

# Especean

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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,  
If you had a chance to get to see our recent musical production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat I am sure you will have enjoyed it. Our small but enthusiastic cast did a wonderful job in entertaining us. I offer my congratulations to all of the boys in the production, whether on the stage, behind the scenes or as a band member in the pit. Thanks also to our committed and talented staff for their hard work in producing the show.

### Growth Mindset

There are some things that we are simply just not as good at as other things. In my travels around classrooms I recently visited a Year 12 Visual Arts class. I was admiring the artistic skills of a Year 12 boy who was progressing his major work. I happened to say to him that I was envious of his skills and that wished I had that sort of talent. His reply was "Come on sir, that's not really demonstrating a growth mindset." He was entirely correct. This is precisely what we want to encourage in our children: the belief that with committing to the *right* work, improving our skills and working through the process of learning that we will improve. Perhaps what I can say in future is that I admire the skills of someone in a particular field of endeavour, and that with similar dedication and commitment I too could hope to acquire some of those same skills.



As a musician who spent many, many hours in a room on my own as a child and adolescent, practising scales arpeggios and endlessly repeating the same few bars of music, I know what it takes to make incremental improvements in technique and skill set. This is the same for any discipline, whether it be a sport, a craft or an area of academic learning. Our College Learning Framework is in the process of being embedded in classrooms on a daily basis. The Framework has five key elements; one of which is a Growth Mindset. We believe that this is something we need to inculcate in our students and embed in our learning culture, so that all people who work (students and staff alike) at St Patrick's College subscribe to a belief that with tenacity, independence and self-ownership of the learning process, improvements can and will be made to learning. A growth mindset is ultimately about self-efficacy. Building efficacious behaviour in boys is certainly about encouragement, but it is more so about developing in young people a set of beliefs that

with the right attitude, and a stick-with-it-ness, as well as the right support, learning will improve. Failure in the process is not only ok, it is imperative. Without failure, we won't know what success looks like.

If you haven't checked out our Learning Framework, I would encourage you to do so. It marks the essence of our endeavours with the boys in each and every classroom. Improvements in learning are rarely stellar, rather, they are incremental. We must believe that all students can improve in their learning, and that intelligence is not fixed. The brain is flexible, has plasticity and is capable of learning. This means we are capable of learning a new skill, subject and concept. And, even at my age, I am capable of learning something new every day. I thank Oliver Turner Jensen for reminding me that I have to draw on my own growth mindset, and model this to others. Even though his artistic skills far exceed mine, with practice and self-efficacy, I am sure my painting skills can improve. As parents, I ask you to be aware of the messages you unconsciously send your sons about your own growth mindset. Sometimes we can exclaim that we weren't very good at this or that at school, which may unconsciously send the message to our children that if mum or dad wasn't very good at it, perhaps I won't be either.

### Baby News

Karly Lazarou and her husband Nicholas welcomed a baby girl on Wednesday 24 May – Sia Lazarou.  
The stats: 3.98kg and 56.5cm long. We wish Karly and Nicholas every blessing on the safe arrival of Sia.

*Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever.*

Craig Wattam  
Principal



## Junior School



Last Thursday the Junior School held its Year 6 Dad's Breakfast for 2017. The morning was enormously successful, with a wonderful response from the male caregivers of our boys in turning up in great numbers, the largest in recent memory, and taking part with enthusiasm and interest. Being able to share a meal with our sons, meet other dads and caregivers, spend some time in our boy's place of work and take part in a classroom activity with him is a great way to spend a morning. I am sure that everyone who attended found the time spent worthwhile and rewarding. The boys themselves gave a huge thumbs up to having their dads here.

For them it is a chance to have rare quality time with their father, their classmates and their teachers and an opportunity to stop and "smell the roses" as it were. We really do have an awful lot to be thankful for. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who attended the Dad's Breakfast, the Year 6 staff, our caterers and especially Mrs Gibson for making this day memorable.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents to label **all** items of clothing belonging to your boys. There is an enormous amount of lost property handed in each week and items are often left unclaimed because no name appears. If clothes have been previously owned, please change the name that appears as this makes it difficult to track down the owner. I look forward to your cooperation with this request.

**Jim Walters—Director of Junior School**



## Junior School Sport

Congratulations to all boys last weekend with some excellent results in AFL, winning their first match against St Ignatius and most of the Football teams. Unfortunately all of the Rugby lost last weekend. Most teams had their chances but the opposition on the day was too strong. Well done to the 11C's for scoring their first few tries of the season. This weekend sees another tough round of IPSHA sport for all teams and I wish them all the best of luck.

Next Wednesday 7 June is the Athletics Carnival starting on Breen Oval at 9.15am. All boys will be placed in divisions for the 100m and 200m running events and the boys who have qualified for the field events will be notified by Friday. All parents are welcome to come and support your son/s.

Well done to Jude Chalhoub, Jack Power and Jonah Thompson for making through to day 2 of the very difficult NSW CIS Rugby Union trials. Congratulations to Jonah Thompson who has made the NSW CIS Rugby Union team.

**Grant Andrews—Junior School Sportsmaster**

## IDEATION 2017

Education, health, popular culture, and the arts. These were just some of the topics discussed at the 2017 Ideation Forum. This was a one-day event held by Multicultural NSW, the NSW State Government, and the Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People (ACYP) at the State Library of NSW on April 7. In participation were 140 young people (aged between 12 and 24 years) from a large range of school, scouts, youth groups, and other communities from all over Australia. We were all gathered for one purpose- to conceive, plan, and create a campaign to improve inclusion and belonging in NSW, as the theme of 2017.

This led to deep conversations about the unique value of Australia's multiculturalism and diversity, and how it can be used to our advantage. In the morning, experts in advertising, campaigning, sociology and politics spoke to us about what inclusion means. This was followed by a panel of young people from different fields speaking about their experiences of inclusion and belonging. In the afternoon it was our turn, in groups of 10, to create a campaign for better inclusion and belonging both in our smaller communities, and on the large scale.

Our plans were collected and are currently being considered by the NSW State Government, and can hopefully make a difference. I would like to thank Mrs Timillero for such a great opportunity. It was a very inspiring and memorable experience, and reinforced that although we are different, we are equal.

**Tobias Pickett (Year 11 Student)**

## Year 9 Accelerated Maths Night Report

On Wednesday 17 May, the parents of the Year 9 Accelerated Mathematics students were invited to a presentation evening after school. The purpose of this night was to showcase to the parents what students have learnt in the course of the year, and to demonstrate the activities covered in the classroom during the school day. Classmates were eager to present their acquired knowledge and skills to their parents. Students solved equations, applying techniques and strategies learnt during Semester 1. At the end of the night, both parents and students were provided with the special opportunity to participate in a Kahoot quiz designed by Emilio Campana and Joshua Cosgrove. This resulted in some interesting findings, where it is still unknown as to who won - the parent or the child, the debate is ongoing. Despite this, the presentation evening was a huge success for the students. The evening would not have been possible without the assistance and support of the following people: Mr Chase, Mrs Timillero, Mr Wheatley and Mr Teixeira. A massive thank you to the hard-working Mrs Di Lorenzo who is always a joy to learn from.

**Ethan Micame & George Pachos (Year 9 Students)**



## Year 9 and 10 Visual Arts Excursion

Monday 22 May, Year 9 and 10 Visual Arts students ventured down to Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Art Centre to learn and develop their artmaking ideas and skills. The students completed a number of artmaking workshops where they explored new skills which they will be able to take back and apply to upcoming bodies of work.

The workshops included figurative drawing, charcoal nature works and self-portrait collages. It was a wonderful experience with many students believing that it has helped their understanding of the artmaking and many new branches of art. Whilst the students were there, they were able to experience and look at some works in the current exhibition, Art on Paper.

The exhibition was of diverse subject matter but, all works had the common material of paper. With works from all over Australia and from all forms of art practitioners the exhibition provided a great insight into the possibilities of paper. Overall, this was a great day where the students could really express their creation and newfound understanding of the diversity of art.

*Hayden Serrao (Year 10 Visual Arts Student)*



## YEAR 7 PCP WEEK 4

Over the past few weeks in our Year 7 Pastoral Care lessons we have been learning about and discussing relationships and friendships. We have been participating in activities which promote positive communication and help build healthy connections with our peers. In Week 4, during our Pastoral Care period we were fortunate enough to have a panel of six Year 12 students eager to speak to us. These students shared very deep and meaningful stories of their experiences in Year 7. They shared stories about some of their struggles such as feeling left out, anxiety, belonging and the struggles of making new friends. The Year 12 students were very open with us in sharing how they felt, what they did that helped them get through their tough time, and in their advice to us and our cohort. They stressed the importance of making sure everyone feels included and the power that a simple conversation with someone can have. The Year 12's stories inspired us to develop meaningful bonds and respect for each other. Thank you to those Year 12's who gave up their time to be with us.

*Jake Milligan (Year 7 Student)*



## PASTORAL CARE

With the continuing rise of social networking amongst our children, it is imperative that both students and parents are aware of the potential risks associated with joining a social network. The Office of the eSafety Commissioner (<https://esafety.gov.au/esafety-information/esafety-issues/social-networking>) suggests the following in relation to safe social networking:

- Limit your friend list: don't 'friend' random people.
- Protect your privacy: don't share your password and set your profile to private.
- Your personal details are valuable: don't share them.
- Protect your reputation: keep it clean and ask yourself, would you want others to see what you upload?
- Be careful who you trust: a person can pretend to be someone they are not.
- Don't use a webcam with people you do not know.
- Think before you post, chat, upload or download.



Recently, I had an opportunity to speak with some peers from other schools about wellbeing matters; one of the topics raised during our discussion was the emerging trend that students in schools are accessing their parent's phone/device and blocking their school's contact details, effectively disabling the lines of communication. In some cases, it wasn't until a parent was sitting in an interview that they became aware that their child's school had been unable to contact them and the reason for this became apparent. Parents are encouraged to check that the College's contact details are operating correctly in their phone or device.

*Robert Simpson—Director of Pastoral Care*

## 2018 TERM DATES

Please see the 2018 term dates to help with your forward planning for holidays and events outside of school time. It is recommended that families plan their holidays to coincide with the term breaks in order to minimise student absences and disruption to learning. In the event that leave needs to be taken, students and their parents are reminded of the expectations regarding Applications for Leave of 3 or more days. Details can be found on pages 26-27 of the College Diary. The application form is located on the College's parent portal on **SOLE** <https://sole.spc.nsw.edu.au/course/view.php?id=272>. Previous leave should be noted. The College reserves the right to decline applications and to apply consequences to those students who are absent without approval.

Term	First Day	Last Day
1	<b>Years 5 &amp; 12 &amp; New Students only:</b> Tuesday 30 January	<b>Students:</b> Friday 13 April
	<b>Students:</b> (Years 6-11) Wednesday 31 January	
2	<b>Students:</b> Monday 30 April	<b>Students:</b> Friday 29 June
3	<b>Students:</b> Tuesday 24 July	<b>Students:</b> Friday 28 September
4	<b>Students:</b> Monday 15 October	<b>Students:</b> Friday 7 December (Years 5-11)

# Sports Draw - SATURDAY 3 JUNE 2017

FOOTBALL				RUGBY					
1st XI	v	St Andrew's	1.15	SPC 3	1st XV	v	St Stanislaus'	3.15	Breen Oval
2nd XI	v	St Andrew's	12.00	SPC 3	2nd XV	v	St Stanislaus'	2.00	Breen Oval
3rd XI	v	St Pius 4th	11.00	Walsh Oval	3rd XV	v	St Stanislaus' 4th	1.00	Breen Oval
4th XI	v	St Greg's	9.00	SPC 3	4th XV	v	St Stanislaus' 5th	12.00	Breen Oval
5th XI	v	Sydney Boys High 7th	11.00	Bark Huts 2	16A	v	St Stanislaus'	11.00	Breen Oval
6th XI	v	Sydney Boys High 8th	10.00	Bark Huts 2	16B	v	St Stanislaus'	1.00	Hudson Park
7th XI	v	Sydney Boys High 9th	9.00	Bark Huts 2	15A	v	St Stanislaus'	12.00	Hudson Park
8th XI	v	Sydney Boys High 10th	8.00	Bark Huts 2	15B	v	St Stanislaus'	11.00	Hudson Park
16A	v	St Andrew's	8.00	SPC 3	15C	v	Redlands A	10.00	Hudson Park
16B	v	St Andrew's	10.00	SPC 3	14A	v	St Stanislaus'	1.00	Airey Park
16C	v	St Pius B	8.00	Watkins Oval	14B	v	St Stanislaus'	12.00	Airey Park
16D	v	Sydney Grammar	11.00	SPC 3	14C	v	St Stanislaus'	11.00	Airey Park
16E	v	Reddam House	8.00	Parade Ground 6	13A	v	St Stanislaus'	1.00	SPC 2
15A	v	St Andrew's	1.00	Wentworth Park	13B	v	St Stanislaus'	12.00	SPC 2
15B	v	St Andrew's B	11.00	Wentworth Park	13C	v	St Stanislaus'	11.00	SPC 2
15C	v	St Pius X B	8.00	Mason Park 2	13D	v	BYE		
15D	v	Sydney Grammar C	12.00	Reg Bartley Oval	<b>TENNIS</b>				
15E	v	Sydney Grammar D	1.00	Reg Bartley Oval	Div 1	v	Redlands	8.00	Strathfield Sports Club
15F	v	Sydney Boys High	2.00	Mission Fields	Div 2	v	Central Coast 1	8.30	Strathfield Sports Club
14A	v	St Andrew's	9.00	Wentworth Park	Div 3	v	St Paul's	8.00	Richmond Tennis Centre
14B	v	St Andrew's	10.00	Wentworth Park	Div 4	v	Central Coast 2	8.30	Strathfield Sports Club
14C	v	SPC D	12.00	Mason Park 2	Div 5	v	Barker 1	8.00	Barker College
14D	v	SPC C	12.00	Mason Park 2	Div 6	v	Central Coast 3	8.30	Strathfield Sports Club
14E	v	Kings D	11.00	Mason Park 2	Div 7	v	Barker 2	8.00	Barker College
14F	v	Kings E	10.00	Mason Park 2	Div 8	v	Central Coast 4	8.30	Strathfield Sports Club
14G	v	Kings F	9.00	Mason Park 2	Div 9	v	St Paul's 2	8.00	Richmond Tennis Centre
13A	v	St Andrew's	2.00	Mason Park 3	Div 10	v	BYE		
13B	v	St Andrew's	1.00	Mason Park 3					
13C	v	St Pius D	10.30	Chaplin Oval 2					
13D	v	St Spyridon C	12.00	Mason Park 3					
13E	v	Knox F	11.00	Mason Park 3					
13F	v	Knox G	10.00	Mason Park 3					
13G	v	Knox I	9.00	Mason Park 3					
13H	v	Knox H	8.00	Mason Park 3					



## JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT WEEKLY DRAW ROUND SIX 03/06/17

### Rugby Union

TEAM	OPPOSITION	VENUE	TIME
PREP 1 <sup>ST</sup> XV	St Augustine's	Rat Park 3	9.30am
PREP 2 <sup>ND</sup> XV	St Augustine's	Rat Park 3	8.45am
PREP BLACK 7's	TBA		
PREP GOLD 7's	TBA		
11A	Waverley	Queens Park 7	9.30am
11B	Waverley	Queens Park 7	8.45am
11C	Waverley	Queens Park 7	8.00am

### Football (Soccer)

TEAM	OPPOSITION	VENUE	TIME
PREP A	Scots	Bark Huts 1	8.00am
PREP B	Scots	Bark Huts 1	8.45am
PREP C	Scots	Bark Huts 1	9.30am
PREP D	Scots	Bark Huts 1	10.15am
PREP E	St Aloysius	Anderson Park	9.00am
11 A1	Barker	Phipps	8.45am
11 B1	Barker	Phipps	9.30am
11 C1	Barker	Phipps	10.15am
11 D1	Barker	Phipps	11.00am
11A2	St Ignatius	SIC 1C	10.15am
11 B2	St Ignatius	SIC 1C	9.30am
11 C2	St Ignatius	SIC 1C	8.45am
11 D2	St Ignatius	SIC 1C	8.00am
10A	Cranbrook	Dangar 1	8.45am
10B	Cranbrook	Dangar 1	8.45am
10C1	Cranbrook	Dangar 1	8.00am
10C2	Cranbrook	Dangar 1	8.00am

### AFL

TEAM	OPPOSITION	VENUE	TIME
A	Knox	Acron Oval	9.15am

### Venues:

- Breen Oval/SPC No 2, 3 – Edgar St, Strathfield (inside school grounds)
- Bark Huts – Elliott St, Belfield
- Queens Park 9 – Darley Rd, Waverley
- Rat Park 3 – 1472 Pittwater Rd, Warriewood
- Dangar 1 – Iluka St, Rose Bay
- Phipps – College Crescent, Waitara
- Anderson Park – Kuraba Rd, Neutral Bay
- SIC Field 1C – Saint Ignatius College, Riverview

## SUPPORTER'S DUTY

A reminder that Year 7 have been designated supporter's duty on Saturday 3 June. All boys are to report to the Powell Pavilion between 1.00 and 1.15pm to have their names marked off. Once this has been completed, boys will move to SPC No. 3 to support the College 1<sup>st</sup> XI and await further instructions. Boys will be dismissed at the conclusion of the 1<sup>st</sup> XV game, approximate time is 4.50pm.



### Winter Sport

Last weekend's round saw St Patrick's engage in a tough round of sport with Oakhill College. There were again some dominating performances from the younger Football sides and the 16As were clinical in their victory. In the Rugby, the 15As and 15Bs in particular had positive weekends, scoring 86 points and only conceding 5 collectively. The 1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby side put on another strong entertaining performance, only to fall 2 points short of victory.

This weekend is the last home round before the holidays, there will be plenty of supporters from Bathurst so be sure to get down and cheer on the boys in black.

### Congratulations and Good Luck

Joshua Lee of Year 9 has been selected in the NSW CIS U15 AFL side. He will travel to Albury next week to compete in the NSW All Schools Championships. Well done and good luck!

Good luck also to the St Patrick's Cross Country Squad who will look to retain the Aggregate Shield at the ISA Cross Country Championships this week at Horsley Park.

*Mitchell Kearsley—Head of Secondary Sport*

## DARLING HARBOUR SUNDAY AFTERNOON BAND CONCERT

The College community is warmly invited to come and support the College Wind Ensemble and Blue Black & Gold Big Band as they perform **this Sunday afternoon** outside the Harbourside complex in Darling Harbour, next to the Ferris wheel. The concert will commence at **12.15pm** with the Wind Ensemble. This concert has become an annual event for the Band community at SPC and is a wonderful opportunity for the College to showcase the talents of its musical students. Please come and enjoy an afternoon of musical entertainment.

*Derek Rose—Bandmaster*

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