

## NEWSLETTER 7/4 Friday November 22, 2013

### FROM THE HEADMASTER Dr Peter Casey

#### Headmaster's Annual Report to Speech Night

Good evening everyone  
Welcome to all in the 121st year of the College.

As we gather I acknowledge that we gather on the lands traditionally cared for by the Wathaurong People. I pay my respects to their elders past and present and to any other elders who join us tonight.

I also acknowledge the Christian Brothers who for 120 years cared for the site on which St Patrick's College stands, who established the legacy upon which we build, and who are represented tonight by Br Vince Duggan, Leader of Oceania Province.

#### Acknowledgment of Guests

The members of the Official Party

Other guests include Sr Margaret Sculley, who has returned as community leader of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Loreto Sisters, and Mr Paul James representing the Dorothy Irene Ellis-Thomas Trust. You are all welcome as we reflect on another year of flourishing at St Patrick's College.

#### Student Programmes and Teaching & Learning

This is the first year that boys will have vied for Chris Nolan Awards since their entry into Year 7 in 2008. Fittingly, eleven Year 12 boys have achieved a Chris Nolan award in each of their eleven semesters and they were recognised at Assembly recently.

#### Student Leadership and Pastoral Care

Peter Oakley, Nicholas McMaster and Luke Wilson have ably led the Year 12 Student Council, the Student Congress and the general student body. They have been evident across the arts and sport as well as in academic pursuits. This year's Council members have been particularly noticeable in their promotion of interactions with the ladies of Loreto at many levels. This has been most positive.

The boys continue to flourish through the care showered on them by our staff, both teaching and non-teaching. Having people genuinely interested in one's wellbeing is a very affirming notion to boys as they grapple with adolescent issues of identity, sexuality, personhood, value systems and hopefully faith.

#### Catholic Identity

To assist in this latter area which is core to our being, our identity as a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition, our Mission Team led by Mr Geoff Brodie has worked assiduously to find new ways of engaging staff in the work of engaging the boys in what must be the work of all. Our liturgies flourish as opportunities for all to enter into our sacred mysteries, into our celebration of all that is good, and into our remembrance of friends in good times and sad.

#### Cultural Pursuits

A highlight of the year was the production of Sweeney Todd under the aegis of Mr Greg Shawcross, something the boys could sink their teeth into!

#### Sporting Activities

Highlights for me include the tour of Ireland, London and Paris, the hosting of the state schoolboys rugby grand finals and the fourth consecutive win in the *Herald-Sun* Shield by the 1st XVIII, as well as the growing number of house-based competitions at lunchtime and after school, complementing our BAS representations.

#### Boarding

Boarding continues at the heart of the College. We farewell our Director of Boarding, Mr Alex Hunt, because of family circumstances, Alex has brought a good level of rigour to our Boarding processes and the certification of staff.



Speech Night 2013

## Student Population

The new year saw us start with 1375 students, up by 50 students from last year. We anticipate an enrolment in 2014 of 1400.

## Finances

The College Board and the Finance Committee continue to zealously ensure that our resources are well husbanded, keeping the costs to parents at a sustainable level while providing adequately for the programmes we choose to offer and the growth of our facilities to cater for those who wish to join us.

## Support

The College is grateful for the way in which it continues to be well served by its support groups: the Board, the Old Collegians Association, the Foundation, the Friends of St Patrick's, the Friends of Music and the SPC Rowing Club.

During the year, Edmund Rice Education Australia was officially recognised by the Church as the entity responsible for our school as well as the other educational ventures of the Christian Brothers in Australia. I am a member of the old guard of principals who are still struggling to modify the bureaucratic model adopted by EREA. We seek to limit the impost on schools locally, both financially and in the duplication of reporting.

Overall EREA appears to be serving the needs of the Congregation of Christian Brothers to be reassured with regard to legal compliance and to charism continuity but other religious orders have much leaner mechanisms to achieve this.

While we have continued to enjoy the support of the Church locally and across the diocese, we have been mindful of the pain being examined and being suffered because of the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and Other Institutions, and the concurrent Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Many members of our Ballarat community still bear the scars, the shame and some, the guilt of what has been.

## Special Events

This year was marked by our 120<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations and a farewell to the Christian Brothers on St Patrick's Day. The closure of the local brothers' community was an opportunity to mark the great work of so many people over 120 years, something which should not be lost because of the failings of a few.

We have lived with pain and suffering throughout the year with several of our boys lucky to escape death, and staff not so lucky. We remember Mr Phil Sherry who died recently after a long battle with cancer, and pray for Ms Cathy Warhurst who is currently in intensive care suffering from cancer and who has a poor prognosis. We remember the families who have suffered similar losses and pray for the eyes of faith to filter our sadness.

As I conclude I offer my thanks, and those of the broad College community, to all who have added to our flourishing in 2013. With a touch of sadness we farewell our Year 12s and several staff, but we view them as our missionaries, taking our story to the world. In particular, I thank our Deputy Head: Student and Staff Wellbeing, Mr Chris Caldow, who leaves us to take up the principalship of Penola College in Melbourne. Chris has been universally admired for his contribution to our cause, for his capacities to work fairly with all and to value all. We wish him well.

I think that my recent research has finally unearthed the meaning of life in the words, Ecka Dora! I have determined that they mean 'Much joy'.

Thank you and Ecka Dora.

## FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

### Student and Staff Wellbeing

Mr Chris Caldow

### A week of celebrations!

This week the College community has enjoyed some significant celebrations and it has been a pleasure to be witness to and involved in these. Last Wednesday night's Speech Night was a great success and the College was able to showcase a selection of our talented boys and acknowledge the successes of boys across the year levels in the areas of academics, culture, sport and community service.

Amongst the highlights were Peter Oakley's delivery of his winning Purton Oratory Speech and the speech delivered by Stephen Kirby (College Captain from 2009) about the way St Patrick's has influenced his career and outlook on life. Equally, all of the musical items were first class and I wish to offer my congratulations to the College Vocal Ensemble, Concert Band, Concert Band 2, Thomas Thorpe, Luke Wilson and the Stage Band.

Again, I wish to congratulate all boys who were presented with prizes and awards at Speech Night this week as well as all of those involved in presenting items of entertainment on the night. Well done to all!

Thanks to all staff for their efforts on Wednesday night in whatever role they performed. Thanks to the staff involved with supervision, backstage organisation or on-stage presentation. Events such as Speech Night cannot run without collective effort from all staff. This Friday night the College staff will gather with the young men of Year 12 and their parents at their Valedictory Dinner. This is one of the great nights of the year and hopefully this year will be no exception. It is very rewarding to see the pride and the joy amongst the boys and the excitement about having finished this part of their educational journey. Congratulations to all members of the class of 2013, their parents, teachers and all other staff who helped to get them to this point.

All in all, there has been a lot of celebrating lately! It is good for us to do this as a community and gives us all great heart that as a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition, we are making great progress with our boys as they make their way towards being young men.

### Exams

Currently all boys are either completing their end of year exams or preparing for them. These exams are another important method of assessment and it is important that the boys approach them seriously and work hard to achieve the best set of results via these in each subject.

I would like to stress to all boys the importance of talking with their individual teachers about the content and structure of the exams – they should not leave anything to chance! I encouraged the boys to find out as much about the exam from their teachers and begin their preparation based on this information.

Successful revision or study requires many different ingredients – one of the key elements that I wish to touch on briefly this week is the importance of sleep! Regardless of normal routines it is absolutely vital that our young men get regular sleep.

### *Do you know how much sleep the average teenager requires according to the very latest research?*

The actual research shows they require a minimum of 9.25 hours and that one of the biggest problems is that we have teenagers being the most sleep deprived segment of the population. We need to take the whole issue of sleep as one of the most important issues, when it comes to setting boundaries we need to fight over things that matter and that's generally stuff that relates to their wellbeing.

## FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

### Teaching and Learning

Mr Stephen Hill

#### Introduction of LearningField in 2014 for Years 7, 8 and 9 students

The College's vision for eLearning is to provide technology-enriched learning opportunities that enable students to achieve high quality learning outcomes, preparing them for further education, training and to live and work in a digital world. 2014 will see the next phase of the College's eLearning plan implemented through the introduction of iPads for all Years 7-9 boys.

As previously advised, all 2014 Years 7, 8 and 9 boys will be issued a College iPad. With the release of the new iPad Air now confirmed, the timeline and process for the distribution of the iPad is being finalised and will be communicated to parents in the coming weeks.

As part of the introduction of the iPad, the College has spent an extended period of time reviewing and assessing the merits of the various approaches available to schools to access and deliver digital text resources. With that review now completed, the College can announce that LearningField has been chosen as the provider of most student digital resources.

LearningField is an initiative of the Copyright Agency that brings together quality educational content, easy access and collaboration tools to enhance the digital classroom. With LearningField, teachers have an unlimited choice of individual chapters or whole texts from a range of publishers. Once selected, these resources are delivered automatically to students' devices, whether they have iPads, Android tablets, Macs or PCs. Further details regarding LearningField were mailed to parents this week. Parents could also refer to the LearningField website - <http://about.learningfield.com.au/>.

LearningField is available to students by annual subscription. The price of an annual subscription to texts for all subjects is **\$250** and gives students access to text book content for a full school year. Payment will be due by **January 28, 2014** to ensure access to the content from the beginning of Term One, 2014. Subscription payments will be made at [www.learningfield.com.au](http://www.learningfield.com.au) with secure online payment options including credit card, electronic funds transfer or direct debit. Further details regarding the payment process and options will be mailed to parents in the coming weeks.

Years 7-9 students will still receive a 2014 booklist. This booklist will include items not supplied as part of the LearningField subscription such as English novels, student workbooks for specific subjects and stationery items.

Please contact me either by email ([shill@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:shill@stpats.vic.edu.au)) or phone (5331 1688) for further information.

#### iPad introduction – Frequently Asked Questions

A number of parents have contacted the College regarding the introduction iPads into Years 7, 8 and 9 in 2014. Following are responses to the most frequently asked questions to-date:

##### *Which students will be receiving a device?*

A College iPad will be issued to each Years 7, 8 and 9 boy in 2014.

##### *What will it cost?*

The cost of the device will be absorbed into the tuition fee. Parents will not be asked to pay additional fees or levies for the iPad.

In the context of completing exams successfully, it is absolutely important that our boys are fresh and alert when they sit for them. Regular sleep without the distractions of mobile phones, i-pods or MP3 players, TVs or computers is essential for academic success and for the well-being of our boys!

#### Peter Oakley's Valedictory Speech

Dr Peter Casey, members of the College board, members for our local community of Ballarat, College staff, parents, friends, students and of course, the Year 12s of 2013; such an odd feeling tonight to be finally commemorating our time at the College, which has gone so fast.

Stranger still is that since the first speech night I attended as an enthusiastic Year 7 student who strode hard enough to earn some achievements worthy of recognition at this prestigious night, I had wanted to celebrate my schooling years upon this very stage. However to stand in front of you all tonight was beyond my imagination. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you and the extended College community wholeheartedly for the way the St Patrick's College community has formed the man I have become.

This night marks the end of an era for the Year 12s, the schooling years of our lives have come to a close. Though it's hitting us all at different times and in different ways, let me assure you that, as a cohort, we acknowledge our teachers, who time and time again go above and beyond the call of duty for our sakes. We acknowledge the whole staff body of St Patrick's, without whose support our schooling year would not have run so smoothly. I would also take this opportunity to thank the wider St Patrick's College community who put in to make the culture of St Patrick's accepting for all, as it has been throughout my time at the College.

Hopefully the legacy of standing up for Justice, an acute awareness of social issues and aiming to excel has been left behind by the graduates of 2013. After having the opportunity to meet with many of the Year 11s, as well as students from younger year levels, I am more than confident with their ambition for success in all they do and have full confidence in their ability to carry out extraordinary feats. The student body of the College is in fine hands.

As for the graduates: Some will go to uni, some will take up trades, some may enter the workforce. Though the future is within our grasp, remember to look back and reflect on what made us what we are, and how this College has shaped our future. Take a moment to think how lucky we are to have gone to St Patrick's College, to meet our friends and to share in the holistic experiences the College has provided us. We will always be grateful, we will always be thankful. We will always be Patties boys.

#### East Timor Immersion Tour

Any students currently in Year 9 - 11 are invited to an information meeting with regard to an immersion tour of 10 days, travelling to East Timor July 2-13, 2014. East Timor is the youngest and poorest nation in South East Asia. The tour will include visits to church orphanages, schools and health clinics.

Please contact Mrs Kristine Smardon regarding any further information of the tour at [kwardon@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:kwardon@stpats.vic.edu.au)

### **How long will my son have the iPad for?**

It is envisaged that a Year 7 boy will retain the iPad for the next three years, a Year 8 for two years and a Year 9 will have an iPad for 2014 as a minimum. Senior School students will continue to use the College's on-site computers.

### **What will access to digital resources for the iPad cost?**

We are asking parents to pay the annual \$250 LearningField subscription for all the digital resources that will be accessed through the iPad. This will ensure that each boy has electronic access to almost all required text resources. The exclusions will be the English novels and a Science workbook. The boys will not require home internet to access these digital resources.

### **Will we need to change or upgrade our home internet?**

We do not anticipate that parents will need to change or upgrade their home internet significantly for the purpose of downloading digital resources. The College is expanding its wireless access and download capacity to deal with the increased demand associated with the introduction of the iPads.

There will be some increase in your home downloads associated with the initial start-up of the device. The iPad does require a wireless connection to access the internet. We will be recommending that the boys regularly back-up their iPad on a computer at home. This will not require internet access.

Families without home internet access will be assisted by the College and boys will be able to complete this process using the College's wireless network. While a small number of the apps will require internet access for full functionality, we are very aware of trying to minimise these costs for families.

## **DIRECTOR OF MISSION**

**Mr Geoff Brodie**

This week offers several high points for our College Community. The various events seek to celebrate our best efforts at being a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice Tradition. To that end, I offer the reflections of Monsignor Jim Cassin, addressing Ireland's Catholic Principals Association, on what it means to be a Catholic school.

1. The belief that the **human person is made in the image of God** and is therefore worthy of respect and dignity. Accordingly, Jesus Christ, God made man, is the exemplar *par excellence* for the Christian person.

At all times in Catholic schools, all members of the school community aspire to treat each other in a way that reflects the origin of the human person. All relationships reflect this fundamental belief.

2. The belief that **we meet God in the 'bits and pieces' of everyday life**. Our daily interaction is the stuff of our relationship with God. We are approached by God in ordinary life. The sacraments highlight this when the ordinary events of life become a privileged moment for our encounter with God. Also on our part, moments of reflection and prayer are part of 'the everyday' when we become conscious of God's care and love for us and our dependence on him. So liturgy and prayer will be part of the life of the Catholic school.

3. The belief that **we are saved as a community**. We are part of each other and it is together that we become the people of God in the world, the body of Jesus Christ, and the temple of the Holy Spirit, people of 'a kingdom of justice love and peace.' The main commandment of Jesus is to 'love God and to love our neighbour as ourselves.' A key element of the Catholic school will be to learn how to live in respect for one another and with a special care for those who have less or are suffering.

So part of daily life in the school will be learning how to form a community of care with an eye to those in the world who are in need and or are suffering in any way.

4. The fact that **we belong to a tradition**. Schools form part of the tradition of the Church going back to the saying of Christ: 'Go teach all nations.' There is a long tradition of faith-based education in the Catholic Church. The Church has made an enormous contribution to the formation of young people and to society over the years from within the Catholic Christian tradition, from pre-schools through primary, post-primary and third level institutions. In our time it is our duty to be faithful to that tradition and to interpret it anew for the people of this time and for the common good of society.

5. The fact that **we value knowledge**. Knowledge is important to us, to learn about ourselves, each other and the world in which we live. Accordingly, the Catholic school will strive to provide an education of excellence where the acquisition and development of knowledge in all its depth and breadth will be central to the work of the school.

Next week we shall reflect on the practical implications of these foundational principles.

## **DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION**

**Ms Elizabeth Till**

### **Year 10 Semester Two Examinations**

Year 10 examinations commence on Friday November 29 and continue until Friday December 6. At the conclusion of this edition of The Crest is the scheduled timetable. Any student who has a clash is asked to speak directly with the Year 10 Coordinators, Mr Howard Clark or Mrs Melissa Griffin.

Parents are reminded that examinations will only take place as per the scheduled timetable. A small number of parents seek to have their son's exams rescheduled to allow for family travel etc. prior to the schedule date and time. All parents are reminded that the only alternative to the scheduled exam date and time is for their son to sit the exam after the exam period.

No exam will take place before the scheduled date and time. This ensures the integrity of each exam and that all students complete the exam under the same conditions.

### **Speech Night**

Congratulations to all of the prize winners who received academic, cultural, community service and sporting awards at this Speech Night. It was a wonderful night of celebration to acknowledge the success of boys across all year levels. Award recipients can be found at the conclusion of this edition of The Crest.

There were many highlights from Stephen Kirby (2009) school captain delivering a speech on how St Patrick's has influenced his career and perspective of life to the variety of musical items from Concert Band 1 and to talented individual performances by Luke Wilson singing 'Epiphany' from Sweeney Todd to Thomas Thorpe playing the flute.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT**  
Mr Paul Nolan

### SPC TEAM OF 120 YEARS FOOTBALL DINNER



St Patrick's College will host an historic fundraising football dinner in early 2014 at which the College's greatest team of 120 years will be revealed.

A selection panel of experts spanning several decades has been meeting in recent months to decide on the team and an initial squad of 40 players will be named in the coming weeks, before the final 22 is announced at the gala dinner.

The black-tie event will be held in the OCA Pavilion on Friday, February 7, 2014 at 7pm.

Tickets are now on sale for this once-in-a-lifetime event at \$100 each. A maximum of 250 tickets are available for the event so be sure to book early to guarantee your seat.

In a year in which SPC is striving to become the first school to win five consecutive *Herald-Sun* Shields, this gala dinner promises to be one of the most spectacular and important football celebrations in the College's history.

We anticipate that a host of SPC footballing legends will be in attendance. The keynote speaker on the night will be triple premiership player and former Richmond coach Barry Richardson.

To book your ticket contact the College's Development Office now. Ring either Caitlin Bennett (5322 4449) or Paul Nolan (5322 4450) or email them ([cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au) or [pnolan@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:pnolan@stpats.vic.edu.au)) to reserve your seat.

**HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL**  
Mrs Elizabeth Ryan

### Senior School Awards Ceremony

All parents and students are reminded that the Senior School Awards Ceremony will take place on Tuesday November 26, 2013 in the O'Malley Gymnasium. Students will gather in the gymnasium from 11:00am. Proceedings will commence promptly at 11:15am.

Comedian **Gerard McCulloch** is the first item on agenda. Gerard McCulloch is one of Melbourne's most in-demand TV writers, working for *Rove*, *This Week Live*, *Dirty Laundry Live*, *Before The Game*, *Full Frontal*, *The 7PM Project* and more. On stage, he's earned a Best Newcomer and a Barry Award nomination at Melbourne's Comedy Festival, a Fringe Festival Best Comedy award, and had a sell-out show at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Gerard himself was educated in an all-boys school and I am sure his observations will prove to be enlightening! All parents, grandparents, cousins and siblings are very welcome.

### 2014 English Booklist

All year 10 and 11 students have been given a copy of the **2014 English Booklist** (Copy available online). The early release of this document facilitates the distribution of the novels prior to the end of the school year thus enabling all students the opportunity to read them during the summer break. Any family who missed the return date is advised that they can return the booklist directly to Ballarat books and every effort will be made to ensure their son receives their novels in the desired timeframe.

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

**HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
Mr Neal Arthurson

With exams beginning in two weeks' time, all students should be busy summarising and revising their semester notes. Apart from regular distractions such as mobile phones, texting, television and Facebook, another common distraction involves that of negative self-talk. Listed are a few ways to identify and deal with self-defeating self-talk.

### Self-talk that Interferes with Studying

When confronted with the decision to study or not to study, you may engage in a little talk with yourself. In the list below you will find some of the statements people make to convince themselves not to study.

These statements lead to the conclusion "I will not study now." However, the statements are not always true, rational or realistic ways to describe your situation. By learning to identify self-defeating self-talk you may be able to talk to yourself in more helpful ways, thus leading to more self-motivation, less procrastination, and better study attitudes.

Some of the more common negative self-talk is listed below. When you hear yourself talking or thinking these thoughts, recognize that you are giving yourself permission not to study. Although you may enjoy not studying at the moment, the long-range outcome is often one that you do not enjoy (for example, poor grades, cramming, or feeling guilty).

Check this list every day to see how many negative self statements you are using. Try to eliminate as many as you can.

- I.  I don't feel like studying...
- I'm hungry...
- I'm sleepy...

- \_\_ I'm bored...
  - \_\_ I'm not in the mood to study...
- II.  This material is too difficult.  
 This is too hard...  
 I don't have the background for this...  
 It's hopeless...
- III.  I'll never need to know this...  
 This is stupid stuff to spend time on...
- IV.  I don't need to study now...  
 I studied this yesterday (in the past)...  
 I can do it later...  
 I have plenty of time to do this...  
 If I study this now, I'll forget it by test time...
- V.  This is too much material to cover...  
 I won't have time to finish anyway...  
 The teacher just expects too much...
- VI.  It doesn't make any difference whether I study or not...  
 It's really no use to study...  
 Studying doesn't help in this course...
- VII.  I don't like the teacher  
 The teacher doesn't care...
- VIII.  I can't concentrate...  
 My mind wanders too much...
- IX.  I can't study here, (or any other place)...
- X.  I can't study now; I'll miss...  
 I'll miss things I want to do if I study now...  
 I can't study *and* do things I want to...  
 I have other things I need to do now...  
 Things are happening that I'll miss if I study now...  
 Nobody else is studying...

Date	Subject	Time
<b>Thursday November 28</b>	English	9.00am (Session 2 & 3)
	Art 2D 9B	1.55pm (Session 8 & 9)
	Art 3D 9A	
	Information and Communication Technology 9B	
	Criminology 9B	
	Japanese 9B	
	Multi-Media 9C	
	Theatre Studies 9A	
	Design Technology Metal 9B	
	Systems Engineering 9C	
	Design Technology Wood 9C	
	Wilderness 9C	

Date	Subject	Time
<b>Wednesday, November 27</b>	Criminology 9A Forensic Science 9B Healthy Living 9B Japanese 9A Multi-Media 9B Science of Human Conflict 9B Design Technology Metal 9A Systems Engineering 9B Design Technology Wood 9A Visual Communication 9B Wilderness 9B	1.55pm (Session 8 & 9)

Date	Subject	Time
<b>Friday November 29</b>	Religious Education	9.00am (Session 2 & 3)
	Art 2D 9A	1.55pm (Session 4 & 5)
Information and Communication Technology 9A		
Forensic Science 9A		
Healthy Living 9A		
Multi-Media 9B		
Music 9A		
Science of Human Conflict 9A		
Socrates Write Now		
Systems Engineering 9A		
Design Technology Wood 9A		
Visual Communication 9A		
Wilderness 9A		

Date	Subject	Time
<b>Monday December 2</b>	<b>Science</b>	9.00am (Session 2 & 3)
	<b>Maths</b>	10.55am (Session 4 & 5)

Date	Subject	Time
<b>Tuesday December 3</b>	<b>Humanities</b>	9.00 am (Session 2 & 3)
	<b>Advanced Maths (other classes as normal)</b>	10.55am (Session 4 & 5)

## Exams

Junior School exams are only a week away commencing with the English Exam on Monday December 2.

- As indicated above exams take place in the final week of term.
- It is an expectation that students sit exams
- No special arrangements will be entered into for those absent during exam week.
- Exams will be conducted during sessions 4 and 5 on the scheduled days (10:55- 12:25)

Over the next couple of weeks Year 7 classes will receive some assistance in organising their exam revision program through the Year 7 Transition program.

Year 8 boys will need to arrange your revision and study in Mathematics, English, Science and Humanities as soon as possible. Your son should refer any questions regarding exams to his subject teachers as they will be assisting classes with exam preparation.

Nightly revision will be very useful in assisting your son in his exam preparation. A nightly study routine, if not already established, should be a priority as well as establishing a quiet study space away from distractions, will greatly assist with exam preparation.

## Dates

November 25	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year 8 Essential Services Day
November 28	Junior School Presentation Night- Yr 7 boys require musical instrument
December 2	7 & 8 English Exam
December 3	Year 7 Student Free Day-2014 Year 7 Orientation Day
December 4	Year 7 & 8 Maths Exam
December 5	Year 7 & 8 Science Exam
December 6	Year 7 & 8 Humanities Exam Final Day classes conclude 3:30pm

## DIRECTOR OF SPORT

**Mr Chris Gleeson**

### Sports stars shine

In the space of one frenetic fortnight, the depth and breadth of sporting talent at St Patrick's College came to the fore four times. Four of our emerging sporting talents earned honours on the state and national stage in the space of the past two weeks.

Year 12 student Matthew Short started the amazing quadrella when he signed a contract with the Melbourne Renegades to play T20 cricket in the 2013-14 Big Bash League. Fresh from enjoying some games with the Australian Under 19 team in 2013, Matthew will now have the opportunity to play cricket this summer alongside and against some of the game's all-time greatest players.

Matthew has already said he can't wait to play alongside Sri Lankan legend Muttiah Muralidaran as well as current Australian representatives Aaron Finch and Alex Doolan.

Another SPC cricketer received an arguably higher honour when Year 10 student Blake Thomson was this week announced as captain of the Australian Schoolboys team which played in a tri-series against the West Indies and India in Bowral and Wollongong.

## HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

**Mr John Richards**

### Junior School Presentation Evening

This year's Junior School Presentation Evening will take place in the O'Malley Sports Centre at 7:30pm next Thursday, November 28. On this evening, all Year 7 boys are required as they will perform on their musical instrument as part of a Year 7 band. In addition to this academic, sporting and cultural awards will be distributed to Year 7 & 8 prize winners.

**Boys will require their musical instrument at school on Thursday November 28 as a rehearsal will be held during sessions 7 and 8 on that day.**

Please keep this date open on your calendar.

### Year 7 Musical Instruments

As mentioned in the previous item, students will require their musical instruments at school next Thursday for rehearsal for the Presentation Evening. On the next day students not continuing in music in 2014 will be required to return musical instruments, text book and CD. It would be worthwhile to ensure that the instrument, text book and CD are in good order and ready to be returned by next Friday.

### Year 7 Study Day, December 3

Due to the fact that the Year 7 Orientation Day will be taking place on Tuesday December 3, current Year 7 students will not be required at school on that day. The day should be used as a study day for the exams taking place in the remainder of the week. Year 8 classes will continue as usual on that day.

### Year 8 Essential Services Day 2

The Boys in 8F -8J will have their Essential Services Day, next Monday, November 25. This day is a catch up day as the original session was cancelled due to bad weather. The day will be conducted by the CFA, Victoria Police, the SES and St John's Ambulance is a very worthwhile opportunity for the boys to experience the many different roles played by these organisations in our community. The boys will also participate in a number of activities dealing with topics such as drug and alcohol awareness, first aid, fire safety and decision making.

It was a fantastic achievement for Blake who led the team to victory in the tournament, with a narrow win over the West Indies in the final which was played at the University of Wollongong on Wednesday. The College community was again celebrating on Thursday night when Year 12 student Matthew Crouch was selected by the Adelaide Crows in the AFL National Draft.

When the Crows swooped with pick number 23 in the draft and called out Matthew's name, it provided a moment of much joy for the Crouch family as Matthew will be reunited with older brother Brad who has already established himself as a star in the Adelaide midfield. Then, just minutes later came the final leg of the quadrella when Year 12 student Jack Saunders was selected in the Victorian Under 20 Basketball team.

The prestigious honour capped off a remarkable year for Jack who steered the SPC Senior Basketball team through one of its best seasons on record and also won the St Patrick's College Howard Award for Excellence which recognises all-round excellence, character, leadership, participation, academic pursuits and culture or sports.

Well done to all four boys!

## EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

### Canteen

Canteen Roster, Monday November 25 to Friday November 29. Please, if unable to attend phone Veronica 5335 6244, Cheryl 5339 3655 or the College Canteen on 5322 4481.

### Monday November 25

Elaine Collier (9:00am – 2:00pm), Jane Clark (9:00am – 11:00am), Michael Porter (8.30am – 11.30am), Kim Dummett, Carolyn O'Keefe (11:30am – 2:30pm), Brooke Colley, Debbie Beaton, Carmen Spence (11:30am – 2:30pm).

### Tuesday November 26

Kerry Fiegert (9:45am – 11am), Helen Turley (9:45am – 11:00am), Maria Madden (9:3am – 2:30pm), Megan Clark (11:30am – 2:30pm), Loretta Toohey (10am – 2:00pm).

### Wednesday November 27

Robyn Lavery (9:00 – 2:30) Molly Martin, Simone Adamczyk (10am – 2:30pm), Dee Smith (8:30am – 11:30am), Monica Wethling, Kathy Macklin (11:30am – 2:30pm), Sue Walsh (12.15pm – 2.30pm).

### Thursday November 28

Kerryn Guest (9am 2pm), Christine Jennings (8:30am – 11:30am), Louise Martin (10am – 2pm), Diane Cadman, Lyn Burns, Maria Burgess (11am – 2:30pm), Sallyanne Gaylor (8:30am – 11:30am), Loretta Fisher (11:30am – 2:30pm).

### Friday November 29

Barb Peeters, Heather Savage (11:30am – 2:30pm, Karen McPherson, Leanne Keem (9am – 11:30am), Jennifer Walsh, Toni Gillett (11:30am – 2:30pm), Sue Jones (8:30am – 11:30am), Jodie Gilbert (8:30am – 11:30am), Janine Lamb (8:30am – 11:30am) Bernadette Martin (8:30am – 11:30am), Colleen Schreenan (1pm - 2.30pm).

## THE COLLEGE SHOP

Ms Michelle Lloyd

### New Hours

The College Shop will now be open from 8.15am until 3.45 pm Monday to Friday. All other times by appointment. Please contact the College Shop on 03 5322 4313.

The College Shop will close on Thursday December 12, 2013 and will re-open on Monday January 20, 2014.

**Purchases in The College Shop, CANNOT be placed onto School Tuition Accounts, so please contact the Shop staff directly for payments.**

## EVENTS OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE

### St Patrick's Parish, Ballarat 150 Years of Faith

The final celebration for the 150th anniversary and the Year of Faith will be on Sunday November 24th the feast of Christ the King, 10.30 am Mass Followed by a catered lunch in the Cathedral Hall.

### All are welcome.

### Caritas Australia Typhoon Haiyan Appeal

Caritas Australia has launched the *Typhoon Haiyan Appeal* so that Caritas and its partners can continue to provide the emergency relief these people so desperately need. Our relief effort in the country is underway with local partners responding to the communities immediate needs: food, water and shelter. But more donations are needed so that our emergency response can continue assisting people affected by this disaster.

Caritas has strong partnerships in the Philippines which forms a solid foundation for the current emergency response. We thank schools for their on-going support to Caritas Australia as we respond as a Church to this humanitarian crisis.

Please encourage your schools to visit the Caritas Australia website for education and prayer resources to help raise awareness about the situation and our emergency appeal to assist those affected. To donate to Caritas Australia's *Typhoon Haiyan Appeal* call 1800 024 413 or via [www.caritas.org.au/typhoon-haiyan](http://www.caritas.org.au/typhoon-haiyan)

## COMING EVENTS

### **Monday November 25**

2014 Year 12 Headstart Week

### **Tuesday November 26**

2014 Year 12 Headstart Week

Year 11 Final Day

Senior School Awards Ceremony

Concert Band 3 rehearsal (3:45 pm-5:00 pm)

### **Wednesday November 27**

Year 8 International Studies Tourism Expo

Year 10 University Experience

### **Thursday November 28**

Year 10 University Experience

Year 9 Exams

Junior School Presentation Night (7:30 pm-9:00 pm)

### **Friday November 29**

Year 9 Exams

Year 10 Exams commence

### **Saturday November 30**

BAS Rowing Regatta

### **Monday December 2**

SPC Crusaders Cricket Carnival

New Boarding Students Orientation Night (4.00pm)

Year 9 & 10 Exams

Year 7 and 8 English Exam

### **Tuesday December 3**

SPC Crusaders Cricket Carnival

Year 9 & 10 Exams

2014 Year 7 Orientation Day

2014 Year 8-12 new student Orientation Day

Year 7 Student Free Day

Year 9 Cricket Challenge v SVC Hobart (Home) (3:00 pm-6:00pm)

### **Wednesday December 4**

SPC Crusaders Cricket Carnival

Year 7, 8 & 10 Exams

Year 9 Pastoral Care Programme P.D.

### **Thursday December 5**

Year 7, 8 & 10 Exams

Year 9 Pastoral Care Programme P.D.

### **Friday December 6**

Year 7, 8 & 10 Exams

Year 9 Graduation

Year 7 - 10 Final Day (3.25pm Finish)

Senior Rowing Camp

### **Saturday December 7**

Senior Rowing Camp

### **Sunday December 8**

Senior Rowing Camp

### **Monday December 9**

Year 7- 10 Call Back Day

Year 8 and 9 Cricket Challenge v SKC Away

### **Friday December 13**

Junior Rowing Camp

Last Day for Teaching

### **Saturday December 14**

Junior Rowing Camp

### **Sunday December 15**

Junior Rowing Camp

### **Monday December 16**

Christmas Rowing Regatta

### **Wednesday December 18**

Office closes



**Exam Timetable - Year 10 November 2013**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Room</b>					
Friday November 29	Religious Education A B C D E F G H I	9.00 am	WIL001 WIL002 WIL003 WIL004 WIL005 WIL006 WIL008 WIL009 WIL010					
	English A B C D E F G H I Vocational English		10.55 am	WIL001 WIL002 WIL003 WIL004 WIL005 WIL006 WIL008 WIL009 WIL010 WIL011				
	English A B C D E F G H I Vocational English			12.25 pm	WIL001 WIL002 WIL003 WIL004 WIL005 WIL006 WIL008 WIL009 WIL010 WIL011			
	Science and Society				1.55 pm	WIL001		
	Monday December 2				Pre Methods Exam 1	9.00am	Pavilion	
					History	10.55 am	Pavilion	
					VET Engineering Unit 1 Outdoor Education Literature	1.55 pm	Pavilion	
	Tuesday December 3				Food Technology	9.00 am	Pavilion	
					Pre Methods Exam 2 A B C D Pre General Maths A B C D Transition Maths Modified Maths	11.25 am	WIL001 WIL002 WIL003 WIL004 WIL005 WIL006 WIL008 WIL009 WIL010 WIL011 WIL101 WIL102	
					Pre Methods Exam 2 A B C D Pre General Maths A		12.45 pm	WIL001 WIL002 WIL003 WIL004 WIL005 WIL006 WIL008

	B C D Transition Maths Modified Maths		WIL009 WIL010 WIL011 WIL101 WIL102
	Art 2D Art 3D Chemistry	1.55 pm	Pavilion
Wednesday December 4	Health	9.00 am	WIL001
	VET Applied Languages - Japanese		WIL002
	Architectural Design	10.55 am	WIL001
	IT Hardware Media	1.55 pm	WIL001 WIL002
Thursday December 5	Biology A B	9.00 am	WIL001 WIL002
	Australian Business Issues IT Programming	10.55 am	WIL001  HEA003
	IT General Theatre Studies	1.55 pm	HEA003 WIL001
Friday December 6	IT Web Physical Education A Physical Education B	9.00 am	HEA003 WIL002 WIL003
	Design Technology Wood Physics A Physics B	10.55 am	WIL001  WIL002 WIL003
	Systems Engineering Vis Comm A Vis Comm B	1.55 pm	WIL001 WIL002 WIL003
	Systems Engineering Vis Comm A Vis Comm B	2.40pm	WIL001 WIL002 WIL003

**ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE  
PRIZE DISTRIBUTION – SPEECH NIGHT 2013**

1.	<b>Peter Oakley</b>	Headmaster's Award for Leadership
2.	<b>Jack Saunders</b>	Howard Award for Excellence
	First presented in 1955, this award is the gift of the Howard Family in gratitude for all St Patrick's College did for the four sons who attended SPC from 1923 through to 1937. It is given for All Round Excellence, Character, Leadership, Participation, Academic Pursuits and Culture or Sports.	
3.	<b>Luke Wilson</b>	Little Family Award for School Spirit
	This award is presented in honour of the Little Family whose five sons attended SPC between 1904 and 1924. It is presented to a senior student who has displayed and developed school spirit among the students through his dedication and general service to the College.	
4.	<b>Christopher Borell</b>	Edmund Rice Award for Ministry
	This award recognises a student who has embodied the spirit of Edmund Rice through his involvement in justice, action and reflective practice within the College, the community and the Edmund Rice Network.	
5.	<b>Kelsey Gannon Peter Oakley</b>	ADF Long Tan Award
	The ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award provides a fitting tribute to the Long Tan veterans by encouraging and recognising in a Year 12 student the values demonstrated at Long Tan – determination, mateship, teamwork, tenacity, compassion and leadership.	
6.	<b>Timothy Crowe</b>	Dorothy Irene Ellis-Thomas Scholarship
	This scholarship is awarded each year to a hardworking conscientious and worthy student who has shown an overall endeavour to pursue excellence in all areas of their school life and who wishes to continue to do the same in the future.	
7.	<b>Caleb McGrath</b>	Pierre De Coubertin Award for Sportsmanship
	This award recognises students who demonstrate consistent participation and commendable sporting behaviour in line with the Olympic ideals of participation.	
8.	<b>Thomas Thorpe</b>	Catherine King Award for Community Service
	This award recognises students who demonstrate all round excellence in contribution to the community – both internal and external to the College.	
9.	<b>Tynan C Haintz</b>	Middle School Award for all-round excellence
10.	<b>Mitchell Tuddenham</b>	Junior School Award for all-round excellence
11.	<b>Hamish Clydesdale</b>	Year 11 Dux
12.	<b>Thomas Keogh</b>	Year 11 Proxime Accessit Prize
13.	<b>Thomas Keogh</b>	Year 11 Religious Education Prize
14.	<b>William Briggs</b>	Year 10 Dux – Peter Farley Scholarship and University of Ballarat Prize
15.	<b>Kelsey Gannon</b>	Year 10 Proxime Accessit Prize
16.	<b>Kelsey Gannon</b>	Dr Frank McArdle Prize Year 10 Science
17.	<b>Timothy Martin</b>	Year 10 Religious Education Prize
18.	<b>Liam O'Shea</b>	Year 9 Dux
19.	<b>Riley Murphy</b>	Year 9 Proxime Accessit Prize
20.	<b>Liam Haintz</b>	Year 9 Religious Education Prize
21.	<b>Lachlan Furlong</b>	Year 8 Dux
22.	<b>Brandon Lauton</b>	Year 8 Proxime Accessit Prize
23.	<b>Lachlan Frawley</b>	Year 8 Religious Education Prize
24.	<b>Samuel Williams</b>	Year 7 Dux
25.	<b>Samuel Williams</b>	Year 7 Religious Education Prize
26.	<b>Ryan Mulheron</b>	Year 7 Proxime Accessit Prize

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

27.	<b>Peter Oakley</b>	Br D.G. Purton Oratory
28.	<b>Peter Oakley</b>	W.T. Doyle Debating
29.	<b>Thomas Thorpe</b>	Sir Hugh Devine Impromptu Speech
30.	<b>Thomas Thorpe</b>	W.T. Doyle Debating
31.	<b>Emerson McMaster</b>	Major Brian Broadribb Impromptu Speech
32.	<b>Jack Wakefield</b>	W.T. Doyle Debating
33.	<b>David O'Doherty</b>	Br H.T. Breach Oratory
34.	<b>David O'Doherty</b>	Mary Purcell Debating
35.	<b>Liam O'Shea</b>	Mary Purcell Debating
36.	<b>Bailey Crawford</b>	Mary Purcell Debating

<b>MUSIC</b>		
37.	<b>Thomas Thorpe</b>	Performer of the Year
38.	<b>Timothy Crowe</b>	Band Executive Award for Dedication and Commitment
39.	<b>Andrew Groch</b>	Sir Bernard Heinze Award for Overall Outstanding Musical Achievement
40.	<b>Lachlan Fuller</b>	Bandsman of the Year
41.	<b>Brendan Siebring</b>	Junior Music Award

<b>SPORT</b>		
42.	<b>Ryan Shaw</b>	Stephen Moneghetti Award for outstanding athlete at the BAS Carnival
43.	<b>Stephen Weightman</b>	Award for A Grade Badminton
44.	<b>Jack Saunders</b>	Peter Farley Award for 1st V Basketball
45.	<b>Blayde Baker</b>	Leo O'Brien Award for 1st XI Cricket
46.	<b>Lachlan Murphy</b>	Tony Benson Award for Senior Cross Country
47.	<b>Brett Bewley</b>	Br W.T. O'Malley Award for 1st XVIII Football for Best & Fairest Player
48.	<b>Brett Bewley</b>	John James Medal for Best on Ground BAS Grand Final
49.	<b>Liam Noone</b>	Br H.T. Breach Award for 1st XI Hockey
50.	<b>Caleb McGrath</b>	Brian Vear Award for Senior Rowing
51.	<b>Gene Bergman</b>	Award for 1st XV Rugby
52.	<b>Patrick Karras</b>	Thomas Karras Memorial Award for 1st XI Soccer for Best & Fairest Player
53.	<b>Matthew Cashin</b>	Award for Senior Racquetball
54.	<b>Michael Rodger</b>	Br B.J. Davis Award for Commitment to SPC Swimming
55.	<b>Jeremiah Seymour-Quest</b>	The Captains Cup Award for Swimming
56.	<b>James Mulraney</b>	Br B.J. Scott Award for Senior Gymnastics
57.	<b>Jye Matkov</b>	Award for A Grade Table Tennis
58.	<b>Kelly Lyle</b>	Award for 1 <sup>st</sup> IV Tennis
59.	<b>Kelly Lyle</b>	Award for Golf
60.	<b>Isaac Harbour</b>	Award for 1 <sup>st</sup> VI Volleyball
61.	<b>Hugh Dickson</b>	Award for Shooting
62.	<b>Lachlan Kennedy</b>	Award for Lawn Bowls
63.	<b>William Jury</b>	Award for Croquet
64.	<b>Hugo Tolliday</b>	Award for Cycling

<b>HOUSE AWARDS – an Award for a senior boy who has displayed an outstanding attitude towards and made a significant contribution to academic, cultural, sporting, and social justice activities.</b>		
65.	<b>Xavier Vearing</b>	The Br J.B. Galvin Award
66.	<b>Caleb McGrath</b>	The Br E.F. Keniry Award
67.	<b>Mark McOwan</b>	The Br M.P. Nunan Award
68.	<b>Nicholas Whelan</b>	The Br J.L. Ryan Award

## **2013 TERM DATES**

### **Term 3**

**Monday July 15**  
Students Commence

**Monday August 26**  
Student Free Day

**Friday September 20**  
End of Term 3

### **Term 4**

**Monday October 7**  
Students Commence

**Wednesday October 23**  
Year 12 Concluding and Thanksgiving Mass

**Monday November 4**  
Exeat

**Tuesday November 5**  
Exeat

**Tuesday, November 26**  
Year 11 Students Finish

**Friday December 6**  
Year 7 – 10 Students Finish

**Friday December 13**  
Last Day Teaching Staff

**Wednesday December 18**  
College Office Closes

## **2014 TERM DATES**

### **Term 1**

**Thursday, January 30**  
Students commence

**Friday, April 4**  
End of Term 1, Last day Students

### **Term 2**

**Tuesday, April 22**  
Students commence

**Friday, June 20**  
End of Term 2, Last day Students

### **Term 3**

**Monday, July 14**  
Students commence

**Friday, September 19**  
End of Term 3, Last day Students

### **Term 4**

**Monday, October 6**  
Students commence

**Friday, December 5**  
End of Term 4, Last day Year 7 - 10 Students



Speech Night 2013



SPAM Awards Night