

# 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, Many thanks to all those parents and staff who were able to join us for the Blue Black and Gold Dinner last Friday evening. This was obviously my first experience of this yearly community event, and what a wonderful opportunity to spend some time with families of the College to share a meal and enjoy the talents of our music students. I offer my thanks to Vicki Dening and the committee from the P&F for their organisation of the evening.

### Senior staff news

There are two senior leaders at St Patrick's who have served the College faithfully and incredibly well for a total of 43 years. Both of these men have decided that at the end of 2017, they will pursue other interests. Our Director of the Junior School, Mr Jim Walters has been at St Patrick's for 23 years. There are countless families who have enrolled their sons at the College to be welcomed, inducted and introduced to the community under the care and leadership of Jim. I also know that Jim's pastoral understanding of the needs of boys is one of the many qualities that is endearing about him. Parents have confessed to me that they feel comforted knowing that their sons have been welcomed to the College under the watchful eye of Jim.

Our Director of Business Services, Mr Colin Liversidge is similarly making the choice to slow down a little come December. We have Colin to thank for the stewardship of the finances, facilities and property of the College for the last 20 years. Colin is frequently sought after to provide financial advice to other Business Managers in independent and EREA schools. Colin's excellent work at our College has ensured our financial security and solidity, especially in difficult times. His expertise and knowledge is second to none, and I know he is very well respected for his skills. We will have opportunities to farewell and thank these men for their significant contributions to St Patrick's later in the year, but I did want to alert members of the community early on, especially as we will shortly commence the recruitment process to find successors for these roles.



### Wisdom

I am certain that wisdom is not reserved for old age. Some of the wisest words I hear come from our young people. This youthful wisdom is usually unwittingly offered, unbidden and delivered in an uncomplicated manner. There is little ego that accompanies it and it is unaffected by fashion, potential influence or possible advancement. If we really listen well, wisdom is in plentiful supply. If you're finding it difficult to glean wisdom from your son this week, wait until he's in the



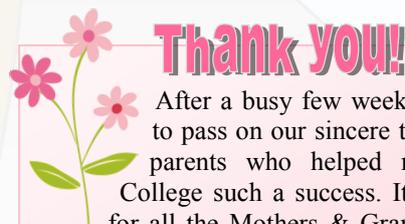
car with you and you're stuck in traffic. Commence with open-ended questions, and avoid the usual "how was school today?" Perhaps instead, ask him to tell you the most interesting thing that happened to him today, or alternatively, three positive things that happened today. Other open-ended questions are things that commence with "How do you feel about...?" or "What are your thoughts on...?" I always find that adolescents in particular have plenty to tell us; it's just that sometimes we need the key to unlock the wisdom. And, we have to be patient.

On the weekend, I witnessed a six year old boy ask his aunty (who is quite unwell) in a completely natural and unaffected manner how she was feeling, as he knew she was sick. The adults in the room had tip-toed around the topic. Not this little boy. He was cutting straight to the chase. He didn't euphemise, he didn't avoid it and he didn't disguise it. He said what everyone else perhaps wanted to say, but *our* words got in the way. I learnt something from that.

In the Old Testament, especially in the books of Wisdom and Proverbs, wisdom is often personified, and in feminine form. She is a gift of considerable worth, she is pure and is a breath of the power of God. Wisdom is to be treasured. I sincerely hope you receive the gift of wisdom from others this week and you willingly share your wisdom generously.

*Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever.*

Craig Wattam  
Principal



After a busy few weeks at the College I would like to pass on our sincere thanks to the many wonderful parents who helped make Mother's Day at the College such a success. It's always such a special day for all the Mothers & Grandmothers and we appreciate all the time and effort you gave to assist with the preparation of the roses and serving of the morning teas.

Another big thank you to Vicki Dening and the BBG Committee for all the time and effort you put into making our Blue, Black & Gold Dinner last Friday night such a wonderful night. A great time was had by all who attended.

**Kate Manenti—On behalf of the P&F Committee**

## Junior School

Whilst attending the Blue, Black, Gold Dinner on Friday night, watching the amazing talent of the St Patrick's bands I couldn't help but wonder at the passing of time. It seemed a short while ago that these boys, now entertaining us with professional ease, were having their names called out in the Powell Pavilion on day one of their SPC journey. The quality of the music was astounding, their grooming impeccable, their school spirit obvious, fine young men in every respect. Remarkable in one sense, but just one of the myriad examples of the young gentlemen in our senior school who consistently let their light shine in so many ways each day, who understand and live our motto in all they do. It is evidence of a successful working partnership between parents, student and school, how it is the perfect formula in building young men of character, self assurance and spirit. I am sure their parents were proud of them, as were we.

On Wednesday 7 June, the Junior School will hold its Annual Athletics Carnival on Breen Oval. The Carnival is one of the highlights of the Junior School calendar, with all boys competing in events throughout the day, earning points for their house through good performance, behaviour and participation. The level of enthusiasm for the day is always extremely high and all boys get to show off not only their sporting prowess, but also their sportsmanship and their team spirit. The day commences at around 9.00am and parents are welcome to attend to cheer on their boys. The boys wear their sports uniform for this day, including their house colour shirt and our recess and lunch arrangements are as normal. We are all anticipating a great day.

Please take note in your diaries of the date for the Year 5 Instrumental Concert. The boys in Years 5 White, Gold and Black will be performing on Thursday 15 June in the Duffy Music Centre. The concert is a culmination of the two terms of work the boys have put into learning strings, brass and woodwind instruments. The concert will be held after recess on this day and we encourage parents to attend.

**Jim Walters—Director of Junior School**

## Junior School Sport

Congratulations to Sean Saade, Jude Chalhoub and Jonah Thompson of Year 6 and Alex Conti and Mitchell Woods of Year 5 for making the inaugural NSW CIS Primary Rugby League team. To get five into this representative side is a huge achievement. Well done boys.

Congratulations to the boys who did play last Saturday. The footballers again had another excellent weekend with 7 out of 8 wins. Well done to the Prep B Rugby team, the only undefeated Rugby team left with an impressive victory over Kings. Commiserations to the Prep A team who went down 17 – 10. We had our chances, but were just outplayed in certain areas. Good luck to all teams this Saturday.

On Friday, Dylan Parks of Year 6, competed in the Australian National Youth Bouldering Championships and won his division. Yesterday at the Australian Youth Lead Nationals, Dylan Parks placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations on a fantastic result, to get on the podium at nationals in 2 of the main disciplines is outstanding. His coaches are now looking at the Asian National Championships in July school holidays in Singapore. We wish him the best of luck.

Congratulations to the following boys who have been selected in the IPSHA Touch Football team who will now trial for NSW CIS later this month: Alex Conti, Damon Chidiac, Finlay Mitchell, Jacob Chidiac.

**Grant Andrews—Junior School Sportsmaster**

## PASTORAL CARE

Many thanks to those parents who have already offered their time to assist with the preparation of lunch during Founder's Day on Friday 9 June. There is still time for parents to volunteer; we especially need parents whose sons are in Berg, Coghlan, Crichton and Hickey. Please contact [ingrid.viney@spc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ingrid.viney@spc.nsw.edu.au) to register your availability.

Further to Founder's Day, a reminder that student attendance on the day is expected unless Approved Leave has been provided. Students who are absent on the day will be required to provide a medical certificate.

On another note, as part of a recent training day on Child Protection procedures, participants were introduced to the free 'Help Me' app, recently developed by the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Click on the link <http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au/app.html> for further information on this highly recommended app.

Finally, to complement the activities and strategies undertaken by students at the College, parents are asked to take some time to review their son's understanding of responsible use of social media. This can include completing a check of your son's devices. Students need to be aware that negative online comments and behaviour can have significant long-term impacts on others and themselves. Click on the link <https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/staying-safe/digital-reputation> for further details and resources.

**Robert Simpson—Director of Pastoral Care**

## Year 11 Visual Arts Students Bundanon 2017

### *Sky, Earth, Water - Landscape*

A key component of the Year 11 Visual Arts course is the 3 day, 2 night residency (14 – 16 May) at the Bundanon Trust. The Trust is a gift to the nation by well-known Australian artists Arthur and Yvonne Boyd and is made up of a collection of properties formerly owned by the Boyd family. In the course of the residency programme and through the students' exploration of Bundanon's physical spaces (rocky escarpments, fertile river flats and bush tracks) students investigated the genre of landscapes in art and the artmaking practice of the extended Boyd family.

Arthur Boyd's often stated belief was that *"you can't own a landscape, but that you draw inspiration from this remarkable place"*. It was this notion that led Boyd in his decision to gift the Shoalhaven properties to the country and was the driving motive for our stay at the Riversdale Education Centre. Here students explored a range of media in workshops inspired by the landscape, allowing them to link practice to place, create and gather ideas for a Body of Work. In-situ with the landscape students engaged in plein-air painting, layered charcoal drawings, focusing on the dense nature of the Australian bush and super-panorama drawing, building a 360° impression of both the micro and macro landscape.

In their return to the classroom students will use their artworks as inspiration for a ceramic Body of Work. Students will compose and design surface treatments for three small bud vases taking direct inspiration from the work of Merrick Boyd, an accomplished ceramicist and Arthur's father.

Thanks to Mr Porra and Mr Fontana who accompanied the Year 11 students and myself on the residency.

**Nick Phillipson—CAPA Coordinator**





## Curriculum

With both the Year 9 and 10 cohorts sitting an Assessment block starting Thursday 1 June, it is imperative students are working consistently in preparation.

Boys should be familiarising themselves with their examination timetable, referring closely to each specific subject's pre-task information document and spending some time each night in the process of revision.

The ELES Online Study Handbook has a section "Improving How You Study," which features a range of suggestions around assessment preparation. This can be found under the Study Skills tab, in the Courses section of **SOLE**.

Finally, it is important to remember that assessment is a tool that assists both students and teachers in guiding future learning. Engagement with feedback is a significant aspect of any assessment process. **Andrew Brennan—Acting Director of Curriculum**

## Authentic Justice

Firstly, I would like to thank the St Patrick's College community for their great generosity with the Winter Appeal. The Chapel was inundated with donations, all of which will make a big difference in the lives of those who live on the margins. I echo my thanks for your contributions to the Lenten Appeal also. Every cent of the money raised goes to our three Lenten Partners – Edmund Rice Camps, Callan Services in PNG and the Edmund Rice Life Training Centre in PNG. Other Year groups are also moving in to their cohort's justice partnerships for various causes throughout the remainder of the year and for this we thank you in advance. St Patrick's College aims for awareness to be raised and advocacy to be increased for so many things – money is often easy to give (though so clearly needed), but action, commitment, time and heart are usually a greater challenge, thus meaning so much more.

It is timely for us to be reminded of what justice is and the impact it can have, without diminishing the worth of others. While it can take many forms, we as a College, aim for genuine partnership where there is dignity, respect and relationship. As Catholic Christians we are called to live a just life in accordance with the core principles of Catholic Social Teaching – Human Dignity, the Common Good, Solidarity and Subsidiarity and in our Edmund Rice Tradition we added a Preferential Option for the Poor. They are and should be at the heart of all action, and can be discussed in great depth. Just a couple of things to kick off some thinking – our initiatives around Reconciliation Week, Detention for Detention, the Winter Sleep Out, Fairtrade and so on all begin with an understanding of Human Dignity. We need to remember the person in the issues and not get caught up in everything else. We pursue the need to see the sacredness of every human being no matter what. On a different note we also often think that disposing of all of our unwanted items is good justice and it can make us 'feel good' to give something away. While it can be great sometimes, it can also go against subsidiarity – the understanding that those who are affected by a decision must be consulted in the decision making process. Thus, when we collect items it is because we know they are wanted. We have worked in partnership with organisations, places and people to understand what they need and want. We do no good when we burden the marginalised with the unnecessary. More often than not all they want is your friendship and understanding, but a 'hand up' along the way doesn't go astray. Nothing should stop us from helping those in need because we are so fortunate, but we often need to stop and think "what would I like if I was in their shoes?"

The heart of the St Patrick's College community is enormous – let us keep it this way and sit it solidly on a foundation of authentic justice and understanding.

## Assistance Needed in Africa

One of our staff members, Mr Mark Newbury, attended an Immersion in Africa last term with EREA. His experience had a profound effect on him and has sparked a desire to help the people he had encounters with. One organisation Mark felt particularly connected to was the Mary Rice Centre in Nairobi for kids with different ability, Autism, and a variety of physical and intellectual disabilities, run by the Christian Brothers. In consultation with the centre he has been able to learn what they are in great need of. If anybody in the community has **contacts that could donate** any of the following (in bulk, not individually apart from the tablet) it would be greatly appreciated: Therabands, Therapy balls, Building blocks, Soft toys, Jerseys, Squeeze balls, Balloons, Second hand iPads or tablets with games to be used for children with Autism. If you can help please contact Mark at the College who will arrange for the goods to get to where they are needed. If you wish to hear more of Mark's story and experience look out for details about an **Old Boy Social Justice event next term**.

**Gillian Daley—Director of Identity**

## Music Matters

Last Friday evening the Annual Blue Black & Gold Dinner was held at Doltone House in Pyrmont. The College's Blue Black & Gold Big Band, Senior Strings and Senior Jazz Ensembles all performed as part of the evening's entertainment. Congratulations to all boys who performed, the evening highlighted how fortunate we are at the College to have so many talented students.

**Derek Rose—Bandmaster**



## SPC NIGHT PATROL FOOD ROSTER – SEMESTER 2

The Semester 2 SPC Night Patrol Food Roster will be emailed out to all parents this week. There are 770 families on the roster – so please take a moment to see if your name is there and mark your allocated dates in your calendar as no reminders are sent. Details can also be found anytime under the Parent Portal tab on **SOLE**. If you have any questions about the roster or wish to be added or removed please contact our volunteer parent coordinator Robbie Boyle on 0419 263 270 or [boylefamily@jaramas.com](mailto:boylefamily@jaramas.com)

## SAVANTH SEBASTIAN ECONOMICS LECTURE



During week 4, the College hosted the well-respected economist Savanth Sebastian. Savanth was very generous to give up time in his busy schedule to deliver a presentation on the current state of the Australian economy and the 2017 Federal Budget to our Year 11 and Year 12 Economics students. From examining the current state of economic conditions of Australia's key trading partners through to analysing economic data on Australia's labour, housing, commodity, and finance markets, students learned how economic theories and relationships apply in real world contexts. Students in attendance now have an appreciation of the career opportunities that studying Economics may afford them in years to come. The College sincerely thanks Savanth for his presentation.

**Luke Reynolds—HSIE B Studies Coordinator**

# Sports Draw - SATURDAY 27 MAY 2017

FOOTBALL				
1st XI	v	Oakhill	1.15	SPC 3
2nd XI	v	Oakhill	12.00	SPC 3
3rd XI	v	Oakhill	11.00	SPC 3
4th XI	v	St Pius X 3rd	10.00	SPC 3
5th XI	v	Reddam House	11.00	Parade Ground 6
6th XI	v	Bye		
7th XI	v	Kings 9	9.00	Old Boys 2 (King's)
8th XI	v	Kings 10	8.00	Old Boys 2 (King's)
16A	v	Oakhill	9.00	SPC 3
16B	v	Oakhill	8.00	SPC 3
16C	v	St Andrew's B	12.00	Bark Huts 2
16D	v	Grammar D	11.00	Weigall 4
16E	v	Grammar E	11.00	Weigall 3
15A	v	Oakhill	8.00	Mason Park 2
15B	v	St Pius C	10.15	Walsh Oval
15C	v	St Spyridon B	9.00	Chifley Reserve
15D	v	Knox D	11.00	Mason Park 2
15E	v	Knox E	10.00	Mason Park 2
15F	v	Sydney Boys High E	9.00	Mason Park 2
14A	v	Oakhill	2.00	Mason Park 2
14B	v	Oakhill	1.00	Mason Park 2
14C	v	Oakhill	12.00	Mason Park 2
14D	v	Barker C	1.00	Rosewood A
14E	v	Barker D	12.00	Rosewood A
14F	v	Barker G	11.30	Rosewood B
14G	v	Knox F	9.00	Queens Park 8
13A	v	Oakhill	3.00	Mason Park 3
13B	v	Oakhill	2.00	Mason Park 3
13C	v	Oakhill	1.00	Mason Park 3
13D	v	St Pius X C	12.00	Mason Park 3
13E	v	Newington D	11.00	Mason Park 3
13F	v	Newington E	10.00	Mason Park 3
13G	v	Newington F	9.00	Mason Park 3
13H	v	Newington G	8.00	Mason Park 3

RUGBY				
1st XV	v	Oakhill	3.15	Breen Oval
2nd XV	v	Oakhill	2.00	Breen Oval
3rd XV	v	Oakhill 4th	1.00	Breen Oval
4th XV	v	Oakhill 5th	12.00	Breen Oval
16A	v	Oakhill	11.00	Breen Oval
16B	v	Oakhill	10.00	Breen Oval
15A	v	Oakhill	11.00	Hudson Park
15B	v	Oakhill	10.00	Hudson Park
15C	v	Shore E	9.00	Hudson Park
14A	v	Oakhill	11.00	Airey Park
14B	v	Oakhill	10.00	Airey Park
14C	v	Oakhill D	9.00	Airey Park
13A	v	Oakhill	12.00	SPC 2
13B	v	Oakhill	11.00	SPC 2
13C	v	Oakhill D	10.00	SPC 2
13D	v	Newington F	9.00	Breen Oval

TENNIS				
Div 1	v	Oakhill	8.00	Oakhill Courts
Div 2	v	Oakhill	8.00	Strathfield Sports Club
Div 3	v	Oakhill	8.00	Oakhill Courts
Div 4	v	Oakhill	8.00	Strathfield Sports Club
Div 5	v	Oakhill	8.00	Oakhill Courts
Div 6	v	Oakhill	8.00	Strathfield Sports Club
Div 7	v	Chevalier	8.30	Chevalier College
Div 8	v	Oxley	8.30	Strathfield Sports Club
Div 9	v	Oakhill 7	8.00	Oakhill Courts
Div 10	v	Oakhill 8	8.00	Strathfield Sports Club

## SUPPORTER'S DUTY

A reminder that **Year 8** have been designated supporter's duty on **Saturday 27 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 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.

### JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT WEEKLY DRAW ROUND FIVE 27/05/17

#### Rugby Union

TEAM	OPPOSITION	VENUE	TIME
PREP 1 <sup>ST</sup> XV	Waverley	SPC No 2	8.45am
PREP 2 <sup>ND</sup> XV	Waverley	SPC No 2	8.00am
PREP BLACK 7's	TBA	Koola Park	10-11.20am
	TBA	Koola Park	10-11.20am
PREP GOLD 7's	TBA	Koola Park	10-11.20am
	TBA	Koola Park	10-11.20am
11A	Shore	Northbridge G	10.15am
11B	Shore	Northbridge G	9.30am
11C	Shore	Northbridge G	8.45am

#### Football (Soccer)

TEAM	OPPOSITION	VENUE	TIME
PREP A	Kings	Bark Huts 1	8.00am
PREP B	Kings	Bark Huts 1	8.45am
PREP C	Kings	Bark Huts 1	9.30am
PREP D	Kings	Bark Huts 1	10.15am
PREP E	St Pius X	Bark Huts 1	11.00am
11 A1	St Aloysius	Bark Huts 2	8.00am
11 B1	St Aloysius	Bark Huts 2	8.45am
11 C1	St Aloysius	Bark Huts 2	9.30am
11 D1	St Aloysius	Bark Huts 2	10.15am
11 A2	St Pius X	Oxford Falls	8.00am
11 B2	St Pius X	Oxford Falls	8.45am
11 C2	St Pius X	Oxford Falls	9.30am
11 D2	St Pius X	Oxford Falls	10.15am
10A	Grammar Edge	Queens Park 5	8.45am
10B	Grammar Edge	Queens Park 5	8.45am
10C1	Grammar Edge	Queens Park 5	8.00am
10C2	Grammar Edge	Queens Park 5	8.00am

#### AFL

TEAM	OPPOSITION	VENUE	TIME
A	St Ignatius	Tramway	10.35am

#### Venues:

Breen Oval/SPC No 2, 3 – Edgar St, Strathfield (inside school grounds)  
 Bark Huts – Elliott St, Belfield  
 Queens Park 9 – Darley Rd, Waverley  
 Oxford Falls – Cnr Dreadnought Rd and Wakehurst Parkway, Oxford Falls  
 Tramway Oval, Moore Park—Premium AFL training field situated opposite the Sydney Cricket Ground in the Moore Park Precinct of Centennial Parklands.  
 Northbridge G – Sailors Bay Rd, Northbridge



#### Congratulations

A number of boys recently took part in the NSW All Schools Swimming Championships as part of the NSW CIS Swimming team. Congratulations to the following boys:

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Joshua Kite</b>    | - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | 15/16yrs 200m Medley Relay      |
| <b>Tomás Kapocius</b> | - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | 15/16yrs 200m Medley Relay      |
| <b>Se-Bom Lee</b>     | - 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | 15/16yrs 200m Individual Medley |
|                       | - 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | 15/16yrs 400m Individual Medley |
|                       | - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | 15/16yrs 400m Freestyle         |
|                       | - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | 15/16yrs 200m Medley Relay      |
| <b>Finn O'Connor</b>  | - 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | 15/16yrs 200m Breaststroke      |
|                       | - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | 15/16yrs 200m Medley Relay      |
|                       | - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | 16yrs 50m Breaststroke          |
|                       | - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | 15/16yrs 100m Breaststroke      |



Well done boys!

#### Forward planning - Rugby in Orange – Saturday 17 June

The Rugby fraternity will travel to Orange to play Kinross Wolaroi on Saturday 17 June. All teams will play in Orange **apart from the 15C, 14C, 13C and 13D teams**. A bus will again be organised and a note will go out in the near future regarding transport.

#### St Patrick's Sport

I often find myself speaking with the students about College expectations, standards of behaviour, codes of conduct and the like. I also occasionally use this publication to do so. Whilst I recognise individual or team achievements (in terms of results) publically on a regular basis, it is not often that I use this forum to recognise and applaud the manner in which students conduct themselves on the playing field. Recent observation and feedback, however, has compelled me to pen this article.

In a society that is so quick to argue, to fight back with force and to have "the last word", I have been so impressed on many occasions recently by the composure of St Patrick's students shown in the face of adversity. It is much harder to show restraint in an undesirable situation than it is to act out in the same way as the opponent – students who display this control are often more successful and will leave the field more content. It has been so pleasing to see this displayed on a number of occasions recently, especially on the Rugby field where the physical contact can sometimes bring about hostile situations.

As spectators, it is our duty to let the boys play the game with a level of maturity and not influence their behaviour negatively from the sidelines. The ISA guidelines are clear in their outlining of sideline behaviour. Where there is a matter off the field or one that requires intervention, know that it will be dealt with. But the more we role model a calm, responsible approach to conflict resolution, the more we let the boys show leadership in making uninfluenced decisions on the field and then taking responsibility for those decisions, the more they will grow and continue to make us proud.

**Mitchell Kearsley—Head of Secondary Sport**

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