



# Especean

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## Principal

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

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope that our boys return refreshed and ready for a busy term of learning. During this holiday break I spent quite a bit of time with family; the kind of time that is unhurried and without firm agenda. It was so lovely! Often when we get together it is for a quick dinner or a stop-over on the way to or from somewhere else and we all try to jam into our limited time together as much as we can. We speak quickly and interrupt each other so we can all get out what we need to say!

This holiday period we went for a lazy lunch together, we had delayed breakfast time and we indulged in one more cuppa before deciding to get the day kick-started. One evening our extended family got together and we watched slides. Parents, some of you won't even know what these are, and those of you who do remember them, will need to explain to the boys what they are. Slides offer what photographs could never achieve: they are an event. Slide nights are usually inclusive of food, beverages and they usually last too long! When I was a kid a slide night was a thing to behold.

Last weekend we relived this experience: we collectively laughed, poked fun at each other's fashion sense (especially in the 70s and 80s), our haircuts and the cars we drove. We remembered family members who have died and we talked of combined holidays and weddings, significant birthdays and parties. We even argued over who was who, with my mum taking the prize for not recognising herself in some shots! What I cherish most about these get-togethers though is the simple fact that we are family. Warts and all, we are bound to each other through blood, through combined memory, through love and through the years. Our family is not perfect by any means. None of us is perfect and we sometimes annoy each other. We have disagreements and we let each other know. We are loud, sometimes embarrassing and always trying to outdo each other with stories and anecdotes. The old saying "you can choose your friends, but you can't choose your family" is often used as an excuse with family members; an excuse to excuse one's self from family events! Maybe our families choose us. I wouldn't want any other family than the one I have. I used to think my family was different to everyone else's but over the years I figure we're pretty normal: in essence we are no different to any other family. I love spending time with my family and I do not prioritise it often enough. After all, this is the only family I have.

By and large our boys are more than happy to talk about their families and they are also prepared to declare the special relationships with members of their family. I find this really very refreshing. When we have grandparents day or our Mothers' and Fathers' Day Masses or when parents are invited into the College for events be they formal or informal, I always see boys so proud of the fact that families are present: to them and for their efforts at the College. This is evident on the sidelines on a Saturday, at Speech Night, at debating and public speaking, and at our regular Friday morning Mass. Young people should be able to show their families what they are doing at school and also for their families to be introduced to other families in the College. I see the pride in children and the pride that boys have in knowing their family is present (physically and emotionally) to them. As a parent I am sure this opportunity is one you take seriously. Knowing who your son's friends are is important. Meeting their parents is also important. Our College is a collective of many different families. What we share in common is a love of the Gospel and Jesus in our lives and a love of learning. We share similar values and we only want the best for our boys. There are many generations of families who have aspired to have the same opportunity for their son. This is part of the enduring spirit of an Edmund Rice Education.

Year 12 students will commence their HSC examinations this week. Please pray for them during this time. I know they appreciate the prayers of our community.

May the term be richly rewarding.

### Condolences

Please pray for Joseph Michel Tannous (Year 12) and his family as they mourn the loss of his grandfather Giuseppe Surace. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

*Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever.*

Craig Wattam  
Principal

**KISS  
AND  
DROP**

Dear Parents,

No doubt you are aware that the ACU is currently constructing a car park under the ovals between the ACU and the College. Currently, work is taking place on an entrance to the car park at the western boundary of the College in Edgar Street. This has reduced the length of the Kiss and Drop zone in Edgar Street. In the interest of safety and in an effort to reduce traffic congestion, we are asking parents to use the identified Kiss and Drop zone in Fraser Street while this construction work takes place. Alternatively, it might be an opportune time to consider another way for your sons to travel to school, e.g., catch the bus, walk or ride a bike. When this construction work has been completed and the usual Kiss and Drop zone has been restored, you will be advised via another notice in the Especean. Your cooperation and courtesy when using the Kiss and Drop zone is very much appreciated.

**Damian Chase—Deputy Principal**



# JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Reading Fluency

Fluent readers are able to read orally with speed, accuracy and appropriate expression. Fluency is one of several critical factors necessary for reading comprehension. The National Reading Panel concluded that repeated oral reading procedures that included guidance from teachers, peers, or parents had a significant and positive impact on word recognition, fluency, and comprehension across a range of grade levels.

Commencing from Term 4, particular students who have been identified by teachers will take part in a fluency programme designed to improve fluency and therefore reading comprehension. Furthermore, the programme is intended to strengthen the working partnership between home and school. I would like to thank Mrs Jane Tzakos, Ms Anne Marie Hertslet and Mrs Nicola Stanbridge for their work in the initial stages in readiness for its formalised implementation.

All families in the Junior School are invited to a brief presentation on Reading Fluency. The presentation will be held in Westcourt Library on **Thursday 25 October at 8.30am for a 8.45am start.**

Please RSVP to [daniel.fields@spc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:daniel.fields@spc.nsw.edu.au) by Monday 22 October to register your attendance.

**Dan Fields—Junior School Curriculum Coordinator**

## JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable term break and has come back ready for the final sprint home. While many of us have been recuperating after a busy Term 3, many of the Junior School boys have been working hard on the sporting field.

Lucas Martin (Year 5) has spent most of his time up in Queensland playing Tennis. Lucas played in the Queensland State Age Championships. In this competition Lucas managed to reach the quarter finals in the singles and he was runner up in the doubles final. Not done with this, Lucas also competed in the Burdekin Age Championships. Lucas was able to go one better in this competition coming runner up in the singles final and coming away with a victory in the doubles final. An amazing effort for his Queensland tour. Well done Lucas.



Also during the term break, we had Mitchell Woods and Alex Conti (Year 6) represent NSW at the Rugby Interstate Exchange. Both boys had opportunities to captain the side and the NSW team performed very well. In fact the NSW team won all their games and were the overall winners of the competition. Well done to both boys on a successful Rugby season and indeed sporting year. Alex has been able to represent the state on three separate occasions this year (Rugby, Rugby League and Touch Football) and Mitchell on two separate occasions (Rugby and AFL). Well done boys on a superb sporting year.

A reminder that the summer season kicks back into gear this weekend with round 7 of the summer season. The generic draw has been uploaded onto Team App and can be found in the documents folder. Please remember that this is a guide only and is subject to change weekly. Please make sure that you check the weekly fixtures section of the Team App and the Especean for confirmation of the weekly fixtures.

The Junior School Sports Presentation dinner will be held on Friday 30 November. There are still some spots available, so get in before tickets are sold out. It will be a great night where we celebrate the sporting achievements of the Junior School students. We will also be raising money for the Junior School charities with a raffle. There are some great prizes to be won on the night, but a little more on those closer to the night. I look forward to seeing you all there.

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

## PNG ADULT IMMERSION

In the holidays just gone, 9 adults from the SPC community—some recent Old Boys and their girlfriends, some older Old Boys/parent, some staff and some family—journeyed to Rabaul in PNG to continue our engagement with Vuvu, St Leo's, Haus Sekan and the local villages. We worked alongside the Vuvu boys and celebrated with them, we shopped at the markets, we visited the schools and climbed THE mountain. It was a truly rewarding experience for all involved and allowed many the opportunity to deepen their love affair with PNG and the people. I thank the group for saying 'yes' and enabling this experience to go ahead. Hopefully it might happen again in the future. Tasol,



**Gillian Daley**  
'Boss Mary'

## MCGLADE LIBRARY HOMEWORK CLUB

A reminder to parents and boys that the McGlade Library Homework Club is up and running Monday through to Friday afternoons from 3.30pm till 4.45pm. The Homework Club has been reinstated in order to provide an environment that is quiet and conducive to study. Furthermore, it is supervised by staff members available to assist the boys with developing good study habits, techniques, timetables and the like.

Students are expected to sign in and sign out at the commencement and conclusion of their homework session and are not compelled to stay for the full duration of the above-mentioned time. They should however make their parents aware as to what period of time they will be using this facility in order to make appropriate arrangements for their travel home.

Students availing themselves of this service are encouraged to bring some snacks and refreshments which can be consumed between 3.10pm and 3.30pm.

Clearly, there are expectations placed on those attending these after school Homework Club sessions, not least of all; students are not to use their devices to play games and they are to remain on task and respect the privacy of others by working quietly.

Please note that the McGlade Library will cater to a maximum of 60 boys on any afternoon.

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

# CURRICULUM

## Fourth Term

As the last term for the year gets underway, it promises to be a very busy one for both students and teachers right up to the last school day – Friday 7 December for all College students. Apart from the Senior Retreat next week for Year 11 and the Year 9 Camp the following week, normal lessons, homework, teaching and marking will continue up to the last day for each respective year group. There is no such thing as winding down.

Year 12 of course have completed their schooling and will begin their Higher School Certificate written examinations this week. Year 9 will do their yearly examinations next week.

This term also sees Year 11 commencing the HSC course, including the first of a series of formal assessments for the 2019 HSC credential. Year 11 students undertaking Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses will also complete their second industry work placements this term.

Teachers are currently completing Preliminary HSC course academic reports for Year 11 ready for posting online via the *SOLE* parent portal by the end of Week 3 and will complete Semester Two student academic reports for Years 5 to 10 ready for posting online via *SOLE* prior to the Optional Parent/Teacher Interviews on Thursday 13 December.

Teachers are also actively involved with the usual annual process of evaluation and planning of teaching and learning programmes in preparation for next year.

There is the planning and preparation that goes into the College's Annual Speech Night and Prize Giving, which will be held at the Sydney Olympic Park Quaycentre on Thursday 6 December.

These are just a few things happening this term.

## Year 9 Examinations

Year 9 examinations commence next week, Monday 22 October and conclude Thursday 25 October. The assessments are all written examinations.

The examination timetable is available on the *Canvas* Year 9 page and students are reminded to note dates and times of their examinations. Students are also reminded to thoroughly familiarise themselves with the College's *Year 9 Assessment Handbook* and *Examination Rules* posted on *Canvas* at the beginning of the school year.

Ignorance of the College's Assessment Policy or examination rules will not constitute a valid excuse and penalties will be incurred for breaches of policy and procedures.

In particular, in the event of absenteeism due to illness or misadventure during the examinations, parents and their sons are reminded that a telephone call to the Year Coordinator, Ms Hickson, must be made prior to 9.00am on the day of the examination. Where possible, the missed examination or a substitute will be arranged within the examination period. Immediately on the student's return to school, a medical certificate for the illness/misadventure must be given to the relevant Studies Coordinator and Year Coordinator.

**Michael Cutrupi—Director of Curriculum**

## COLLEGE CUP WINNERS REWARD DAY

On the last day of Term 3, Friday 28 September, the Crichton House, winners of the 2018 College Cup ventured out to Aquatopia in Prairiewood Leisure Centre. The Crichton students were thrilled to enjoy their hard-earned victory. The water park was filled with several fun activities including slides, pools and attractions for our enjoyment and it ensured everyone had fun throughout the day, keeping cool and relaxed on the last day of term. The 400 point win was the first by Crichton in the history of the College Cup and will be treasured by all the boys. Now having broken the losing streak and with the incentive of the reward's day, the Crichton boys have directed their hopes and motivation of winning again next year and more years to come. Many thanks must go to Miss Fiscaro and Mr Simpson along with all the other teachers supervising and allowing the day to go through. This fun day will be cherished by all the boys in Crichton, especially the graduated Year 12 students who did so much for us this past year to push us to victory. The reward's day helps to continue the spirit of competition of the College Cup and I hope that everyone can find motivation to help their own House to win so that they too can cherish the glory and enjoy the next reward's day.

**Hayden Serrao—Year 11**



## SENIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS AND CROSS COUNTRY PRESENTATION EVENING

Parents and boys are reminded that the Athletics and Cross Country Presentation Evening will take place on Wednesday 17 October in the **Gymnasium**. 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 is compulsory.

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.**

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

# WELLBEING

I take this opportunity to welcome both students and parents back to Term 4, a relatively short term that is always extremely busy. I hope that students had a relaxing and rejuvenating two week break. As a parent of two school age students I was amazed at the contrast between their holiday sleep patterns—the younger would often be awake early in the morning while the adolescent would often drag themselves out of bed closer to midday, often after repeated prompting. I am sure this is a pattern that many parents would have encountered themselves. It prompted me to do some investigation so as to better support both of my children; I provide below some links to webpages from the **Generation Next** site that may be useful for both parents and students alike.

<https://www.generationnext.com.au/2018/09/4-ways-to-help-teens-get-more-sleep/>  
<https://www.generationnext.com.au/2018/10/behavioural-sleep-problems-in-school-aged-children/>

Similarly, I was intrigued by the information and statistics provided in the following link <https://www.sciencenews.org/article/survey-raises-worries-about-how-screen-time-affects-kids-brains> given the time spent, despite my best efforts, by my two children watching programmes or playing games on devices during the holidays.

The online articles certainly provide food for thought as students enter a crucial period of the school year.

**Rob Simpson—Director of Wellbeing**

## PICTURE BOOKS

Whether it is in the study of Geography, English, Religion, Philosophy or many other domains, it is hard to deny the impact of picture books. As explained in the McGlade Library's current display, picture books can help you develop critical thinking skills, strengthen visual thinking skills and so much more.

Our Year 5 and 6 students have used picture books to explore concepts such as friendship, identity and power. Students in Year 9 Geography have looked into the acceptance and well-being of others through picture books. Year 9 Philosophy have investigated how knowledge is obtained and Senior English students have explored concepts such as belonging, grief and journey in this same way, just to name a few.



Year 5 students working with picture books.

Some of our current staff professional learning on Community of Inquiry has featured the use of picture books as a stimulus to lead students to deeper questioning and philosophical thinking about particular concepts. As the philosophy students would know, the text 'The Philosophy of Dr Suess' demonstrates just how thought provoking many of these books can be.

I would encourage all students to take the time to engage with the material on display and thank Mrs Azar for this great feature on the picture books.

For those students interested, the following website by Professor Tom Wartenberg features a large number of picture books and ideas for their use in thinking philosophically. You might be surprised at the ideas that may come from your favourite stories.

<https://www.teachingchildrenphilosophy.org/>

**Janine Timillero—Diverse Learning Coordinator**

## HSC VISUAL ARTS STUDIO INTENSIVE

During the Term 3 break, Zac Giaprakas and Harrison Vellar of Year 11 completed the National Art School HSC Studio Intensive Programme. The course is designed to extend student knowledge and skills in a chosen visual arts media, both Zac and Harrison undertook the Life Drawing module. The course is only offered to students who have shown an exceptional level of skill in the making components of Preliminary Visual Arts. Both boys submitted a portfolio of work for academic review before entry to the course was granted. Congratulations to Zac and Harrison for their achievements and results.

**Nicholas Phillipson—Visual Arts Studies Coordinator**



# SPORTS FIXTURES — SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER 2018

## HEAD OF SECONDARY SPORT

### Summer Sport

Welcome back to Term 4 when the summer season gets into full swing. The RHBL Baseball season is underway as too is the NDJCA Cricket season. The Opens Cricket season commences next Saturday 27 October, whilst our 16A's will commence their season within the GPS ranks this weekend. Good luck to the 1<sup>st</sup> V Basketball team who will take part in the Oakhill College pre-season challenge at Castle Hill. All other Basketball teams will start their ISA season next Saturday 27 October.

Before the end of this week you will be able to view the Summer Season Draws via the College website under the 'Sporting' page. (Once clicking the link you can flick between the various sports via the tabs down the bottom).

Please note, times and venues are subject to change right up to hours before the scheduled fixtures take place. This is for a variety of reasons, not least of all the weather. It is also important to note that TBA or TBC is not to be interpreted as being a Bye.

I wish to also clarify to all families how to find addresses of ground locations for Saturday's fixtures. When viewing fixtures on the College website, venues will be displayed in blue writing which is hyperlinked to the location of all grounds. Simply click on the hyperlink and you will be directed to a Google map with the grounds location. This is the same if viewing the fixtures document on the College Sports Team App.

### Winter Season Reports

A reminder that the End of Season Reports for Rugby, Football and Tennis have been published via Team App and are available to view under the "Newsletter" tab. If you wish to download and keep a copy of the *End of Season Report* or any *Weekly MIC Reports* from the Winter season, please do so by signing into your Team App account via computer. The Weekly MIC Reports will be archived and deleted for viewing on Team App by Monday 22 October.

### Congratulations

I wish to acknowledge some tremendous achievements from a number of students during the final week of Term 3 and holiday break.

### CIS Athletics Championships Results

U/12 Discus	Marco Garigliano (3rd place)	U/15 400m	Austin Ball (3rd place)
U/13 100m	Lorenzo Bilotta (3rd place)	U/15 800m	Austin Ball (1st place)
U/13 400m	Lorenzo Bilotta (3rd place)	U/15 Discus	Antony Eussen (3rd place)
U/13 1500m	Jonathan Meaker (1st place)	U/16 800m	Darcy Bourke (1st place)
U/14 100m	Emmanuel Putro (3rd Place)	Opens 3000m	Luke Touma (2nd place)
U/14 200m	Emmanuel Putro (3rd Place)		
U/14 Javelin	Alexander del Popolo (1st Place)		



Johnathan Meaker

Special mention must be made of Jonathan Meaker at the NSW All Schools Athletics Championships. During the Semi Final Jonathan broke his own 1500m record with a new time of 4min 42.90sec. The following day Jonathan would race in the Final and bettering his time to set the new College record at 4min 38.45sec.

We also acknowledge Austin Ball who at the CIS Athletics Championship broke 2 College records. In the 400m event, Austin broke his own record set at the ISA Carnival to set a new record time of 52.95sec. Austin would also race in the 800m event and break T. Neale's 2004 record of 2min 6.10sec in a new record time of 2min 06.03sec.

Finally, well done to Dylan Parks who since placing 1st in the NSW and VIC State Bouldering (Rock Climbing) Titles over the holidays he placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Tasmania. This string of great performances means he will be Ranked No.1 in Australia in Bouldering for the third straight year in a row. Dylan is definitely on his way to achieving his goal of one day competing at the World Championships and Olympics.

Congratulations gents on the wonderful achievements listed above!



Austin Ball

### Anthony Calavassy — Head of Secondary Sport

## SENIOR SPORT

### CRICKET

1st XI	v	Internal trial		Breen Oval
2nd XI	v	Internal trial		Breen Oval
16A	v	Riverview	1.30	Riverview 4A
15A	v	Dundas	8.00	George Kendall Reserve
14 Black	v	West Epping	8.00	Doyle 2
14 Gold	v	Carlingford Waratah	8.00	Doyle 1
13A	v	Epping District Blue	8.00	TBC
13B	v	RHHP Swashbucklers	8.00	TBC

### BASEBALL

1st IX	v	Bye		
16s	v	Riverview	8.30	Riverview 1B
14s	v	North Ryde	11.00	Magdala Park

### BASKETBALL

1st V	v	Pre Season Tournament		Oakhill College
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## JUNIOR SPORT

### BASKETBALL

Prep A	v	Waverley	Waverley Jnr Courts	10.30am
Prep B	v	Waverley	Waverley Jnr Courts	9.40am
Prep C	v	Waverley	Waverley Jnr Courts	8.50am
Prep D	v	Waverley	Waverley Jnr Courts	8.00am
Prep E	v	Waverley	Auburn 1	9.00am
Prep F	v	Waverley	Auburn 1	8.00am
Prep G	v	Waverley	Auburn 2	9.00am
Prep H	v	Waverley	Auburn 2	8.00am
Prep I	v	Waverley	Waverley Snr Courts	8.50am
Prep J	v	Waverley	Waverley Snr Courts	8.00am
Prep K	v	Waverley	Auburn 3	9.00am
Prep L	v	Waverley	Auburn 3	8.00am

### CRICKET

Prep 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Mosman	Cooke Park	8.00am
Prep 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Scots	Phillips Park 1	8.00am
6A Super 8	v	Waverley	Queens Park 3	9.30am
6B Super 8	v	Newington Lin	Koola Park	8.00am
6C Super 8	v	Waverley	Queens Park 3	8.00am
5A	v	Waverley	Queens Park 2	8.00am
5B	v	Waverley	Queens Park 1	8.00am
5A Super 8	v	Trinity	Rudd Park 3	9.30am
5B Super 8	v	Trinity	Rudd Park 3	8.00am

### SOFTBALL

Prep A	v	St Pius	Breen Oval	8.00am
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### TENNIS

Tennis A	v	Barker	SPC Courts	8.00am
Tennis B	v	St Aloysius	SPC Courts	9.30am

## JUNIOR SPORT VENUES

**Auburn Basketball Centre, Wyatt Park**—Church St, Lidcombe  
**Breen Oval**—Edgar St, Strathfield  
**Cooke Park**—Madeline St, Belfield  
**Phillips Park**—Nicholas St, Auburn  
**Rudd Park**—Cnr Clarence & Varidel St, Belfield  
**SPC No 4**—Edgar St, Strathfield  
**SPC Courts**—Edgar St, Strathfield  
**Queens Park**—Darley Rd, Waverley  
**Koola Park**—26A Koola Ave, East Killara  
**Waverley Courts Jnr**—44 Henrietta St, Waverley  
**Waverley Courts Snr**—Birrell St, Waverley

## UNIFORM SHOP

A reminder that we are now trading on Saturdays: 8.00am—12.00pm.

To assist us in providing efficient service to your sons, we would appreciate if you would call the uniform shop prior to recess or lunch to leave your credit card details. It is extremely difficult to call parents during our trading times.

A reminder that we now have one style of white **SPC** sport socks for all Summer sports @ \$8.00.