



## Especean

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### Principal

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

Lately, there are many members of our community who are dealing with serious illness in their family, or who are grieving the loss of loved ones. It is often difficult to know what to say to people at such times, and beginning a conversation with someone who is experiencing illness or grief can be uncomfortable. However, you may never know the value someone else places in the gesture of you saying hello and inquiring of them and their family. Simply acknowledging the reality of the moment can be very powerful.

When we have difficult times in our lives we are blessed in our faith. We have God in our lives and this can be enormously comforting: our God who loves us unconditionally, who is the rock that never wavers and who is there with us at all times. Perhaps this is oversimplifying the relationship, but it works for me. God whose love knows no bounds and who knows us intimately, is the steadfast surety that we simply cannot get in most other aspects of our life. Sometimes we do not know what tomorrow will bring and we can work ourselves into a sweat over the problems that might continue to come our way. It is at these times we decide to take it one day at a time. We might even need to take it one hour at a time, or even one minute at a time, just to be able to cope with the problem we are faced with, or the grief we are experiencing. Talking to God can also be beneficial. Another thing I try to do is simply to be. To let God in. When I decide to let go and just let God be with me, the burden seems somewhat shared or lightened.

Over centuries, people have asked where God is in the hard times: where was God in the Holocaust? Where was God in the earthquake? Where was God when a child died of an incurable illness? We know from the scriptures that God does not and will not ever abandon us – "I will not forget you" (Isaiah 49). The Psalms constantly ring out with reassurance that God will not forsake us, and will be with us always. We are a covenant people and this bond with God therefore can never be broken. God is with us in the tough times – he *suffers* with us. God cries tears with us, God holds us and God fervently supports us. This is love. God's love is alive in us through Jesus' death and triumph over death. He did this so that we might live!

For all those in our community who are having a really very difficult time right now, please know that our College prayers are constant and are also powerful. We have a large number of people who pray for others every day! Be assured of our prayers for you and your family. At your house and with your family, you might like to remember to pray not for your own needs, but for the needs of others. If your prayer life in your family has slipped of late, how about reigniting this before meals as a simple reminder of gratitude. We may never know the power of prayer. Let's face it; it certainly can't hurt.

Another personal reminder I give myself from time to time is to remember to be gentle. We can all get so caught up with our own "stuff". We get busy; we rush and we get singularly focused to the exclusion of the needs and troubles of others. Slowing down and regaining a gentle disposition can send positive, subtle messages.

As Christians we are always a people of hope. The Easter story is the proof of this. Sometimes the journey to Easter, time and again, can be more than rocky. But it will come around again.

#### Condolences

Please pray for the following students and their families:

William Zammit (Year 10) and his family as they mourn the loss of his older brother Edward who died suddenly last week in a motor vehicle accident.

Marco Zavone (Year 9), Mathew (Year 10) and Joshua Rafaraci (Year 8) and their families as they mourn the loss of their grandfather Carmelo Rinaldi.

Oscar O'Neill (Year 6) and his family as they mourn the loss of his grandfather John Stralow.

Joshua McKeown (Year 6) and his family as they mourn the loss of his grandmother Juliet McKeown.  
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



## MUFTI FOR DROUGHT RELIEF

This **Friday 17 August**, will be a Mufti Day at the College with all funds going to Rural Aid for some drought relief. On this occasion, we beg, on behalf of our land and its people, for all students to bring a note to school. Please save your gold coins for the canteen. It is a \$5 minimum with normal rules around mufti – no thongs, singlets or offensive slogans on clothing. Students may wish to bring a country feel to what they wear on Friday also. Thanks in advance for your support in this worthy cause.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

They say when life gives you lemons, you should make lemonade. I say, when life gives you a large blank white surface, do maths. Or art. Or, preferably, both.

A small group of 5 Green students (James, Lachlan, Leo, Luca and Thomas) worked with me to mathematically construct, angle by angle, a number of two-dimensional shapes on the hoarding surrounding the carpark building site. As we worked, we discussed the big questions of life, the internal angle sums of various polygons, artists like Piet Mondrian and Wassily Kandinsky and the importance of precision to mathematicians and architects.

In the end the boys settled on a blue, black and gold motif – College pride through and through. Here you can see James and Leo putting the finishing touches on the mural. We hope to continue our decorative work in the coming weeks.



**Ben Munday—Director of Junior School**

The annual Book Week celebrations will take place in the Junior School next week. This year's theme is: 'Find Your Treasure'. A treasure trove of information, knowledge, adventure, entertainment and pure joy lie waiting in books – all you have to do is open the cover and start reading. Our guest authors Ruben Meerman and Mark Greenwood will hopefully inspire the boys to develop a lifelong love of reading and to take advantage of our well-resourced Library. We also have Grandparent's Day where we celebrate the importance of oral story telling; not to mention the always exciting Book Character Parade. Thank you to our Teacher Librarian, Mrs Gibson, for her hard work in making the week such a special event.

**Mark Leary—Junior School Administration Coordinator**

## JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

Another winter season has come to an end. It's time to hang up the boots, stow the shin pads and empty out the kit bags. For a brief moment we can afford to catch up on some well-earned Saturday sleep-ins and forget about how to get to 'that' park across the other side of Sydney.

I would like to thank all the coaches for their time and effort this season. Without your commitment we are unable to have so many teams representing the College across the codes and competing. I would also like to thank the boys for their commitment, positive attitude and willingness to improve. Congratulations to you all win, lose or draw.

I was fortunate last weekend to get around to a few of the final fixtures. I was particularly pleased with 11C2 Football side's effort. In a very one-sided affair (SPC up almost 10 – nil at half time) the boys were asked to play further back and allow their opposition some time on the ball in an effort to bring the game to them. To the boy's credit, they took this on board and allowed the opposition to come to them. Quickly the opposition scored. The joy on their faces was obvious as they cheered one another. However, to my surprise our boys were smiling as well. Pleased they had done something good to encourage the other team. This created a palpable change in the atmosphere and the game became hard fought to the end. SPC being victorious 10-1. A superb effort from all the boys and a shining light on what it means to be good sports.

I would also like to shed some light on the 11C Rugby side. This side has struggled all year against seasoned Rugby sides. The 11C's was largely made up of boys who had never played the game before. Even though the elusive win stayed just out of reach, the boys displayed continuous courage, persistence and resilience each week, training hard and playing hard. The improvements displayed have been noticeable and I wish all the boys all the future success as they continue in their development as Rugby players.

A reminder that, as the winter season has ended there will be no after-school sports training until the summer season commences. Athletics training continues Monday and Wednesday mornings and we wish the team well as they embark on the first carnival of the season this weekend at Homebush. We also wish our debaters well in their second last round of the season. The boys are up against Trinity at Trinity Grammar, Summer Hill in what will be a fiercely contested battle of wits. Good luck boys.

**John Locke—Junior School Coordinator of Co-curricular**

## FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT IS COMING TO SPC!

Fairtrade is a social movement aimed at helping producers in developing countries achieve better trading conditions and to promote sustainable farming. Fairtrade Fortnight is an annual promotional campaign organised and funded by the Fairtrade Foundation to increase awareness of Fairtrade products. The Social Justice Action Group will be selling Fairtrade hot chocolates in the Powell pavilion to raise greater awareness about Fairtrade and to raise funds to help those that make these products for us.



We encourage everybody to look for fair trade logos on the goods you buy, particularly chocolate, and encourage the use of Fairtrade products. Look for these symbols below. The selling of hot chocolates will begin on Monday 20 August and last until Friday 31 August from 8.00am each morning. All are welcome to come along to the Powell Pavilion to support this great cause.

Thank You

**Harrison Armour—SJAG Prefect**



## HSC BUSINESS STUDIES—MACQUARIE BANK GUEST LECTURE

Recently, students enrolled in HSC Business Studies had the privilege of listening to an address by Nicole Sorbara, the Chief Operating Officer at Macquarie Group.

A key component of the HSC Business course involves investigating contemporary business issues and aspects of actual large businesses which operate at a global scale. Students were exposed to the various human resource processes and strategies that Macquarie Group undertake in order to continually improve its performance. Students were given an insight into the high standards that management at Macquarie expects of their almost 15,000 strong global workforce.

Sincere thanks to Nicole for taking time out of her busy schedule to deliver an informative and engaging presentation to support the learning needs of our HSC Business students.

**Luke Reynolds—HSIE B Coordinator**



## SENIOR SCHOOL DEBATING & PUBLIC SPEAKING PRESENTATION EVENING

Parents and boys are reminded that the Debating and Public Speaking Presentation Evening will be held on Wednesday 22 August in the Robson Auditorium. Parents and boys are asked to arrive by no later than 7.00pm for a 7.15pm start. Boys are to ensure that they wear their full College winter uniform and have their school shoes polished. **Attendance by students involved with this activity is mandatory.**

The College kindly requests that no car park in Hydebrae Street (which runs at ninety degrees from Francis Street and the Senior Library) at any time. Its narrowness makes resident parking difficult and non-resident parking can present a safety risk by preventing the access of emergency vehicles. **The College tennis courts will be available for some on-site parking on a 'first come, first served' basis. Entrance to the tennis courts is from the driveway in Fraser Street and motorists are asked to park their vehicle next to another vehicle in a close fashion so that we can make available the greatest possible number of parking spaces.**

## SENIOR AND JUNIOR SCHOOL NON-SPORT PHOTOS

Parents are advised that their sons will be informed of the Photo timetable for the College Cultural Co-curricular activities via their Homeroom Noticeboards. Photos are presently scheduled to be taken in the Duffy Music Centre on **Wednesday 22 August.**

I would kindly ask that parents ensure that their son's winter uniform is clean and in good condition for the photos. Details relating to the purchasing of photos on-line will be forwarded to parents via the Especean soon.

**Steve Fochesato—Director of Co-curricular**

## ANNUAL PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE CONCERT 2018

A warm invitation is extended to the College community to come and enjoy an evening of entertainment. This year's Showcase Performing Arts Concert will be staged in the College Gymnasium Thursday evening 23 August commencing at 6.00pm.



## FOOTBALL UPDATE

This week was the last round for 18 of our 34 Football teams. Out of the 17 ISA teams, 11 teams placed first and 4 teams placed second. Next week 16 of our 17 ISA competition teams contest the Semi Finals with the Grand Final round being held at Oakhill on Saturday 25 August. Round 10 was another successful one for SPC where we won 20 games, drew 6 and lost 7. In total, our teams scored 94 goals and conceded 45, giving us a 45 positive goal differential for this round.

Congratulations to the following ISA teams and their coaches who have qualified for the Semi Finals this coming weekend.

Opens	U/16's	U/15's	U/14's	U/13's
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	16 A	15 A	14 A	13 A
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	16 B	15 B	14 B	13 B
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI		15 C	14 C	13 C
4 <sup>th</sup> XI				13 D

In what was the final round for 18 of our 34 Football teams last Saturday, it was an exciting day overall. It was wonderful to see how much the boys have developed as a team and as individual players. A big thank you to all those who have helped out on Saturdays and were in attendance, in particular, the parents, for their constant and dedicated support. All coaches have expressed how proud they were of their teams and how amazing it was to see them develop over the season. For all those whose 2018 Football season has finished, I wish you the best of luck in future seasons.

\*\*Please note that the detailed weekly report can be accessed via Team App.

**Noelle Lamir—MIC Football**

# SPORTS FIXTURES — SATURDAY 18 AUGUST 2018

RUGBY				FOOTBALL					
1st XV	v	St Augustine's	3.15	Breen Oval	1st XI	v	Oakhill	10.15	Lawrence Oval
2nd XV	v	St Augustine's	2.00	Breen Oval	2nd XI	v	Oakhill B	12.30	Mason Park 1
3rd XV	v	St Augustine's	1.00	Breen Oval	3rd XI	v	St Pius B	11.00	Mason Park 1
4th XV	v	Newington 6th	12.00	Breen Oval	4th XI	v	St Andrew's B	11.00	Mason Park 3
16A	v	St Augustine's	11.00	Breen Oval	16A	v	St Spyridon's	9.45	Mason Park 1
16B	v	St Augustine's	10.00	Breen Oval	16B	v	Redfield	9.45	Mason Park 3
16C	v	St Pius	9.00	Hudson Park	15A	v	St Pius	8.30	Mason Park 1
15A	v	St Augustine's	12.00	Airey Park	15B	v	Oakhill	8.30	Mason Park 3
15B	v	St Augustine's	11.00	Airey Park	15C	v	St Pius	2.45	Mason Park 3
15C	v	St Augustine's	10.00	Airey Park	14A	v	Redlands	2.00	Mason Park 1
14A	v	St Augustine's	12.00	Hudson Park	14B	v	Oakhill	1.30	Mason Park 3
14B	v	St Augustine's	11.00	Hudson Park	14C	v	St Pius C	9.45	Mason Park 2
14C	v	St Augustine's	10.00	Hudson Park	13A	v	St Pius	3.15	Mason Park 1
13A	v	St Augustine's	9.00	Breen Oval	13B	v	Redlands	12.15	Mason Park 3
13B	v	St Augustine's	8.00	Breen Oval	13C	v	St Pius C	11.00	Mason Park 2
13C	v	St Augustine's	9.00	Airey Park	13D	v	Redlands	8.30	Mason Park 2
13D	v	St Augustine's	8.00	Airey Park					

TENNIS				
Div 1	v	Oakhill	8.00	Barker College Courts
Div 2	v	Oakhill	8.00	Barker College Courts
Div 3	v	Redlands	8.00	Barker College Courts
Div 4	v	Chevalier	8.30	Barker College Courts
Div 5	v			
Div 6	v	Oakhill	8.00	Barker College Courts
Div 7	v	St Pius	8.00	Barker College Courts
Div 8	v	Redlands	8.00	Barker College Courts
Div 9	v	Oakhill	8.00	Barker College Courts
Div 10	v	St Andrew's	8.00	Barker College Courts

## JUNIOR SPORT FIXTURES

The Junior Athletics Team will be competing at the IPSHA South Harbour Athletics Invitational Carnival this Saturday at the SOPAC Warmup Track, Homebush—8.00am—11.00am.

### ATHLETICS

Athletics	South Harbour Invitational	8.00am	SOPAC Warm Up Track, Homebush
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## HEAD OF SECONDARY SPORT

### Winter Sport—ISA Finals and Semi-finals

This week sees Rugby teams playing their final round at home against St Augustine's College. We hope all teams can finish on a high!

Tennis finals will take place at Barker College this Saturday 18 August. St Patrick's will have 9 of our 10 Divisions competing for the chance to be crowned ISA Champions. This is a wonderful achievement and all players and coaches must be congratulated for their efforts thus far!

ISA Football semi-finals will take place this weekend with the 1st XI, 2nd XI, 3rd XI, 4th XI, 16A, 16B, 15A, 15B, 15C, 14A, 14B, 14C, 13A, 13B, 13C and 13D all contesting for a place in the Grand finals which will take place at Oakhill College on Saturday 25 August. Good luck to all of the above teams.

As we move into semi-finals and finals I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents of the **ISA Code of Conduct** which was referred to by Dr Wattam last week in the Especean. As adults, we are role models for the young men who we watch or coach and they will pick up habits both good and bad. May I encourage parents to ensure that their support is both positive and within the guidelines stated in the Code of Conduct in order to ensure the players are set the appropriate example and our good relations with fellow ISA schools are maintained? Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation and respect in regards to these expectations.

### Summer Sport Signups

Summer signups for Baseball, Basketball and Cricket will be conducted next week. I would encourage boys to commit to a summer sport and remind them and their parents that these signups represent a binding commitment to the entire season. ISA Basketball and Cricket fixtures commence in Term 4 while NDJCA Cricket and RHBL Baseball fixtures usually commence in September.

### Athletics

Training for the Athletics squad commences next Tuesday 21 August—details have been distributed via Mr Di Paola, MIC of Athletics. Saturday 25 August will see our athletes compete at the first Invitational Carnival co-hosted by St Aloysius' College and Trinity Grammar School at SOPAC, Homebush.

**Anthony Calavassy—Head of Secondary Sport**

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

We have NEW white sport socks in the uniform shop.

The Blue, Black and Gold stripes at the back of the sock represent the College colours.

These socks are for Basketball, Tennis, Cricket, and PE.

Cost \$8.00

## ISA CODE OF CONDUCT GUIDELINES FOR SPECTATORS

1. Control of spectators is the responsibility of the school official with whom the spectators are associated. Spectators are not to approach or address game officials or any of the opposing players, spectators or officials. Genuine concerns should be addressed to their own school official who will determine any action to be taken.
2. Barracking should be enthusiastic and positive, but not designed to heckle, denigrate or unsettle opponents. For example, barracking during a free throw or a kick at goal and so forth is always bad sportsmanship. Similarly, sledging is totally unacceptable. Barracking should be for the School only. Negative comments are totally unacceptable. Positive comments are motivational.
3. Good play by either team should be recognised by applause.
4. It is never right to express disapproval of a referee or umpire's decision, irrespective of his/her age.
5. Vocal support for any team should never encourage violence or rough or illegal play.
6. Coaching by spectators from the sideline is to be actively discouraged by the school official with whom the spectators are associated. Spectators shall not interfere with the progress and/or conduct of a game, including encroaching on the field.
7. Adults must remember that games at school level are organised for the benefit of the students concerned and not for adults.
8. Visitors to the grounds should co-operate fully with any regulations or requests made by the home school, such as car parking, seating, dressing rooms and the placing of spectators. At all times visitors should leave the area tidy and free of rubbish when they leave.
9. Adults, parents, students and others are expected to set an example by their self-control and deportment at matches.
10. Normally alcohol should not be consumed at ISA fixtures.



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 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.