor setting involved in a wide variety of activities and experiences.

Mr Jamie Bobrowski provided the boys with the opportunity to work in small teams completing a number of leadership based activities. The most memorable being a skipping activity in which the boys were required to work as a team to get each boy through the turning skipping rope in ever increasing groups. This activity got boys to work outside of their comfort zone and truly brought out some leaders within each group.

The boys also participated in rock climbing at a facility at Nunawading. The boys were educated in the safe use of climbing equipment and safe climbing techniques. Many of the boys successfully negotiated the 15m wall.

A visit to Westerfolds Park and the Mia Mia Indigenous Art Gallery enabled the boys to learn first-hand the stories and techniques behind aboriginal artists from all over Australia. The curator Colin McKinnon Dodd took the boys on a bush tucker walk through the park, pointing out many of the special features of the flora and fauna of the Yarra River valley. The boys were also given the opportunity to learn how to throw a boomerang correctly and they were also given a lesson in Indigenous and hip hop dancing.

In addition to these many opportunities the boys were given the opportunity to reflect on the path their life is taking and to set some goals for the future. The boys were also given the opportunity to pray and spend some time in quiet reflection each day.

Loreto Maths Puzzle Day

The boys in Year 7 will participate in Maths Puzzle Day at Loreto College on Wednesday September 12 between 9:45 and 3:25. Boys will require a cut lunch for the day and must be dressed in full school uniform. It is anticipated that the day will provide the boys with an opportunity to mix with the girls from Loreto and to apply their Mathematics skills in a practical setting.

Year 7 Immunisation Round 2

The second round of Year 7 immunisations will take place on Wednesday, September 5.

DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Mr Chris Gleeson

First XI Soccer

Mr Tony Beggs and Mr Barry Schuurs

BAS Grand Final Report

On the Morshead synthetic pitch on a windy and cold afternoon, St Patrick's Blue defeated Ballarat College to claim the fifth BAS title in a row - seventh if drawn results are counted.

It was a close enough match with College playing very well and but for some outstanding keeping from Jack Knight, the result could have been dangerously closer.

After the previous encounter resulting in a quite easy 5-1 win on the small St Patrick's pitch, this match proved that definitely the best two Ballarat school sides were competing. College began strongly and their continued pressure saw numerous attacks on our goal – that caused some panic at times in clearances. Nick McKee fortunately played a wonderful game off the back left and together with strong play from Cameron Ferguson and Jarrah Staley, we were able to turn attacks.

Our first score was against the play somewhat as we were being starved of real chances before a long defensive ball went over the half way and was headed towards our scoring end. Brody Duggan was first to react and he gained and controlled the ball racing ahead of the defence until he closed on the advancing keeper and shot it past him at the last moment into the goals. We appeared to be gaining momentum as Sam Wines was given a smart sideways pass on the left side and his strong drive from 35 metres just missed left of the vertical.

A bone crunching collision between Ferguson and their striker left their Shumba reeling but the same down the other end saw Luke Moodley knocked off his feet by their Andy Ma.

Luke received a caution on his sliding tackle down the wing shortly afterwards, before Nick McKee pounced on a throw in and found Duggan in the central attack. He played Jake McDowell in with a well measured ball which Jake gathered just 3 metres off the far line. He powered into the drive from an oblique angle - on target and the resulting deflection went in for our second.

From the kick start, College drove forward with purpose resulting in a retaliatory goal after our backs momentarily lost concentration. Leading up to half time Jake threw a typical long ball that was gathered by Pat Karras inside the 18 yards. He drew the last defender and the advancing keeper before finding space enough to second guess them and fire high into the net.

This gave us what appeared a safe 3-1 lead into the break.

Pat Karras continued to prove difficult to contain for College and he attacked from the right. Michael Cocomazzo made a fast run down the left flank but ran out of support. Jack Knight channelled a dangerous move from Stefan before having to make an enormous save to his left. Paul Barresi, Cameron Ferguson and Jarrah Staley among others were forcing College to waste opportunities with tight marking on the downwind side of the pitch.

We found cover when Harry Martin threw a long ball into the danger area of our attack. Brody Duggan kept the ball in his keeping, standing on the ball before setting off through traffic and finding a gap to pierce their defence and put us 4-1 up. Our defence was now very compact and first Jarrah Staley challenged Stefan when he went deep, Jack made a stand up straight save at the near post and Harry Martin was able to clear decisively. Still College came at us and were able to get one back but with little time left on the clock. There was enough time for Jake McDowell to jump athletically at a raised ball and rattle the bars again (for his second close shot for the game). The whistle found us BAS winners at 4-2 after a very entertaining, skilful and hard at the ball match – rightful winners to extend our run to 5 years.

Final Score: St Patrick's College Blue 4 defeated Ballarat College 2

Goals: Brody Duggan 2, Jakob McDowell, Pat Karras

Best: Brody Duggan, Nick McKee, Jack Knight, Pat Karras, Paul Barresi, Jacob McDowell, Cameron Ferguson

BAS Basketball

Miss Tamara Westwood

2013 Tour of New Zealand

It is very pleasing to announce that the St Patrick's College Basketball programme will be offering a tour to New Zealand during the 2013 Term 1 school holidays. This tour will be open to all Senior boys (Years 10, 11 and 12) and will be held between March 28 and April 6, including a five day basketball tournament in Auckland. Any interested students are asked to collect an expression of interest form from Miss Tamara Westwood and will be invited to an Information Night for further details.

2012 Basketball Presentation Dinner

Save the Date!

The 2012 St Patrick's College Basketball Presentation Dinner will be held on **Monday, October 15** in the Old Collegians Pavilion. Invitations will be distributed to all programme participants in the coming weeks.

Senior Basketball

August 16

SPC v BCC Black Mr Eric Hayes

The first half saw the SPC boys putting good defensive pressure on BCC to create some turnovers but their lack of control in offense lead to a poor conversion rate. In the second half, the team utilised the team's offensive and defensive structure and really dominated the game. After leading 24-16 at the half, the SPC team outscored BCC 40 – 8 in the second half. A great team effort.

Final Score: SPC 64 def BCC Black 18
Leading Scorers for SPC: Liam Edwards 11pts, Daniel Skaer 10pts and Nick McMaster 8pts

SPC Blue v BG Mr Jared Scoines

Due to a number of injuries and absences, the SPC Blue team went into this match severely undermanned, playing out the game with only 4 players. The boys fought hard all match but unfortunately could not match the BG team.

Final Score: SPC Blue 43 lost to BG 84
Leading Scorers for SPC Blue: Mitch O'Keefe 16pts, Kelsey Gannon 13pts and Joe Stalker 8pts

SPC Green v DC Mr Cory Smithett

The SPC Green boys fought gallantly with 5 players for the match, and only 4 for almost the entire second half. Despite the margin getting larger as the game went on, the boys enthusiasm to improve was brilliant.

Final Score: SPC Green 39 lost to DC 69
Leading Scorers for SPC Green: Will Gallagher 8pts, Marshall Lee 4pts and Mitch Ellis 4pts

August 23

SPC v SPC Green

The inexperienced SPC Green team took on a full strength SPC team and unfortunately the score read 108 to 31 at the final buzzer. Thanks to all of the boys who played for the SPC Green team, with permanent team member Dylan Henderson leading the way.

Final Score: SPC 108 def SPC Green 31
Leading Scorers for SPC: Xavier Vearing 20pts, Daniel Skaer 18pts and Jack Saunders 17pts
Leading Scorers for SPC Green: Kyle Kemp 8pts, Ryan Stacey 7pts and Blake Davis 6pts

Intermediate Basketball

August 8

SPC Blue v BG
The most impressive aspect of Wednesday's win against Ballarat Grammar was the development of SPC Blue as a team. The boys continual dedication to defence throughout the game facilitated fast breaks and offensive opportunities. With only five players for the night, the approach and respect taken by the boys was to be admired by all.

Final Score: SPC Blue 75 def BG 10
August 15

SPC Green v BG
An undermanned SPC Green side had a tough ask against a talented team from Grammar this week. The SPC Green side managed to stay in touch with BG through the first half, but unfortunately were overrun in the second. Congratulations to all of the boys for the effort that was shown all game.

Final Score: SPC Green 27 lost to BG 75
Leading Scorers for SPC Green: Mitch Hay 18pts and Chris Saunders 3pts

SPC White v SPC Blue
The Year 9 SPC White team faced a very talented and experienced yr 10 SPC Blue side. SPC White needs to be commended for their excellent sportsmanship and effort. Well done to Chris Milroy with 12 points and Jack Walter with 7 points

Final Score: SPC Blue 68 def SPC White 30
Leading Scorers for SPC Blue: Thomas Thorogood 19pts, Zac Carthew 12pts and Eddie Stalker 12pts
Leading Scorers for SPC White: Chris Milroy 12pts, Jack Walter 7pts and Will Jury 6pts.

August 29

SPC Blue v SPC Green

SPC Blue got out to an early lead in the first five minutes of the game and held on for the remainder of the match. Mitch Ellis was dominant with 25 points for SPC Blue while Matthew Peoples scored 10 points and pulled down plenty of rebounds for SPC Green.

Final Score: SPC Blue 79 defeated SPC Green 42
Leading Scorers for SPC Blue: Mitch Ellis 25pts, Tom Thorogood 17pts and Harrison Robertson 11pts.
Leading Scorers for SPC Green: Zac Carthew 16pts and Matt Peoples 10pts.

SPC White v BHS
An undermanned SPC White team was confronted by the taller BHS team this week. Although BHS broke out to a comfortable lead, SPC White continued to play hard and not give in. All boys should be congratulated on their effort.

Final Score: SPC White 32 lost to BHS 67
Leading Scorers for SPC White: Chris Milroy 22pts and Jack Walter 6pts

Junior Basketball Year 8

August 14

SPC Blue v BCC Mr Mitchell Leviston

Again SPC Blue prevailed easily. After a slow start, the team, ably led by Sam Short, pulled away to a comfortable victory. Sam led all scorers with a total of 31. The diminutive Andrew Milroy defied his height to post 11 points. All other team members assisted in the comfortable victory.

Final Score: SPC Blue 67 def BCC 19
Leading Scorers for SPC Blue: Sam Short 31pts, Andrew Milroy 11pts and Will McCuskey 8pts

**SPC White v BG
Ms Victoria Moore**

A well-played game by both teams with SPC White shooting well on the day. Top scorer, Harry Loader was assisted in bringing a positive outcome, working fabulously with all members. Well done to all and keep up the terrific team work.

Final Score: SPC White 64 def BG 36

Leading scorers for SPC White: Harry Loader 20pts, Jake Prior 13pts and Jonah Healey 10pts.

August 21

**SPC Blue v SPC Green
Mr Mitchell Leviston**

SPC Blue came up against an undermanned SPC Green and prevailed 50 – 21. SPC Green put up a great fight and it took some fine shooting from Sam Short with 28 points and some excellent rebounding by Connor Murphy and Brady Buttler to finally shake off a determined opposition

Final Score: SPC Blue 50 def SPC Green 21

Leading Scorers for SPC Blue: Sam Short 28pts, Brady Buttler 6pts and Connor Murphy 6pts

**SPC White v Damascus College
Ms Victoria Moore**

The SPC White team played well, helping their lead by scoring numerous three pointers. Damascus put up a valiant fight although the last five minutes of the game were not scored under the mercy rule. Well done to SPC White for playing a great game with quality sportsmanship displayed at all times.

Final Score: SPC White 82 def DC 18

Leading scorers for SPC White: Jake Prior 27pts, Dallas Martin 23pts and Jonah Healy 15pts.

August 28

**SPC Blue v BHS
Mr Mitchell Leviston**

BHS put up a great fight against SPC Blue and a high class game ended in a 50-34 win for the SPC team. Once again Sam Short was the difference, ably assisted by Will McCuskey, Tom Williamson and the diminutive Liam Fisher.

Final Score: SPC Blue 50 def BHS 34

Leading Scorers for SPC Blue: Sam Short 24pts, Will McCuskey 7pts and Tom Williamson 6pts.

**SPC Green v BG
Mr Fred Spittle**

The SPC Green side were never really challenged in this game against Ballarat Grammar, but it was through great team work and pressure defence that the lead at half time was 16 points in favour of the SPC side.

Both Sam McMaster and Alex Mooney found their range in the second half, contributing to the 29 point victory. Well done to all of the boys.

Final Score: SPC Green 55 defeated BG 26

Leading Scorers for SPC Green: Sam McMaster 22pts and Alex Mooney 18pts

**SPC White v BCC
Ms Victoria Moore**

SPC White dominated this game from the first bounce of the ball, never allowing BCC into the match. Ollie Nash starred in the first half, scoring an easy 10 points, but through great passing from Harry Loader and Riley Murphy. Jake Prior played well at both ends of the floor, but it was in the second half where he found his range, scoring 11pts, including three 3 pointers. The boys went on to outscore BCC in the second half, 37 – 5, allowing for an easy victory.

Final Score: SPC White 71 defeated BCC 11

Leading Scorers for SPC White: Ollie Nash 14pts, Harry Loader 14pts and Jake Prior 13pts

**Junior Basketball
Year 7**

August 14

**SPC Blue v BG Blue
Mrs Rachael Leighton**

It was a closer game than the scoreboard showed as SPC Blue defeated BG Blue. A great effort was shown, in particular by Fraser Robertson, Ryan Cox and Callum McKay. A great game all round. Well done.

Final Score: SPC Blue 48 def BG Blue 23

Leading Scorers for SPC Blue: Callum McKay 9pts, Ryan Cox 8pts and Aiden Lourey 7pts.

**SPC Green v Damascus College
Mr Jamie Bobrowski**

Another dominate display by the SPC Green side this week against DC. It was pleasing to see all of the team work on display and good ball movement that ensured all of the players were included in the game. Well done to all.

Final Score: SPC Green 76 def DC 16.

Leading Scorers for SPC Green: James Curran 20pts, Lochie Ross 18pts and Harry Lamb 18pts.

**SPC White v BHS
Mr Luke Corden**

SPC White came out firing in the first half, playing aggressive offense and pressure defence. This gave the team a handy 31-14 lead at half time. The second half was played in much the same fashion with SPC White using the boy well and often opting for the extra pass that gave a better shot. Congratulations to all of the boys who played.

Final Score: SPC White 53 def BHS 26.

Leading Scorers for SPC White: Jack Simpson 12pts, Lachlan Bobrowski 10pts and Isaac Neblett 9 pts.

**August 21
SPC White v Damascus College**

Final Score: SPC White 68 def DC 13

Leading Scorers for SPC White: Nick Canny 14pts, Max Edwards 13pts, Jack Simpson 8pts and Isaac Neblett 8pts

SPC Blue v BG Gold
Mrs Rachael Leighton

A fantastic game by SPC Blue defeating Ballarat Grammar. A Sensational game by Sam McKeegan scoring 13 points and excellent defending. Ryan Cox put in another great performance with 14 points. Beau Rasic put in a tough performance at both ends.

Final Score: SPC Blue 64 def BG Gold 23

Leading Scorers for SPC Blue: Ryan Cox 14pts, Sam McKeegan 13pts, Jordan Johnston 11pts and Braeden Ilsley 10pts.

August 28

SPC Blue v SPC Green

It was a tough game between SPC Blue and SPC Green, but greater player numbers resulted in a fairly comfortable win to SPC Blue. Both teams should be commended on the sportsmanship and respect that they showed each other throughout the game.

Final Score: SPC Blue 58 defeated SPC Green 28

Leading Scorers for SPC Blue: Ryan Cox 14pts, Braeden Ilsley 14pts and Fraser Robertson 12pts

Leading Scorers for SPC Green: Lachie Ross 9pts, James Curran 8pts and Doohan Pettit 7pts

Next Week's Basketball Draws

Tuesday, September 4
Year 8 @SPC

4pm SPC Blue v BG
4pm SPC Green v DC
4pm SPC White v BHS

Tuesday, September 4
Year 7 @SPC

4:50pm SPC Blue v BHS
4:50pm SPC Green v SPC White
4:50pm SPC White v SPC Green

Wednesday, September 5
Intermediate
4pm @SPC

SPC Blue v BHS
SPC Green v BCC Red
SPC White v BCC Black

Thursday, September 6

Senior @ SPC

No Senior games this week – Grand Final played on the September 13 at the WIN Minerdomo. More details to follow.

BAS Squash and Racquetball Mr Chris Neilson

Round 3

A Grade
SPC BYE

B Grade
SPC 97 defeated BG 96

C Grade
SPC 70 lost to BCC 92

D Grade
SPC 88 defeated BG 34
SPC(4) 76 defeated SPC(5) 70

Round 4

A Grade
SPC 100 defeated BCC 61

C Grade
SPC 45 lost to BG 93

D Grade
SPC(5) 28 lost to BHS 112

Rugby

Mr Leigh McKee

2012 Rugby Presentation

Approximately 150 people attended the annual St Patrick's Rugby Presentation Evening on Monday August 20. The night was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our players and to give thanks to all those who gave so much to enable rugby to thrive at SPC.

The College was extremely fortunate to secure the services of former Wallabies Captain Stirling Mortlock AM as the guest speaker. Stirling is an Australian Icon as the following biopic shows:

Stirling Mortlock

80 Tests for Australia – 11th Most capped Wallaby of all time.
29 Tests as Australian Captain - 4th Highest capped Australian captain of all time.
489 Test Points – 4th Highest Australian points scorer of all time.
29 Test Tries – 7th Highest Australian try scorer of all time.
145 Super Rugby Caps – 3rd highest of all time.
1036 Super Rugby Points – 2nd highest of all time.

- The fastest Australian to score 50 and 100 points and the first Australian to score 20 points or more in his first 4 tests.
- Scores more points in his first 5 tests than any Australian before him.
- Inaugural Melbourne Rebels captain 2010 – 2011
- Appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia for his services to sport 2012.

After the function Director of Sport, Mr Chris Gleeson, had this to say:

"I have been lucky in various positions I have held now over a long period of time to meet and witness many functions and situations such as Monday night. This includes many star players in their respective fields including most notably football and cricket for example. I am yet to witness anyone near his stature be as receptive, respectful and able to provide such a positive experience as Stirling in the Ambassadorial role he played on Monday night".

I would like to congratulate all our award winners and all of the boys who played with so much passion and dedication in 2012. I would also like to thank our coaches who sacrifice so much time and who apply considerable amounts of skill and effort in developing their players.

Award Winners

U/13

Coach: Mr Matt Simpson

Captain: Ryan Dewar

Best and Fairest: Harrison Bogers

Coaches Award: Brendan Bell

Most improved: Aaron Guevara

Players player: Lachlan Bobrowski

U/14

Coaches: Mr Leigh McKee and Mr Remy Hassanin

Captain: William Sullivan and

Best and Fairest: Billy Sullivan

Coaches Award: Patrick Willis

Most Improved: Logan Simmonds

Players Player: Mitchell Brown

U/16

Coaches: Mr Rod Van Bentum and Mr Alex Montgomery

Captain: Harrison Antoniazzi

Best and Fairest: Paddy Taylor - Potter

Coaches Award: Thomas Plover

Most Improved: Nathan Stevens

Players Player: Joshua Tranter

1st XV

Coaches: Mr Mike Govers and Mr Luke Govers

Captain: Tom Azarnikow

Best and Fairest: Christopher Debono

Weary Dunlop Award: Alex Thompson

Most Improved: Louis Micich

Players Player: Thomas Azarnikow

Victorian representatives

Tasmania U/17

Andrew Vidic (Vice Capt)

Jay Jack

Tasmania U/16

Padraic Taylor Potter

UK, Ireland, Belgium and France U/16

Nathan Stevens

Kobe Travers

BAS Intermediate Hockey

Mr Nathan Geaghan

St Patrick's v Ballarat Grammar

St Patrick's College went into the second game of the season with a relatively inexperienced team. Despite this the boys managed to compete with Ballarat Grammar. Mitch Thomas was very strong going forward, with Darcy Bissett providing many attacking plays. St Patrick's went into the half time break without a goal but kept the ledger square as a result of some strong defence from Isaac Sullivan and great saves from goalkeeper Paddy Taylor-Potter.

The second half was much like the first half in terms of attack, however St Patrick's just lacked the penetration into the attacking circle and could not create any real chances to score a goal.

Unfortunately for St Patrick's Grammar managed to break away with only minutes left on the clock to steal a goal. Despite applying more pressure to equalise the St Patrick's boys could not find the back of the net. SPC will be looking to bounce back against Ballarat High in Week 9.

Final Score: SPC 0 lost to BG 1

SPC Swimming

Mr Brendon Gilbert

Training has commenced and is open to all students. It would be great to see the 2012 BAS Swimmers at these sessions to start to build fitness and improve swimming technique. For non BAS swimmers, if you would like to do some extra training and work on your fitness these swimming sessions will be great for you. Training is at the YMCA, every Monday night from 4.00pm – 5.00pm. A bus will leave SPC at 3.45 pm and return to school at 5.15pm.

SPC Gymnastics

Planning is well underway for students to enter in the upcoming Secondary ISG event for this year. We are fielding boys in every division, a first for St Patrick's.

Secondary ISG Event Information:

Date:	Thursday, September 13
Venue:	BTYC Gymnastics Club, Donvale Sports Centre
Organised by:	Gymnastics Victoria
Open To:	All Victorian Secondary Schools
Warm Up:	Commences at 12.45
Awards:	3.30pm
Session:	6A

SPC has competed in several of these events over the past few years. The Best School finish was second place in 2011 with 6 competitors. Below is a list of the boys entered for 2012. Good luck boys in your final preparations.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Mr Paul Nolan

Class of 1972 Reunion

The Class of 1972 enjoyed a fantastic evening at the Class of 40 Year Reunion held on Saturday evening, August 25 in the Old Collegians Pavilion.

Over 35 Old Boys attended the evening. A guided College tour brought back many memories as did the stories which followed the sumptuous dinner.

Reunions coming up include:

Class of 1992 – Saturday, October 20
Class of 1982 – Saturday, November 11
Class of 2002 – Saturday, October 13

Please contact the Development Office at the College to obtain information regarding the Reunion programme.



Phil Sherry addresses guests at the Class of 1972 Reunion

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2012 FLANAGAN ART EXHIBITION

2012 Flanagan Art Exhibition Gala Launch

Old Collegians Pavilion

Friday, August 31, 7 pm to 10 pm

Tickets for the Gala Launch are sure to sell quickly and can be purchased from the College Shop for \$25. The ticket price includes exhibition viewing, sumptuous finger food and regional wines. Tickets are strictly limited so please get in early to avoid disappointment.

The Exhibition will feature 81 pieces of work for display from over 150 entries, with the quality of work in 2012 being extremely high.

The Gala Launch will also feature the announcement of the winners of the Flanagan Art Prize, University of Ballarat Emerging Artist Prize and the Lifestyle Travel St Patrick's College Affordable Art Prize

Major Sponsors:

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Please get a group of friends together and enjoy a wonderful night of entertainment.

For all ticket enquiries please contact Mrs Caitlin Bennett on 53 311 688 or cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

Sponsors of the Flanagan Art Exhibition

The Exhibition Committee would like to thank the following sponsors of the Flanagan Art Exhibition:

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THE COLLEGE SHOP

Ms Michelle Lloyd

College Shop Hours

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

The College Shop stocks Suit Coat buttons. \$1 per large button, 50 cents per small button.

EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

Canteen

Canteen Roster Monday September 3 to Friday September 7. Please, if unable to attend phone Veronica 5335 6244, Cheryl 5339 3655 or the College Canteen on 5322 4481.

Monday September 3

*Debbie Coutts, *Adrienne Cove, Julie Spittle,
*Joanne Forbes, *Bernadette Martin, *Melanie Humphries
*Anne Murphy.

Tuesday September 4

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

Wednesday September 5

Kathy Walters, Robyn Lavery, *Simone Adamczyk, Daydie Burgess,
Janine Smith, *Melinda Nicholls *Jacinta Waller.

Thursday September 6

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

Friday September 7

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

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

Lost Property

There are numerous items of College uniform in Lost Property including suit coats, jumpers, pants, ties and socks. **All items are unnamed.**

Please contact Student Services at the College.

COMING EVENTS

Monday September 3

St Patrick's College Art Exhibition
BAS Intermediate Hockey (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)

Tuesday September 4

St Patrick's College Art Exhibition
RSSS Competition Percussion Ensemble (2:00 pm-10:00 pm)
Year 11 Justice Retreat
BAS Table Tennis (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)

Wednesday September 5

St Patrick's College Art Exhibition
Year 11 Justice Retreat

Year 7 Immunisation Round 2

BAS vs ACS Winter Carnival

Year 7 Transition Team (3:45 pm-5:00 pm)

VCE Unit 4 Parent/Teacher Interviews (4:00 pm-9:00 pm)

BAS Intermediate Basketball (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)

OCA Regional Dinner - Warrnambool (7:00 pm-10:00 pm)

Thursday September 6

St Patrick's College Art Exhibition

RSSS Competition: Concert Band 1

BAS Squash and Racquetball (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)

Friday September 7

St Patrick's College Art Exhibition

EREA Congress

2013 Year 9 Enrolment subject selection form due

Saturday September 8

St Patrick's College Art Exhibition

EREA Congress

Sunday September 9

St Patrick's College Art Exhibition

EREA Congress

Monday September 10

BAS Intermediate Hockey (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)

VET Music Concert (7:00 pm-8:00 pm)

John James Medal Night (7:30 pm-10:00 pm)

Tuesday September 11

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

Year 11 Justice Retreat

BAS Table Tennis (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)

Year 7/8 Basketball (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)

Wednesday September 12

Year 11 Justice Retreat

Year 7 Loreto Puzzle Mania

Unit 2 Outdoor and Environmental Studies Bushwalk to Mansfield
(Class A)

BAS Intermediate Basketball (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)

Thursday September 13

Unit 2 Outdoor and Environmental Studies Bushwalk to Mansfield
(Class A)

Australian Electoral Commission - Voting Day

BAS Squash and Racquetball (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)

Friday September 14

Unit 2 Outdoor and Environmental Studies Bushwalk to Mansfield
(Class A)

Monday September 17

Year 9 Challenge Week

