



# 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,

Our celebrations for Founder's Day were superb. We had a wonderful Mass in the morning celebrated by Fr Jack, with a good number of Christian Brothers joining us. Following morning tea the boys gathered in the gym for the concert. As well as some great displays of talent we were thoroughly entertained by our comperes Anthony Bejjani and Mitchell Dunne who kept the comedy coming. I offer thanks to the parents who cooked the barbecue on the day and also helped with the cleaning up. To top the day off the weather held out until the Waterford mile had been run, seeing Alexander Vellar (Year 12) take out first place.



### Motivation to learn

Part of the human condition is our innate desire to learn. This continues throughout our lifetime. It is particularly acute when we are infants and toddlers. Think about your child or children when they were little. They worked so hard to say their first words, and then turn these into sentences. They literally struggled to find their feet and took teetering steps before failing, sometimes spectacularly. They were not discouraged though, and gave it another go, time and time again until they mastered walking unaided. I would wager that many if not all of these skills were learned without any rewards being offered, or any other form of extrinsic motivation. The motivation to succeed, to acquire new skills was entirely intrinsic. Failure featured large and practice was the order of the day. We have an unlimited supply it seems of curiosity and capacity for interest in new things. This does not diminish in adults, but perhaps we get better at curtailng or even hiding our excitement and interest in the world around us.

As we get older, and schools contribute to this, we introduce rewards and motivations for children to complete their chores, tasks and homework. The author and international speaker Daniel Pink describes "If...then" motivations – *if* you do this, *then* you will get... Some people describe such motivations as incentives, rewards, encouragement or at times, bribes. Unfortunately, in the long term, they do not work. There is a law of diminishing returns on extrinsic motivation, i.e., we have to keep increasing the offer of reward or the output will not increase. Ultimately, as adolescents and even as adults, we complete tasks for the reward of having completed the task itself, or the good feeling we get from achieving something we couldn't previously do. Our job as teachers and parents is to encourage learning, completion of jobs and the like for the sake of the thing itself and the personal rewards this brings as opposed to the promise of money, presents or awards per se. Perhaps you can recall achieving something yourself in your own work or even in your personal life, with the best feeling coming from within. Please do

not misunderstand me, we all need affirmation and the recognition from someone else that we have done well at something can mean a great deal to us, particularly if that person is important in our lives.

Pink, in *Drive* (2009), speaks of our need for autonomy in our world. We need to feel that we have some form of self-determination in our lives. This doesn't mean handing over control of the house or even our school to the children, but it means giving them some say in how they construct their lives. Carol Dweck, who is famous for the positive psychology movement and has done world leading research in motivation, encourages (students) us to make learning goals as opposed to performance goals. Performance goals are things like getting an A or 90% in a test. Learning goals are more about leading to mastery and are more appropriate for problem solving and long term efforts. Coupled with a positive or growth mindset, students who believe that intelligence is not fixed (i.e., I am born smart or not-so-smart) and they can get better with their learning, are the types who succeed, even after experiencing failure or setbacks. These are the kinds of traits and characteristics we want to encourage in our boys.

I visited a primary school last year that had no extrinsic rewards on offer for children. No stickers, star charts or weekly award systems at all. Some may find this confronting, however, what they are doing is encouraging in students, even from age five, that the rewards from learning come from within. They are encouraged, assisted and helped with their learning, but not for the sake of an outward reward system. In our College and in our homes, we can promote a sense of drive in our sons that instils in them a sense of personal achievement, persistence, perseverance and self-gratification for a job well done. We can apply this to our own lives regardless of how old we are. Sometimes our workload seems overwhelming. When I feel like this I take one tiny grain of sand at a time and move it. I keep going and commit to self-discipline and dig deep. Before I know it, those individual grains of sand have become a pile and the mountain doesn't seem so impossible.

### Condolences

We extend our prayers and condolences to Zachary Sansone (Year 11) and family on the death of his grandfather, Mr Allan Ekholm. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

*Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever.*

Craig Wattam  
Principal



## Junior School

Founder's Day, last Friday, was a fitting celebration of who we are as a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition. As it was our Year 5's first experience of a Founder's Day it was significant for them. The day was a showcase of the spiritual, cultural and co-curricular life of St Patrick's, but it was more than that. In the experience of being a part of a day like this we hope that our new cohort experience what it means to be connected to a bigger whole, a College with long tradition and spirit and a community bound by common purpose. The boys certainly enjoyed the day, there is no question about that, whether that was the break from routine, the enjoyment of the concert and the Waterford Mile, the singing at Mass, or just the hamburger lunch! It is an important day. Along with so many new experiences St Patrick's affords them, Founder's Day goes a long way in forging bonds between the boys and to the College and is a milestone in the induction and orientation of the Junior School. Well done boys in the way you entered into the spirit of the day and got involved, wore your uniform and co-operated, for our Year 5's, the first of many Founder's Days to come.

A reminder that 5 White, 5 Gold and 5 Black will be holding their Instrumental Concert in the Duffy Music Centre, commencing at 11.00am this Thursday 15 June. The boys have been working very hard in preparation for this concert and parents are welcome to attend. We wish the boys well.

**Jim Walters—Director of Junior School**

## Junior School Sport

I hope all families had a safe and relaxing Queen's Birthday long weekend. This Saturday is round 7 of the IPSHA competition and is the last round before the holiday period. I would like to congratulate all the Junior School boys who competed in the Waterford Mile last Friday, Blake Wilson, Luke Costello, Tadhg Murphy and Noah Doran. All boys tried their hardest in a tough race. Well done. Good luck to all teams this Saturday.

Good luck to Noah Doran who is competing in the NSW CIS Cross Country Championships this Thursday 15 June at Eastern Creek.

Congratulations to Dylan Parks of Year 6 on the following Climbing achievements:

- National Ranking for Lead Published: No 1
- Dylan was Ranked No 1 for the 2017 Season for the second year in a row. This reflects his consistent performances across the season in the State Titles whilst considering his 3<sup>rd</sup> place at Nationals.
- Dylan has also Placed 1<sup>st</sup> at Nationals for Bouldering. Well done.

**Grant Andrews—Junior School Sportsmaster**





### The Stage 6 Prospectus for Year 11/12 in 2018/19

By the end of next week the *Stage 6 Prospectus* on courses for Years 11/12 in 2018/2019 will be both emailed to students and posted on *SOLE* for parents and boys of Year 10 to view. A thorough and sequential subject selection process is in place and details of this process will be given at the start of Term Three. However, for future planning, an information evening will be held for parents of Year 10 on Monday 31 July and a Subject Market Day will be held for Year 10 boys on Tuesday 1 August. The purpose of the information evening and day is to complement and clarify the information provided in the *Stage 6 Prospectus* and to provide details of the subject selection process.

### Year 7-10 Semester 1 Academic Reports

With the completion of the Year 9 and 10 Assessment Block last week, examination scripts are now being marked. The College's reporting process will follow where marks are verified, students' overall performance mapped to the NSW Education Standards Authority Common Grade Scale and College reports produced. All Year 7-10 Reports will be available online via the Parent Portal by the conclusion of Week 2, next Term.

*Andrew Brennan—Acting Director of Curriculum*

## LOST PROPERTY

As we are coming closer to the end of the semester, all lost property not labelled will be given to the uniform shop and then sold as second hand clothing.

All other items, which are not labelled e.g. shoes will be taken to St Vincent de Paul.

Can we please remind all families again about how important it is to have every piece of your sons clothing labelled (even computers and devices) not just with his first name.

## UNIFORM SHOP

St Patrick's  
Woollen Scarves will be  
for sale from  
Thursday afternoon.

## The da Vinci Decathlon

On 23, 24 and 25 May, teams from Years 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 took part in the da Vinci Decathlon at Knox Grammar School. The da Vinci Decathlon is a prestigious academic competition, named in honour of Leonardo da Vinci. It is a day in which students take part in completing very challenging tasks across a variety of disciplines. These include Mathematics, Ideation, Science, English, Cartography, Engineering, Code Breaking, General Knowledge and Art and Poetry. Each team was comprised of eight students and they competed against teams from approximately 65 other schools. The tasks required teams to adopt a collaborative approach, whilst also using the particular strengths of individual team members.

Results are given for the top 16 places in each challenge. The results for our teams were very pleasing and were as follows:

**Year 5:** 9<sup>th</sup> in Code Breaking, 9<sup>th</sup> in General Knowledge

**Year 7:** 10<sup>th</sup> in Ideation

**Year 8:** 3<sup>rd</sup> in Engineering, 4<sup>th</sup> in Ideation

**Year 9:** 3<sup>rd</sup> in General Knowledge, 10<sup>th</sup> in Art and Poetry, 11<sup>th</sup> in Cartography and 14<sup>th</sup> in Ideation.

It was pleasing to see what the students were able to achieve in the new challenge this year, Ideation, a mix of innovation, problem solving and thinking philosophically.

*Janine Timillero—Diverse Learning Coordinator*



Years 7 and 8 da Vinci teams



Years 9 and 10 da Vinci teams

## SPC Winter Sleep Out

As part of an awareness raising campaign for homelessness and caring for the genuinely marginalised, we will again be running the **SPC Winter Sleep Out**. It will be held at the College (near the Hall) on **Friday 21 July** – Week 1 of Term 3.

The Winter Sleep Out is open to all students from Years 5 – 12, and will be supervised and supported by a large number of SPC Staff. It will begin after the conclusion of class or Co-curricular training on the Friday afternoon and finish at 9.00am or when people need to leave for Co-curricular prior to this. Participants will need a sleeping bag and warm clothes to sleep outdoors and will be supplied a simple meal for dinner and breakfast. SJAG, led by Social Justice Prefect Eoin O'Sullivan and Mrs Rodricks, will coordinate many of the events for the evening building a greater understanding of what homelessness entails and preparing packs for those who sleep rough on our streets. We ask this year for each student to get some sponsorship for their participation – a minimum of \$20 each, but more encouraged. We aim to raise at least \$2,000 to help SVDP with rental stability, meals and necessities for those in need. Anyone interested in participating can pick up a letter and sponsorship form from the Front Office. These will also be available on the Parent Portal under Social Justice. Permission slips/Registration are due by Wednesday 19 July at lunch. Parents will be emailed as confirmation that their son is participating in the Sleep Out. Any students not registered will not be able to attend. If you wish to know more please email me at the College.

**This event is an eye-opening one; something I hope many of the community avail themselves of!**

*Gillian Daley—Director of Identity*

# Sports Draw - SATURDAY 17 JUNE 2017

FOOTBALL			
1st XI	v	St Spyridon	9.00 Chifley Reserve 1
2nd XI	v	St Spyridon	11.30 Chifley Reserve 2
3rd XI	v	St Pius C	9.00 Mason Park 3
4th XI	v	St Pius D	11.00 Walsh Oval
5th XI	v	Sydney Boys High 6	11.00 McKay 3
6th XI	v	Sydney Boys High 7	10.00 McKay 3
7th XI	v	Sydney Boys High 8	9.00 McKay 3
8th XI	v	Sydney Boys High 9	8.00 McKay 3
16A	v	St Spyridon	10.30 Chifley Reserve 1
16B	v	SPC C	9.00 Mason Park 2
16C	v	SPC B	9.00 Mason Park 2
16D	v	Sydney Boys High D	10.00 Mason Park 2
16E	v	Sydney Boys High E	11.00 Mason Park 2
15A	v	St Spyridon	1.30 Chifley Reserve 1
15B	v	Chevalier B	12.00 Mason Park 2
15C	v	Sydney Boys High B	11.00 Mission Fields (CP10)
15D	v	Sydney Boys High E	10.00 Mission Fields (CP10)
15E	v	Sydney Boys High F	9.00 Mission Fields (CP10)
15F	v	Sydney Boys High G	8.00 Mission Fields (CP10)
14A	v	St Spyridon	12.30 Chifley Reserve 1
14B	v	St Spyridon	1.30 Chifley Reserve 2
14C	v	Sydney Boys High A	2.00 Mason Park 3
14D	v	Redlands B	1.00 Mason Park 3
14E	v	Sydney Boys High D	12.00 Mason Park 3
14F	v	Sydney Boys High E	11.00 Mason Park 3
14G	v	Sydney Boys High F	10.00 Mason Park 3
13A	v	St Spyridon	11.30 Chifley Reserve 1
13B	v	St Spyridon	12.30 Chifley Reserve 2
13C	v	St Pius C	1.00 Mason Park 2
13D	v	St Pius D	12.00 Walsh Oval
13E	v	Kings F	12.30 Old Boys 1 (King's)
13F	v	Barker E	2.00 Phipps Field
13G	v	Barker F	1.00 Phipps Field
13H	v	Barker H	12.00 Phipps Field

RUGBY			
1st XV	v	Kinross	3.15 Main Oval Kinross
2nd XV	v	Kinross	2.00 Main Oval Kinross
3rd XV	v	Kinross	1.00 Main Oval Kinross
4th XV	v	Kinross	12.00 Main Oval Kinross
16A	v	Kinross	11.00 Main Oval Kinross
16B	v	Kinross	1.00 Ex-Students Oval
15A	v	Kinross	12.00 Ex-Students Oval
15B	v	Kinross	11.00 Ex-Students Oval
15C	v	St Augustine's	9.00 Pittwater Park 2
14A	v	Kinross	12.00 Sharpe Oval
14B	v	Kinross	1.00 Sharpe Oval
14C	v	Barker B	9.00 Barker Oval
13A	v	Kinross	11.00 Sally Kennett Oval
13B	v	Kinross	12.00 Sally Kennett Oval
13C	v	Waverley C	11.00 Queens Park 3
13D	v	Waverley F	8.00 Queens Park 3

TENNIS			
Div 1	v	Redlands	8.00 Strathfield Sports Club
Div 2	v	St Andrew's 1	8.00 Strathfield Sports Club
Div 3	v	Oxley 1	8.30 Bowral Tennis Courts
Div 4	v	St Andrew's 2	8.00 Strathfield Sports Club
Div 5	v	Oxley 2	8.30 Bowral Tennis Courts
Div 6	v	St Andrew's 3	8.00 Strathfield Sports Club
Div 7	v	Oxley 3	8.30 Bowral Tennis Courts
Div 8	v	St Andrew's 4	8.00 Strathfield Sports Club
Div 9	v	Oxley 5	8.30 Bowral Tennis Courts
Div 10	v	St Pius	8.00 Love n Deuce



### Good Luck

Good luck to the 13 boys competing for the ISA in the NSW CIS Cross Country Championships this week. We hope it is an enjoyable and successful day for all involved.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT WEEKLY DRAW ROUND SEVEN 17/06/17

### Rugby Union

TEAM	OPPOSITION	VENUE	TIME
PREP 1 <sup>ST</sup> XV	Scots	Christison Park 1	11.00am
PREP 2 <sup>ND</sup> XV	Scots	Christison Park 1	10.15am
PREP BLACK 7's	Coogee	Koola Park 1	9.40am
	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 Augustine's	SPC NO 2	9.30am
11B	St Augustine's	SPC NO 2	8.45am
11C	St Augustine's	SPC NO 2	8.00am

### Football (Soccer)

TEAM	OPPOSITION	VENUE	TIME
PREP A	St Aloysius	Bark Huts 1	8.00am
PREP B	St Aloysius	Bark Huts 1	8.45am
PREP C	St Aloysius	Bark Huts 1	9.30am
PREP D	St Aloysius	Bark Huts 1	10.15am
PREP E	Knox	Bark Huts 1	11.00am
11A1	Grammar St Ives	Bark Huts 2	8.00am
11B1	Grammar St Ives	Bark Huts 2	8.45am
11C1	Grammar St Ives	Bark Huts 2	9.30am
11D1	Grammar St Ives	Bark Huts 2	10.15am
11A2	Newington Wyvern	Tempe 1	8.00am
11B2	Newington Wyvern	Tempe 1	8.45am
11C2	Newington Wyvern	Tempe 1	9.30am
11D2	Newington Wyvern	Tempe 1	10.15am
10A	Trinity Prep	SPC NO 3	8.45am
10B	Trinity Prep	SPC NO 3	8.45am
10C1	Trinity Prep	SPC NO 3	8.00am
10C2	Trinity Prep	SPC NO 3	8.00am

### AFL

TEAM	OPPOSITION	VENUE	TIME
A	Newington	Mahoney Park	8.00am

### Venues:

Breen Oval/SPC No 2, 3 – Edgar St, Strathfield (inside school grounds)  
 Bark Huts – Elliott St, Belfield  
 Tempe – Holbeach Ave, Tempe  
 Christison Pk1 (Nth East) Old South Head Rd, Vaucluse  
 Mahoney Park - 570 Illawarra Rd, Marrickville  
 Koola Park – Koola Ave, East Killara

This weekend the Rugby fraternity travels to Orange for fixtures against Kinross Wolaroi – good luck to all players as they journey over the mountains.

### Rugby in Orange – Game changes!

Please be aware that there have been a number of changes to the times previously listed for the Rugby games at Kinross this weekend. The times listed in this Espeecean are correct.

In essence, the 16B, 15A and 15B games have been brought forward an hour, while the 14B game has been pushed back two hours.

### Term 2 Holidays

#### Rugby & Football v Barker College Saturday 15 July

Rugby			
1 <sup>st</sup> XV	Barker College	10.15	Barker Oval
16A	Barker College	09.00	Barker Oval
Football			
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Barker College	TBA	TBA

### Mitchell Kearsley—Head of Secondary Sport

## WATERFORD MILE



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