Yesterday as you all know, was All Saints’ Day and today is All Souls’ Day. Both these days are significant on the Church calendar and are important events for our College community. Yesterday’s All Saints’ Day was a solemnity but not a holy day of obligation in Australia. With today being All Souls’ Day, our deepest condolences and respect for all those who in some way have experienced the loss of a loved one. In paying respect to all those who have contributed to the College since its opening in 1928, we pray for all deceased Brothers, staff, students and parents who gave something of themselves to this unique Catholic school community of St Patrick’s College.

Last week was a significant time for the incoming Principal, Craig Wattam, and myself in terms of being introduced to our respective 2017 communities. Last Wednesday, I met many members of staff, parents and students from the two feeder primary schools that will form the basis of the new enrolments for St Bede’s Catholic College Chisholm which will open in 2018. Mr. Wattam, in his senior leadership role at the Maitland Newcastle Catholic Schools Office and as a key driver in the planning for this new secondary school, generously took great care of me throughout the day. In the true spirit of the interconnectedness of Catholic Education, I was able to do the same last Friday where Mr. Wattam attended Mass, the College Assembly and a series of meetings. At the Assembly, former Headmaster (2008–2015) and EREA Regional Director – Eastern Region, Mr. Brian Roberts introduced Mr. Wattam to the staff and students. Mr. Wattam then gave a warm and well received address before I then gave my address. With the unique situation of the former, current and future Headmasters/Principal giving addresses at the Assembly, I asked staff and students to remember former Headmaster Mr. Grahame Smollett (1993–2007) in their prayers as he recovers from a very serious operation. Mr. Smollett’s recovery, on which I won’t give specific details, will take quite some time and adjustment, so please remember him in your prayers. The work that he did for the College as the longest serving Headmaster is a significant reason why St Patrick’s is such a great school today.

Welcome back to our Year 9 students who last week attended a camp at Somerset Outdoor Learning Centre. The Year 9 Homeroom team, led by Mr. Oscar Texeira, and the students all seemed in good spirits upon their return. We thank all those who contributed to the camp being such a positive experience. Many Year 12 students have now finished their HSC exams but for those students who still have pending exams; we wish them all the best and pray that they remain focused up until the last minute of the last exam.

This week is the last round of the Board Committee meetings for the year. A group of generous and highly skilled parents and staff meet six times a year in the areas of finance, capital master planning, risk management, Identity, and strategic management. Thank you to all committee members for their invaluable input. Particular thanks to Anthony Abraham, Steve Koturic, Jane Byrne, Des Fox and Michael Nicholl in chairing these committees.

Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever

John Murphy
Acting Headmaster

COLLEGE BOARD – Expressions of Interest
Expressions of Interest for Membership of the College Board are invited from parents of the College. The Board is seeking interest from persons from diverse backgrounds such as education, finance, legal or planning.
Expressions of Interest should be made via email to the Headmaster’s Secretary, agnes.dening@spc.nsw.edu.au before Monday 7 November 2016.

Important Notice - Uniform Shop
This Saturday, 5 November the Uniform shop will only be trading for Year 5 Orientation Day.

P & F – Expressions of Interest
The Annual General Meeting of the Parents’ and Friends’ Association will be held on Tuesday 15 November 2016 commencing at 7.30pm. Expressions of Interest are now being called for:

President Social Events Coordinator
Vice President Parent Year Representative Coordinator
Secretary General Committee Members
Treasurer

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It is a busy time. Our preparation for the Junior School Speech Night performance has begun, our assessment period is coming to a close and we are in the middle of our Summer sport season. On Monday night of next week, 7 November, the boys in 6 Black will be presenting a “Night of the Notables” in which each boy takes on the character of a famous or notable person in history and delivers a presentation about themselves, their life and their achievements. It should be a mind stretching evening. I would like to thank Mrs Timillero and Mr Fields for their great work with these boys in preparing them for this notable night.

On Wednesday, 23 November, Year 6 parents are invited to a night entitled “Preparing Your Son for High School.” We sincerely hope that this evening provides our Year 6 parents with some helpful strategies in assisting the boys in their transition to Year 7. It is clearly a team effort involving co-operation between home and school that allows this important progression to be as smooth as possible, so it is essential that we are giving our boys a consistent, supportive message. The night commences at 5.30pm and will take place in the Robson Auditorium.

Our fundraising period gets under way with this week’s Mission Mass, so please support the boys as they commence the task of getting sponsorship to help Chetanalaya with their work in Delhi, specifically the first stage of a new school for the disabled in the town of Rohtak. We are also assisting with the wonderful work of Catholic Mission, whose inspirational efforts world wide give hope and sponsorship to help Chetanalaya with their work in Delhi, specifically the first stage of a new school for the disabled in the town of Rohtak.

To assist with the fundraising our Year 6 Parents are invited and encouraged to attend a night to help make your son’s transition to High School as seamless as possible, so we are giving our boys a consistent, supportive message. This is the preparatory evening that will provide all parents with some helpful strategies in assisting the boys in their transition to Year 7.

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The Record of School Achievement (RoSA) Credentials

Students in Years 10 and 11 who are leaving the College at the end of the year to enter full-time employment and/or a non-secondary school educational/training institution are eligible for a RoSA Transcript of Study from the NSW Board of Studies. Students for whom this applies must notify the College Registrar’s Office by no later than Friday, 18 November 2016.

The Board’s website contains information about the RoSA at:

Continuing students who complete the HSC will have their Year 11 grades as part of the HSC Record of Achievement.

Information about the HSC credentials may be found at:

Higher School Certificate Examinations Conclude

With the HSC written examinations coming to a close this week, many thanks must go to the parents who gave their time so generously to assist our Board of Studies Presiding Officer, Mrs Genny Wakim. The administration and supervision of the examinations was smooth due to the professionalism, care and competence of all involved. Thanks must also go to the parents who volunteered their time as reader/writers.

Higher School Certificate Results and Credentials

Each student will receive the Higher School Certificate Testamur and the Higher School Certificate Record of Achievement (HSC RoA) which lists the results in all courses satisfactorily completed.

The HSC RoA will include students’ Year 11 Preliminary course grades and their Year 10 Record of School Achievement (RoSA) grades. This provides formal recognition of students’ Senior secondary school achievements. The HSC results, Year 11 Preliminary grades and Year 10 grades will appear on separate pages of the HSC RoA.

Students will be able to access their HSC results by telephone, SMS and the internet via the BOS Students Online from 6.00am on Thursday, 15 December 2016. Students will also receive a hard copy HSC Testamur in the post between 18 – 20 January 2017.

Andrew Brennan – Acting Director of Curriculum

Thank you Mass & Lunch for Parent Volunteers
11 November 2016
Parking will be available on the Tennis courts.

Senior and Junior School Winter Sport and Non-Sport Photos: Ordering On-line

Below parents will find shoot-key and ordering instructions 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.

2. Click Order Your School Photos
3. Enter shoot-key in box provided: CL44ZZT3
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 who have already created an account enter their username & password
11. New customers click I don’t have an account and wish to create one.
12. Customers proceed through checkout to enter their credit card details
13. Once approved an invoice will be auto-generated to the customers email
14. Photos will be sent to nominated addresses and not to the school.

UNIFORM SHOP

Trading Hours over the School Holidays

Last day of trading for 2016 – Thursday, 1 December

Re-opens
Thursday 19/01/17: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
Friday 20/01/17: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
Monday 23/01/17: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
Tuesday 24/01/17: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
Wednesday 25/01/17: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
Thursday 26/01/17: CLOSED
Friday 27/01/17: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
Monday 30/01/17: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Closed Australia Day Holiday
Thursday, 26/01/2017

Normal Trading commences from
Tuesday, 31 January 2017 with NEW HOURS

Monday: CLOSED
Tuesday: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Wednesday: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Thursday, Friday: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
Saturday: (except Term 3) 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

During Trading Hours Phone: 6761 9249

Year 11 can make a purchase from the Uniform Shop, however, parents will need to phone the Shop prior to 6th period to provide credit card details. You do not need to please show if your son is paying by cash. Please note purchases cannot be placed on family account.

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WET WEATHER UPDATES:

Following confirmation from Athletics NSW, Antony Eussen's throw of 33.65m in the 13s Javelin at the NSW All School's warm-up meet some weeks ago saw him break the College Record. This caps off a year in which 3 College Javelin records were broken. Well done Antony!

Mitchell Kearsley—Head of Secondary Sport