“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another”
Proverbs 27:17

Last Friday’s Volunteer Mass and Lunch was a great community event where a large number of parents who volunteer their services and time to the College were thanked for their contributions to the College. The opportunity to have time together to celebrate our faith and community was something that all those in attendance will fondly remember. In being able to thank the parents who attended this event for their generosity to the College, I would also like to thank all those other parent volunteers who were unable to attend because of other commitments. The College is only able to offer such a diverse range of community events and services, whilst keeping school fees at a reasonably affordable level, by the generosity of the parent body. For parents who have not yet had the opportunity to provide such support, I encourage you to consider the many invitations to assist, including requests from the Parents’ and Friends’ (P&F) Association.

In speaking about our P&F, I would sincerely like to extend the deep appreciation of the College to the P&F Association who at last night’s Annual General Meeting concluded their 12 month term in their respective positions. Their support of me as Acting Headmaster and to the College has been a major reason for the successes and joys of 2016.

The 2016 Parents’ & Friends’ Committee comprised:
Kate Manenti, Christina Jenson, Michael Zammit, Allen Chu, Jacqui Barton, Teresa Briglia, Thelma De Lisser-Howarth, Susan Gray, Janene Stitt, Traci St Lawrence, Debra Vaccher, Natarsha Stuart, Jamey Poyaoan, Rebecca Budway.

In thanking the 2016 P&F Association Committee for their outstanding work last year, the last item of business was the announcement of the 2017 P&F Association Committee. The Committee next year has an exciting mix of long-serving and experienced Committee members and relatively new parents who will bring their own energy and gifts. Congratulations and thank you to the following parents on their appointments to the P & F Committee for 2017:

- President - Kate Manenti
- Vice President - Vicki Dening
- Secretary - Traci St Lawrence
- Treasurer - Natasha Stuart
- Social Co-ordinators - Debra Vaccher and Susan Gray
- Years 5 - 8 Parent Year Representative Co-ordinator - Jamey Poyaoan
- Years 9 - 12 Parent Year Representative Co-ordinator - Tanya Maronee
- General Members - Jacqui Barton, Kylie Buckley, Rebecca Budway, Thelma De Lisser-Howarth and Janene Stitt

Particular congratulations and thanks to Kate Manenti who will continue in her role as President. We again thank the 2016 Committee for their work and wish the 2017 Committee all the best in the next important chapter of the College’s history in working with the incoming Principal Mr. Craig Wattam.

We thank our dear Lord and God for the gift of education and opportunity. We pray for all those who will never enjoy what we are so fortunate to have and we pray that our children use the opportunities afforded to them to become genuine change agents for the better. We pray that we continue to work in partnership in modelling to the students in our care, the values of inclusivity, love, compassion, respect and forgiveness.

Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever

John Murphy
Acting Headmaster

Festival of Carols & Readings
An Evening of Pure Joy!

Wednesday 23 November 2016
6.30pm
College Chapel

All are invited to the Festival of Carols & Readings to mark the Advent and Christmas seasons. All of Year 7 and the College Choir will lead us in song as we reflect on the significance of this event in our Christian calendar. It is a great night of community and demonstrates a true sense of beauty and humility. Take the opportunity to stop the busyness and live for a moment in pure joy! It is a wonderful evening to which ALL are invited.

We hope to see as many of you there as possible, especially in recognition of our blessings and giving thanks to God. Bring family and friends!!

Waleed Younan—Acting Director of Identity
On Friday night, 25 November, the Junior School Sports Presentation Dinner will be held. The dinner commences at 6.30pm in the College Gymnasium and the boys are to wear full College summer uniform, but no cap.

The night will see our 2016 sporting year celebrated with the presentation of trophies and the enjoyment of spending time with each other for the final time this year under the SPC sporting banner. There will be some raffles during the night with proceeds going to our partners in India, Chetanalaya and Catholic Mission.

As well, of course, there is a formal aspect to the night, with coaches addressing the gathering to introduce their undefeated teams. Please remember that when someone is at the microphone, we need to show respect by being silent. This will enable the presentations to run smoothly and give the boys and their coaches the attention they deserve. I thank you in advance for this.

On Tuesday, 29 November, Year 6 has its Thanksgiving Mass. Please note the Mass commences at 9.15am in the College Chapel and parents are welcome to attend. Parking will be available on the Tennis Courts. At this Mass the boys will be presented with their certificates for the completion of their primary education. It is a most fitting way for the boys to mark this significant milestone in their lives and celebrate the story of their primary school years.

Please note that the date for the Year 5 Instrumental Concert advertised in last week’s Especean was incorrect. The concert is this Thursday, 17 November in the Duffy Music Centre commencing at 11.00am. 5 Red, 5 White and 5 Gold will be performing on this day.

Jim Walters—Director of Junior School

Congratulations to Matteo Guerra of Year 6 who has been chosen to represent the U12’s NSW Futsal team to play in the National Championship later in January. A great achievement well done.

Congratulations to all the boys in Year 6 who are having a great time on camp.

Sports Dinner Friday, 25 November - A reminder to all parents to bring their own snacks and drinks to the celebration for your family.

Dinner and dessert will be catered for on the night. Please do not bring NUTS or nut based products to the dinner.

We have many great raffle prizes with all money raised going to the Junior School Charity Chetanalaya.

Grant Andrews—Junior School Sportsmaster

Learning Framework – Parent Input Requested

Over the past 18 months, a dedicated group of staff have worked to develop the draft of our St Patrick’s College Learning Framework. This has been developed by using parent, student and staff survey data in conjunction with EREA documents, the Melbourne Declaration and other relevant educational research.

We are in the final stages of the Framework’s development and are currently seeking input from students, staff and parents. Parents are warmly invited to provide valuable feedback by attending one of three sessions next Tuesday, 22 November. Should you wish to attend, or if you cannot attend but are keen to provide feedback online, please respond with your details on the survey form linked here. Thank you.

Denise Lombardo—Director of Learning and Innovation

Year 7 Justice Partnership Day - Collaborative Artwork

On 27 October, the students of Year 7 participated in their Justice Partnership and Spirituality Starter day. On this day, we had the opportunity to empathise with and experience some of the difficulties refugees face. We fasted from the morning and for lunch we were provided with a simple cup of rice and a piece of fruit. We spent the morning attending alternate sessions and engaged in fun activities like Drama and Visual Arts as well as listening to stories from a man named Godwin from Ghana, who works for Catholic Mission.

During the art sessions, each student selected an image of a newspaper headline or image relating to the plight of refugees particularly in recent times. Over the top we stencilled with paint, symbols or words which we felt were significant, such as two hands shaking or the quote “With courage, let us all combine.”

Year 11 Visual Arts students Nicholas McFadden and Cooper Dennis wonderfully guided us through the sessions along with Miss Lazkin. Our individual artworks were then tied into a larger, collaborative piece which is currently hung in the College Chapel. We encourage you to take the time to view it, our message within each individual artwork is now stronger in numbers!

We would like to thank Cooper, Nicholas, Miss Lazkin, Mrs Lazarou, Ms Daley, Mr Younan, Mr Phillipson and Mr Herro for their support and assistance on this day and particularly with our art initiative.

Carlo Mian and Anthony Belfiore (Year 7)
Years 9 and 10 Assessment Block
We wish students in Years 9 and 10 well as they begin their Assessment Block tomorrow. The assessments are all written examinations and this block will run until next Tuesday, 22 November. Students are reminded to carefully review the Examination Timetable which has already been emailed to them and available on SOLE.
Students are further reminded to thoroughly familiarise themselves with the College’s Assessment Policy and Examination Rules which is also posted on the respective Year pages on SOLE.
In the event of absenteeism due to illness or misadventure during the Assessment Block, parents and students are reminded that a telephone call to the relevant Year Coordinator, Mr Crino (Year 10) or Mr Texeira (Year 9), must be made prior to 9.00am on the day of the examination. Where possible, the missed examination or a substitute will be arranged within the Assessment Block period. Immediately on the boy’s return to school, a medical certificate for the illness/misadventure must be given to the relevant Studies Coordinator.
Andrew Brennan—Acting Director of Curriculum

Men of St Patrick’s

End of Year Get Together
Dad’s, Old Boys (young and old), teachers, & SPC supporters.
Join us for a Christmas drink and the chance to farewell, toast and thank outgoing Headmaster John Murphy.
Where:
Bath Arms Hotel
Cnr Parramatta and Burwood Rd, Burwood
When:
Friday 2 December
(last day of school)
Time:
From 6.00pm
Finger food will be provided.
For catering purposes please email:
pub.one@hotmail.com
Pat Cullen: 0408 362 812

Pink Stumps Day at St Patrick’s College
St Patrick’s hosted Pink Stumps Day last Saturday 12 November, when our 1st X1 took on St Stanislaus College. The day was a huge success both on and off the field. The College was decked out in pink to help celebrate the occasion and even the Headmaster, Mr Murphy, got into the act, looking a treat in his pink cap!
Our aim was to raise $500 for the McGrath Foundation, which helps support Breast Cancer patients and supplies nurses across Australia for their care. I’m pleased to say that the Cricket community of St Patrick’s helped smash that target and a massive $2,485.30 was raised in support of the McGrath Foundation.
A big thank you must go to Loretta Mynett and all the volunteer parents for their help on the day. Oh, and the boys defeated St Stanislaus on the field as well!
Dominic Marsh—Teacher/Cricket MIC

ClickView Online
All students have access the College’s extensive collection of video programs to view on any device. Teachers will require their students to become familiar with using Clickview.
To find these programs, students need to go to http://clickview.spc.nsw.edu.au/ and enter their College login details.
Aware that all responsible parents will naturally be concerned about the type of material their sons are viewing, we have assigned a rating scale for all programs:

- **E =** For everyone
- **G =** General
- **PG =** Parental Guidance advised
- **M =** Mature audiences [Yr 10 and up]
- **MA =** Restricted to Senior students only
- **R =** Restricted [18 Yrs up]

Students will be restricted to material according to their Year group
i.e. Year 5 students will not be allowed to see any program rated M.
Catherine Azar—McGlade Librarian
**Sports Draw - Saturday 19 November 2016**

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### Outstandings

Mitchell Kearsley—Head of Secondary Sport

**Upcoming Events**

- **Saturday 19 November** - ISA Summer Round 5
- **Saturday 26 November** - ISA Summer Round 6 (last round of term 4)
- **Wednesday 30 November** - last training session for Term 4

**Venus**:

- **Auburn Basketball Centre**: Wyatt Park, Church St, Lidcombe
- **Cook Park**: Madeline St, Belfield
- **SPC Courts, Breen Oval**: No. 3, No. 4: Edgar St, Strathfield
- **Phillips Park**: Nicholas St, Lidcombe
- **Rudd Park**: Cnr Clarence & Varidel Sts, Belfield
- **Regis 1**: Tambourine Bay Rd, Lane Cove
- **Northbridge Courts**: Sailors Bay Rd, Northbridge
- **St Ives Courts**: Mona Vale Rd & Ayres Rd, St Ives
- **Yeldham & Ireland Fields**: Cnr Cleveland St & Bilynda Ave, Wahroonga
- **Bressington**: Underwood Rd, Opp DFO, Homebush


**Ground Locations**: call 02 9763 1000 and follow the prompts; Twitter at [http://twitter.com/SPCSeniorSport](http://twitter.com/SPCSeniorSport) or on the Fixtures Pages above.

Co-Curricular information can be found at: [www.spc.nsw.edu.au/co_curriculum](http://www.spc.nsw.edu.au/co_curriculum)