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Principal

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

Some weeks ago I was having breakfast at our usual family café. This café is in a fairly industrial area but the food is so good and the guys who own it are the kinds of human beings that make you feel better about the world. I kid you not, they are really special people who now greet us with the warmest of smiles and a hug every time we go there.

What struck me about this particular visit was not the especially good coffee or conversation, but rather the young boy who was waiting tables. He is the nephew of one of the owners and I would suggest he is about 12 years old. At this age he obviously doesn't know a great deal about the café trade. However, he is learning. What I witnessed was teaching and mentoring in such a natural and seamless way that it might well go unnoticed by most. I guess having spent most of my life in education I can pick good teaching and learning at a distance. Not only was the boy being quietly instructed about the usual waiting of tables and taking orders, which I have seen him doing over some months, but on this day he was being offered his first forays into coffee making. At a quiet moment the barista demonstrated the arm and hand movements of pouring the warmed milk into the shot of coffee and then he let him take the milk jug and with a gentle, guiding hand he showed him how to 'move' the milk into the cup. It was everything and nothing in one slice of a boy's life: it was caring, it was gentle, it was instructive, and it was so powerful. The man was truly guiding in every sense, this boy. He was introducing him into another culture; of being a worker, and how to grow into a man. The right kind of man. There was no aggression, there was no raised voice when he got it wrong, and there was no put-down. In its place there was an uncle who was giving this boy an experience of role modelling and mentoring. He will probably never notice these things. But I did.



The art of becoming a man is at once a subtle and a dynamic thing. The path from boyhood to adolescence is one that needs to be carefully navigated and then on from there to manhood. It can be trouble-free but for some it can be turbulent. What makes this metamorphosis possible and positive is the influence of others, and, other men. It is so important to have more than just the one important man in a boy's life to show him the way to manhood. Uncles, coaches, friends, teachers and pastors all are potential and profound influences and examples for a boy to seek to emulate. Boys take their cues from adults; they watch, they listen, and they sometimes subconsciously assume the gestures, mannerisms and patterns of behaviour of these men. How they come to see themselves is an amalgam of these influences combined with their own views of themselves. Young men are not a mere imitation of others, because they absolutely deserve to claim their own humanity and individuality but the power of influence of those in their lives cannot be underestimated.

Who are the men who influence your sons? What are they gleaned from these men? Consequently, what does this then mean for your son? It doesn't hurt to think back to one's own childhood to examine the cues you received from the adults in your life when you were growing up. How you arrived at the value-set you have today is naturally influenced and informed by those you were surrounded by in those impressionable years.

I cannot presume to know exactly what you would want for your own son as he becomes a man, but I might guess that it would be something along the following lines – a man who is kind, considerate and respectful of all and especially of women. A man who plays fair and who is not afraid of hard work. A man who can make decisions, is affirming of others but knows himself (his strengths as well as his shortcomings) and can articulate them honestly and in a self-effacing manner. A man who stands his ground but does not do so in a manner that diminishes the other. A man who is a thinker, a discerner and can admit when he is wrong. A man who can say "I love you" but who can just as importantly demonstrate this in ways that make words unnecessary. A man who values his relationships and invests in them; whether they are male or female. A man who is always ready to continue learning and a man who values his family and his faith. A man who has a sense of humour and can laugh at himself. A man who goes out of his way to help those on the margins and actively seeks to make the world a better place.

Lastly, for my own sons, I want them to continue to be men of fidelity, honesty and humility. I don't want them to ever think they need to build themselves up by putting someone else down. And I want them to want to waste time with me, not just now but always. I want them to be independent but not so much so that they cannot rely on someone else either. I want them to know when to ask for help and be okay with this. I want them to look after each other.

The boy at the café is lucky on so many counts. Maybe he doesn't know it yet, but one day I reckon he will.

Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever.

Craig Wattam
Principal

JUNIOR SCHOOL

The long weekend was a welcome mid-term opportunity to enjoy slightly more family time than a typical weekend. Followed as it was by our Staff Spirituality Day, I have returned to school renewed and ready for the few remaining weeks of term, busy though they are.

Being part of a Catholic community, we value and purposely build into our year these oases of renewal. We know from the gospel accounts that Jesus understood how important it was to step away from his ministry and spend time in prayer and reflection. He gave so generously of himself through his ministry that taking time to replenish must have been essential to being able to continue – it's hard to give generously when there is not much fuel in the tank, as it were.

We were blessed to spend our spirituality day in a range of ministries of service around Sydney. Though not unique to us, it is a very Australian thing for one's spirituality to be grounded in works of service – getting your hands dirty, as they say. It may seem that our culture is increasingly self-focused, and that narcissism and celebrity for celebrity's sake are highly valued, but when you spend time with people who work generously with those at the margins, you can see that neighbourly decency and the old notion of a 'fair-go' are not yet dead in Australia. There is a lot of good, and a lot of beauty in the mess, if we slow down and pay attention.

Please encourage your sons to ask their teachers about the work they did on Tuesday, and what it meant for them and their spiritual development. I wonder what they will be able to report back to you?

God Bless,

Ben Munday—Director of Junior School

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

I hope that everyone has enjoyed the long weekend and had the opportunity to rest, recover and relax. From a sporting point of view, the break has come at an opportune time. At just over halfway in the season there are often a few injuries that need attention and many little niggles that signal the need for a rest.

Often in my articles I highlight the top performances by teams or individuals, celebrating successes of victories or high achievement through our sporting pathways. In today's article I would like to draw the focus to a team that has not experienced success in the stereotypical fashion, i.e., wins. The 11 A Rugby side finds themselves weekend after weekend playing some of the best up-and-coming Rugby teams and players in the IPSHA competition. In most games they would be seen as the underdogs, with some large hurdles in front of them. To the boys' credit they take this all in their stride and, in true St Patrick's fashion, put their heads down and get on with the game of Rugby.

Their coach and I have been impressed with the manner in which they train and play, working hard in training to develop their skills and putting their hearts into weekend fixtures. While the results have not gone in their favour often this season, I would consider this team very successful. Their growth in skill, playing as a team and demonstrating resilience in dusting themselves off and having another go, to me make this team a great success. If the boys keep developing in this way, success on the scoreboard is just around the corner.

There are only a couple of rounds remaining until the long, mid-year break. Let us take to the field with renewed enthusiasm, excitement and desire to do our best. I wish all the Junior School teams the best of luck this weekend and look forward to hearing of your endeavours.

For those in our Football fraternity, a quick note about the set up at Mason Park. Please be aware that the space between Mason Park 2 and Mason Park 3 (fields that run side by side) is for coaches and players only. Parents are kindly asked to watch their sons' games from the opposite sidelines please.

John Locke—Junior School Coordinator of Co-curricular

YEARS 7-10 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Years 7 & 9 Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 25 June and Years 8 & 10 Parent/Teacher Interviews on Thursday 27 June. Interviews will be 5 minutes in duration and will commence from 2.05pm—9.00pm each evening. **Interview bookings for the Senior School** will be administered through the **Edval** website, not the Sentral Parent Portal. Parents have been sent an email with instructions for requesting interviews, from the **Edval** website. Please **check both your inbox and junk email** folders and if you did not receive an email please contact the College.

SYNTHETIC FIELD & UNDERGROUND CARPARK USAGE

With the recent completion of the Synthetic Field & Underground Carpark Project, a reminder to follow the usual Kiss & Drop protocol when picking up/dropping off students. **There is no parent parking in the new facility.** The Barker Street carpark entry is for exclusive use by the Australian Catholic University whilst the College has been allocated 31 spaces for its staff via the Edgar Street entry, reducing the amount of cars parked on the street. The new site is not a pedestrian thoroughfare and should not be used to traverse between Edgar/Fraser Streets and Barker Road. Thank you for your patience during the build and your respect of the new facilities shared between the University and College.

MUSICAL MATTERS—YEAR 5 INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT THURSDAY 20 JUNE

All parents of students in 5 Black, 5 Blue and 5 Gold are invited to attend the Semester 1 Year 5 Instrumental Parents Concert at 11.00am in the College Gymnasium.

Derek Rose—Bandmaster

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR VISITING ITALIAN STUDENTS

After a very successful Italian Study Tour in April we are looking forward to welcoming a number of Italian exchange students to our community in Term 3. The visiting students, whose families welcomed our boys into their homes, are looking forward to their Australian experience.

We are still in need of host families for two of the visiting boys who will be arriving on Saturday 27 July. As the boys are 17-18 years of age, the host families would ideally have students in Years 10, 11 or 12 at the College.

I invite families to consider the possibility of hosting a student. It is an enriching experience for young people to learn about other cultures and ways of life. Students who participated in the recent Italian Study Tour or who are considering studying Italian in 2020 are strongly encouraged to consider the opportunity however, a knowledge of Italian is not a requirement as the students are keen to practise their English skills.

If you would like further information please contact me at maria.capobianco@spc.nsw.edu.au

Maria Capobianco—Languages Coordinator

CURRICULUM

Years 7 to 10 Parent/Teacher Interviews and Student Academic Reports

The Years 7 and 9 Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday 25 June, commencing 2.05pm. Similarly, for Years 8 and 10 on Thursday 27 June. It is a College expectation that every student is represented by at least one parent or other primary caregiver at the interviews. Parents book interview times online via *Edval Interviews* and it is also a College expectation that parents book interviews with all their sons' subject teachers. Parents have been sent an email with instructions for requesting interviews from the *Edval* website and parents should check their emails for communication over the next week or so regarding interview bookings.

The interviews are an opportunity for parents to meet their sons' teachers and to discuss aspects of the Semester 1 Report with respect to their sons' progress and adjustment to study routines, strategies and recommendations for improvement in Semester 2. In particular, the interviews will not be an appropriate forum for parents of Year 10 to discuss prospective subject selections or enrolment in Year 11 with individual class teachers.

The Years 7 to 10 Semester 1 Reports will be posted online via the *Sentral Parent Portal* by Friday 21 June. **[NOTE: REPORTS WILL NOT BE POSTED ON SOLE.]** An email was sent to all College parents on Monday 6 May with details on how to access the *Sentral Parent Portal*.

In order to access their sons' reports, parents will be required to log on to the *Sentral Parent Portal*, select their son's name and then select *Published Reports*. Parents may view and/or print the report. Only parent accounts can access student reports. Parents who have forgotten their passwords can click '*forgotten your username or password*' link on the *Sentral Parent Portal* login page.

Michael Cutrupi—Director of Curriculum

WELLBEING—CYBERSAFETY

TikTok—What you need to know and why it should be deleted right now!

This is not a new app, having had a name change from Musical.ly to TikTok in 2018 when the existing Musical.ly and Live.ly company was purchased by the Chinese Internet giant Bytedance.

I recently received an update concerning this popular app from <https://www.safeonsocial.com>. Parents are encouraged to click into this site and search for 'TikTok' to read the online article that focuses on the current concerns about child privacy and inappropriate content being available on the app.

Rob Simpson—Director of Wellbeing

ENRICH, EXCITE AND CHALLENGE—THE DA VINCI DECATHLON 2019

Recently, selected students from Years 7 to 10 participated in the annual NSW *da Vinci Decathlon* at Knox Grammar School. This prestigious competition grows bigger each year and 2019 saw around 80 schools in each year group in attendance. Students work in teams on challenges in various disciplines, under the overarching 2019 theme of *Landscapes*.

Lawrence Young of Year 10 loved being immersed in the team challenges which he says: "required us to collaborate with one another and also apply our own strengths to come up with innovative solutions for very difficult problems" Lawrence found it a "great and memorable experience" which extended his thinking – an opinion shared by all the boys.

Luke Ters of Year 8 said: "Challenges in Science, Maths and Code-breaking pushed our brains to their limits. Engineering and Ideation had us thinking outside the box to find an innovative solution. Overall the *da Vinci Decathlon* was one of the best experiences I have had at the College, and I was proud to represent SPC along with other talented peers in Year 8."

Our students have achieved extremely well again this year to place in the Top 15 in the following disciplines:

Year 7	6 th in Cartography 6 th in General Knowledge 14 th in Creative Producers
Year 8	6 th in Engineering 7 th in Ideation 14 th General Knowledge
Year 9	11 th in Codebreaking 15 th in English
Year 10	8 th in Engineering

Congratulations to all the boys.

Janine Timillero & Heidi Viney—Diverse Learning Team



Year 7 and 8 group



Year 9 and 10 group

SUPPORTER'S DUTY

A reminder that **Years 7 and 11** have been designated supporter's duty on **Saturday 22 June**. All boys are to report to the Powell Pavilion between 1.00 and 1.15pm to have their names marked off. Once this has been completed, boys will move to SPC No. 3 to support the College 1st XI and await further instructions. Boys will be dismissed at the conclusion of the 1st XV game, approximate time is 4.50pm.

ST MARTHA'S STRATHFIELD PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2019

Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday 7 September at 2.00pm by Bishop Tony Randazzo. Enrolments are now opened for students in Year 6 and above who are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. To be eligible, candidates must have received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion. Enrolment forms are available from the St Martha's Website, the parish office and the church foyer. Please contact our sacramental co-ordinator Patricia Saad for any further information on 9746 6131 (option 3).

SPORTS FIXTURES — SATURDAY 15 JUNE 2019

SENIOR SPORT

FOOTBALL

1st XI	v	Redlands	11.30	Campbell Field (Mac Uni)
2nd XI	v	Redlands 2nd	10.30	Campbell Field (Mac Uni)
3rd XI	v	Oakhill 2nd	9.15	Hermann Oval
4th XI	v	Reddam House	12.30	Mason Park 1
5th XI	v	Shore 6th	1.30	Mason Park 1
6th XI	v	Reddam House	11.30	Mason Park 1
7th XI	v	Barker 8th	2.15	Rosewood A
8th XI	v	Knox 9th	10.30	Mason Park 1
16A	v	Redlands	8.00	Campbell Field (Mac Uni)
16B	v	SPC 16C	10.00	SPC 2 (Synthetic)
16C	v	SPC 16B	10.00	SPC 2 (Synthetic)
16D	v	Sydney Boys High	11.00	SPC 2 (Synthetic)
16E	v	Kings E	12.00	SPC 2 (Synthetic)
15A	v	Redlands	11.45	University Oval 1 (Mac Uni)
15B	v	SPC 15C	9.00	SPC 2 (Synthetic)
15C	v	SPC 15B	9.00	SPC 2 (Synthetic)
15D	v	Shore E	12.00	Northbridge D
15E	v	Shore F	1.00	Northbridge D
15F	v	Kings E	1.00	SPC 2 (Synthetic)
14A	v	Redlands	8.00	University Oval 1 (Mac Uni)
14B	v	St Pius B	12.30	Watkins Oval
14C	v	Redlands B	10.30	University Oval 1 (Mac Uni)
14D	v	Shore D	12.00	Northbridge F
14E	v	Barker F	2.00	SPC 2 (Synthetic)
14F	v	Shore D	11.00	Northbridge F
13A	v	Redlands	9.15	University Oval 12(Mac Uni)
13B	v	Redlands	8.00	University Oval 2 (Mac Uni)
13C	v	St Pius C	1.30	Watkins Oval
13D	v	Oakhill C	11.00	Lawrence Oval
13E	v	Shore D	8.30	Mason Park 1
13F	v	Shore E	9.30	Mason Park 1
13G	v	Trinity F	8.00	Flockhart 1
13H	v	Trinity H	1.00	Flockhart 2

RUGBY

1st XV	v	St Joseph College 4th	12.00	Breen Oval
2nd XV	v	St Joseph College 6th	11.00	Breen Oval
3rd XV	v	St Joseph College 8th	10.00	Breen Oval
4th XV	v	St Joseph College 10th	9.00	Breen Oval
5th XV	v	St Joseph College 12th	11.00	Airey Park
16A	v	St Joseph College B	10.00	Airey Park
16B	v	St Joseph College D	9.00	Airey Park
16C	v	St Joseph College G	8.00	Airey Park
15A	v	St Joseph College B	8.00	Hudson Park
15B	v	Oakhill C	9.00	BC Oval
14A	v	St Joseph College C	10.00	Hudson Park
14B	v	St Joseph College F	9.00	Hudson Park
14C	v	Bye		
13A	v	Bye		
13B	v	St Joseph College C	11.00	Hudson Park
13C	v	St Augustine's D	11.00	SPC 3
13D	v	Shore F	10.00	SPC 3

TENNIS

Div 1	v	St Pius	8.00	Strathfield Sports Club
Div 2	v	St Pius	8.00	Love n Deuce
Div 3	v	St Pius	8.00	Strathfield Sports Club
Div 4	v	St Pius	8.00	Love n Deuce
Div 5	v	St Pius	8.00	Strathfield Sports Club
Div 6	v	St Pius	8.00	Love n Deuce
Div 7	v	St Pius	8.00	Strathfield Sports Club
Div 8	v	Bye		
Div 9	v	St Spyridon	8.00	Centennial Parklands Tennis
Div 10	v	St Pius	8.00	Love n Deuce

JUNIOR SCHOOL FIXTURES

RUGBY

Prep 1 st XV	v	St Augustine's	8.00am	Breen Oval
Prep 2 nd XV	v	Tudor House	9.00am	Westfield 1
Prep Blue 7s	v	TBC	TBC	Koola Park
Prep Black 7s	v	TBC	TBC	Koola Park
Prep Gold 7's (Yr 5)	v	TBC	TBC	Koola Park
11A	v	Knox	8.45am	SPC 3
11B	v	Knox	8.00am	SPC 3
10A	v	Kings	8.00am	Price 4

AFL

Prep AFL	v	BYE		
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HEAD OF SECONDARY SPORT

I trust that you all enjoyed the weekend off and are looking forward to the last three weeks of the term. That's right, we are already at the end of Term 2, half-way through the winter season and before we all know it, we will be at the presentation nights.

At this point in the season, I ask boys to think about what type of team mate they have been thus far and reflect on the list below:

10 Signs that You are a Great Team mate:

1. You are willing to play any role that helps the team.
2. You would rather score less and win than score a lot and lose.
3. When your team scores, you congratulate your team mates first.
4. You love practice as much as you love games.
5. You respect your opponents but don't fear them.
6. You listen, are coachable, and respect your coaches and officials.
7. You are quick to pick up a team mate who is having a bad day.
8. You help younger team mates who have less experience.
9. You learn and grow from your own mistakes, as well as others.
10. You are confident but not arrogant.

Be the team mate you want your team mates to be!!!

Anthony Calavassy—Head of Secondary Sport

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FOOTBALL

Prep A	v	Newington Wyv	10.15am	Mason 3
Prep B	v	Newington Wyv	9.30am	Mason 3
Prep C	v	Newington Wyv	8.45am	Mason 3
Prep D	v	Newington Wyv	8.00am	Mason 3
Prep E	v	Barker E	11.00am	Mason 3
11A 1	v	Mosman	9.30am	Balmoral East
11B 1	v	Mosman	8.45am	Balmoral East
11C 1	v	Mosman	8.00am	Balmoral East
11D 1	v	Barker E	8.00am	Bark Huts 1
11A 2	v	Trinity Prep	9.30am	Cooke Park 2
11B 2	v	Trinity Prep	8.45am	Cooke Park 2
11C 2	v	Trinity Prep	8.00am	Cooke Park 2
11D 2	v	SPC E	8.00am	Bark Huts 1
11E	v	SPC D2	8.00am	Bark Huts 1
10A	v	Scots	9.30am	Bark Huts 1
10B	v	Scots	8.45am	Bark Huts 1
10C	v	Arden	8.45am	Bark Huts 1

VENUES

Mason Park—Underwood Rd, Homebush
Balmoral East—The Esplanade, Mosman
Bark Huts 1—Elliott St, Belfield
Football 1—Arundel Rd, Erina Heights 2260
Cooke Park—Madeline St, Belfield
Breen Oval—Francis St, Strathfield
Westfield 1—6840 Illawarra Highway, Moss Vale (Fields are on the left as you drive in main gates)
Koola Park—26A Koola Ave, East Killara
SPC 3—Cnr Francis St & Merley Rd, Strathfield
Price 4—Pennant Hills Rd, Nth Parramatta, (in College grounds)



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