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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,
Edmund's Walk was officially blessed and opened last week. Present at the opening were members of the College Board, parents, student leaders, Year 6 boys who did much of the research with Mr Walters and some of our Christian Brothers from Treacy Villa.

The inspiration for this College pilgrimage on Edmund Rice's life and work has been the brain-child of Mr Jim Walters. What a tremendous legacy this work will be for our College for many years to come. The beautiful plaques that are dotted around the campus



give the boys and indeed community members the chance to engage with the story of Edmund Rice in a contemplative manner. Not only does the walk offer the opportunity for a precis of Edmund Rice's life, but each plaque also has a QR code on it which takes people to a web page that provides more detail with resources also on the history of Edmund and the Christian Brothers.

I know that all of our Junior School boys will be doing this walk in continuing to learn about the story of our founder. Without the inspiration of Edmund Rice in Ireland, more than 200 years ago, none of us would be together at St Patrick's today. It is important for us to tell the story time and again for each new generation of boys who become members of this Edmund Rice community.

We do this because Rice is the example of discipleship that infuses our relationship with the person of Jesus. We also do this because Edmund Rice put his faith into action in ways that have benefitted millions of people across the globe. Spirits like this actually endure. They give us inspiration and hope and they remind us of our baptismal call to evangelise. Edmund Rice, through his determination, grit and generous heart, put his love of the Gospel at the core of his work. This was enough to ensure that the poor were offered an education, those on the margins were not forgotten or ostracised yet further, and so that justice had a name.

poverty was commonplace. Some of the young boys Edmund took in to teach were certainly not angels. Indeed some of Edmund's early 'brothers' could not handle the rough nature of these boys and walked out on the enterprise. Edmund's life story is not one of privilege, but rather one of determination, hard work and persistence. These qualities were amplified because of his abiding faith in God. The heart of the story is the power of the Gospel to bring liberation to the poor. In so many ways, Edmund shines a light for us as to how we can be faithful to the Gospel message in our world today. At our College, my hope is that we provide myriad opportunities for boys to demonstrate the essence of doing "good", and acting in the name of the Gospel out of love for our neighbour, with the expectation of nothing in return.



You might like to check out the Edmund Walk next time you are at the College. Bring your smartphone with you so you can be taken to the web page associated with each step of the journey.

On another matter, I have had the privilege this week on Monday and Tuesday of visiting two of the senior retreat sites where our Year 11 students are taking some time out to reflect, pray and to have some fun with their peers. These Retreat experiences are usually the highlight of boys' time here with us, and I expect that this year will be no exception. Perhaps you might like to pray for the ongoing formation of our senior students as they experience Retreat. You also might keep our Year 12 students in your prayers as they commence their HSC exams.

Baby News

We offer our congratulations to Safiya Shankar from our Finance Office and her husband Asvin on the safe arrival of their baby boy, Eishan, on Thursday 12 October. Vital statistics are 1.8kg and 40cm in length. Every blessing to this new family.



Condolences

Sincere sympathy to Shaun Cousins, Vice President of the Old Boys' Association and College Vice Captain 1995, on the recent death of his mother, Annette Cousins. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever.

Craig Wattam
Principal

Junior School

On 3 November the Junior School will hold its Mission Mass. This Mass is attended by both Years 5 and 6 and is based on a theme of Social Justice in the world today, giving the boys an opportunity to reflect on their fundraising efforts, particularly in Terms Three and Four. For the past nine years the Junior School has entered into a relationship with a Catholic Church organisation based in Delhi, India called Chetanalaya. Chetanalaya works with the poor of the city, a group that is staggering in size and whose problems are immense.

The Education Resource Centre in Rohtak.



Since 2009, the Junior School has raised over \$180,000 for Chetanalaya. In 2009 we were able to purchase a bus and pay the yearly wages of a driver to transport disabled students to school in a remote village called Rohtak. In 2010 we helped support a project in a slum settlement in Sundernagari that trained and employed teachers, one of the greatest needs in these poor settlements. Some of our boys began a "pen pal" arrangement with students from Sundernagari and were amazed at some of the differences in lifestyle, but equally surprised at the number of similarities. In 2011 we raised funds to help build a new school for the disabled children in Rohtak. In 2012 Chetanalaya identified the need for further help to go towards the work being done in Sundernagari. After two years, the Education Centres were struggling to maintain staff and resources and needed an injection of funds. The Education Centres provide non-formal schooling for children who have no access to education at all and we can make a really significant difference in their lives with our efforts. For the past five years our focus has been on the Education Resource Centre for disabled children in Rohtak. The need for help there remains constant. Much good has been accomplished, but there is still much to do.

The Chetanalaya relationship has been a two-way street in terms of benefits. The organisation has clearly benefited from the marvelous generosity of our College community here, but our community has benefited too from widening our view of the world and gaining a deeper insight into the issues faced by our fellow human beings every day. I am confident of the continued support of our wonderful community.

Dan Fields—Acting Director of Junior School

Junior School Sport

Well done to all the boys last weekend in cold and miserable conditions. Some of the teams were very rusty after the long break and hopefully with another couple of training sessions under their belts, they will be more competitive next round. Congratulations to the lower Basketball teams and to the Softball as well as the 6A, C and 5A Super 8 teams for displaying great sportsmanship and team work in their victories. A big thank you to all the boys and families who went to Qudos Arena last Sunday to watch the Sydney Kings win their first game of the season. I hope you enjoyed the experience. Good luck to all teams this weekend.

Congratulations to Archer Gray who made the NSW CIS Cricket team, an outstanding achievement. Good Luck to Lorenzo Bilotta who competes in the NSW CIS Athletics 200m heats and Semi's today.

Grant Andrews—Junior School Sportsmaster

P & F – Expressions of Interest

The Annual General Meeting of the Parents' and Friends' Association will be held on Tuesday 14 November 2017 commencing at 7.30pm. All P & F Committee

positions are declared vacant and Expressions of Interest for the various committee positions are now being called for from the College community. The various positions include:

President
Vice President

Secretary
Treasurer

Social Events Coordinator
Parent Year Representative Coordinator

General Committee Members

Expressions of Interest should be sent to the Principal's PA via email agnes.denning@spc.nsw.edu.au before Monday 6 November 2017.

Author Visit—Jessica Townsend

Last Wednesday, 11 October Jessica Townsend visited our school. She spoke about her debut novel, *The Trials of Morrigan Crow*, the first of the Nevermoor series. She inspired many of the Junior School boys to pursue their passion for writing and consider becoming authors themselves. Over 100 copies of her book were bought by the students, she certainly inspired us to read! We all look forward to more books in the Nevermoor series and many more creative ideas to come.

Helen Gibson—Junior School Librarian





Curriculum

Year 11 Preliminary Course Report

By the end of Week 3, the Year 11

reports will be available online to parents via the Parent Portal on *SOLE*. It is important to note that only parent accounts will be able to access the reports. Parents who have forgotten their passwords can complete the “forgot password” link on the *SOLE* login page.

Semester Two student academic reports for Years 7 to 10 will be ready for posting online via *SOLE* prior to the Optional Parent/Teacher Interviews on Wednesday 6 December.

Years 9 and 10 will do their examinations for Semester Two commencing Thursday 16 November and concluding Tuesday 21 November.

Andrew Brennan—Acting Director of Curriculum

Uniform Shop Trading Hours Term Four

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|-------------------|----------------|
| Monday: | 8.00am—12.00pm |
| Tuesday: | 1.00pm—5.00pm |
| Wednesday: | CLOSED |
| Thursday: | 1.00pm—5.00pm |
| Friday: | 8.00am—12.00pm |
| Saturday: | 8.00am—12.00pm |

Jammers:

A reminder we have a full size range of the new Jammers (Swim Trunks).

UNIFORM SHOP

The College is aware that there has recently been a large number of misplaced and lost items of uniform and sports bags. This can cause distress to the student and expense to parents. Parents are asked to label all items of uniform and equipment to avoid any inconvenience and expense of replacement. The Uniform Shop will be selling special marking pens from Thursday 19 October. Would parents also check their son’s bags to ensure that items belonging to another student have not been accidentally included. All lost items are taken to College Reception and those that are labelled are promptly returned to the student.

Complaints and Grievances

We are committed to providing a positive, safe environment for all staff and students. There are occasions however, when members of our school and wider community can sometimes be concerned about something that is happening at the College that appears to be unsatisfactory or unreasonable.

A grievance is a real or imaginary ‘wrong’, causing a feeling of resentment or injustice at having been unfairly treated or regarded as grounds for a complaint.

A complaint is an expression of dissatisfaction or concern with the College’s decisions and actions regarding procedures and policy.

Complaints and grievances are addressed in a timely and confidential manner at the appropriate leadership level, in order to prevent minor problems or concerns escalating. The dignity of each person involved will be respected in the process, with all parties maintaining confidentiality.

We have developed a Complaints and Grievances policy and procedure, with the process being succinctly outlined in a brochure. This brochure is available on our College website and hard copies are available at reception.

In order for us to best respond to a complaint or grievance, and so that it is responded to at the appropriate level, by the person or people most closely related to your concern, we ask that you familiarise yourself with our process.

This policy and procedure was developed in consultation with a sample of our parent body to ensure that parent input was both sought and respected.

Damian Chase—Deputy Principal

Learning and Technology Survey

Last year, the College embarked on its BYOD programme, and at the start of 2017 we launched the St Patrick’s College Learning Framework. To assist us in evaluating our progress and future planning in these areas, approximately a third of the student and parent cohort along with the entire College teaching staff will be invited to respond to a survey. Relevant staff, students and parents will be emailed a link on Friday of this week so they can access the survey.

Denise Lombardo—Director of Learning and Innovation

Year 10 HSIE A

"History cannot give us a program for the future, but it can give us a fuller understanding of ourselves, and of our common humanity, so that we can better face the future." - Robert Penn Warren

History and Philosophy are two distinct disciplines of study, yet they each allow us to delve into the nature of humanity, society, and its environment in the past, present and future. In History, we have learnt about Nazi Germany and the Holocaust, as well as the Civil Rights Movement in the USA and Australia, whereas in Philosophy we have explored and critically analysed ideas in the fields of Aesthetics, Politics, and Futurism. Although the usefulness of this content may seem, at face value, to be confined to the walls of the classroom, the ideas and events studied broadens one’s mind, giving students a more informed world view.

History on the surface can be seen as a subject in which people and dates are remembered and regurgitated, but in reality, Year 10 History allows students to analyse not only events, groups and individuals but their impacts on societies of the past, and humanity today. Through a close study of a key personality in the Nazi Party, Albert Speer, students were encouraged to question what would be accepted as historical fact as well as the different perspectives of history, a notion further developed through the critical analysis of the usefulness of sources.

Philosophy is the art of thinking. While generally seen as the least interesting of the branches of Philosophy, Aesthetics allowed us to question how we define beauty and art, and challenge the ever-present idea that “beauty is in the eye of the beholder”. Politics allowed the students to engage in present ideas about how our society is structured and functions on a fundamental ideological level. By analysing the ideas of philosophers and engaging in meaningful class discussion, we were able to enrich our political understanding in areas such as, but not exclusive to, power, freedom and equality. The unit on Futurism implored students to delve into pressing matters of technology, population, and sustainably that the world will encounter in coming decades. No doubt the benefits of these units are most clearly evident as we ourselves as adults in these future years will be the workers, thinkers and decision-makers guiding our society in these areas.

Philosophy and History are intertwined by nature as the ideas by which we formulate our thinking and beliefs are often affected by the societies in which people of the past lived. However, and perhaps of most note, is that the actions on the past impact our actions now and the results that we have in the future. This is why being educated in the content in each of these subjects simultaneously is so stringently important, as they allow for more widened and enriched knowledge.

Lawrence De Pellegrin, Julian Thomas & Harrison Vellar—Year 10 Students

Sports Draw - SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER 2017



| CRICKET | | | | |
|---------|---|---------------------------|-------|----------------|
| 1st XI | v | Central Coast Grammar | 10.00 | CCGS Cricket 1 |
| 2nd XI | v | St Gregory's Campbelltown | 10.00 | Breen Oval |
| 3rd XI | v | St Spyridon College | 10.00 | Coral Sea Park |
| 16A | v | High | 9.00 | McKay Oval 2 |
| 15A | v | North Ryde RSLYC | 8.30 | North Ryde RSL |
| 15B | v | BYE | | |
| 14A | v | Oakhill College | 8.00 | Upjohn Park |
| 14B | v | Holy Cross Crusaders | 8.00 | Curtis Oval |
| 13A | v | Epping District Blue | 8.00 | Mason Park 2 |
| 13B | v | Dundas United Junior | 8.00 | Brush Farm |

| BASEBALL | | | | |
|----------|---|---------------|-------|--------------------------|
| 1st IX | v | Stealers Knox | 11.00 | Golden Jubilee Diamond 9 |
| 2nd IX | v | Kissing Point | 8.30 | Auluba Park Diamond 1 |
| 16A | v | Stealers Knox | 11.00 | Major's Bay Reserve 3 |
| 14A | v | Five Dock | 11.00 | Timbrell Park 2 |

| BASKETBALL | | | | |
|------------|---|-------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| 1st V | v | St. Pius X A | 1.00 | SPC Gym |
| 17A | v | St. Pius X A | 12.00 | SPC Gym |
| 17B | v | St Pius X C | 11.00 | Oxford Falls Gym 1 |
| 17C | v | St Pius X D | 1.00 | Auburn 2 |
| 17D | v | St. Andrews's B | 11.00 | Auburn 2 |
| 17Black | v | BYE | | |
| 15A | v | St. Pius X A | 11.00 | SPC Gym |
| 15B | v | St Pius X C | 10.00 | Oxford Falls Gym 1 |
| 15C | v | St Pius X D | 1.00 | Auburn 1 |
| 15D | v | St. Andrews's B | 11.00 | Auburn 1 |
| 14A | v | St. Pius X A | 10.00 | SPC Gym |
| 14B | v | St Pius X C | 11.00 | Oxford Falls Gym 2 |
| 14C | v | St Pius X C | 12.00 | Auburn 2 |
| 14D | v | St. Andrews's B | 10.00 | Auburn 2 |
| 14 Black | v | Redlands C | 11.00 | Auburn 3 |
| 13A | v | St. Pius X A | 9.00 | SPC Gym |
| 13B | v | St Pius X C | 10.00 | Oxford Falls Gym 2 |
| 13C | v | St Pius X C | 12.00 | Auburn 1 |
| 13D | v | St. Andrews's B | 10.00 | Auburn 1 |
| 13 Gold | v | Central Coast Grammar B | 12.30 | CCGS Gym (RLC) 2 |
| 13 Black | v | Redlands C | 10.00 | Auburn 3 |

| GOLF | | | | |
|-------|---|-----------|-------|----------------------|
| Squad | v | Riverview | 12.00 | Srathfield Golf Club |

Summer Sport

Last weekend saw the College's Junior Cricket teams competing in their respective competition games, whilst all Baseball teams enjoyed success. This weekend the summer season for our 1st, 2nd and 3rd XI Cricket teams, all Basketball teams and the Golf team will commence. As mentioned last week, boys are expected to be wearing the correct College attire in accordance with their sport and are reminded that they must be dressed in College sporting attire or College uniform when supporting their siblings and/or friends irrespective of whether they played earlier in the day. A letter will be sent home shortly, to all summer sport participants, outlining the expectations of boys in regards to punctuality, behaviour and sportsmanship in their participation of their respective sports. I would kindly ask that both parents and students familiarise themselves with this document. Best of luck to all teams this weekend.

Athletics Success

Last week saw several students compete in the annual NSW Athletics All Schools Championships at Sydney Olympic Park. In what was a tough few days of competition amongst the best athletes in the state, I am pleased to report that SPC came away with some notable performances. Congratulations to Jonathan Meaker who won Gold in the U/12 1500m and Silver in the 800m. In doing so, Jonathan set a **new College record** for the 12 years 800m with his time of 00.02.19.70 (The previous record was 00.02.23.92 by L. Donovan in 1998). In the U/17 100m Final Christopher Ius finished in second place, while the Schmidt-Uili brothers Bronson (U/12 High Jump) and Oscar (U/17 Triple Jump) both won Bronze medals. Meanwhile, Alex del Popolo (U/13 Javelin), Andrew Shannon (U/16 400m Hurdles) and Lachlan Barton (U/12 Discus) all did well to achieve Top 10 finishes in their respective events. Congratulations to all boys who competed and good luck to those medal winners who have now qualified for the upcoming National Championships in Adelaide.

On a separate note, boys and parents are to note that the 2017 Athletics Season Report can now be accessed from the SPC Sport section of *SOLE*.

Harry Manenti

Harry Manenti has just returned from representing New South Wales at the recent Australian Cricket national u/17 carnival held on the Sunshine Coast. Harry played a pivotal role as New South Wales proved too strong for the rest of the competition, being crowned national champions. Although Harry narrowly missed out on national selection, he performed admirably during the competition, with a batting average of 55, and taking 11 wickets with the ball, at an average 13. A fantastic achievement Harry.

Patrick Hilgendorf—Acting Assistant Sportsmaster

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT WEEKLY DRAW SUMMER ROUND EIGHT 21/10/2017

| CRICKET | OPPOSITION | VENUE | TIME |
|--------------|------------|---------------|--------|
| TRAD 6A | BYE | | |
| TRAD 6B | BYE | | |
| SUPER 8'S 6A | Waverley | Rudd Park | 9.30am |
| SUPER 8'S 6B | Trinity | Bressington | 8.00am |
| SUPER 8'S 6C | BYE | | |
| SUPER 8'S 6D | Waverley | Rudd Park | 8.00am |
| TRAD 5A | Barker | Cooke Park | 8.00am |
| TRAD 5B | Barker | SPC No 4 | 8.00am |
| SUPER 8'S 5A | Coogee | Phillips Park | 9.30am |
| SUPER 8'S 5B | Newington | Phillips Park | 8.00am |

| BASKETBALL | | | |
|------------|------|---------------|---------|
| TEAM A | Knox | Auburn | 9.00am |
| TEAM B | Knox | Auburn | 8.00am |
| TEAM C | Knox | Auburn | 9.00am |
| TEAM D | Knox | Auburn | 8.00am |
| TEAM E | Knox | Auburn | 9.00am |
| TEAM F | Knox | Auburn | 8.00am |
| TEAM G | Knox | Prep Courts 1 | 10.30am |
| TEAM H | Knox | Prep Courts 1 | 9.40am |
| TEAM I | Knox | Prep Courts 1 | 8.50am |
| TEAM J | Knox | Prep Courts 1 | 8.00am |
| TEAM K | Knox | Prep Courts 2 | 8.50am |
| TEAM L | Knox | Prep Courts 2 | 8.00am |

| TENNIS | | | |
|--------|----------|------------|--------|
| TEAM A | Redlands | SPC Courts | 9.30am |
| TEAM B | Scots | SPC Courts | 8.00am |

| SOFTBALL | | | |
|------------|------------|---------------|--------|
| TEAM Black | Trinity JS | Bressington 2 | 8.00am |

VENUES:

Auburn Basketball Centre: Wyatt Park, Church St, Lidcombe
 Cooke Park: Madeline St, Belfield
 SPC Courts, No 3, No 4: Edgar St, Strathfield
 Phillips Park: Nicholas St, Lidcombe
 Rudd Park: Cnr Clarence & Varidel Strs, Belfield
 Bressington: Underwood Rd, Homebush – Opp the DFO
 Knox Prep Courts: Billyard Ave, Wahroonga



BASEBALL HIGHLIGHTS

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.