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Principal

Two are better than one . . . for if they fall, one will lift up the other.
(Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends of St Patrick's College,

You may be familiar with a community running opportunity called Parkrun. Each Saturday morning at venues all across the world, members of the public can avail themselves of a free, timed 5km run. The run is not a race, but rather a run. You can participate at your own level and attempt to beat your own time week on week. I have recently completed my 100th Parkrun. There are elite runners who achieve sub 15 minute times each week and there are families, grannies, parents with prams and folks running and walking with their dogs. Everyone is made to feel welcome. The only 'ask' is that people who participate give back by volunteering with the organisation of their local Parkrun a few times per year.



It strikes me that every time I go to Parkrun, wherever that may be, there is a tremendous culture and sense of belonging that this particular community has built in a relatively short amount of time. I often make comparisons with Parkrun and strangely, my local Parish. In our Catholic church, we talk about developing community, creating a sense of welcome and of course, fundamentally a call to evangelization; to spread the Good News. Some parish churches do this very well, and others are certainly a work in progress. I know that in some places there are specific seats that people have made theirs and slightly uncomfortable stares are felt if one dares to sit there! I think Parkrun has a lot to teach us as Catholics who belong to a local Church. Below are the 12 best things I feel when I go to Parkrun that could possibly apply equally to a sense of belonging to one's own parish. I take the risk of offending by making comparisons with a secular event and a worshipping community, but the thrust of my argument is about building a sense of community, not about the sacred nature of our liturgical celebration.



1. Everyone is made to feel welcome. The stranger in the pack is always spoken to by someone, whether it be at the start line, during the course of the event, or afterwards.
2. People hang around afterwards to chat, to introduce themselves and to catch up. There is usually a meeting place for coffee/breakfast for those who belong to that Parkrun, but equally, visitors are warmly welcomed.
3. People turn up regardless of the weather. The warm welcome is consistent despite the season.
4. New people are ritually welcomed EVERY week. There is a round of applause for any newcomer, by the whole community gathered.

5. Visitors to the place are ritually welcomed EVERY week. There is a round of applause to any visitor. They are also asked to tell the group where they are from. This begets a conversation.
6. Those who are celebrating a milestone – (in the case of Parkrun 50 runs, 100 runs, 250 runs, or for children 10 runs, or a special birthday, or a wedding, or the birth of a child) are singled out and congratulated, by everyone.
7. Volunteering is an expectation, but also a privilege. When one volunteers, as I did last weekend, runners regularly say “thanks for volunteering” as a gesture of goodwill.
8. There is a flat model of leadership. Sure, there is a Run Director, but anyone can take a volunteering (as opposed to a leadership) role.
9. There is an enormous sense of encouragement. The number of times someone has said to me “good run”, “keep going” or along the way, “stay with me, you can do it”, is enormously encouraging. There is good-humoured banter along the way.
10. When someone is in trouble, falls over or twists an ankle people readily abandon their run to render assistance. No one is left to deal with their problem alone.
11. Friendships are forged.
12. No one knows or cares what your day job is, your status in the world or your background. We are all simply dressed in running gear. What a great leveler!



We attend Church to profess our faith in a public way. We can pray at home and in private but worship is about public confession of our faith, in the midst of a faith community. We gather together as one, we come to say “We believe”, to be nourished by the Word and the Flesh as a group of believers, ready to do the Lord's will and to make the world a better place. We call this a faith community: one body, formed in God's love. Community, from the Latin *communis*, or *communis*, speaks of a public spirit and something that is shared with others. This spirit or public sharing is what we have in common. It is part of our human condition to want to belong. We have a responsibility to build vital, life-giving communities in our Parishes. Despite the challenges that the Church in Australia faces at present, there is much good work that takes place, and our community spirit can only enhance our liturgy as well as our sense of belonging to that community.

Congratulations

We offer our congratulations to proud parents Michael Di Ciaccio and his wife Ally, and a warm welcome to baby Eva Vivian Di Ciaccio, born on Friday 12 May at 5.30pm. Vital statistics are: 3.44kg and 52cm long. We wish this new family every blessing.

Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever.



Craig Wattam
Principal

Junior School

The Junior School Fun Run, which took place in Term One, was the major Junior School effort for our Lenten Fundraising for 2017.

A great big
THANK YOU

The boys have worked very hard in rallying family and friends to the cause and, over recent weeks, finalising their contributions. It is with great pleasure that I can announce that the Fun Run has raised over \$40,000 towards the College Lenten Fundraising. This is a wonderful effort from all families and speaks volumes of the generosity of the SPC community. Thank you one and all. I would like to particularly thank Mr Andrews for driving this.

On Thursday 25 May, a selected group of Year 5 boys will be travelling to Knox College to represent us in this year's Da Vinci Decathlon. This day is a great opportunity for our boys to compete with many other schools in a day of mind stretching activities and pursuits. The boys will take part in Mathematics, General Knowledge, Code Breaking, Science, Art, Drama, Creative Writing and more in both group and individual circumstances. Our current Year 9 group were able to win the day when they represented us in the Year 5 section in 2013, a stunning achievement. Win, lose or draw this is a really worthwhile day, a great example of enrichment and embracing the joy of learning. A letter regarding this event has gone home to all participants. We wish our boys all the best of luck for the day.

Jim Walters—Director of Junior School

Junior School Sport

A big congratulations to all the boys playing Football for the College. With 15 wins and 2 draws it was an impressive round. Please make sure that we are always positive on the sidelines. Referees are only human and will make mistakes at times. We have to set a good example for the boys both on and off the pitch. In all my years of playing and coaching I haven't seen a referee change his mind. We want to instil in all our players that mistakes will happen and to get on with the game as best and as quickly as you can.

Well done to the Prep A and B Rugby teams who continue to impress – both teams together have scored 303 points and only let in one try in their three games. Keep working hard at training and don't become complacent. The U11's Rugby and AFL teams last Saturday were outplayed by some classy opposition. Keep your heads up and strive to be the best you can be. It was great to hear that no matter the score all boys continued to play until the final whistle.

We have started our trials for the upcoming Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 7 June. All boys are welcome to try out for Discus, Shot Put and High jump over the coming weeks.

Good luck to all teams this weekend.

Grant Andrews—Junior School Sportsmaster



The ConocoPhillips Science Experience is a fun 3 or 4 days of Science activities for Year 9 and 10 students in 2017.

Each program is designed to provide students who have an interest in Science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating Science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work. The program takes place in universities and tertiary institutions, within many different laboratories and lecture theatres. Participants perform experiments in the laboratories, meet and hear senior lecturers in the lecture theatres, attend site visits and walk around and experience what it is like to be on the campus of a university or tertiary institution. The program also provides information about further studies in Science, Technology and Engineering. It highlights the wide range of careers that allow students to pursue their interest and abilities in the Sciences.

If you are interested, please visit the following website for more details

<https://www.scienceexperience.com.au/when-where/new-south-wales>

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To purchase tickets please go to www.trybooking.com/QBTK

Fair Trade Fortnight at SPC!

16 – 26 May 2017

Fairtrade advocates for better working conditions and improved terms of trade for farmers and workers in developing countries.

It is about protecting the environment in which they live and work. Small-scale farmers and workers are amongst the most marginalised groups globally and through Fairtrade they can lift themselves out of poverty to maintain their successful livelihoods.

Fairtrade hot chocolate will be sold at the Powell Pavilion every morning from 16 May to 26 May 2017. \$2 per cup.

Come and support marginalised farmers and workers, enabling them to build a better and more secure life for themselves, their co-workers and their families! And when you are shopping, look for the logo on various products to help make a difference.

Social Justice Action Group (SJAG)



What You Need to Know about the HSC Minimum Standard and NAPLAN

Until recently, New South Wales was the only state that didn't have a minimum standard required for the award of a certificate when leaving school. The HSC Minimum Standard is being introduced to help ensure that students leave school with basic literacy and numeracy skills for success in life, and the ability to communicate their ideas effectively in all their HSC exams. From HSC 2020, students must demonstrate achievement in reading, writing and numeracy in addition to completing their other curriculum requirements.

Students who achieve a Band 8 in Year 9 NAPLAN Reading, Writing and Numeracy "pre-qualify" for demonstrating achievement of the minimum standard in that area and will not need to sit the online test for that area. From 2018, students can sit online tests up to twice yearly to demonstrate achievement of the minimum standard in any area where they haven't pre-qualified.

The minimum standard is set at a functional level of literacy and numeracy for success in day-to-day life (Australian Core Skills Framework Level 3).

Students can demonstrate the minimum standard in two ways:

- obtaining a Band 8 or above in Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing and numeracy tests, or
- passing online reading, writing and numeracy tests of an equivalent standard in Years 10, 11 and 12.

According to state-wide data provided by NESA, the majority of students across NSW will need to sit at least one online test. Students will have two opportunities per year in Years 10, 11 and 12 to demonstrate achievement in each area.

Importantly, **no student will be ineligible to sit for the HSC on the basis of their Year 9 NAPLAN results.**

We are fortunate at St Patrick's College that we can use data from Year 5 NAPLAN as the earliest indicator of a student's need for additional support in any of these areas. We are working to improve our use of student data and to improve the effectiveness of how we address literacy and numeracy learning in all of our subjects.

I spoke to Year 8 students this week during their Pastoral Care Period to explain the above information to hopefully allay any fears they have about their ability to enrol in and achieve an HSC.

We will continue to target students in need and work with their teachers and with you as their parents to ensure our students are provided with every opportunity to develop their reading, writing and numeracy skills. Over the next few weeks, I will provide some tips for parents on how to enhance the development of these foundational skills in the home. In the meantime, I encourage you to access additional information about the [Minimum Standards](#) on the NESA site, to read this [letter from David Carvalho](#), NESA's Chief Executive Officer, and to view this [video](#) with your sons. Another informative article is [Year 9 NAPLAN and the HSC: What You Need to Know](#) from last week's Sydney Morning Herald.

Thank you.

Denise Lombardo—Director of Learning and Innovation



Sports Draw - SATURDAY 20 MAY 2017

FOOTBALL				
1st XI	v	St Pius X	9.15	Walsh Oval
2nd XI	v	St Pius X	8.00	Walsh Oval
3rd XI	v	SPC 4th	10.00	SPC 3
4th XI	v	SPC 3rd	10.00	SPC 3
5th XI	v	Barker 8th	1.00	SPC 3
6th XI	v	Kings 9th	9.00	Old Boys 2 (King's)
7th XI	v	Barker 9th	12.00	SPC 3
8th XI	v	Barker 10th	11.00	SPC 3
16A	v	St Pius X	9.00	Watkins Oval
16B	v	St Pius X	8.00	Watkins Oval
16C	v	Reddam House	10.00	Mason Park 3
16D	v	Grammar E	9.00	Mason Park 3
16E	v	Grammar F	8.00	Mason Park 3
15A	v	St Pius X	8.00	Mason Park 2
15B	v	St Pius X	9.00	Mason Park 2
15C	v	St Pius X	10.00	Mason Park 2
15D	v	Grammar E	12.00	Mason Park 3
15E	v	Grammar F	11.00	Mason Park 3
15F	v	Knox I	2.00	Curagul 1
14A	v	St Pius X	1.30	Bark Huts 2 TBC
14B	v	St Pius X	12.30	Bark Huts 2 TBC
14C	v	St Pius X	11.30	Bark Huts 2 TBC
14D	v	Oakhill C	2.00	Mason Park 2
14E	v	Shore B	1.00	Mason Park 2
14F	v	Shore D	12.00	Mason Park 2
14G	v	Shore E	11.00	Mason Park 2
13A	v	St Pius X	11.00	Watkins Oval
13B	v	St Pius X	10.00	Watkins Oval
13C	v	SPC D	2.00	SPC 3
13D	v	SPC C	2.00	SPC 3
13E	v	Grammar F	2.00	Mason Park 3
13F	v	Grammar G	1.00	Mason Park 3
13G	v	Trinity F	10.00	Bark Huts 2
13H	v	Trinity G	9.00	Bark Huts 2

RUGBY				
1st XV	v	St Gregory's	2.15	St Gregory's College 1
2nd XV	v	St Pius 1st XV	1.00	Chaplin Oval 1
3rd XV	v	St Pius 2nd XV	12.00	Chaplin Oval 1
4th XV	v	St Pius 3rd XV	11.00	Chaplin Oval 1
16A	v	St Gregory's	12.00	St Gregory's College 1
16B	v	St Pius A	10.00	Chaplin Oval 1
15A	v	St Pius	2.20	Chaplin Oval 1
15B	v	St Gregory's A	10.00	St Gregory's College 1
15C	v	St Pius C	12.30	Watkins Oval
14A	v	St Pius	9.00	Chaplin Oval 1
14B	v	St Gregory's A	9.00	St Gregory's College 1
14C	v	St Gregory's B	11.00	St Gregory's College 3
13A	v	St Pius	10.00	Chaplin Oval 2
13B	v	St Gregory's A	10.00	St Gregory's College 3
13C	v	St Pius B	9.00	Chaplin Oval 2
13D	v	St Pius C	8.00	Chaplin Oval 2

TENNIS				
Div 1	v	Redlands	8.00	Lane Cove Tennis Club
Div 2	v	Redlands	8.00	Lane Cove Tennis Club
Div 3	v	Redlands	8.00	Strathfield Sports Club
Div 4	v	Redlands	8.00	Lane Cove Tennis Club
Div 5	v	Redlands	8.00	Strathfield Sports Club
Div 6	v	Redlands	8.00	Lane Cove Tennis Club
Div 7	v	Redlands	8.00	Strathfield Sports Club
Div 8	v	Redlands	8.00	Lane Cove Tennis Club
Div 9	v	Chevalier	8.00	Strathfield Sports Club
Div 10	v	Redlands	8.00	Strathfield Sports Club

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT WEEKLY DRAW ROUND FOUR 20/05/17

Rugby Union

TEAM	OPPOSITION	VENUE	TIME
PREP 1 ST XV	Kings	SPC No 2	8.45am
PREP 2 ND XV	Kings	SPC No 2	8.00am
PREP BLACK 7's	St Pius X	Koola Park 4	9.20am
	Mosman	Koola Park 6	10.00am
PREP GOLD 7's	Trinity White	Koola Park 1	10.00am
	Waverley	Koola Park 2	10.20am
11A	St Ignatius	SIC 5	11.00am
11B	St Ignatius	SIC 5	10.15am
11C	St Ignatius	SIC 5	9.30am

Football (Soccer)

TEAM	OPPOSITION	VENUE	TIME
PREP A	Knox	Bark Huts 1	8.00am
PREP B	Knox	Bark Huts 1	8.45am
PREP C	Knox	Bark Huts 1	9.30am
PREP D	Knox	Bark Huts 1	10.15am
PREP E	Scots	David Phillips 2	10.15am
11 A1	Waverley	Queens Park 9	10.15am
11 B1	Waverley	Queens Park 9	9.30am
11 C1	Waverley	Queens Park 9	8.45am
11 D1	Waverley	Queens Park 9	8.00am
11A2	Grammar St Ives	Top Field	8.00am
11 B2	Grammar St Ives	Cowper 2	8.00am
11 C2	Grammar St Ives	Cowper 2	8.45am
11 D2	Grammar St Ives	Cowper 2	9.30am
10A	Coogee	SPC NO 3	8.45am
10B	Santa	SPC NO 3	8.45am
10C1	St Aloysius	SPC NO 3	8.00am
10C2	Grammar St Ives	SPC NO 3	8.00am

AFL

TEAM	OPPOSITION	VENUE	TIME
A	St Aloysius	St Lukes	8.00am

Venues:

Breen Oval/SPC No 2 – Edgar St, Strathfield (inside school grounds)
 Bark Huts – Elliott St, Belfield
 Queens Park – Darley Rd, Waverley
 David Phillips – David Phillips Oval – Daceyville
 SIC 5 – Riverview St, Off Tambourine Bay Rd, Riverview
 Top Field/Cowper – Ayres Rd and Mona Vale Rd, St Ives

SENIOR SCHOOL SUMMER SPORT PHOTOS

Parents are advised that their sons will be informed of the Photo timetable for the College Summer Sports activities via their Homeroom Noticeboards. Photos will be taken in the College Hall on **Friday 19 May**.

I would kindly ask that parents ensure that their son's Summer Sports uniform is clean and in good condition for the photos. Details relating to the purchasing of photos online will be forwarded to parents via the Especcan in the near future.

No bags to be dropped off at Reception for your son on this day.

Steve Fochesato—Director of Co-curricular



Sportsmaster

Congratulations

After a grueling selection day at Oxford Falls last week, the following boys have been selected for the ISA Representative Rugby teams. In the Opens: Alexander Skinner, Conor O'Brien, Mark Nawaqanitawase and James Roumanous. In the Under 16 – Max Smith. Well done to all boys.

Likewise in the Football, the following boys have managed to play their way in the ISA Representative Football team: Alexander Vellar, Cooper Dennis, Baxter Brown. This year, the ISA also expanded to include an U16 Representative team – congratulations to Anthony Pollicina and Luca Trinco who have progressed to the final trial stages.

Following a stellar Cricket season with the 1st XI side, Harry Manenti has recently been selected in the NSW U17 Metro squad. A fantastic achievement.

Forward planning - Rugby in Bathurst – Saturday 17 June

The Rugby fraternity will travel to Orange to play Kinross Wolaroi on Saturday 17 June. All teams will play in Bathurst **apart from the 14C, 13C and 13D teams**. A bus will again be organised and a note will go out in the near future regarding transport.

Mitchell Kearsley—Head of Secondary Sport

FIXTURES AND GROUND LOCATIONS are published live online (includes cancellations):

Go to <http://www.spc.nsw.edu.au/co-curricular/sporting/> or visit the College website and select Sports Fixtures on the Quick Links menu

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