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Principal

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends of St Patrick's College,

This week on assembly I intend to talk to the boys about our motivations for helping others. I think that over the years, as teachers and workers in Catholic schools we have sometimes, with the best of intentions, done our young people a bit of a disservice. While we have encouraged them to think of others and give to those less fortunate than ourselves, we have often accompanied this with a reward. That is, we ask our students to donate goods or money for a really solid cause, but we then offer these same students a pizza, or drinks or a party or even an award or certificate for their good work or effort. In doing so, we create an air of expectation and a "what's in it for me?" or worse still, "only if there is something in it for me" attitude at times. The short answer really should be; there is nothing in it for you, only the warm feeling in your heart!



Our work with, and for the poor (of all varieties), must be *unconditional*. As soon as we create our own expectations then the true value of the exercise becomes muddled at best. The altruism of giving without counting the cost, literally and figuratively, is replaced by a sense of transaction. The message of the Gospel must be anything *but* transactional. If we act in love and service, then we can open ourselves for it to be transformational.

It disturbs me when I hear that young people sometimes question the motive for why we would work in service of others (this is the "why should we have to do this?" question, and "we are always being asked to help out" statement). We do it because it represents one of the core values of an Edmund Rice education. Our commitment to inclusivity, and to working for justice and solidarity must permeate our culture and therefore the education in faith that we offer our boys. The Gospel provides us with countless examples for us to seek to emulate in terms of selflessness, compassion, generosity of heart and spirit and giving to others. The parable of the poor widow's offering (Mark 12: 41-44) is particularly instructive. It is easy for many of us to give from our relative wealth, but to give when we have little to offer in the first place, is all the more poignant and selfless.

One of my favourite Gospel stories is the parable of the Good Samaritan. Think for a moment about who passed the man by – for whatever reason – but they passed him by nonetheless. The Samaritan though, was moved to pity. In his humanity, he not only attended to his wounds and transported him to somewhere to rest and recuperate and to be looked after, but he gave of his time and energy, he showed compassion and most importantly, care. He also paid money to ensure the man was made well by receiving the necessary treatment he needed and promised to make

good any further costs on his way back. The giving of the money is not the point of the story. The instruction by Jesus to go out and do the same is the kicker! Surely we want our young men to be the first to take the initiative, and to act in the name of goodness. For this is acting then in the name of the Gospel. That is why it is the Good News.

Sometimes we do not need to motivate our children to give of themselves for the benefit of someone else. Sometimes, we should simply expect it. As adults, we all know that the answer to "what's in it for me?" can simply be "nothing at all". But we also know that what our children will potentially gain from the experience of giving to others cannot possibly be quantified because it could just quite possibly be life-changing. I don't think anyone has ever put a price on that.



Have a wonderful term break. If you are traveling, enjoy the holiday and travel safe. I look forward to seeing all the boys back at school on Monday 23 July.

Condolences

Please pray for Edward Carrall (Year 11), Charles Carrall (2016) and their family as they mourn the loss of their grandmother Marie Therese Kennedy. Please also pray for Nathan Nicolas and Anthony Jabbour (Year 12) (they are 1st cousins) and their families whose grandfather Espetan Jabbour passed away. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever.

Craig Wattam
Principal



Year 12 Debaters

DEBATING ELIMINATION SUCCESS

Last week had 3 of our teams, our 10B, 11B and Senior Open B's Debate in the Elimination rounds for a spot in the Quarter finals this week. Happy to report back that both the 10B's and Senior Open B's will be against Lewisham at Holy Spirit, Lakemba and Loreto at St Andrew College, Marayong Junior campus respectively at the Quarter Finals this Friday from 6.00pm. Good luck to both these teams.

Martha Zantis – MIC Public Speaking and Debating

JUNIOR SCHOOL

It is timely as we approach the mid-year break, and as the departure of a huge figure from our ranks approaches, to take a moment to reflect on the wisdom our ancient scriptures have to offer.

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven", we read in the book of Ecclesiastes (3:1). Our ancestors in faith understood that the many ups and downs, the comings and goings, the triumphs and tragedies of life, are all threads in a tapestry that together weave the fabric of history. No life is lived separate from this simple reality. God's plan for creation is bigger than and will outlast us all. In this knowledge, we give our best in THIS moment, in THIS place, for the glory of God.

It is in this spirit that I gratefully acknowledge what an important person Mr Andrews has been in the Junior School and indeed the whole College, for over ten years. We will feel his departure most keenly. The corner of the tapestry that he has helped to weave is beautiful and will be admired for many years to come. We send him forth with all our blessings and good wishes. In turn, the community that welcomes him will be blessed by his many gifts.

I wish you all the best for a happy and blessed holiday period.

Ben Munday—Director of Junior School

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

Huge congratulations to our soccer fraternity winning 17 of their 18 games last Saturday and narrowly losing the other. The Preps scored 28 goals between them and didn't let in a goal. I am really pleased with the behaviour over the past two weeks and I am impressed by how humble the boys can be even after large victories.

The AFL continued to dominate their opposition, this time Barker – winning 59 – 2 to keep their undefeated season going into the holiday break. The 10A Rugby side was the team of the week with an impressive 41 – 38 come-from-behind win against Tudor House. In a high scoring match, played on thawing ice, it was great to see them fight right until the end. The Prep 1st and 2nd XV travelled to Knox and came away with impressive wins. The Prep 1st XV playing the best half of Rugby I have seen for many years, leading 31 – 0 at half time. In my last game as coach, I could not have been prouder of the boys and parents.



Debating team

Congratulations to the two debating teams who beat Trinity last Friday. I was honored to watch such fine young men represent their school.

What an amazing day we had yesterday for my final Athletics Carnival. History was also made with two teams joint winners. There was a great atmosphere throughout the day with the lead changing at every rotation. I cannot thank the staff enough for their dedication and commitment to the boys and especially myself. Nothing was too hard or too much trouble for them.

Well done to the following Age Champions:

U10's –	Christian Tassopoulos
U11 Yr 5 –	Jack Taylor
U11 Yr 6 –	Samuel Avvenevole
U12's –	Mitchell Woods



The house trophy points were as follows: Well done Mitchell Woods, Jamie Carroll Captains of Hanrahan and Jacob Chidiac and Nicholas Shehata Captains of Coghlan.

Equal first: Coghlan and Hanrahan – 456 points

3 rd – Rice –	422 points
4 th – Hickey –	414 points
5 th – Crichton –	344 points
6 th – Berg –	304 points

It came down to the last race, the U12's relay where Mitchell Woods anchored the winning Hanrahan team just over Coghlan to tie the points up. Well done to Jack Taylor who broke the U11's Yr 5 200m record and to Mitchell Woods who broke the U12's 200m record on the day.

I would sincerely like to thank all the coaches, especially the Junior School staff who continually go above and beyond what is expected, to make playing sport for the College, an enjoyable experience. We don't always have to win but it is so important to the mental health of young men to get involved in team sports and have a go.

Finally to all the parents for your continued support over the past 10 years. I can honestly say that I have tried my best to involve your son/s in sport and to make them realise the importance of mateship and sportsmanship. I wish all the boys the best of luck for their future careers.

Grant Andrews—Junior School Sportsmaster

SOCIAL DANCE INTERACTION EVENING 20 JUNE 2018

On Wednesday 20 June, Year 9 hosted a Social Dance evening with the girls from St Scholastica's College Glebe for a social dance as part of our PDHPE curriculum. It was a lively evening, with numbers being swapped, memories made, and friendships forged. Going in, many boys were quite nervous, we didn't know what to expect, but as the night wore on, we found ourselves having fun and more at ease around the girls. The skills of the Scholastica girls and the fancy footwork of the Pat's boys ensured the night was fun and entertaining. We had learned a number of dances such as the Waltz, Cha Cha, Rock Barn Dance and Nutbush to name a few.

Towards the end of the evening we even had a number of "Dance-offs" for a bit of fun and laughs and to test our skills. We walked away glad that we had attended, some boys even counted the dance as one of the best nights of their lives. The next day when I asked my friends what they thought of the night, the most common answer was 'unexpectedly fun', with few people having negative reviews of the evening, it can be counted as a great success. While not everyone had the same experience, I think it's safe to say that everyone, at least, came away with something, whether it was a few new dance moves or a new friend's contact number.

Christian Habib (Year 9)

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2017 College Annual Report will be available on the College Website by tomorrow. If you would like a hard copy, they will be available from the Front Office.

SPORTS FIXTURES – SATURDAY 30 JUNE 2018

HEAD OF SECONDARY SPORT

1st XI Football Vs St Pats Old Boys

All are warmly invited to spectate the annual 1st XI Football versus St Pats Old Boys game on Thursday 28 June, SPC 3 Oval kicking off at 3.30pm.

TERM 2 HOLIDAY FIXTURES

Rugby – Friday 20 July			
1 st XV	Knox Grammar	11.00	Breen Oval
2 nd XV	Knox Grammar	10.00	Breen Oval
16A	Knox Grammar	9.00	Breen Oval
Football – Saturday 21 July			
1 st XI	Barker College	9.00	Rosewood
16A	Barker College	8.00	Rosewood

Term 3

Training will resume on the first day back of Term 3 - Monday 23 July for Rugby, Football and Tennis.

Anthony Calavassy – Head of Secondary Sport

SENIOR SCHOOL SUMMER SPORT PHOTOS: ORDERING ON-LINE

Below parents will find shoot-key, ordering instructions and relevant information relating to the Senior School Summer Sport photos. Please note that the photos will be sent to your home address and not the College. Parents are advised that if they are experiencing any difficulty in ordering they can ring the Parent Hotline on 1800 750 586 for advice.

Parents can use the new Grid View to see all group photos on one screen. There is also a new Favourites feature which allows parents to click the heart in the top right corner of a photo.

When they click on the Show Favourites tab, only the photos which have the heart highlighted will appear. Group photos are \$12.00 each with one postage and handling fee of \$6.00 per order.

1. Visit www.leadingimage.com.au
2. Click **Order Your School Photos**
3. Enter shoot-key in box provided: **LZ476FGN**
4. Scroll through and select an image. Image appearing in main box is the image chosen to purchase
5. Enter required copies
6. **Add to Cart**
7. If further prints required please continue steps 4-6 until all images chosen
8. Click **Cart** on top right hand side
9. Check order is correct and click **checkout**
10. Customers proceed through checkout to enter their credit card details

Once approved an invoice will be auto-generated to the customers email address.

Steve Fochesato – Director of Co-curricular



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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 or via the Team App.

WET WEATHER UPDATES: call 02 9763 1000 and follow the prompts, Twitter at <http://twitter.com/SPCSeniorSport>, or on the Fixtures Pages above.