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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,
"We are not here to tend a museum, but rather to cultivate a flourishing garden of life." Saint John XXIII

A friend sent me this quote last week from Pope John XXIII, and I must say I have read and re-read it many times in the last seven days. It is at first-glance a deceptively simple statement. As I reflect on our role as educators of young men, and of the role of parents in caring for, and growing, young men, it strikes me that not only our civic and secular hope for the future lies with the young, but that same hope for our Church similarly rests with them. It is fair to say that the Catholic Church in Australia is suffering at the moment, perhaps more-so than it has done for a long while. There are those who have turned away from the formal Church and we know that Church attendance in Australia continues to decline. Having said that, I know that our young people are yearning for a connection to their faith; a 'be-longing' if you will.

Last Thursday evening I attended a meeting of Old Boys who convened a panel discussion on social justice. Lance Brooks, Dominic Ofner and current Year 12 student Eoin O'Sullivan comprised the panel, and they offered their thoughts and experiences on social justice in their lives. The discussion was wide-ranging and very engaging. I have to say how proud I was to listen to Eoin; his humility, his ability to articulate a position on social justice in a contemporary world from someone who is 17 years old, was wonderful to behold. There is certainly hope for the future for our Church and for justice to be done in the world if Eoin is any measure of the treasures of our youth.



Lance and Dominic offered great insights into the many projects in which they have been involved as volunteers and from their workplaces. I always leave such events wondering what more I can do to work for justice in our world.

At one stage during the panel discussion Dominic stated: "We seem to be intent on building walls when what we need to be doing is building bridges." If we consider the current global political climate with North Korea, the United States, France (and the threat of Frexit), the UK (and Brexit), Syria, Afghanistan and many countries in Africa where political unrest, far-right politics and famine are just some of the challenges facing the people of these countries, we can certainly become quite despondent. Social justice is not just about action, but it is also about reflection, advocacy and awareness. Our challenge as

teachers in a Catholic context is always to help students to make explicit the links between social justice and our faith. We must offer the opportunity for boys to have an ever deepening encounter with the person of Jesus, who is the example and guide for our reflection, action and advocacy. These links need to take us back to the Scriptures where the mandate is provided for social justice. It is easy to roll up our sleeves and get involved; and this needs to happen. We also have a commitment to our inner lives of prayer and reflection, and for awareness raising. If you listen to our recent (and not so recent) graduates of St Patrick's College, I am sure you will agree that the faith is vibrant and our commitment to making the world a better place, for the good of all, is alive and well. Blessed Edmund Rice fought for those who had nothing and who seemed to be the forgotten ones in Ireland in the 1800s. He also provided solace, a listening ear and food to prisoners, some of whom were awaiting execution. Edmund's work was all in the name of Jesus of the Gospel. As Pope John XXIII reminds us, we are not here to preserve the past, so much as to work for life. A life that is full of hope!



Farewell

At the end of last term we said farewell to Sue Fague our Uniform Shop manager. Sue has been a member of this community for 21 years. No doubt she has fitted thousands of boys out with every article of uniform in that time, and I would suspect some children of those boys as well! We offer our thanks to Sue for all she has contributed to St Patrick's College over this lengthy period and wish her every blessing in the next phase of her life.

Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever.

Craig Wattam
Principal

UNIFORM SHOP NOTICE

Welcome to the Uniform Shop News—Now in Stock:

Woollen jumpers
New Rugby jerseys and shorts
Black Caps – a reminder for the boys who need replacements.
Long sleeve shirts are optional for Winter and now in stock.
Don't be left out in the cold come and pick up your College tracksuit.
Apologies for running out of our Soccer jersey and socks.
Watch this space for updates.
Come past and say hello.
The Uniform Shop



Junior School

Within the Junior School we continue to focus on the theme of leadership and what this means for us at the commencement of our journey at the College. Last week's Year 6 Pastoral Care Period was devoted to this theme, with the boys looking at how we influence the behaviour and attitudes of others from day to day. We drew on the idea that leadership is action; that it comes in small packages, the little, seemingly trivial deeds of our daily lives that we think are unnoticed. Year 6 were asked to consider the gift that humans have in being able to put themselves in the skin of others, to see the world from someone else's perspective. This gift is extraordinary, but it also calls us to action. Knowing how others feel, impels us to be kind, to be generous, to be a leader.

At the end of Term One all Junior School classes voted for Class Captains for 2017. Within each room, the boys were asked to consider who amongst their classmates would best represent the group on the Junior School SRC and contribute to the College in giving our student body a further voice. Voting took place, then the Junior School assembled in the College Chapel and were addressed by Dr Wattam on the theme of leadership. The leaders were presented with their badges.

I would formally like to congratulate the following boys and wish them well in their roles for 2017.

6 Black: Captain—Matthew Younan
6 Blue: Captain—Matthew Mavrelis
6 Gold: Captain—Damon Chidiac
6 Green: Captain—Anthony Laggis
6 Red: Captain—Karim Lattouf
6 White: Captain—Jullian Adoncello

Vice-Captain—Luke Salonga
Vice Captain—Martin Quach
Vice Captain—Patrick O'Connor
Vice-Captain—Luka Govorcic
Vice Captain—Dylan Parks
Vice Captain—James Winters

5 Black: Captain—Jack Gillies
5 Blue: Captain—Steven Saliba
5 Gold: Captain—James Tannous
5 Green: Captain—Kain De Lisser-Howarth
5 Red: Captain—Justin Ryan
5 White: Captain—Christian Coorey

Vice Captain—Hamish Muir
Vice-Captain—Jack Roberts
Vice Captain—Jonathan Lepessiotis
Vice Captain—Nathan Devine
Vice Captain—William Hanna
Vice Captain—Alexander Bechara

I would also like to thank Mr Locke for his work with this process and his ongoing work with the Junior School Student Representative Council.

Jim Walters—Director of Junior School



Junior School Sport

Congratulations to all boys for your efforts last weekend, especially all the Year 5 and new Year 6 boys who played their first winter round for the College. We had some excellent results across the board. I want to remind all boys and parents that we play a sport for the love of it. We try our hardest from the first whistle till the last and our sportsmanship is of the highest quality no matter what the score line. I was really impressed with the Prep Rugby boys on the weekend who were winning easily but played in a great spirit, showing the opposition respect at all times.

This Saturday 6 May is the Junior School Supporter's Day. All boys are to assemble in the Powell Pavilion at 1.00pm to get their names marked off the roll. We then move to watch the Senior 1st XI Football on SPC No 3 and at the conclusion, we walk to Breen oval to watch the Senior 1st XV. At the conclusion of the game, the boys will sing the College anthem with the members of the Firsts. After that, at approximately 4.45pm all boys are free to go home with their parents. If you can't make the whole day, then you are asked to supply me with a note and I will allocate another day for you to support both Firsts. It is a great day that both the Junior School and the Seniors really enjoy. Boys are to wear their school tracksuit with their Supporter's shirt underneath, or full school uniform on the day.

Good luck to all boys this weekend.

Grant Andrews—Junior School Sportsmaster

Teachers as Learners

Our recent Staff Development Day, entitled "Marks or Sparks? Rethinking Assessment" provided the opportunity for our Senior School teaching staff to reflect, learn and take action in various areas related to assessment and feedback. Our Junior School teachers spent the day enhancing their approaches to literacy instruction.

Some aspects of formal assessment are obviously necessary for compliance and reporting purposes, but an examination of the word "assess", which has its roots in the Latin "to sit with", allowed us to rethink what assessment is, should and could be. As reflective practitioners, we must "sit with" our students' assessment results and reflect on our own teaching - what went well, what we must do differently to progress their learning. We must allow time for students to "sit with" their own results, to reflect on their skills, efforts and set goals for the next steps in their learning. We can look to "sit with" learning opportunities, ensuring we go deeper with big questions and real world connections.

The Learning Framework principles were in evidence throughout our work on the day. Relationships and Collaboration bore fruit as teachers shared with one another, enriching our community of practice. Focusing on the two-way nature of feedback also allows us to use collaborative practices to enhance relationships. Providing the day to focus on our own role as learners, continually developing our practice, and stressing the use of formative assessment processes promotes Feedback and Reflection and our own Growth Mindsets. As we considered the quality of our current assessment practices and look to enhance task engagement and rigour, we engaged in Critical and Creative thinking.

Senior teacher workshops on the day included "Using Thinking Routines" to ascertain student understanding, creating "Real World Tasks" using the EREA Justice and Peace Framework, best practice in developing "Engaging, Reliable and Valid" tasks, and using "Formative Assessment to Improve Student Writing". The Junior School sessions included "Visual Literacy", "Writing Strategies", "Literacy Groups", and using "Open-Ended Questions" to deepen student comprehension. Our work in these areas will be ongoing as we implement these aspects in our practice and revisit our progress at faculty and staff meetings across the year.

A huge thank you to all staff members who facilitated the day: Gillian Daley, Karly Lazarou, Janine Timillero, Andrew Brennan, Nick Phillipson, Cate Sinnadurai, Alison Mazoudier, Helen Gibson and Dan Fields.

Denise Lombardo—Director of Learning and Innovation



Curriculum

The National Assessment Programme – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

A final reminder that all students in Years 5, 7 and 9 will sit the national tests in Literacy and Numeracy. The NAPLAN tests will be carried out on the following days:

- **Tuesday 9 May:** Language Conventions; Writing
- **Wednesday 10 May:** Reading
- **Thursday 11 May:** Numeracy

Students **must** bring the following equipment with them on the test days **in a clear plastic sleeve**.

- Pencils – Year 5 must have a 2B or HB pencil, whilst Years 7 and 9 may use a 2B or HB pencil or, a black ballpoint pen.
- Rubber and pencil sharpener.
- Calculator – for Year 7 and 9 Numeracy test only.

Please note in the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors.

Once the NAPLAN test is over students will return to normal class lessons. Finally, parents and students of Years 5, 7 and 9 are reminded and encouraged to use the *EXCEL Testzone* online site as a means of preparation.

Andrew Brennan—Acting Director of Curriculum

SUPPORTER'S DUTY

A reminder that **Years 5 and 6** have been designated Supporter's duty on Saturday 6 May. 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 1st XI and await further instructions. Boys will be dismissed at the conclusion of the 1st XV game, approximate time is 4.50pm.

Training off site – Protocol

Given the large number of winter sports teams currently representing the College, certain teams have been allocated training sessions at nearby Hudson and Airey Parks and at the Marie Bashir School Playing Field in Albert Road. In order to ensure boys make their way to and from the grounds safely, they have been instructed to meet with their coaches at 3.25pm so that they are supervised along the journey.

Ordinarily, boys making the return trip to school will leave their school bag at the College for the duration of the training session. I would take this opportunity to remind boys that they should take their valuables such as wallets and phones with them or leave them in their secured lockers. Clearly, boys being picked up at these grounds will need to take their school bags with them.

Parents wishing to pick up their son/s from the above-mentioned playing fields may do so once they have reported to the relevant Coach at 4.50pm at which point teams will commence their return trip to the College. **Please note that under no circumstance will a boy be permitted to remain at the training field in order to wait for his parent/s. Furthermore, students are not permitted to drive to and from these venues on training days.**

Steve Fochesato—Director of Co-curricular

Year 11 Senior Retreat

Just a reminder that the Senior Retreat for ALL Year 11 students will take place in the week of **Sunday 15 October to Saturday 21 October**.

Students will attend ONE half of the week: either Sunday 3.00pm to Wednesday 11.00am OR Wednesday 3.00pm to Saturday 11.00am. The other days in the week are for private study at home.

Retreat groups cannot be finalised until toward the end of Term 3 due to various reasons, thus we ask you to keep the respective dates free of major events.

Retreat groups will be based on Homeroom groups.

If you have any specific need please email me at gillian.daley@spc.nsw.edu.au sooner rather than later.

This will be a pivotal moment in the lives of all Year 11 students and we wish them all the best for this significant occasion.

Gillian Daley—Director of Identity

ParentWise

How to keep calm and connect with adolescents



FREE parenting course

Good Shepherd is offering a six-week parenting course for parents and carers of 12-18 year olds. This course helps take some of the stress out of parenting.

ParentWise is facilitated by experienced Adolescent and Family Counsellors.

This is a great opportunity to learn

- Evidenced-based strategies from the latest research on parenting by adolescent neurobiology specialists
- How to connect with your adolescent based on their stage of development
- How to take a positive approach to discipline and communicate effectively with your child
- Parenting styles and reflect on your role as a parent

Registration is essential

Please contact Anne-Marie Taylor by phone on 8571 7800 or email AnneMarie.Taylor@goodshp.org.au

What parents say about ParentWise

"ParentWise helped me to change my perspective and helps me to keep calm when dealing with my child."

"ParentWise gave me more ways to connect with my children and how to talk to my teenagers."

Program details

WHEN

Friday mornings, 9:30 – 11:30am
One session per week for six weeks, from 19 May to 23 June, 2017

WHERE

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Sports Draw - SATURDAY 6 MAY 2017

FOOTBALL			
1st XI	v	St Spyridon	1.15 SPC 3
2nd XI	v	St Spyridon	12.00 SPC 3
3rd XI	v	St Gregory's	11.00 SPC 3
4th XI	v	Oakhill	10.00 SPC 3
5th XI	v	Reddam House	12.00 Parade Ground 6
6th XI	v	Newington 7th	10.30 Mason Park 2
7th XI	v	Newington 8th	9.30 Mason Park 2
8th XI	v	Newington 9th	8.30 Mason Park 2
16A	v	St Spyridon	8.00 SPC 3
16B	v	SPC C	9.00 SPC 3
16C	v	SPC B	9.00 SPC 3
16D	v	Barker F	1.00 Rosewood A
16E	v	Sydney Boys High F	9.00 McKay 3
15A	v	St Spyridon	8.30 Mason Park 1
15B	v	St Spyridon	9.30 Mason Park 1
15C	v	Oakhill	10.30 Mason Park 1
15D	v	Newington D	12.30 Mason Park 1
15E	v	Newington E	11.30 Mason Park 1
15F	v	Barker F	8.30 Mason Park 3
14A	v	St Spyridon	2.30 Mason Park 1
14B	v	St Spyridon	1.30 Mason Park 1
14C	v	Scots A	10.30 Mason Park 3
14D	v	Redlands B	8.00 University Oval 1 (Mac Uni)
14E	v	Scots D	9.30 Mason Park 3
14F	v	Newington E	10.00 Tempe Reserve 2
14G	v	Newington F	9.00 Tempe Reserve 2
13A	v	St Spyridon	2.30 Mason Park 2
13B	v	St Spyridon	1.30 Mason Park 2
13C	v	St Spyridon	12.30 Mason Park 2
13D	v	Oakhill	11.30 Mason Park 2
13E	v	Newington D	12.00 Buchanan Oval 2
13F	v	Newington E	11.00 Buchanan Oval 2
13G	v	Newington F	10.00 Buchanan Oval 2
13H	v	Newington G	9.00 Buchanan Oval 2

RUGBY			
1st XV	v	Kinross	3.15 Breen Oval
2nd XV	v	Kinross	2.00 Breen Oval
3rd XV	v	Kinross	1.00 Breen Oval
4th XV	v	Kinross	12.00 Breen Oval
16A	v	Kinross	11.00 Breen Oval
16B	v	Kinross	1.00 Hudson Park
15A	v	Kinross	12.00 Hudson Park
15B	v	Kinross	11.00 Hudson Park
15C	v	St Augustine's	10.00 Hudson Park
14A	v	Kinross	12.00 SPC 2
14B	v	Kinross	11.00 SPC 2
14C	v	Riverview E	10.00 SPC 2
13A	v	Kinross	2.00 SPC 2
13B	v	Kinross	1.00 SPC 2
13C	v	Barker B	10.00 Waitara Oval
13D	v	Barker D	8.00 Waitara Oval

TENNIS			
Div 1	v	St Pius	8.00 Love n Deuce
Div 2	v	St Pius	8.00 Strathfield Sports Club
Div 3	v	St Pius	8.00 Love n Deuce
Div 4	v	St Pius	8.00 Strathfield Sports Club
Div 5	v	St Pius	8.00 Love n Deuce
Div 6	v	St Pius	8.00 Strathfield Sports Club
Div 7	v	St Pius	8.00 Love n Deuce
Div 8	v	St Pius	8.00 Strathfield Sports Club
Div 9	v	Bye	
Div 10	v	St Pius	8.00 Strathfield Sports Club

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT WEEKLY DRAW ROUND TWO 6/05/17

Rugby Union

TEAM	OPPOSITION	VENUE	TIME
PREP 1 ST XV	Newington Wyvern	Tempe 5	8.45am
PREP 2 ND XV	Newington Wyvern	Tempe 5	8.00am
PREP BLACK 7's	TBA	Koola Park	8.40-10am
	TBA	Koola Park	8.40-10am
PREP GOLD 7's	TBA	Koola Park	8.40-10am
	TBA	Koola Park	8.40-10am
11A	St Augustine's	Pittwater Park 3	9.30am
11B	St Augustine's	Pittwater Park 3	8.45am
11C	St Augustine's	Pittwater Park 3	8.00am

Football (Soccer)

TEAM	OPPOSITION	VENUE	TIME
PREP A	Barker	Phipps	9.00am
PREP B	Barker	Phipps	9.45am
PREP C	Barker	Phipps	10.30am
PREP D	Barker	Phipps	11.15am
PREP E	Kings	Price 3	11.00am
11 A1	St Pius X	Bark Huts 1	8.00am
11 B1	St Pius X	Bark Huts 1	8.45am
11 C1	St Pius X	Bark Huts 1	9.30am
11 D1	St Pius X	Bark Huts 1	10.15am
11A2	Barker	Bark Huts 2	8.00am
11 B2	Barker	Bark Huts 2	8.45am
11 C2	Barker	Bark Huts 2	9.30am
11 D2	Barker	Bark Huts 2	10.15am
10A	Trinity	Cooke Park	8.45am
10B	Trinity	Cooke Park	8.45am
10C1	Trinity	Cooke Park	8.00am
10C2	Trinity	Cooke Park	8.00am

AFL

TEAM	OPPOSITION	VENUE	TIME
A	Barker	St Lukes	8.00am

Venues:

- Breen Oval/SPC No 2 – Edgar St, Strathfield (inside school grounds)
- Bark Huts – Elliott St, Belfield
- Price 3 – Pennant Hills Rd, Parramatta – inside the Kings School
- Koola Park - Koola Ave, East Killara
- Phipps – College Crescent, Waitara
- Cooke Park – Madeline St, Belfield
- Pittwater Park 3 – 1472 Pittwater Rd, Warriewood
- Tempe 5 – Holbeach Ave, Tempe
- St Lukes - Crane St, Concord



Black and Green Shield

Last Saturday saw our Rugby teams contest the Black and Green Shield for 2017. It is unfortunate that our Football teams did not play a role in gaining points for the Shield this year, the calendars have not been kind to us. At this point in time, St Patrick's is ahead 8 wins to 7 – the Shield will now come down to the two Tennis matches which will be contested next week between the two schools' 1st and 2nd IV Tennis teams. One win will see St Patrick's retain the Shield.

ISA Winter Season

The Tennis and Football fraternities began their ISA campaigns with some impressive results last Saturday. Tennis in particular had an astounding start to the season, winning all 10 Divisions! ISA Rugby commences this Saturday with a home round against Kinross. Good luck to all.

Good Luck

There are a number of boys competing in representative carnivals or trialing for representative teams this week. Good luck to all boys participating in these events, in particular those boys swimming at the NSW CIS Swimming Championships.

Congratulations

I am pleased to announce that two St Patrick's students, Thomas Winters and Harry Brooks, have been selected in the NSW U15 Cricket Academy. This is a wonderful achievement for both boys and a fantastic opportunity to develop themselves as cricketers.

Also, Matthew Rennie recently competed in the Australian Junior Beach Volleyball Championships as part of the NSW U19 squad. Another special achievement, especially considering Matthew is still only 16. Well done.

Mitchell Kearsley—Head of Secondary Sport

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