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

The student leaders have chosen the College theme for next year, 'Two are better than one, for if they fall, one will lift up the other', *Ecclesiastes 4:9-10*. This new quote will be officially launched by the incoming Principal, Mr. Wattam, and the Student Leaders at the start of next year. The College theme for this year has been "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another", [Proverbs 27:17](#). During this upcoming festive season, we are reminded of the capacity of each of us to help others. One way we can do this as a community is through the Christmas hampers. Each Parish will have their own opportunities for acts of kindness and love which in turn will add to the whole meaning of Christmas.

A group of student leaders from Years 5 - 12 accompanied me yesterday to Br. Ray Dowding's funeral that was held at St. Martha's Parish Church. The service was a wonderful tribute to an extraordinary leader and a truly loving, generous, and humble man. Born in 1928, Br. Dowding entered the Christian Brothers in 1943. He was to have a total of 20 missions. Included in his leadership roles were Principal at Lewisham, Balmain and Superior at Balmain, Tamworth, Wagga Wagga and Moree. Since 2003, Brother Dowding has lived next door at Treacy Villa and has continued to serve the Brothers in a variety of ways. In addition, he was a very active member of the St. Martha's Parish and will be deeply missed by Father Chris Slattery and the parishioners. On behalf of the College community, our deepest condolences to the Christian Brothers.

I would sincerely like to extend our deep appreciation to the College Board. The final meeting of the year was held on Monday evening and as always a range of very important issues were discussed. Each member of the College Board has brought their own gifts and insights to this very important part of the College. The advice they provide is invaluable in assisting the College to make wise decisions in complex matters where our own technical expertise may be lacking. Particular thanks to the College Board Chairperson John Pierce who will continue in the role in 2016. The other Board Members who need to be individually named and thanked are Dr. Michael Nicholl, Des Fox, Anthony Abraham, Jane Byrne, Liz McDowell, Steven Koturic and Acting Deputy Headmaster Michael Cutrupi. As usual, the generosity of the College Community has been evidenced by the large number of expressions of interest for placement on the 2017 College Board. Thank you to those who have lodged these expressions of interest which we will process before the end of the year.

Congratulations to Mr. Waleed Younan who has been appointed as Secondary School Religious Education Coordinator at St Aloysius College. Congratulations also to Mrs. Maryanne

Sozou on her appointment as Leader of Innovation and Learning at Domremy College Five Dock. The promotion of Mrs. Sozou from a teaching role to an Executive position is indicative of the high calibre of our staff and the excellent reputation of the College. The College continues to attract and nurture high quality staff in addressing the 'Our Learner' domain of the Strategic Plan within the area of *Consolidating St Patrick's as a Centre of Excellence*.

To accommodate the departure of Mr. Waleed Younan, Mr. James Crino will move from his current Year Coordinator's position to the Acting Secondary School Religious Education Coordinator (REC) position for 2017. To cover this vacant Year Coordinator's position, Mrs. Noelle Lamir will remain in an Acting Year Coordinator's position for another year. With these changes, I am now able to announce the Year Coordinators for 2017: Year 7 – Noelle Lamir, Year 8 – Lisa Michael, Year 9 – Oscar Teixeira, Year 10 – Tom Kirby, Year 11 – Justin Newman, Year 12 – Gaetano Castiglione.

Finally, it is with much excitement that I am happy to announce the launch of the new St. Patrick's College web-site. In addressing the 'Our Community' domain of the Strategic Plan within the area of 'Connecting with our future', there has been a considerable investment of resources into developing a more contemporary and engaging College web-site that should enhance community engagement and communication. Particular thanks to Mr. Damian Chase, Director of Staff Services, and Mr. Adam Abbate, Information Technology Manager, in driving this process. Please click on <http://www.spc.nsw.edu.au> to peruse this site.

Looking forward to seeing you all at next Thursday's Speech Night.

Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever

John Murphy
Acting Headmaster

Uniform Shop Notice

Reminder that the Uniform shop has its Last Day of Trading on Thursday, 1 December 2016 and will re-open on Thursday, 19 January 2017.

It is an extraordinarily busy time of year.

This Wednesday night, 23 November, we will present our Preparing Your Son for High School night for Year 6 Parents. This is an opportunity for you to hear some information that may be useful in the changeover to secondary school, what to anticipate, how to guide your boy through and helpful hints with organisation and expectations. The night commences at 5.30pm and concludes by 6.30pm. It will be held in the Robson Auditorium and there will be parking on the tennis courts.

This Friday night 25 November is our Sports Presentation Dinner. The dinner commences at 6.30pm in the College Gymnasium and the boys are to wear full College summer uniform, but no cap. There will be raffles during the night with some amazing prizes, proceeds going to our partners in India, Chetanalaya and also to the amazing people at Catholic Mission.

A reminder, of course, that there is a formal aspect to the night, with coaches addressing the gathering to introduce their undefeated teams and with best and fairest awards being given out. We will remind the boys this week about showing respect to the speakers by being silent when someone is speaking on the microphone and ask that parents lead by example here.

Next 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. Once more, parking will be available on the Tennis Courts.

Jim Walters—Director of Junior School

 **JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT**

Congratulations to all teams on the weekend especially those boys in Year 6 who have now played their last game for the Junior School. In Cricket the Year 6 boys won 5 out of their 6 matches, a great way to finish the season.



Well done to the J Basketball team and the Prep A Softball team who remained undefeated throughout the whole season. There were 4 other teams who only had lost one game as well. I would sincerely like to thank all the coaches and parents for

your support over the year and acknowledge the great work that you have done for the boys.

Congratulations to Joseph Hatem who has made the U12 NSW Futsal team. He will be competing in the 2017 National Championship in Sydney in January. We wish him all the best.

This Friday is the Junior School Sports Dinner in the College Gym starting promptly at 6.30pm. All parents should know what table they are on and are reminded to bring drinks and nibbles for yourself and friends. Alcohol is permitted but we ask you to be respectful and mindful about drink driving etc. I have spoken to all the boys, but it would be greatly appreciated if we have silence when somebody is talking at the microphone, there is plenty of down time on the night and the boys have worked hard all year and should be respected when receiving their awards. We have some amazing prizes this year for our raffle:

PS4 500GB, signed Australian Rugby League Jersey, signed 49er's Jersey, Sharks NRL Memorabilia, Bulldogs NRL Memorabilia, Wet n Wild passes, iTunes vouchers – Microsoft office 365 and games etc.

So please bring a little cash and hopefully take away an excellent early Christmas present.

Grant Andrews—Junior School Sportsmaster

Changes have been made for School Subsidised travel. Please read the flyer below.



Transport
for NSW

School travel 2017
Application information Nov 2016

Information for parents, guardians and students

Our school has partnered with Transport for NSW to use the new online process for you to submit school travel applications.

This means we will be able to process your applications online, making it easier and faster for parents, guardians and students to apply for school travel.

Applications for school travel in 2017 are now open, including for travel to Mascot and Green Square station and for private ferries. Parents, guardians and students are encouraged to apply as soon as they are able via:

Applications for 2017 school travel are now open via www.transportnsw.info/school-students

A new application is required when:

- applying for a School Opal card or travel pass for the first time,
- enrolling in Kindergarten, or
- requesting an additional entitlement as a result of a shared parental responsibility situation.

You will need to do an update application if the student has a current school travel pass and:

- is progressing from Year 2 to Year 3,
- is progressing from Year 6 to Year 7, or
- changes address, or
- changes school or campus.

Already have a School Opal card or travel pass?

- When you've updated, and you are eligible for free school travel next year, Transport for NSW will send you an email confirmation once your application has been processed. For travel in rural or regional NSW, we'll also inform your nominated transport operator(s).
- If you already have a School Opal card that does not need updating, or you've successfully re-applied, the Opal card will automatically be updated for travel next year. Do not throw it out as you'll be able to use it when the school year starts in 2017.
- If you currently have a printed travel pass provided by your transport operator, a new pass will be ready at the beginning of the new school year.

Applications for 2017 school travel are now open
www.transportnsw.info/school-students

Please apply or update your information on this website prior to the students breaking up on Friday, 2 December 2016 so that your application can be endorsed by the College ready for 2017.

South American Football Tour 2017

Having received a proposal from the College Football fraternity, the Acting Headmaster, Mr Murphy has given approval for a Football Tour to take place over the **Semester One Holidays (June-July) of 2017**. The proposed tour group would be made up of both Open and Development Squads and will travel to the South America.

Once expressions of interests are received, boys will be invited to take part in pre-tour information sessions and trials. Given the nature of the College's Co-curricular Programme and its ongoing commitment to summer activities, trials will most likely be held on Sunday mornings early in Term 1 of next year.

This preliminary trial squad will then be reduced to an Open squad of 16 and a Development squad of 17 students. The Open's squad will be comprised of boys from the 2016, 16's and Open's age groups, whilst the Development squad will be comprised primarily of players from Years 9 and 10. Clearly, both squads will consist of players who have demonstrated they can play at a high standard and have been committed to the College's Football Programme.

Boys being considered for a position on the Football Tour will need to meet certain criteria, not least of all:

- A proven track record of good behaviour both in the classroom and on the Football field.
- A proven commitment to College Football in relation to attendance at training and Saturday fixtures.
- A boy will have clearly demonstrated a good attitude to training and a willingness to follow the coach's instructions and work co-operatively with his team mates.
- A boy will continue to represent the College in Football whilst he is enrolled at St Patrick's if he is selected to tour. This is non-negotiable.
- A willingness to be actively involved in tour activities prior to departure.
- The College's preference is that boys chosen to tour will be in Year 9 or above at the commencement of 2017.

Obviously a tour of South America will come at an expense that some families may not find affordable. At present the projected cost is around the \$5200.00 per student (airport taxes and fees included) for the 16 day tour.

I would want the College community to note that a student's unavailability to tour would not in any way hinder his chances of being selected in the College's premier Football teams and hence no student or parent should feel obliged or pressured to accept an invitation to tour.

Parents are invited to notify me via email at the following address, steven.fochesato@spc.nsw.edu.au if they would like their son(s) to take part in the trials early next year. **Please do so by no later than Friday, 27 January 2017**. An information evening will be scheduled to take place within the first two weeks of Term 1, 2017.

On behalf of Mr Murphy, I would like to take this opportunity to wish the SPC Football fraternity the best of luck in their endeavours, as ventures such as this will no doubt assist the development of Football within the College.

Steve Fochesato – Director of Co-curricular

NIGHT PATROL FOOD ROSTER FOR PARENTS

The Night Patrol Food Roster for January - June 2017 will be **uploaded to the parent portal on SOLE** and emailed to all parents this week. Please take a moment to check which dates you are rostered on and mark them in your 2017 calendars because reminders are not sent.

Most families are on the roster but only about 10% actually make contributions. Things improved with the addition of the Year 5 parents this Semester – with up to 30% contributing. Thank you to everyone who made donations this year it is very much appreciated.

For those rostered on **Wednesday 7 December**, supplies can be left at the SPC Sick Bay as the staff will still be on duty that week. For all other holiday dates please drop to 12 Chatfield Avenue, Belfield.

Thank you to the small but dedicated team of drivers who pick up the food from SPC and drop it to the Vinnies depot in Lewisham on each rostered day – often also topping up supplies if not enough are received. They are: Loretta Mynett, Melanie Yates, Nancy Del Buono and Monica O'Brien.

If you no longer wish to be on the roster, would like to be a driver or have any other questions please contact the parent coordinator Robbie Boyle on 0419 263 270 or email at boylefamily@jaramas.com

St Patrick's College Strathfield Annual Speech Night & Prize-Giving

Thursday, 1 December 2016

Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre, Homebush

Attendance in College summer uniform is compulsory for every student.

Please be seated by 7.00pm for 7.15pm start.

SPEECH NIGHT PARKING & ROAD CLOSURES

Parking at Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre Homebush for Speech Night will be available in the **P3 parking area only**.

The cost will be \$5.00 per hour, with a maximum cost of \$25.00. The parking station available to the College is indicated with an arrow on the map.



The below link will direct you to Sydney Olympic Park road closures.

http://www.sopa.nsw.gov.au/for_business/parking/event_parking

**NORMAL START TIME—
2 DECEMBER**

ALL boys across Years 5 to 11 will commence classes as normal at 8.35am on Friday, 2 December. Weekly Mass in the College Chapel will also commence as normal on Friday morning before school.

SPORTS DRAW - SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2016

Cricket				
1st XI	v	St Pius	10.00	Oxford Falls
2nd XI	v	St Pius	10.00	Breen Oval
3rd XI	v	St Stanislaus'	10.00	SPC 2
16A	v	King's	1.30	Hudson Park
16B	v	Epping Bulls	8.00	Meadowbank Park 10
15A	v	Concord Briars	8.00	Upjohn Park
15B	v	North Ryde RSL	8.30	Curtis Oval
14A	v	BYE		
14B	v	Epping Bulls	8.30	Strathfield Park 1
14C	v	Grammar C	9.00	Weigall 2
13A	v	West Ryde White	8.30	Mason Park 2
13B	v	Epping Bulls	8.00	Robin Thomas Reserve



Spotlight on – 3rd XI Cricket

Congratulations to the 3rd XI who continued their unbeaten run with a dominating win against St Paul's Grammar on Breen Oval. Bowling first, the 3rds were under pressure early in the match with SPGS reaching 100 for no loss. Eventually SPGS were dismissed for 177. The chase proved no issue for this in-form team and they reached the target in 26 overs. James Harrison the star with an unbeaten 109.*
- Mr Marsh

Good luck to all teams competing this weekend – for some teams it is the last round for the year so make the most of your time on the pitch/field/court!

End of Year Training / Playing Arrangements reminder

- Please note that all regular training sessions are to continue as per normal up to and including Wednesday, 30 November.
- Swimming training will also cease on Wednesday, 30 November.
- All Basketball as well as the 1st – 3rd XI Cricket teams will cease playing after the round of 26 November.
- 16A and 14C Cricket teams will play up until 3 December.
- NDJCA Cricket teams will play up until 10 December.
- RHBL Baseball teams will, at this stage, play up until 17 December.

TRAINING WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY 31 JANUARY 2017.

Baseball

The venues and times for this weekend's 16 Blue and 16 Black games have yet to be released due to ground availability. These will be updated on SOLE/Website as soon as they become available.

Mitchell Kearsley—Head of Secondary Sport

Baseball				
1st IX	v	Greenway	11.00	Major's Bay Reserve 3
16 Blue	v	Stealers		TBA
16 Black	v	Westboomers		TBA
14 Blue	v	Stealers	11.00	Major's Bay Reserve 1
14 Black	v	Macquarie	11.00	Pioneer Park
Basketball				
1st V	v	St Augustine's	10.00	Nth Beaches ISC 1
Open B	v	Oakhill Maroon	3.00	Oakhill Gym (CSC) 1
17A	v	St Augustine's	11.00	Nth Beaches ISC 2
17B	v	Oakhill Maroon	2.00	Oakhill Gym (CSC) 2
17C	v	Oakhill Navy	2.00	Auburn 2
17D	v	Redlands B	1.00	Auburn 1
15A	v	St Augustine's	10.00	Nth Beaches ISC 2
15B	v	Oakhill Maroon	4.00	Oakhill Gym (CSC) 1
15C	v	Oakhill Navy	1.00	Auburn 2
15D	v	Redlands B	10.00	Auburn 2
15Black	v	Redlands C	9.00	Auburn 2
14A	v	St Augustine's	9.00	Nth Beaches ISC 2
14B	v	Oakhill Maroon	1.00	Oakhill Gym (CSC) 2
14C	v	Oakhill Navy	12.00	Auburn 2
14D	v	Redlands B	12.00	Auburn 1
14 Black	v	Redlands C	11.00	Auburn 1
13A	v	St Augustine's	9.00	Nth Beaches ISC 1
13B	v	Oakhill Maroon	12.00	Oakhill Gym (CSC) 2
13C	v	Oakhill Navy	11.00	Auburn 2
13D	v	Redlands B	10.00	Auburn 1
13 Black	v	Redlands C	9.00	Auburn 1
13 Gold	v	Oakhill Green	3.00	Benildus Hall

College Co-curricular Uniform

Parents and students are reminded that the “new” **College Tracksuit and Supporter's Shirt** are the garments to be worn in replacement of the older styles as of the commencement of 2017. The “older” style Tracksuit and Supporter's Shirt may still be worn at training of an afternoon but, boys may not wear those garments on their way home if they using public transport. Clearly, the older garments **may not be worn** on Saturdays at Co-curricular activities, Swimming and/or Athletics Carnivals, Reflection Days, Excursions, etc.

Co-curricular Training and Fixtures/Performances – Expectations

It has recently come to my attention that a small number of boys have been absent from their training session or missed a Saturday fixture without having followed College procedure in terms of follow-up. In order to clarify the situation, I would like to take this opportunity to remind staff, parents and students of the following protocol should a boy be absent.

- Boys intending to miss a training session or game due to a Doctor's appointment should present a note to the coach or MIC or Sportsmaster prior to the training session. Under no circumstance should he ask a team mate to pass on a message
- Requests for leave from a Saturday fixture/Band Performance/Debate, etc. ought to be directed to me in the first instance or Mr Kearsley or Mr Andrews (Junior School).
- Boys who are absent from the training and/or fixture must present their coach or MIC or Sportsmaster with a satisfactory written explanation from home by the end of lunch time on their first day back at school after their absence.
- Failure to comply with these expectations will result in punishments being issued ranging from demerits through to weekend detentions.

In order to ensure that there is a sense of equity in relation to students not attending Presentation Evenings, training sessions, weekend fixtures, etc, I would kindly ask parents to clearly outline the reasons behind their son's absence. The term “Family Commitments” covers a range of scenarios and as such does not assist with the process. Your understanding and support in this matter is appreciated.

Steve Fochesato – Director of Co-curricular

FIXTURES ARE PUBLISHED LIVE ONLINE (includes cancellations): Go to <http://www.spc.nsw.edu.au/wp-co-curriculum/junior-school/junior-sport-fixtures/> or <http://www.spc.nsw.edu.au/wp-co-curriculum/senior-school/secondary-sport-fixtures/>

GROUND LOCATIONS: <http://www.spc.nsw.edu.au/wp-co-curriculum/ground-locations/>

WET WEATHER UPDATES: call 02 9763 1000 and follow the prompts; Twitter at <http://twitter.com/SPCSeniorSport>; or on the Fixtures Pages above.