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Year 7 Prefect, Joshua Hamilton (Year 12) hangs out with Year 7 students: Lachlan Bissett, John Mouawad & Luke Costello.



Joseph Mannah (Year 12) walks his brother John-Paul to school.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



It is not too many years ago that wellbeing was not a term that was part of the lexicon of schools. In Catholic schools we often talked of pastoral care and this is indeed still important today, however, we now explicitly teach, refer to, and promote wellbeing initiatives in schools. This cannot be a bad thing. With unenviable statistics on mental health, depression and suicide in Australia it is incumbent upon all of us to do all we can to work with students in developing their mental health and wellbeing.

At St Patrick's College we are just about to put the finishing touches to our Wellbeing Framework. As the name suggests, we will use this as a foundational document that will inform all our efforts in this arena. This is inclusive of our programs in pastoral care, in the delivery of the curriculum and in our day to day relationships and interactions with our students. Our faith formation activities through retreats and reflection days also take careful note of wellbeing. As Catholics, our desire is to produce young men of faith; by this very fact we continue to remind them that they are loved by a God who knows them intimately and this love knows no bounds. They are children for whom the future should be one of hope, anticipation and positivity.

The College student leadership team for 2019 is keenly attuned to the promotion of the wellbeing of their peers. They have made mental health and wellbeing a key focus of their goals for their time as leaders this year. I applaud their desire to raise awareness and provide education about what constitutes wellbeing, where students can go to for help and what boys can do in the building of their own self-worth, self-belief and wellbeing of themselves and others. If we are truly on about a Liberating Education in an Edmund Rice school, then part of this liberation is to free us from what it is that binds us, that makes us poor and that prevents us from becoming the people that God wants us to be. Wellbeing education and advocacy can support this.

From an academic perspective, we have an across-the-College focus on improving writing for all boys. This will continue in the coming years, because any educational endeavour cannot

be improved unless it is tracked over time. We recognise that one of our biggest opportunities for improvement in this boys' school, is to concentrate on the mechanics of writing, writing for meaning and in context and in ensuring that boys are articulate in developing a line of argument, expressing their ideas in a cogent and eloquent manner, and in using the beauty of the language in creative and poetic ways.

In this edition, you will find pages on learning as it is happening at the College. These snapshots will provide a window into what learning looks like. On a daily basis there is so much good teaching and learning taking place it is important that we share this with our community. I am constantly inspired by the boys who are curious, passionate about, and invested in, their own learning. Their desire to know, to understand and to be able to demonstrate their skills is heartening.

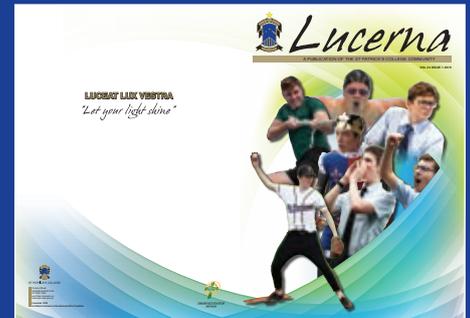
Some aspects of learning have not changed in the last one hundred years whilst others have changed markedly. The hard-covered encyclopaedia sit mostly unopened on library shelves and any fact is available in a nanosecond at the touch of a keyboard. What has not changed though is what we do with this information. Our ability to deduce, draw conclusions and to evaluate still requires the engagement of our brains. Long may this last!

I take this opportunity to offer a vote of thanks to the Old Boys present at the St Patrick's Day lunch in March. It is always such a privilege to catch up with men for whom this place still holds such a fondness in their hearts and minds. I am humbled by the stories of men who credit their time at St Patrick's as a bold opportunity that was a springboard for their adult lives; as men of faith and of wanting to make a difference in the world. Some things are timeless.

Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever.

Craig Wattam
Principal

COVER PHOTOGRAPHS



FRONT COVER:

Carl-Anthony Pasquale (Year 12) gives everything during the Tug-Of-War at the Senior Athletics Carnival.

Lachlan Barton (Year 9) 'flies' down the pool during the ISA Swimming Carnival.

Isaac Edmonds (Year 7) works on a mathematics problem.

Year 12 students: Maxwell Jackson & Liam Bleasel lead the Hickey War Cry.

Michael Bejjani (Year 9) gets into character while reciting lines from Macbeth.

Pitcher Peter Willis (Year 9) during the Baseball Semi-Finals.

LUCERNA MAIL-OUT

Since the introduction of the Old Boys' website in 2017, we have requested all Old Boys to register on the site and, amongst other things, update their contact details and choose the way they would like to receive Lucerna in the future.

From the start of 2019, copies of Lucerna will only be mailed to those whose details we have that graduated prior to 1970, and to those who have requested this option when registering on the Old Boys' website. For all other Old Boys who have supplied an email address we will continue to send Lucerna as a soft copy.

If you, or any Old Boy you know, is yet to register on this site then please do so at: <https://oldboys.spc.nsw.edu.au>.



Eucharistic Ministers prepare for Communion.

A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY & COMPASSION

We started our year in celebration as staff, students and parents came together at the Quaycentre to share in Eucharist, with an introduction to our College theme for 2019, 'Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.' (1 Peter 4:10)

This theme connects us more deeply to the EREA Touchstone of Justice & Solidarity, thus was the foundation of all readings, hymns, prayers and actions.

The Year 12 cohort warmly welcomed the new Year 5 students one by one into their Houses, the College Band and Choir led the music beautifully, and the Year 12 trio of Iban Elhorga, Angus Riley and Patrick Watson played Marvin Gaye's classic 'What's Goin' On?' for our reflection after communion.

The students brought up gifts in the offertory, including love, friendship and kindness, and the whole celebration was begun with our acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of the land. As we concluded our liturgical celebrations we were reminded to have peace within our hearts so that we may be peace for the world.

Following Mass, the whole community celebrated the academic achievements of the Class of 2018; the whole day bringing together our two great missions – faith and education.

Gillian Daley
Director of Identity



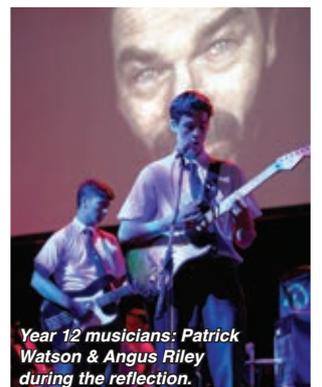
Lachlan Wodson (Year 5) receives a prayer card from Edward Carrall (Year 12).



The community joins together in song.



Christopher Farag (Year 12) offers communion to Luka O'Connell (Year 10).



Year 12 musicians: Patrick Watson & Angus Riley during the reflection.



Charles Kazzi (Year 12) welcomes Year 5 students: Daniel Basile & Luke Bishara.



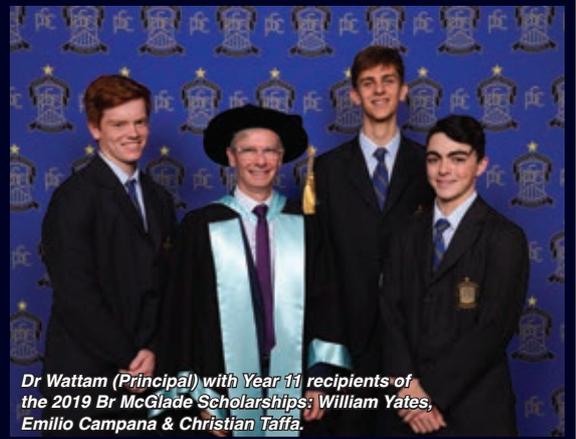
The choir and musicians provide beautiful interludes during the celebration.



2018 College Dux, Christopher Nuzzo ('18) makes his address.



Harrison Armour ('18), 2019 Br R J McDonald Teacher Scholarship recipient.



Dr Wattam (Principal) with Year 11 recipients of the 2019 Br McGlade Scholarships: William Yates, Emilio Campana & Christian Taffa.

CELEBRATING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



Mr Newman (2018 Year Coordinator) & Dr Wattam (Principal) with 2018 High Achievers: Christopher Nuzzo (Dux), Nicholas Doherty (Proxime Accessit) & Pasquale Rombola (Third Place).

On Friday 8 February, following the Opening College Mass, the College held its annual High Achievers Assembly to acknowledge and celebrate the distinguished academic achievements of the HSC Class of 2018. Both the Opening College Mass and the High Achievers Assembly were held at the Sydney Olympic Park Quaycentre in Homebush, providing much needed room and comfort to hold such big events on the same day.

At the Assembly, we welcomed back the Graduates of the HSC Class of 2018 who achieved an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 90 and above. Each was presented with their Academic Excellence Award for Distinguished Achievement in the State.

In particular, we congratulate Christopher Nuzzo as the College Dux for 2018 having achieved an ATAR of 98.65 and Nicholas Doherty as Proxime Accessit with an ATAR of 98.60. In addition, Rhys Hughes was placed fifth in the State in Entertainment Industry, Jamison Merhi placed fourth in the State in French Beginners and Zachary Saric placed first in the State in Entertainment Industry. Four students were placed on the State's All-Rounders List: Justin Cordi with seven merit listings, Nicholas Doherty with six merit listings, Matthew Kazzi with five merit listings and Jamison Merhi with six merit listings. A comprehensive publication of the HSC Class of 2018 High Achievers is available on the College's website.

We also congratulate Harrison Armour as

the successful recipient of the 2019 Br R J McDonald Teacher Scholarship and Year 11 students Christian Taffa, Emilio Campana and William Yates who are recipients of the 2019 Br McGlade Scholarships. In addition, the talents of Year 8 student Bailey Yeates were recognised as recipient of the 2019 Br McGlade Organ Scholarship.

These young men have done themselves, their class, their College and their families proud by their outstanding achievements. We share in their pride and congratulate each one of them for their hard work and determination in their academic pursuits.

Michael Cutrupi
Director of Curriculum

LEGACY FROM THE CLASS OF 2018

The Class of 2018 decided to gift the College with a mosaic of Australia's first Saint; Mary MacKillop. The handmade portrait was made in Lebanon and features over one thousand small and intricately placed tiles, coming together to create an image of St Mary MacKillop.

A big thank you must go to the Moussa family for helping with the design and creation of the mosaic. It is a way for the Class of 2018 to show our appreciation not only for the amazing year we had leading the College in the black ties, but the culmination of eight years of schooling which have been so enjoyable. Rather appropriately, the portrait now adorns the wall in the upstairs area of the Mary MacKillop Art Centre.

Christian Sleiman
2018 College Vice Captain



Christian Sleiman (2018 Vice Captain) & Matthew Bryson (2018 College Captain) with the beautiful mosaic.



Year 5 entrepreneurs: Laurence Puglisi, Andrew Taouk, Jayden Ayoub, Dann Wilson & Alessio Cotroneo.



Year 9 students: Dorjan Perri, Gabriel Mazzotta, Lloyd Witt & Austin Seeo thirsty for a deal.



Zachary Crisafulli (Year 5) & Christian Tassopoulos (Year 6) battle it out during the Junior School Fun Run.



Dr Wattam (Principal) & Mr Kirby (Year 12 Coordinator) with the 2019 Year 12 Student Leadership team.

CHALLENGING OURSELVES TO GIVE MORE

As we take the time at Lent to centre our lives in faith and justice, we are reminded of our responsibility to serve one another with the gifts that we have each received. The annual Lenten Fundraising Program is already thriving, with staff and students across all year groups generously giving of themselves to raise money for our Lenten Partner.

This year, our donations will be gifted to the Brother Beausang Catholic Education Centre in Nairobi, Kenya through the Edmund Rice Foundation. The school welcomes students of all tribes, cultures and religions from neighbouring communities, offering a valuable education to those who may not otherwise have been afforded.

It has been great to see the creativity and energy that has been poured into different fundraising activities across the year groups. Supporting any homeroom's stall was a great way to get involved, and often came with reward. We also aimed to learn to give without receiving anything in return, so there were plenty of ways to do this as well. When we make sacrifices, they should not just be a test of our willpower, but a challenge to live for the other more often than we might ordinarily do.

Let us continue to support the Brother Beausang School as best we can.

Harrison Vellar
Social Justice Prefect



2019 P&F committee members: Lourdes Farag, Jamey Poyaoan, Anne Bortolussi, Kylie Buckley, Jacqui Barton, Janet Tannous, Claudia Elias & Yolanda Saiz.

WELCOME FROM THE P&F

*"THE GREATNESS OF A COMMUNITY IS MOST ACCURATELY MEASURED BY THE COMPASSIONATE ACTIONS OF ITS MEMBERS",
CORETTA SCOTT KING.*

On behalf of the P&F, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new and existing families of our College community. I hope that your son and your family have settled well into College life. This community is known for encouraging the involvement of all members of the College. As such, the role of the P&F Committee is to support this engagement between the school, its staff, school families and our sons.

We have already hosted a couple of events this year, the first being the Year 5 Welcome Mass which was combined with the annual Junior School Dinner. The boys and their families had a great evening and we hope this gave attendees an opportunity to form new friendships.

The P&F also hosted the first Parent Forum, 'Boys & Writing'. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mrs Denise Lombardo (Director of Learning & Innovation) for providing parents with valuable advice on guiding our sons on the path of writing to improve learning. We have more parent forums planned throughout the year and encourage parents to take the opportunity to participate in these informative and social evenings.

Other events planned and organised by the P&F Committee include the Mother's Day Masses and morning tea celebrations which will take place on Friday 10 May. All mothers, carers and grandmothers are invited to attend this special occasion.

The annual Blue, Black & Gold Dinner will be held at Doltone House, Darling Island Wharf on Friday 24 May 2019. The P&F hope to raise funds at the dinner to help with the refurbishment of classrooms at the College. Last year's event was a huge success, so get your tickets early and support this fundraising initiative. More details of this event will follow.

Let us make 2019 another year filled with memorable moments and outstanding achievements for all members of our College community.

Jamey Poyaoan
P&F President

CHANGE FOR THE GOOD

Change comes about in many ways, and at many different times, sometimes intentional, but often not. Take for instance the student leadership team for 2019. Certainly, for the school it was a change, with twenty-two new faces now taking over from those who led this place throughout 2018. So, is this change a bad thing? I would say no, I would even go as far as to say it was more than a positive, it was inevitable.

This begs the question though, overall, is change good? I've found myself considering this quite

a lot regarding initiatives the student leadership team has planned. It is no secret that I am a big fan of tradition, for instance, I love the annual exchange of symbols between the College Captains and the new Captains elect. However, forward progress is not built solely on the back of tradition. The fact is if we kept things exactly the way they are we would never get anywhere, not just as a school community, but in a wider global context, therefore change is a necessary part of progress.

The student leadership team of 2019 will work to encourage new ideas and strategies if we believe it will make St Patrick's College a better place for all. Watch this space!

Mark Herro
College Captain 2019

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS



Year 11 students: Luke Di Giacomo, Carlos Hasham, Christian Taffa & Noah Palozzo.

YEAR 11 RETREAT DAY

What does it mean to be a man today? How can we be better men? How can we build and foster positive relationships with the people around us? Year 11 Retreat Day held at The Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre, Mulgoa allowed us to explore these questions in depth and apply them to our daily lives.

We learnt about what masculinity means today and its implications on our decision making as individuals. We explored aspects of the special bond between men and women and gathered that dignity, respect and co-operation are at a core of positive relationships. The influence of our male role-models has a significant impact on how we develop as young men, which we saw upon watching and reflecting on the film 'The Life of a House'. It explored the special bond between a father and son, and gave us the impetus to discuss our connection with the father figures in our lives and their influence on our growth as young men.

Carlos Hasham
Year 11 Student



Antony Cheaib with his dad George during the Year 11 Father & Son evening.

YEAR 11 FATHER AND SON EVENING

The Year 11 Father and Son Evening allowed all present to appreciate the value of their relationships with each other. Following an opening prayer, the group watched a video about the importance of spending time with each other. After discussing as a group, we were then tasked with asking our fathers questions and they, in return, asked us questions.

After sharing a meal together, the group split into fathers and sons to discuss key issues about being a man. After regathering and further discussing, more videos were watched. Overall, the evening helped us gain an insight into aspects of each other's lives which we wouldn't normally think about.

Anthony Biscotto
Year 11 Student



Brooklyn Pinto keeps his pegs under his hat!



Playing cards with some mates.



Kelly Rohan teaches some dance moves to Anthony Mannah.



Time for some footy during a break.

YEAR 7 REFLECTION DAY

LOVE ONE ANOTHER WITH MUTUAL AFFECTION; OUTDO ONE ANOTHER IN SHOWING HONOUR. (ROMANS 12:10)

This biblical reference directed the focus of the Year 7 Reflection Day and fit in perfectly with the Year 7 theme for 2019: 'be brave, be kind, be true, be you'. The reflection day focused on friendships concentrating on the notion of forgiveness, humility and respect. The beautiful waterside location enabled us to remove ourselves from our typical routine and reflect on ourselves and our relationships with one another.

Friendship changes can be hard for any person to manage, let alone 12 or 13-year-old boys who are also managing a multitude of hormonal changes as well as other social and academic pressures. With most activities conducted in homeroom groups, the students gained an understanding of the role and benefits of a homeroom beyond its administrative purpose. It was a great opportunity for boys to learn more about the boys in their homeroom and potentially expand their friendship circle.

We unpacked the moral compasses of friendships and of social groupings relevant to their age group. I thoroughly enjoyed exploring the notion of close bonds through the survey titled "a good friend is...". It was equally as interesting to discuss the implications behind strategic choices made for what was a seemingly innocent lunchtime game involving pegs. Some of the strategies for keeping one's pegs were so 'clever' that they left the teachers and students in awe.

However, the best part of the day for me was the debrief after the last big group activity where we dissected the intricacies of social groups. Here, no stone was left unturned and I could feel the sense of camaraderie amongst the year group begin to blossom. I am certain that the boys would have taken away with them at least one small lesson around what it means to be kind and to be a good friend and my hope is that this will assist them in forming right relationships throughout their time at the College and beyond.

Romina Fisicaro
Year 7 Coordinator



Making friends: Hayden Cotter (Year 10) & Matthew Simurina (Year 5).

FORMING FRIENDSHIPS

In 2019, the Peer Support Program was given a new format with five hourly sessions taking place once a fortnight instead of on one whole day. This new arrangement enabled us to spend more time collectively with the new Year 5 boys over the term, getting to know them a little better each week. Each session had a specific goal of social, academic, physical, emotional and spiritual objectives which helped create a better understanding between the boys. Being able to spend time with the younger population of the school enables Year 10 boys to connect and form special relationships that will last the rest of our schooling lives.

Hayden Cotter
Year 10 Student



Year 10 students: Dean Laggis & Luke Abraham with some of their young charges.



Year 5 students enjoy one of the activities with Year 10 group leaders: Liam Brookes, Carlo Mian & Daniel Zalloua.

During Peer Support we have enjoyed doing fun activities with new friends. Our Year 10 leaders came up with lots of brilliant ideas to keep us entertained and educated. These different activities have helped us form different relationships with different people. Some of these activities include silent ball, soccer, worksheets, solving riddles and trivia. All these activities have been extremely enjoyable, with each session focused on a different topic. Our Year 10 friends have helped us form new bonds and strengthen connections with peers in our own grade. We love Peer Support and look forward to it every fortnight.

Matthew Simurina & Christopher Mok
Year 5 Students

JACK TALKS WELLBEING



Archer Gray (Year 8) & Ben Brooks (Year 9) catch-up with Jack O'Halloran (Year 12).

Growing up, my parents have always tried to impart the knowledge they have gained from their life-long experiences. One bit of advice which I remember from my mum is a reference from Shakespeare's 'The Merchant of Venice', 'all that glitters is not gold'. In other words, not everything that looks perfect turns out to be so.

In some way we can all relate to this quote, as we all know someone who we perceive as having 'the perfect life'. The looks, the popularity, the intelligence, maybe even the life we wish we had. When we judge others only by their exterior, we can often place them on a pedestal, being ignorant to the inner-struggles they may be facing. In fact, it is often those who seem to have their lives 'all together' who are putting on a brave face to mask their true feelings.

When we ask our family and friends how they are, we often get the reply that they are 'fine' or 'good'. However, research shows that this is not the case with statistics proving that one in five Australians will experience difficulties with their mental health at some stage of their lives. We, as members of the College community, have a duty to display honesty and sincerity with those we interact with. In particular we should look out for those who seem to 'have it all' because, as often is the case, these are the people who need our support the most.

Jack O'Halloran
Year 12 Student Wellbeing Prefect

A SNAPSHOT OF LEARNING

The face of education is subtly shifting from teacher-centric delivery of content and knowledge to more student-centred practices focused on students and what and how they learn. Underpinned by the College's Learning Framework, supported by our approach to professional learning, and implemented through the collaborative practice and continual effort of our teachers, the energy in our classrooms is slowly shifting.

Innovation does not just mean using technology. We are looking to foster engagement, immersion, deep thinking, challenge, questioning, collaboration and a growing sense of independence in our learners. No

matter how much things change however, one thing remains a constant: the strong relationship between teachers and students is at the core of all we do here.

The following photos were taken at different times during the term and serve as a mere snapshot of what learning looks like at SPC. As you can see, we have been very busy!

Denise Lombardo
Director of Learning & Innovation



YEAR 7 TECHNOLOGY AND APPLIED SCIENCES

Year 7 are currently studying Agriculture and Food and Materials Technologies. In the Crichton work yard, four greenhouses have been established in which students have been learning about growing food in a 'managed environment'. Measurements in temperature and humidity are recorded and entered onto a digital spreadsheet. Here Daniel Stringer, Daniel Ayoub and Simon Taouk ensure water levels are at their optimum.



YEAR 12 RELIGION

Year 12 students in the Studies of Religion II course take an annual 'trip' to Saudi Arabia to learn about the Islamic pilgrimage called Hajj. Here they are learning about one of the rituals that Muslims perform in the Masjid al-Haram (The Great Mosque) in Mecca. Muslims are required to make the journey at least once in their life as it is a mandatory religious duty.



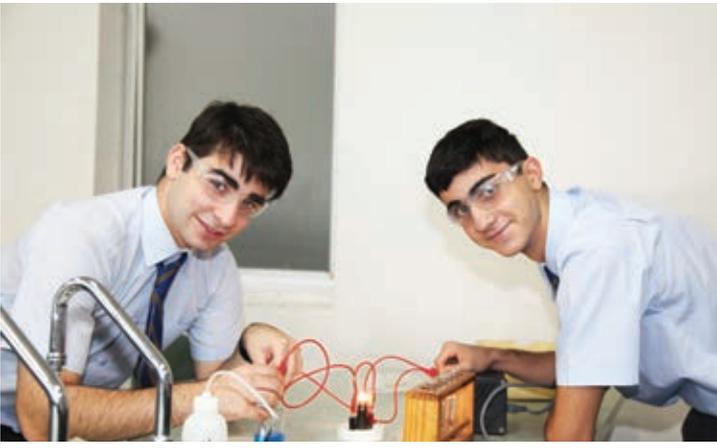
YEAR 5 VISUAL ARTS

Year 5 students Josef Valtwies, Dann Wilson and Marcus Ziino embark on their first explorative unit of study titled 'Bird Totems'. Students have been developing their sketching skills as their first expressive form. Using bird skeletons as their models, students can move, interact with and position the bird to create a detailed bird anatomy sketch.



YEAR 8 PDHPE

CPR is an important life skill that all students at St Patrick's learn from Years 7-9 in PDHPE. Here, Luca Chrisostomou, Anthony Alafaci and Alexander Saija practise giving chest compressions and rescue breaths to a dummy. By educating students in CPR training, they are empowered to act should they witness someone suffering a cardiac arrest.



YEAR 11 CHEMISTRY

Recently Year 11 Chemistry students completed their first depth study required for the new syllabus. They investigated how properties of substances indicate the nature of the particles from which substances are made and the forces between the particles. Here, Daniel Cerra and Laurence Calandra investigate the electrical conductivity of copper (II) sulfate solution.



YEAR 10 PDHPE

Year 10 students have been tasked with a new movement skill this term, focusing on all movement aspects involved in Volleyball. They have learnt how to Serve, Dig, Set and Spike, while enjoying friendly matches against their peers.



YEAR 11 VISUAL ARTS

Luke Di Giacomo is working on a large-scale expressive portrait. He, and fellow Year 11 students have undertaken a detailed study of facial features and proportions before using their reflection as stimulus for a self-portrait. Using the grid technique, students extrapolated their proportions into a large A1 charcoal drawing upon which they worked with dry and wet media.



YEAR 12 VET CONSTRUCTION

Working toward completing their Brick and Block Laying Competency, Year 12 students commence construction on brick piers before building a small brick wall. Firstly, students learn the importance of planning and working safely in the construction industry before learning the basics of mixing mortar, buttering and laying bricks.



YEAR 9 ENGLISH

'The Scottish Play' is all we can say here to protect Eden Gittany (Macbeth) and Dylan Kirwan (Banquo) from an ancient curse as they prepare their performance for the Year 9 English Assessment Task. Students enjoyed the challenge of learning and performing scenes from Shakespeare's most infamous play.



YEAR 6 LITERACY

This term, Year 6 students explored John Marsden and Shaun Tan's captivating picture book, 'The Rabbits'. The book portrays the Colonisation of Australia from the perspective of the Indigenous population. Students embraced the opportunity of re-writing the book through the eyes of the British. James Vo, Alexander Poulos and Dean Ho are reading one of the new versions, created by Isaac Tannous and Anthony Jayaseelan.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

KAYAKING TO GLORY!



The group at the conclusion of their practice expedition.



Ready to for action! The group with kayaking instructor Glen McFadyen.



A dejected Dylan Nguyen regards his kayak during a downpour.



Calvin Casey & Luca Donovan loving life as they paddle their way through the Myall Lakes.

At the end of March, the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Qualifying fleet, featuring the likes of natural born leader Dylan Nguyen and Sustainability Prefect Edward Carrall embarked upon a journey through the illustrious ecosystem of the Myall lakes.

Throughout their journey the boys had to combat all extremes of weather including scorching heat, torrential rain and gale-force winds. Despite such conditions, the boys travelled 80km without complaint and with only one capsiz occurring by the likes of Liam Prendergast. Guided by their fearless leader, Glenn MacFadyen from the School of Yak, the boys sped through the journey in record time. In what was described as a nail-biting finish, Joseph Haydamous reportedly beat Mr Herro in a kayak race.

During the expedition, the squadron – much like Game Designer Luca Donovan’s tent – was blown away by Vince Pirina’s magnificent cooking skills. Furthermore, the great minds of Christopher Farag and Joseph Ianella allowed the boys to successfully navigate the complex waterways of the Myall Lakes. Despite feeling stressed at times, members like Calvin Casey enjoyed the quiet life offered throughout the journey.

Overall, the expedition was deemed a successful one and is something that all the boys will no doubt remember for a long time.

Charly Simoni
Year 12 Student

MY 'KAMPSITE' RULES!



Luca Chrisostomou, Luca Pangallo, Samuel Sacco & Marc Ferro ready for the next challenge.



Luca Marciano, James Tassopoulos, Jonathon Hagios, Nicholas Mitry, Christian Bachalani & Foster Patterson after combatting the wombat hole.



Luke Salonga, Francis Phan & Dominic La Greca dish up a culinary masterpiece.

Year 8 students and teachers recently attended a 4-day Camp at Somerset in Central Colo, located about an hour and a half drive from Strathfield. We enjoyed every aspect of the camp from hiking to exploring wombat holes, cooking damper and canoeing. It was a great opportunity to learn new skills like building tents, packing rucksacks

effectively and cooking in the 'My Kampsite Rules' (MKR) cooking competition. The group was separated into ten teams based on fitness levels and each team worked together to achieve the goals that the camp leaders set us. We bonded around the campfire of an evening and played touch

football when we had free time. The experience helped us build relationships with each other and encouraged us to try new things and push beyond our comfort zones.

Jonathan Mavraidis
Year 8 Student

SIZZLING SUMMER SPORT



A proud Mr Locke with Lucas Martin, James Kelly, Ashton Lee, Oliver Quinn & Thomas Charles.

JUNIORS HIT THE HEIGHTS!

The realm of sport has proven to be an area of great success in the Junior School this term. Currently we have eight students vying for NSW selection in a variety of sports. In the coming months, these students will compete for NSW CIS in the PSSA carnivals and competitions. Success in these carnivals could see the boys go on to represent New South Wales in School Sport Australia carnivals and competitions.

The boys are:

- Lucas Martin (Year 6) – Tennis
- Anthony del Popolo (Year 6) – Diving
- Jack Taylor (Year 6) – Swimming
- James Kelly (Year 6) – Swimming
- Nicholas Macher (Year 6) – Swimming
- Ashton Lee (Year 5) – Swimming
- Thomas Charles (Year 6) – AFL
- Oliver Quinn (Year 6) – AFL

We wish these boys the best of luck in their upcoming events. Remember: success is measured by how much effort you put into your training and by leaving everything you have out on the field, in the pool or on the court. With the representative season only in its infancy, we look forward to more boys from the Junior School reaching for the Blues of New South Wales.

John Locke
Junior School Co-curricular Coordinator



Another demon strike from Daniel Bogan (Year 12).

◀ BASEBALL

This has been an amazing season for Baseball with the 1st IX scoring a convincing 16-3 win over rivals Macquarie in their Grand Final, the highlight being the 'Grand Slam' homerun by Captain of Baseball, Daniel Bogan. The U16s followed suit and claimed an RHBL Premiership winning their Grand Final 12-7. Unfortunately, the U14s narrowly lost their Grand Final after playing exceptionally well all year. Overall, due to the success of all three baseball teams, the College was awarded the inaugural Meyer-Metcalf Trophy for Champion School in the League.



Jonathan Faddoul (Year 9) brings the ball up court.

◀ BASKETBALL

A much-improved season for the First V Basketball side saw them progress as far as the Semi-Finals. Well done to the 13A, 13 Black, 14A, 14 Black and 17B side who all made the Grand Finals. Congratulations must be extended to the 17B team on winning their final and claiming an ISA Premiership title.



Tommy Brooks (Year 12) strikes a boundary.

◀ CRICKET

The 1st XI and 2nd XI Cricket sides had a great season which saw both teams finish on top of the table and host Grand Finals. Sadly, the 1st XI were outplayed by Stannies, whilst the 2nd XI season ended in heartbreak as they lost in a 'nail-biter' against Chevalier. Well done to the 13A and 14 Black sides for claiming NDJCA Premierships.



Marco Garigliano (Year 8) steams ahead.

◀ SWIMMING

Overall, the St Patrick's Swimming Squad should be commended for their excellent performances this season. The trip to the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra proved to be a huge success and resulted in many improving their personal best times and forming strong friendships. The Swimming Squad achieved 3rd place in the Aggregate Shield in the ISA Championships. The Senior Squad members were exceptional this season and led by example narrowly missing out on 1st place in the Senior Shield by a mere 4 points.

Anthony Calavassy
Head of Secondary Sport



Rick Russo ('73) & Br Berg kick-off the College War Cry.



Old schoolmates from Burwood: John Coulsin, Br Berg & John Brown ('48).

IN HONOUR OF A GREAT MAN

In a jam-packed College Hall, over one-hundred-and-fifty St Patrick's College Old Boys and friends (including fellow Christian Brothers, old classmates and former staff and students from St Leo's) gathered together to celebrate Br Brian Berg's seventy years as a Christian Brother. Some guests had travelled interstate to be a part of the celebration and Old Boys, Chris Ferris ('70) and Francis D'Abrera ('68) had flown in from Ireland and Thailand respectively.

President of the Old Boys' Association Matt Fehon ('87) and member of the College Executive and Old Boy, Steven Fochesato ('84) welcomed all to the event and Rick Russo ('73) did an admirable job of acting as MC for the evening. Entertainment was supplied in bucket loads by guest speakers John Brown ('48), Laurie Glendenning ('50), Charles Burford ('62), Andrew Dumas ('94), and Chris Ferris ('70) who each delivered hilarious recounts of their greatest memories of 'Bergy' and spoke about the influence he has had on their lives. The room was filled with laughter and the love for this humble man was tangible.

During the evening, Br Berg was visibly moved by the outpouring of affection for him; testament indeed to the number of lives he has touched. In the words of Charlie Burford; "Be it in his role as teacher, coach, parish leader, mentor or friend, Brian has quietly shown us a way forward and the importance of a meaningful and faith-filled life through the way he lives his own. Thank you, Brian, for your humility, your passion for serving others and for your trust in our potential to be the best men we could be."

In the spirit of the evening, a group have contributed to a gift which will allow Br Berg to travel to Callan, Ireland - the birthplace of Blessed Edmund Rice.

To view the Berg dinner photo gallery, please log on to the Old Boys' Website at: www.oldboys.spc.nsw.edu.au.

Nikki Fochesato
Archivist/Community Liaison Officer



John Walsh ('64), Greg Walsh ('71), Br Berg, Tom Ferris & Chris Ferris ('70).



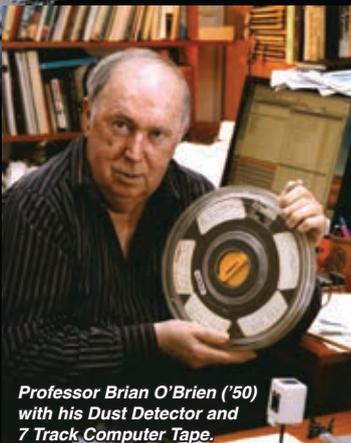
Mick Kidd ('71), David Hunt ('67), Br Berg, Paul Donovan ('72), Phil Kidd ('67) & Kim Stapleton ('72).

FROM SPC TO THE MOON AND BACK PROFESSOR BRIAN O'BRIEN ('50)

During his schooling at St Patrick's College, it was evident that Brian O'Brien was destined for great things. Each year he won a number of awards across a range of subjects and was often placed within the State's highest echelon of achievers as well as representing the College in Tennis and Football (Rugby League). He graduated at SPC with First Class Honours in Mathematics I and II, winning an Exhibition and Commonwealth Scholarship and thus obtaining a degree in Physics.

Professor O'Brien has since become one of the world's leading astrophysicists, having worked as NASA's Chief Investigator and rubbing shoulders with the likes of Buzz Aldrin and Gene Cernan. His experiments have been taken to the moon on several Apollo missions during which his research in the field of lunar dust has been pivotal. Lunar dust is the biggest environmental problem on the moon for astronauts and their equipment.

Today, the eighty-five-year-old is based in Western Australia where he is an adjunct Professor at UWA in Physics and continues to conduct seminars around the world. The following links provide more information regarding Professor O'Brien's career: <http://news.rice.edu/2019/03/22/the-devils-in-moon-dust-details/> and www.brianjobrien.com. Professor O'Brien asks students to look at his very simple Dust Detector Experiment, note that many nations and more than nine billionaires plan future expeditions to the moon, then say to themselves "I could do that!"



Professor Brian O'Brien ('50) with his Dust Detector and 7 Track Computer Tape.



Good friends, Thomas Keneally ('52) & John Brogden ('86).



Michael Iacano ('62), Mike Nelson ('69) & Charlie Burford ('62) reminisce.



Patrick Ballesty ('94) with his father Paul Ballesty ('61).



Geoff Edwards ('93), Patrick Garnett ('94) & Damian Cleary ('93).



Jonathan Mimo ('09), Andrew Squillaciotti ('09) & Chris Romeo ('07).



Ziad Chanine ('95) & Ben Malouf ('98) share a laugh.

SHARING A MEAL AND A YARN

Many Old Boys gathered together for the annual Old Boys' Luncheon in the city. Following the formalities, which included a welcome from Matt Fehon ('87) and College Principal Craig Wattam, Thomas Keneally AO ('52) was invited to the stage to be interviewed by John Brogden ('86).

All present witnessed plenty of good-natured sparring between the two Old Boys and gained some insight into Keneally's amazing career as an author and what makes him 'tick'. Despite their differences including where they sit on the political spectrum, it was obvious that they have a deep respect and affection for one another. Both men are wonderful examples of what St Patrick's produces; good men of solid character and ambition who have each allowed their light to shine.

Following the lunch, stories were shared, and friendships rekindled as Old Boys of all ages mingled with one another. On this occasion the highest representation by any one-year group was from the Class of 1991. We also had several fathers and sons present but we have not yet managed to get three generations together, perhaps this is a challenge for next year?

To view the Old Boys' luncheon photo gallery, please log on to the Old Boys' Website at: www.oldboy.spc.nsw.edu.au.

Greg Dening ('81)
Old Boys' Executive Officer



BACK TO BREEN DAY

We warmly invite all Old Boys to the College for this year's Back to Breen Day which will be held on Saturday 10 August. In recent years this has become a tradition and a wonderful opportunity for a catch-up whilst supporting the boys on what will be for many, their last home round of winter sport.

We hope as many of you as possible join us in the Back to Breen festivities.

Greg Dening ('81)
SPOB Executive Officer



Todd Liubinskas ('01) with the boys in the Farrell Room.

TODD PROMOTES GOOD HEALTH

Todd Liubinskas ('01) credits his time at the College for giving him the confidence and drive to launch a successful career in health and fitness. In the past twenty years, Todd has been an athlete (First Grade Rugby Union player), fitness professional and business owner. He was also recently appointed Fitness Director for Men's Health magazine.

In his role as Director of CSP (Complete Strength and Performance), the business he began with Shane McLeod and Bronson Harrison, his philosophy is simple; "I consider health and wellbeing the highest priority above anything else. Creating habits that have consistency and routine around healthy eating, training and being present is what creates a healthy life."

Currently the College has engaged the services of CSP who are working as strength and conditioning coaches with our boys in the Farrell Room. They run specially tailored programs to suit each individual while also encouraging positive self-esteem and general good health. The boys are benefitting enormously from their expertise.

For more information on Todd's career please refer to the following links:

<https://mumbrella.com.au/todd-liubinskas-joins-mens-health-as-fitness-director-565167>

<https://www.toddljubinskas.com/my-story>



Jake Pafumi ('13) with Year 9 students following his performance in 'The Hurting'.

JAKE ACTS UP!

After completing a Degree of Performance, Old Boy Jake Pafumi ('14) recently returned to the College as a cast member in Brainstorm Productions' in-school theatre play, The Hurting Game. The company only employs 15 or so actors from 500 who audition and tackles school-related issues such as wellbeing, cyber safety and in this case, bullying. Jake's performance was brilliant and being a former student at the College made him even more relatable to the boys.



Dr Geoff McCowage ('79) delivers his Speech Night address.



Judge Gerard Phillips ('80) President of the WCC.



Ben Manenti makes his debut.



Matildas Coach Ante Milicic ('91).

OLD BOYS SHINE

The following Old Boys are to be acknowledged and congratulated on their recent achievements.

Dr Geoff McCowage ('79) received the 2018 Luceat Laureate award from Dr Wattam at last year's Speech Night. Dr McCowage is a key figure in the field of oncology, not just in Australia, but around the world. He has worked tirelessly for more than two decades to improve the quality of life, and life chances for young people suffering from childhood cancer.

Gerard Phillips ('80) was appointed President of the Workers Compensation Commission (WCC) and NSW District Court judge at the start of the year.

With over 30 years of legal experience, Mr Phillips has been consistently recognised as one of Australia's top industrial lawyers.

Ante Milicic ('91) was recently appointed Head Coach of the Westfield Matildas by Football Federation Australia (FFA). Mr Milicic has been involved in Australian football at an elite level for many years. We wish him, and the Matildas all the best during their FIFA Women's World Cup campaign in France which kicks-off on 7 June 2019.

Ben Manenti ('14) made his Twenty20 debut for the Sydney Sixers in the 2018-19 Big Bash League. On debut he took two wickets for thirteen runs and was named Player of the Match.

DONATED ITEMS

The College wishes to thank the following benefactors for their generous donations.

GRAEME FRASER ('73)

Various projects from Br Crichton's woodwork class including a towel rack, tool box and test tube stand.

JOHN FERRIS ('41)

(posthumously)
Blue Junior School cap.

DAVID WALL ('59)

Items include textbooks from the 1950s, two brown scapulars, newspaper clippings, correspondence from Br O'Shea and Br McGlade and a globite briefcase (used to carry music sheets).

If there are any other Old Boys who wish to donate an item to the College's archives, please contact Nikki Fochesato on 9763 1000 or email nikki.fochesato@spc.nsw.edu.au.

VALE

As a community, our thoughts and prayers go to the families and friends of the following:

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| Father Brian Murray | 1945 |
| Matthew Duane | 1951 |
| John Reid | 1954 |
| Father Denis Foley | 1955 |
| Ross Lebeck | 1957 |
| Peter Hawcroft | 1972 |
| Dr Denis McGloin | 1959 |
| Howard D'Abbrera | 1962 |
| Ian Hammond | 1964 |
| Christopher Cassaniti | 2019 (left SPC in 2016) |
| Jeff Eagleson | Teacher of mathematics at SPC for over 25 years. |

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.



SHOOTING FOR THE PREMIER LEAGUE

Welcome to what promises to be a blistering 2019 season for SPFC. Both our First and Second Grade teams have trained hard and significantly strengthened over the off-season to push for promotion into the GHFA Premier League. Our All-Age and Over 35s have also regrouped and are looking to get back in the winner's circle this season.

I would like to thank the committee for all the work undertaken behind the scenes to prepare for the year ahead. We're looking for a goalkeeper for our Super League squad so if you are interested please contact Nick de Lutiis on 0410 322 522. We look forward to a great season ahead.

Nick de Lutiis ('12)
SPFC Vice President



Graduates from the Class of 2018: Aidan Trainor, Jack Abraham, Nick Doherty, Joseph Taouk, Philip Adam, Lachlan Moussa & Francesco Carbo join the Colts.

RUGBY FOR ALL AGES

Last year, we saw five of our Rugby teams participate in three Grand Finals, with victory in two grades. Our Colts deserve special mention for their win against Forest Rugby Club despite, at one stage, having only thirteen men on the field. We welcome a crop of new players from the Class of 2018 who have recently joined the Colts and are already proving to be a great addition to the team.

Our Junior Rugby Club continues to enjoy strong numbers particularly in the Mini's, who play at St Luke's Oval, Concord every Saturday morning. For many of these boys, this early exposure to the game and Rugby community proves beneficial should they continue to play in later years.

This year, our big home game is being played at Hudson Park on Saturday 25 May. All are invited to join us in what promises to be a day of spirited Rugby and catching up with friends.

Greg Denig
Old Boys' Rugby Club President

REUNION RECOUNTS

CLASS OF 1965 MEET AGAIN!

The Class of 1965/66 gathered together for their annual get together in November last year. The function was held at Strathfield Golf Club where an interactive evening of familiar camaraderie and banter was enjoyed by all. We look forward to meeting again in November 2019, 54 years since graduating at St Patrick's College.

Bob Vellar ('65)



CLASS OF 1968 GOLDEN JUBILEE

Last November, eighty-four members from the Class of 1968 came together to celebrate fifty years since leaving our alma mater. Former teachers Rod Speering and Br Peter Hancock as well as former Principal Tom Casey and Deputy Principal Br Brian Berg also joined in the festivities.

The day commenced with a Mass in the College Chapel where we honoured twenty-four of our deceased former classmates. We then embarked on a tour through the College grounds, conducted by Old Boys' Executive Officer, Greg Denig ('81). Following this, we travelled to the City Tattersalls Club, where we gathered together for a celebration lunch.

During the lunch, we raffled off a bottle of Grange with the \$3,000 proceeds going to the Vestra Bursary fund. This generous donation will subsequently help fund a student's education at SPC and is a way for us to give something back in recognition of the opportunities we have been afforded.

The day was full of camaraderie, laughter, deep conversations and rekindling of past friendships. An interview and panel discussion were conducted, old photographs shown on a screen and the College War Cry belted out. We even employed the services of a professional photographer who worked the room and captured many of the smiling faces.

In the lead-up to the event a special Jubilee Book was compiled, containing individual biographies, interviews and excerpts from old Lumens etc. It serves as a wonderful source of memorabilia and has enabled the Class of 1968 to reconnect and get a glimpse into their classmates' lives since leaving St Patrick's College.

John Mansour ('68)

FORTHCOMING REUNIONS

CLASS OF 1952 – 67 Year Reunion

The Leaving Class of 1952 and Intermediate Class of 1950 reunite every year in May and October. For details of the next gathering please contact Terry Chadwick on 0412 064 000.

CLASS OF 1984 – 35 Year Reunion

Date: Saturday 9 November 2019
Venue: Harbour View Hotel,
18 Lower Fort St, Dawes Point
Time: 7.00pm
Contact: Paul Brooks
E: paulvbros@bigpond.com
M: 0448 884 836

CLASS OF 1994 – 25 Year Reunion

Date: Saturday 21 September 2019
Venue: Cricketers Arms Hotel,
255 Darling St, Balmain
Time: 7.00pm
Contact: Reece Theedam
E: reece@thejoneses.com.au
M: 0406 998 178
Adam Lewis
E: adam@canadabayclub.com.au
M: 0405 503 050

CLASS OF 1999 – 20 Year Reunion

All are encouraged to attend the College's Back to Breen Day.
Date: Saturday 10 August 2019
Venue: TBA
Contact: Sam Glass
E: samrglass@hotmail.com
M: 0437 399 553

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