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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,

What a privilege it was to welcome our new Year 5 students and their families to the College on Saturday for their Orientation Day. Our new Director of Junior School Mr Ben Munday also joined us on Saturday and was able to introduce himself to families.

When boys commence here at St Patrick's some of them are still nine years old. I had a number of volunteer parents comment on how little these boys look as they arrive, along with comments such as "it only seems like yesterday that my son started here..." They seem little and young, because ultimately, they are! During the course of the next eight years they will grow from being innocent little boys into fine young men.



Parents make a deliberate choice in sending their sons to our College. They also make an investment in their son's future. We have an awesome responsibility as a College to honour that choice and commitment. First and foremost, I hope that we characterise the education we provide to these boys, with care. We care about their learning, but more importantly we care about them as individuals. We attempt to get to know them; their passions, their interests and their fears. We also help them to unlock new horizons for themselves – to discover something new to learn to love, to become passionate about and to extend these horizons to places they have not yet even considered. This all sounds terribly lofty, but when I listen to young men who leave us, they talk about their first experience with a new sport, or learning a new skill, or being exposed to public speaking; and they didn't even know they were going to love it until they gave it a go!



One school I used to work with had an unofficial motto of "Have a go". Initially I thought it was a bit Aussie-ocker, but once I got to know that community it really exemplified the culture of the students. They were prepared to step up and try something new, without being knocked or criticised for having a go. This included those students who weren't very good at whatever it was they had a go at. The beautiful thing about the school was, there was never any shortage of volunteers for any activity the school engaged with. I hope that our students at

St Patrick's are prepared to take those kinds of risks, especially at the tender age of nine or ten. Who knows, whatever new skill that is attempted could become the beginning of a lifetime hobby, career or personal interest.

What I already love about our College is the care that our existing students take to welcome the newcomer. They are only too ready to take our newest College members on a tour, to answer questions or to simply say hello. I hope that this makes any of the first-day jitters a little less foreboding when coming to a big school like St Patrick's. After all, we have a collective responsibility to welcome the stranger in our midst. This is a simple message of hospitality that we see in many of the Gospel stories.

I offer my thanks to all of the parent volunteers who were also instrumental in welcoming our new families on Saturday as well as all of the staff and students who gave up their day to assist. It sends a strong message about our community. What better way than to say this to those who are coming through the door at nine or ten years old?

Apology to victims and survivors of abuse

The College will offer an apology to those men, and their families, who in the past, experienced abuse while members of this College community. This simple, yet heartfelt apology will be delivered at Bicentennial Park (near Waterview) on Monday 27 November at 4.00pm. All are welcome. This is a shameful part of the history of St Patrick's that must be recognised and owned. While any apology can never take away the hurt or pain, it is important that this is offered.

Condolences

We offer our prayers and condolences to Patrick Luchini (Year 11) and his family on the death of his grandmother Mrs Annunziata Iodice. We also offer our prayers and condolences to Matthew Kazzi (Year 11) and his family on the death of his grandmother Mrs Karime Azzi. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever.

Craig Wattam
Principal

UNIFORM NOTICE

A reminder for the boys going into Year 7 and requiring trousers, black belt and black socks, all sizes are now in stock in the Uniform Shop.

Junior School

On Friday night, 24 November the Junior School Sports Presentation Dinner will be held. The dinner commences at 6.30pm in the College Gymnasium and the boys are to wear full College summer uniform, but no cap. The night will see our 2017 sporting year celebrated with the presentation of trophies and the enjoyment of spending time with each other for the final time this year under the SPC sporting banner. There will be some raffles during the night with proceeds going to our partners in India, Chetanalaya and Catholic Mission.

As well, of course, there is a formal aspect to the night, with coaches addressing the gathering to introduce their undefeated teams. Please remember that when someone is at the microphone we need to show respect by being silent. This will enable the presentations to run smoothly and give the boys and their coaches the attention they deserve. I thank you in advance for this.

On Tuesday 28 November, Year 6 has its Thanksgiving Mass. Please note the Mass commences at 9.15am in the College Chapel and parents are welcome to attend. Parking will be available on the Tennis Courts. At this Mass, the boys will be presented with their certificates for the completion of their primary education. It is a most fitting way for the boys to mark this significant milestone in their lives and celebrate the story of their primary school years.

Jim Walters—Director of Junior School

Junior School Sport

Congratulations to the Year 6 Cricket teams winning 5 out of the six games and losing only one in the last over. Well done again to the Prep A's who chased down 170, winning off the second last ball of the game with Luke McSweeney hitting a six and staying 58 n.o.

With rain on Friday night and showers Saturday morning, every effort was made to have all games go ahead. It is really important for all boys and parents to keep checking SOLE, Team App or the wet weather line which is consistently being updated.

Well done to Dylan Parks who won the Tasmania State Titles over the weekend, cementing his 1st place in Australia for Rock Climbing. A great season well done.

Congratulations to Owen Taylor who swam at the Senior School Swimming carnival last Friday night winning 3 races and coming second in his 4th race. A reminder that Swimming training will commence in the school pool in week 7 this term. There will be NO carnival this Friday.

This is the final week to book your seat for the Junior School Sports Presentation Dinner.

Please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/RTPZ> OR <https://www.trybooking.com/312051>

Numbers need to be in to the caterers at the end of the week.

Grant Andrews—Junior School Sportsmaster



OLD SCHOOL UNIFORMS

It is difficult to know what to do with old school uniforms in good condition. We have been collecting them but cannot cater for the random drop offs of them, so each term we will advertise one date when people can bring in any old uniform items. These are to be dropped at the front reception area on the respective dates. The last date for this year will be Wednesday 22 November. Between collections we ask you to hold on to these items. NO items are to be dropped off/left outside the Uniform Shop. *We are not a used clothing bin and don't want random bags of clothes left around the place.* If a uniform is good enough for second hand sale you need to deliver it to the ladies in the Uniform Shop during opening hours. If a uniform item is too old for use please rip it up and throw it out. Other items will be collected once a term only. We appreciate your support on this matter; incorporating recycling, sustainability and cleanliness.

Gillian Daley—Director of Identity

HSC MINIMUM STANDARDS TRIAL ONLINE TESTS

NESA has requested that all students in Year 9 participate in the HSC Minimum Standards Trial Online tests in Reading, Writing and Numeracy. Year 9 students at St Patrick's will undertake these trial tests on Wednesday morning, 22 November. NESA will use the data from students' participation in the statewide trial to refine their test questions and processes in readiness for the actual tests which will be available from Term One, Week 4 2018. Schools and students will not have access to test results.

The boys are required to bring their devices on the day, fully charged. No preparation or study is required. The boys will get further information from Mr Texeira at an upcoming Pastoral Care meeting.

Denise Lombardo—Director of Learning and Innovation

MY SCIENCE WEEK 2

During the second visit to Marie Bashir School as part of the My Science initiative, the mentors carried out and further developed the primary students' scientific experiments. Every year, a specific theme, related to what the students are learning in Science, is chosen as the foundation of each group's experiment. This year the theme for the experiments was Power, which resulted in many experiments being centred around some sort of electric circuit which either powered an electronic or measuring device. Thus, a majority of the second visit to Marie Bashir Public School was spent constructing the experiment – wiring circuits linked to electric cars, lightbulbs or voltmeters, testing different types of electrical conductors such as copper, planting seeds, and even measuring the acidity of soil using Universal Indicator. Following the set-up of each experiment, the St Patrick's mentors assisted the Marie Bashir students in drawing up tables to record their results and photographing their experiments to use as evidence. During our next visit to Marie Bashir School in the coming weeks, we will continue to aid the students in finalising the results of their experiments and developing a creative way to showcase their findings in a scientific report at the students' end of year Science Fair.

Philip De Pasquale & Daniel Francis—(Year 10 Students)



Year 7 Geography - Sydney Olympic Park Wetlands Excursion



The four Year 7 Geography classes for semester two participated in a fieldwork excursion to Sydney Olympic Park Education Centre in week 4. The purpose of the trip was to undertake research into the wetland system at Sydney Olympic Park. Students learned about the methods of wetlands protection and management implemented by the NSW government. They were also given the opportunity to use geographical tools to conduct studies and make judgements on the functioning of the wetland ecosystem. The boys represented the College proudly and thanks goes to all teachers who took part in the excursion. *Luke Reynolds—HSIE Studies Coordinator*

Year 11 Geography Excursion to Barangaroo



The Year 11 Geography class travelled into the Sydney CBD on Friday 3 November to undertake fieldwork to complement their studies in class. We met in Railway Square in the morning where we started our walking tour of the old goods line from Central Station through to Darling Harbour. We examined sites such as the International Convention Centre and the construction site for the new Darling Square development. Following this, we made our way to the largest urban renewal project in the southern hemisphere – Barangaroo for a presentation provided by Darren Tan, an employee of Lend Lease. From Barangaroo, our walking tour continued around the headland into Circular Quay to get a more in-depth understanding of the culture of place of the CBD. Thanks must go to Miss Ho for accompanying me on the day and sharing her geographical knowledge with our students. *Greg Sciortino—HSIE Teacher*

ART EXHIBIT.

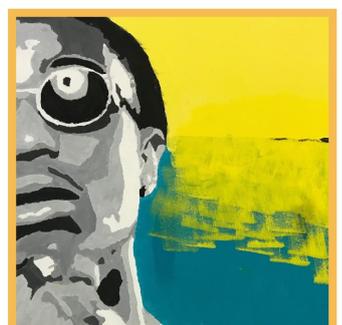
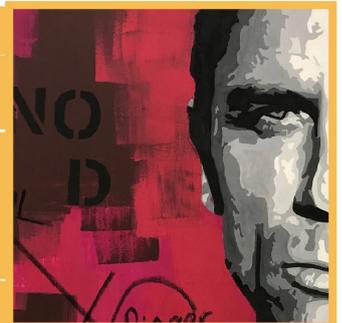
ARTWORKS BY STUDENTS OF YEARS 5-10

PARENTS, FRIENDS AND STUDENTS ARE INVITED
TO THE YEAR 5-10 VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION OPENING

MARY MACKILLOP ART CENTRE

THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER, 3:30 - 5PM

DR WATTAM WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE SHOW AND
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.



Sports Draw - SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2017

CRICKET			
1st XI	v	St Stanislaus College	10.00 St Stanislaus' No 1 Oval
2nd XI	v	St Andrews	10.00 Breen Oval
3rd XI	v	Central Coast Grammar	10.00 SPC 2
16A	v	St Joseph's College	9.00 St Joseph's College 5
15A	v	Epping District Red	8.00 Somerville Oval
15B	v	Knox D	9.00 Phillips Park (lower)
14A	v	Holy Cross	8.00 Meadowbank Park 8
14B	v	Dundas United Junior	8.00 Curtis Oval
13A	v	West Ryde	8.30 Mason Park 2
13B	v	West Ryde	8.30 Strathfield Park 1
BASEBALL			
1st IX	v	Riverview	8.30 Riverview Ovals
2nd IX	v	Rosebank	8.30 Major's Bay Reserve
16A	v	Rosebank	11.00 Major's Bay Reserve
14A	v	Rosebank	8.30 Major's Bay Reserve
BASKETBALL			
1st V	v	Central Coast Grammar	10.00 CCGS Gym (RLC) 1
17A	v	Central Coast Grammar	11.00 CCGS Gym (RLC) 2
17B	v	St Spyridon	12.00 SPC Gym
17C	v	Oakhill College	8.00 Oakhill Gym (CSC) 1
17D	v	Redlands B	12.00 Auburn 2
17 Black	v	Oakhill College	1.00 SPC Gym
15A	v	Central Coast Grammar	10.00 CCGS Gym (RLC) 2
15B	v	St Spyridon	11.00 SPC Gym
15C	v	Oakhill College	10.00 Oakhill Gym (CSC) 2
15D	v	Redlands B	12.00 Auburn 1
14A	v	Central Coast Grammar	9.00 CCGS Gym (RLC) 2
14B	v	St Spyridon	10.00 SPC Gym
14C	v	Oakhill College	9.00 Oakhill Gym (CSC) 2
14D	v	Redlands B	11.00 Auburn 2
14 Black	v	Oakhill College	10.00 Auburn 2
13A	v	Central Coast Grammar	9.00 CCGS Gym (RLC) 1
13B	v	St Spyridon	9.00 SPC Gym
13C	v	Oakhill College	8.00 Oakhill Gym (CSC) 2
13D	v	Redlands B	11.00 Auburn 1
13 Gold	v	Oxley College C	10.00 Auburn 3
13 Black	v	Oakhill College	10.00 Auburn 1
GOLF			
Squad	v	Trinity	12.00 North Ryde Golf Club

Head of Secondary Sport

Swimming

The 2017/2018 Swimming season has begun in fine fashion, with the squad training hard under the guidance of Mr Callum McKenzie (coach) and Mr Bruce Hopkins (MIC). The boys committed effort at training was most evident as they took part in last Friday night's Annual SPC Invitation Carnival. The night was a great success with some outstanding performances. Well done to the entire squad for their efforts, finishing as carnival runners-up behind a strong St Ignatius squad. There were also a number of new carnival records set on the night. Congratulations to the following swimmers:

Finn O'Connor	U17 50m Breaststroke – 30.55s	previous record 31.13
	U17 50m Butterfly – 27.15s	previous record 27.63
Se-Bom Lee	Senior 100m Freestyle – 54.50s	previous record 55.0
	U17 50m Backstroke – 27.83s	previous record 30.09

St Patrick's Senior 4x50m Medley Relay team (Se-Bom Lee, Finn O'Connor, Julian Thomas, Louis Melocco) – 1:59.63 – previous record 1:59.81

Spotlight on – 17 Black Basketball

Congratulations to the 17 Black Basketball team who were victorious over their opponent, Oakhill College last Saturday at Castle Hill. It was a closely contested game; nevertheless the 17 Black team would score the winning basket with only 40 seconds remaining on the clock. On behalf of the College I commend the 17 Black Basketball team for their display of good sportsmanship during and after the match.

Summer Sport Captains

Congratulations to the following boys who were appointed as Summer Co-curricular Captains for the 2017-18 season:

Baseball	Christian Guarna
Basketball	Christian Sleiman
Cricket	Harry Manenti
Swimming	William Halloran (Captain) & Se-Bom Lee (Vice-captain)

Anthony Calavassy—Acting Head of Secondary Sport

Co-Curricular Choices Form – 2018

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT WEEKLY DRAW SUMMER ROUND ELEVEN 11/11/2017

CRICKET	OPPOSITION	VENUE	TIME
TRAD 6A	Mosman	Cooke Park	8.00am
TRAD 6B	Mosman	SPC NO 4	8.00am
SUPER 8'S 6A	Newington Lindfield	Phillips Park	9.30am
SUPER 8'S 6B	St Aloysius	Anderson Park	9.00am
SUPER 8'S 6C	St Aloysius	Anderson Park	7.30am
SUPER 8'S 6D	Newington Lindfield	Phillips Park	8.00am
TRAD 5A	Knox	Ireland Field	8.00am
TRAD 5B	Knox	Yeldham Field	8.00am
SUPER 8'S 5A	Scots	Christison Park 3	8.00am
SUPER 8'S 5B	Kings	Price 2	8.00am
BASKETBALL			
TEAM A	Redlands	NSIBC 1	9.00am
TEAM B	Redlands	NSIBC 1	8.00am
TEAM C	Redlands	NSIBC 2	9.00am
TEAM D	Redlands	NSIBC 2	8.00am
TEAM E	Redlands	NSIBC 3	9.00am
TEAM F	Redlands	NSIBC 3	8.00am
TEAM G	Redlands	NSIBC 4	9.00am
TEAM H	Redlands	NSIBC 4	8.00am
TEAM I	Barker	Auburn 1	9.00am
TEAM J	Barker	Auburn 1	8.00am
TEAM K	Barker	Auburn 2	9.00am
TEAM L	Barker	Auburn 2	8.00am
TENNIS			
TEAM A	Kings	Gowan Brae	7.30am
TEAM B	Scots D	Maccabi (White City)	8.00am
SOFTBALL			
TEAM Black	Arden	Breen Oval	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 Sts, Belfield
 Christison Park: Old South Head Rd, Vaulusee
 Ireland & Yeldham Field: Billyard Ave, Wahroonga
 Gowan Brae: Pennant Hills Rd, Inside the Kings School, Parramatta
 Anderson Park: Kuraba Rd, Neutral Bay
 Maccabi Courts: 30 Alma St, Paddington Sydney
 NBISC: Jacksons Rd, Warriewood

The Co-curricular Choices Forms for 2018 have been distributed to all students in Year 6 through to Year 11. It is imperative that parents and students carefully read the attached information prior to making their choices. Most would be aware that the 2018 Co-curricular year in the Senior School commenced at the start of Term Four this year and will conclude at the end of Term Three, 2018. I would remind parents that **once boys indicate they are going to participate in an activity they are making a binding commitment. Permission to be granted leave from participating in a selected activity will not ordinarily be given unless it is due to medical reasons.**

The document on the reverse page of the forms sent home labelled "A Statement On Co-Curricular Involvement" clearly outlines the College's expectations in regard to participation. Additionally, I would like to draw your attention to the **CIVIL LIABILITY ACT 2002** and ask that parents carefully read the document and sign the permission form at the bottom of the page if their son chooses to participate in a sporting activity. This information can be found on the back of the choices form.

You will also be asked to make yourself familiar with the College's and ISA's Sports Code of Conduct. Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries on 9763 1000.

The Co-curricular Choices Form must be returned to Homeroom Teachers by no later than:

Year 6
Years 7 to 11

Friday 17 November 2017
Friday 10 November 2017

In closing, I would also like to remind parents that boys will often be expected to travel to away venues in a variety of Co-curricular activities and as such, I would encourage parents to explore car-pooling options with parents of boys from their son's team when necessary. The College can ill afford turning up at away venues under-manned for obvious reasons.

Steve Fochesato—Director of Co-Curricular

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 Sporting from the Quick Links menu

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