From the Principal

This week we opened our doors to the wider community for our annual Open Night. A record number of prospective students and parents attended the evening!

It was a wonderful evening and our visitors were given a tour by proud current students. The feedback from those in attendance was extremely positive.

It is a significant occasion for us and I wish to acknowledge the many students and staff that contributed to the success of the evening. The theme for 2013 is ‘Gifted and Graced’. This theme captures well the wonderful legacy that has been bestowed upon us by the Patrician Brothers and which continues to enrich the lives of everyone in our community.

Underpinning everything that we do is our belief that every boy in our care is born ‘in the image and likeness of God’. As such, every one of our students is special and unique. As a Catholic school we strive to provide each boy with a Patrician education that recognises their individual abilities, gifts and interests. It is our goal to foster within our students the Gospel values of love, justice, compassion and forgiveness, so that they will make a positive contribution to the world.

Please be kind to each other,
Santo Passarello

Year 7 Camps
Pictured are some of our boys enjoying the Year 7 Camp Experience.

Above is Aiden Scott and on the left is Wayne Boney, Christian Williams and Lotovale Lotovale.
From the Assistant Principal
Welcome back to staff, students and parents for Term 2. Despite being holiday time, the school has been a hive of activity for the last fortnight. Foremost among these activities have been the Bring It On dance group, who have had extended rehearsal sessions every day, and a long list of Year 12 classes who have held HSC tutorials and study sessions. Thanks to all staff who have contributed to these activities and congratulations to the students whose enthusiasm and commitment are so obvious.

Recent events include – the Year 10 Social Dance on Tuesday 7/5 at PBB, the Year 7 2014 Open Night on Wednesday 8/5, a Drink Driving forum with Blacktown Police for our Year 12 students on Thursday 9/5 in their Pastoral Care lesson. NAPLAN Tests for Years 7 and 9 will be held on Tuesday 14/5, Wednesday 15/5 and Thursday 16/5.

In terms of reminders for this fortnight – in recent weeks we have made a deliberate effort to target unexplained absences and suspected truancy. Homeroom Teachers and Year Coordinators have made a significant number of phone calls to parents regarding unexplained absences and the information exchanged has been extremely enlightening, both for the school and for the parents involved. As we enter Term 2, we would ask that all parents keep a close check that their son is attending school every day and all day as required by law. We are also fortunate to have strong support from Blacktown Police and Westpoint security in terms of questioning any students found loitering around the Blacktown CBD without genuine reason.

 Needless to say, learning outcomes are usually not that high for students who are involved in truancy.

Mr Brian Edmonds

Feedback following the issuing of the 2012 Yearbook:

Dear Santo,
A pity there is no competition for the best school Yearbook in Australia! I cannot imagine one better than the special Jubilee issue of PBCB in 2012. Absolutely superb! Congratulations to self and helpers. A magnificent footprint of the College story in its Diamond Jubilee Year. Look back in pride and satisfaction.

Br Aengus Kavanagh

Dear Santo,
Congratulations again on a wonderful publication.

HON John Aquilina AM

Dear Santo,
What a beautiful 2012 Yearbook! It is a wonderful way to mark the 60th anniversary of the school and to “Celebrate the Past, Present and Future” and to promise that the best is yet to come! It is a beautiful record of endeavour and achievement and I offer my sincere congratulations to yourself, the staff and students. I wish you all every blessing and continued success for the months and years ahead.

Br Cormac Cummins, Provincial of the Patrician Brothers, Ireland

Dear Santo,
I write to warmly express my deep gratitude for the beautiful 2012 Yearbook. Both my wife and I were very impressed by the hard work and the obvious effort which has been put into creating a publication which so fittingly celebrates and commemorates the College’s 60th Jubilee year. I pass on my appreciation to all the staff and students involved in putting the yearbook together, and I am sure that it will be a treasured keepsake for both past and present staff, students and members of the Patrician Brothers’ community.

Once again, many thanks and congratulations on reaching this significant milestone.

Dr Dan White, Executive Director of Catholic Schools, Catholic Education Office, Sydney Archdiocese

Dear Santo,
I offer you my congratulations on the fantastic publication that is the Patrician Brothers’ College, Blacktown official Yearbook for 2012. It provides a wonderful record of the high level of participation and of the many outstanding successes achieved, by members of Patrician Brothers’ College, Blacktown throughout 2012 and I am grateful that you have made it available to me.

The scope of the publication’s content is a tribute to the strategic path down which the College is travelling, as it strives to address the ever changing educational landscape with which it is presented. The photographic evidence illuminates the significance of an enthusiastic and dedicated staff to the education process. There is no doubt that a spirit of collegiality and commitment among staff, so vital to student success, is alive and well at Patrician Brother’s College; and the students are clearly reaping the benefits.

Being highly aware of the time and effort that goes into the drafting, collating and printing of such publications, I would like to offer my congratulations to all those who played a part in its creation; as it is a credit to their energy and spirit of service. Furthermore, it paints an enormously positive picture of a college that is diligently living out its vision and mission, as it provides high quality academic and faith formation opportunities for it students.

Once again, thank you for the gift of the wonderful Yearbook, and I wish you ongoing success throughout the 2013 school year.

Michael Krawec, Regional Director, Inner West Region, Catholic Education Office, Sydney Archdiocese

Dear Mr Passarello,
Congratulations on the 60th Anniversary Yearbook and for the wonderful and amazing memories Dario will treasure forever.

Di Giulio Family

Hi Santo,
Congratulations on the 2012 Yearbook. What a most impressive record of all the successes at Patties in 2012. Congratulations to all those involved in compiling it.

Irene Periera

The most beautiful Yearbook I have ever seen. What a fitting celebration last year was for a great Pats Blacktown tradition.

Anthony Gordon, Team Leader, CEO
Walkathon 2013

The Walkathon is our major fundraising event and will take place on Friday 31 May. It will be held at Nurragingy Reserve and each student has received their sponsorship materials. We are asking each student to raise a MINIMUM of $40.00 each. There will be significant incentives for those students raising more than the minimum of $40.00. For each $1 raised beyond the minimum, students receive a raffle ticket. Prizes include:

- State-of-the-Art Nexus 4 Smartphone
- Apple iPad
- Apple iPod
- NRL Merchandise
- Movie Vouchers
- Westpoint Vouchers
- Sports Store Vouchers

Our Major project for 2013 is:

**New student shaded amphitheatre**

This will provide for an additional shaded area for students.

As has been the case in previous years - student facilities are constantly being upgraded and developed for the benefit of the young men in our care. It is important that ALL students contribute to the Walkathon in 2013.

**It is our ONLY fundraiser. Let's make it count!**

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**What the area CURRENTLY looks like**

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**The 2013 Walkathon Project**

This is the area that has been identified by staff and students for an urgent upgrade. It currently serves little purpose other than create work for our groundsmen! It is not currently accessible to students.

**Turn the page to see what we have planned!**
Our 2013 Walkathon Project
A beautiful, shaded sanctuary that will serve both as a quiet student, shaded area during recess and lunch and also as an amphitheatre for classes to enjoy outdoor learning.
From the Director of Studies
Staff Development Day Monday 29 April 2013
The first day of this Term was a very successful Staff Development Day. Key Learning Area Teams – History, English, Mathematics and Science – prepared for the implementation of the new NSW Syllabuses for the Australian Curriculum. Staff worked on mapping outcomes, preparing scopes and sequences for Year 7 through to Year 10 and programming for Years 7 and 9. Implementation of these syllabuses will occur in 2014. Years 8 and 10 will be implemented in 2015. Staff who were not in these faculties worked on their faculty’s Learning Improvement Plan with a specific focus on improving the literacy of our students.

NAPLAN 2013
NAPLAN testing period starts on 14 May 2013 and finishes on 16 May 2013. The test timetable is below.

Could parents please ensure that their sons bring their calculators on Thursday 17 May for the Numeracy Test plus a book they can read on every day of the test in case they finish early.

Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews
These will be held on Tuesday 28 May 2013. Your sons will be bringing their appointment forms home this week. Please ensure that parents make an appointment with each of their son’s teachers. This is a very important evening to set the right path for the students in the final two terms before the HSC.

UMAT Program
Interested in medicine or a career in health? Need to tackle the UMAT and interviews? Then visit: www.MedEntry.edu.au

Step Up Into Teaching (SUIT) Secondary Students HSC Study Link Program 2013 – 14

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SUIT is a joint program between the Australian Catholic University (ACU) and Catholic Education. It provides Year 11 students with an opportunity to complete two university modules of a teaching degree while still at school. The program is designed to assist in overcoming a variety of academic and social challenges while increasing awareness of university facilities and expectations. Students will be better able to make informed choices on their post HSC career paths. The course structure does not interfere with HSC studies in 2014. Students who successfully complete the SUIT program and enrol in an undergraduate education program at ACU will receive academic credit if they:

- Obtained a Credit average for the SUIT Program
- Applied for teaching at ACU
- Nominated ACU as their first preference

Interested students must attend the Information Evening with at least one parent or guardian to ensure an informed decision can be made regarding their application.

Information Evening:
Tuesday 4 June, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Diocesan Assembly Centre
Corner Flushcombe Road and Marion Street, Blacktown

My Vision For Blacktown – Tell us your ideas!

My Vision For Blacktown is a competition being run by Blacktown City Council for school students attending schools in the local area. Students can write a short story, essay, a poem or create a picture to show us your vision of the future of our City. Prizes are offered for the winning students as well as their schools.

For more details ask your teacher or check the Council website www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au

Entries close and must be received by: 4.30pm Friday 14 June 2013
Latest news from the UTS Bachelor of Accounting co-op scholarship course:
With 98 scholarship students currently enrolled, the UTS BAcc is Australia’s largest and most successful business co-op course. Their list of industry partners is a Who’s Who of Australia’s best employers: Allianz, American Express, AMP Capital Investors, Axiom, Brambles, Brookfield, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, CCA, Cuscal, DEXUS, Ernst & Young, Johnson & Johnson, KordaMentha, KPMG, Lend Lease, Lion, Macquarie Group, NAB, Perpetual, PwC, TNT, Unilever, Westpac.

Applications will close Friday 7 June, for students hoping to start the course in January 2014. This is a much earlier closing date than other university courses. UTS will be making up to 25 guaranteed offers in July, allowing applicants bo weigh up any BAcc offer at the same time as the CA (Chartered Accountants) firms make cadetship offers. A second round of applications will also be taken, closing much later in the year, but only limited places will be available. Any interested students should apply in June.

The BAcc application form is available at our website: [www.bachelorofaccounting.com](http://www.bachelorofaccounting.com)

It is a straightforward and quick process to apply. As in previous years, applicants enter their personal and contact details online (which takes only 2 minutes) using Part A of the application form. Then complete a single-page Part B form, covering their achievements within and outside of school. The school needs to sign off on this Part B form and fax it directly to UTS.


UTS is looking for all-round achievers - applicants who have taken initiative and pursued interests within and outside school, and in doing so demonstrated things like interpersonal skills, dedication and leadership. A high ATAR is not essential. Academic ability is just one of 5 selection criteria, so some successful candidates will be stronger in other areas than on ATAR. Each year we take in applicants whose eventual ATARs fall in the range 85-100.

UTS BAcc Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 21 May at 7.00 pm in room CB06.3.22, Peter Johnson Building, 702-730 Harris Street, Broadway NSW 2007

Mrs Danuta Paton

LOTE Update
Some wonderful news from LOTE - I am excited to welcome to our department Mr John Scavo who joined us at the beginning of the Term. He is a highly experienced teacher and with his knowledge of both French and Italian is an asset to our community. Welcome John!

Our language students have already started to work on their second assessment due in Week 3. Good luck boys!

Mrs Manuela Lavaselli

Maths Update
Years 7 and 9 will be sitting the NAPLAN test in numeracy on Thursday in Week 3 of this term (May 16). It is essential that every student have a scientific calculator. There will be no spare calculators available for students who arrive to sit these tests without their own calculator and borrowing of calculators during the test will not be allowed. Mobile phones cannot be used as calculators. This means that students who do not bring a scientific calculator will be seriously disadvantaged in the numeracy test. Students who do not possess an appropriate scientific calculator can purchase one from the uniform shop. Students can access a NAPLAN practice paper via the Board of Studies website, and they have also done a complete practice paper under exam conditions during Week 1 of this term to familiarise them with the test procedures. Students have also been doing short quizzes on NAPLAN style numeracy questions during occasional lessons to prepare them for these tests. However, as in previous years, our focus in the classroom is on teaching and learning associated with the Stage4-5 Mathematics syllabus, rather than on practice for a basic skills test. The best preparation you can do at home immediately before the NAPLAN tests is to ensure that students get a good night’s sleep, as much of the numeracy test is based on interpreting information and problem solving and to check that students bring the necessary equipment for the test – an eraser, a pencil sharpener and a calculator (2B pencils will be provided with the test materials)

Mrs Denise Arnold, Mathematics Coordinator

Congratulations

We congratulate Christian Crichton and Marlon Rodrigo of Year 11 who were chosen by the Catholic Education Office to appear in the recent television advertisement promoting Catholic Schools in NSW. The commercial can be seen using the following link: [http://youtu.be/cLa11b_JCOg](http://youtu.be/cLa11b_JCOg)

Year 11 Physics Holiday Tutorial
13 keen Year 11 Physics students came in to school during the holidays to revise the first topic of the year, which was “The World Communicates”. This was a great opportunity to prepare for the first formal Year 11 Physics assessment for 2013 which is in Week 3.

Mr Chris Hersey, Physics Teacher
Year 7 Camps 2013

Year 7 had an exciting time on their recent camping experience. The spectacular views from Portal Lookout and the adrenalin filled activities of abseiling and swimming were favourites. The boys also enjoyed the canoeing and kayaking and relaxing at the campfire after cooking their meal. The experience was enjoyed by all and Year 7 would like to thank the Outdoor Education team of Mr Borg, Mrs Scalone, Mrs D’Cruz, Mr Scarpin, Mr Kitchner and Mr Ferry and all who made the program possible.

- ‘My favourite part of the Year 7 camp was abseiling. Abseiling was my favourite because it was the scariest and most adrenalin pumping’ Connor Cullen C15
- ‘My favourite part of camp was kayaking. The activities like rafting, walking across the kayaks and playing bulrush in the kayaks were fun.’ Kaylem Falaniko C15
- ‘I enjoyed the first night. After abseiling and swimming we put up tents so that we could sleep in them. It was fun, rewarding and annoying at the same time.’ Connor Scerri C15
- ‘I liked the canoeing because we had races and we could row to the middle of the lake and work with another person to get the canoe moving quickly’ Timothy Hodge C11
- ‘Cooking at the Year 7 camp was amazing. The first night’s roast was wonderful and the second night’s spaghetti bolognese … YUM!!’ James Boothby C14

Mr Dominic Cullen, Year 7 Coordinator

Year 10 Camp Helpers

Each year a number of Year 10 students are invited to join our Outdoor Education Staff in running the Year 7 Camp program. The helpers in 2013 were Tyran Liddiard, Rohan Hudson, Corey Scott, Didier Michel, Luke Vella, Tyson Charter, Daniel Groom and Austin James. The boys assisted the teachers in their duties and worked with them as a team. They helped set up and clean-up for meals, often working late into the night. They also took an active role in the activities being done by Year 7 students.

Here are some quotes from our Year 10 helpers:

- “The Year 7 Camp was a great experience! I enjoyed helping the teachers and being able to do abseiling. The amount of respect shown by the Year 7 students towards the Teachers and each other was great to see”. Rohan Hudson
- “Being part of the Year 7 camp was an awesome experience for me. I liked interacting with the teachers in a non-school environment and found the Year Sevens a great group of kids. Getting called ‘sir’ felt weird but strangely satisfying!” Luke Vella
- “It was terrific to go back again to camp, but this time as a helper. The boys were full of life and eager to try out everything. Being asked to come along as a helper was a great feeling and a wonderful experience for me and the students.” Tyson Charter
- “It was a privilege to be chosen to help at the camp. It was hard work but worth it. I enjoyed working together with the teachers” Corey Scott
- “The camp was a great chance for me to get to know the Year 7 boys and the teachers a lot better. It was hard the first day getting to know everything that had to be done but got better. This was a great experience for me!” Austin James
- “The Year 7 camp was a heap of fun. It was good getting to know the teachers and the students. I didn’t enjoy the washing up but would love to have this great experience again!” Daniel Groom
- “Year 7 Camp was fantastic! Everyone got along with each other and participated in the activities to the best of their ability. Cooking pasta dinners with the Year 7 boys was fun, but Mrs. Scalone’s pasta was the best.” Didier Michel
- “I really liked being chosen to assist at the Year 7 camp as it was a great experience for us Year 10 boys. The best thing was the activities, especially facing my fears along with all the Year 7 boys at abseiling!” Tyran Liddiard

Congratulations to each of these fine young men. They did a great job!

Mrs Melissa Scalone, Camp Organiser
Merit Awards Update
It has been an incredibly busy start to Term 2 in the world of Merits! Obviously students are working hard both inside and outside of the classroom.
We do need more senior students submitting Merits!
Congratulations to the following award recipients for this fortnight. These awards will be distributed at upcoming Year and College Assemblies.

Bronze Awards
Jordan Antoun 7C16
Aaron Baker 7C13
Wayne Boney 7C16
Chase Chapman 7C12
Ali Chara 7C13
Kaylem Falaniko 7C15
Mitchell Gallagher 7C11 2 Awards
David Iskander 7C13
Roman Koong 7C11
Xavier Manu 7C14
Kaylen Miller 7C16
Ivan Radacic 7C17
Jonathan Tabone 7C15
Jai Uren 7C16
Campbell Wood 7C11
Aditya Banodkar 8D19
Ruel de Guia 8D22
Mark Ebdani 8D22 2 Awards
Dante Filipe-Otai 8D17 2 Awards
Ganesan Cheran 8D16
William Gibson 8D22 3 Awards
Konrad Halocha 8E9
Mario Jeremiah 8D20
Lachlan Kellam 8D24
Malvin Khan 8D20
Peter Lотовале Sila 8E9
Joseph Matautia 8D24
Jonathan Mifsud 8D20
Adrian Morelli 8E9
Rameez Parkar 8D16
Anthony Pecora 8E9
Kiano Pomenta 8E10
Manmeet Saini 8D19
Nathan Segavcic 8D22
Arshdeep Thind 8D22
Joseph Justin Wani 8D19
Michael Zakhia 8E10 2 Awards
Chad Cadalbert 9A26 2 Awards
Andre Fuerte 9A23
Hrishikesh Kulkarni 9B3
Marvin Nijjar 9A26
Brad Nolland 9A24
Jason Pinto 9A26 3 Awards
Brendan Ram 9B1
Justin Smith 9A24
Coen Wynne 9B3

Silver Awards
Hrishikesh Kulkarni 9B3
Anshul Arora 8D19

Keep up the great work!
Mrs Marie Lane, Merit Awards Coordinator

Year 9 Debating
Our boys have begun their 2013 season!
In particular, our Year 9 boys demonstrated their intellectual excellence when debating against the topic 'current affairs should be taught in schools'. With only one hour to prepare a cohesive and persuasive debate, team captain Stephen Vassilopoulos took the lead in preparing his fellow team members Christos Floratos and Greg Kaskaniotis for their first debate of the year.
Christos was our first speaker and energetically introduced his team, topic and integrated tagline with great confidence. Stephen followed suit and maintained the team's emphatic voice projection to sway his audience, while Greg concluded the debate by summarising each team's arguments and convincing the audience that current affairs should not be taught in schools. All refuted the opposing team's claims to a high standard which ultimately led the boys to win the debate.
All spoke with high modality and voiced their opinions eloquently while maintaining eye contact with the audience and adjudicator - a must in any debating competition. Their coaches, Ms Wong and Ms Pearce, were extremely proud of the boys' efforts this week and look forward to seeing them grow throughout the debating season!
The boys were supported by their fellow team member Aleem Ahmad on the night. We look forward to seeing Aleem debate in the near future.
Ms Belinda Pearce, Debating Coach

Year 12 Construction
Some of our Year 12 Construction students completed the second module of their work placement during the school holidays.
Ralph Santiago, Cyrus Murray, Ben Duncan, Jason Ellis and Shane Balram all worked at the same site. These boys witnessed the excavation and participated in the formwork and steel fixing of a large concrete slab. The boys worked very hard and gained practical experience, using a laser level, jack hammer, sliding compound saw, generators, nail gun, placing plastic underlay, tying concrete reinforcement, screeding, circular saw and angle grinder and experienced first hand the damage rain can do to a construction site.
Well done boys!
Mr Ray Camilleri, Construction Teacher
Catholic Secondary Schools Debating 2013
Good luck to all our teams!

Year 7 Debating
Ms Melissa Luppino, Mrs Manuela Lavaselli, Laren Henry, Kirishoth Kama-\nlanathan, Tej Kehal, Gajan Sivanesan and Ms Jessica Fleming.

Year 8 Debating
Ms Melanie Gear-\ning, Sidney Alcan-\ntara, Nicholas Car-\nroll, Vincent Akena and Mr Torquil D’Souza.

Year 9 Debating
Aleem Ahmad, Step-\nen Vassilopoulos, \nGregory Kaskani-\notis, Christos Flora-\ntos and Ms Belinda \nPearce.
Year 10 Debating

Year 11 Debating
Adam Boidin, Kyle Singh, Ryan Soury and Mrs Danuta Paton.

Year 12 Debating
Sean Pereira, Daniel Osborne, Cain McGill and Mr Mark Strong.
As a teacher, I am often asked the question: How is this relevant? Society and Culture is one of those special subjects where I can confidently say ‘it’s all relative’. It allows students to explore their own social world and offers them the opportunity to investigate another individual’s cultural world. Students are also given the opportunity to explore their personal and social identity, personality and what it means to be an adolescent.

Our latest lesson looked at adolescence as a social construct and involved the students not only grappling with theoretical content but also engaging with myself and other members of the class. Throughout the lesson the students had to consider the term ‘adolescence’. Students then had the challenge of applying this new knowledge by participating in an interactive class activity. Placed around the room were posters that stated the various developments students go through in adolescence (social, cognitive, emotional, physical and psychological). The students had to then write words that reflect their own development in each of those areas. By the end of the activity, the walls were covered in relevant information relating to development. As a final activity the students were asked to consider all the words around them and engage in discussion. After initial feelings of trepidation the students were pleasantly surprised at how many of their own peers viewed themselves the same way they did. Students also greatly improved upon their contextual terminology by relating essential syllabus content to personal context.

It is a delight to see the students developing a diverse range of skills in both academia and personal development. “It is always a joy to express yourself in a class room where there is no judgment, and there is an environment of acceptance for individuality” - Isaiah Mercado

Ms Melanie Gearing, Society and Culture Teacher

"In Year 8 we are learning how to play the guitar. Learning how to play it is fun. We are not learning boring chords but how to remember notes and how to strum the guitar perfectly with all the strings. We have learnt from Mr Silvestrini that most of the instruments are linked. For example the guitar and piano both have the same notes and we can change the sound that's being produced by holding a key or a fret on a guitar."

Jordan Coupe, Year 8 Music
New Computers

Our boys have been very impressed with the speed and efficiency of the new desktop computers that have been installed in the library. These machines can be used for printing from the boys’ accounts. Id cards need to be swiped at the printer to release printing and extra funds can be added by swiping at the coin machine. For assistance with this new process see library staff or moni- tors. We thank our IT Trainees Anthony and Josip, for their hard work in getting these computers up and running for our students (and to Mr Passarello for paying for the computers!).

Mrs Vikki Forrest, Teacher/Librarian

Counsellor’s Corner

New SMS Tips campaigns for motivating young people ReachOut.com SMS Tips is an online subscription service, which allows young people to sign up for free daily motivational messages and tips. Subscribers receive a daily message every afternoon, with each campaign lasting 14 days (2 weeks). The new campaigns:

- Tips for self-awareness
- Problem solving tips
- Change and acceptance
- Learning from failure
- Identifying your values

All of the new campaigns were written by a psychologist and reviewed by young people.

For your daily dose of good thinking medicine go to; http://www.reachoutpro.com.au/blog/2013/2/19/new-sms-tip-campaigns.aspx

Ms Linda Cassell, Counsellor

60 Seconds with Mr Taylor

Name: Manvir Kalsi
Year: 9

Strengths at school: Design and Technology and I like to help out others

Favourite subject at school: Design and Technology, Woodwork and Metalwork. I like those subjects because they interest me and I would like to make something for someone and look at the smile on their face.

Hopes to be in the future: I haven’t decided yet but I like the idea of construction and building.

If you could visit any place in the world, where would it be and why? I’d like to go to America because I’d really like to go to the large theme parks and go on all the rides.

Name: Jaskaran Bola
Year: 9

Strengths at school: Maths and talking to teachers

Favourite subject at school: IST with Mr Kenyon because he makes us do animations and it is fun.

Hopes to be in the future: I’d like to be an engineer working on cars and computers.

If you could visit any place in the world, where would it be and why? I’d like to visit Antarctica because of all the snow and ice.

Mr Steve Taylor, Year 9 Coordinator
TVET Update
During 2013 a number of boys from Year 12 at Patrician Brothers College have been undertaking TAFE courses as part of their school program of study. These TAFE delivered Vocational (TVET) courses can provide students with the opportunity to study courses such as Automotive, Human Services, Tourism, Retail Services and Financial Services and include competences that can count towards future training courses in those areas.

TVET courses have proved popular due to their close links with employment skills and the opportunity to study in the TAFE training environment.

Information on TVET courses for 2014 will soon be available and any students in Year 10 interested in this practical addition to their studies should talk with Ms McGlenchy, the Leader of Learning, VET.

Mrs Tess McGlenchy, TVET Coordinator

Sports Update
NSW CCC Swimming
Congratulations to Nazar Kucheruk, Gordon Allan, Daniel Hertel and Timothy Hodge who all competed at the recent NSW CCC Swimming carnival. Timothy and Gordon were selected to compete at The NSW All Schools carnival. In recent years we have featured Gordon in our focus as we have followed his achievements.

Swimming
The college is blessed with talented sportsmen across multiple disciplines. In recent years we have had some exceptional multiclass / AWD athletes. Gordon Allan has been featured in our FOCUS on numerous occasions for his achievements in both swimming and athletics. Timothy Hodge, who is 12 years old and in Year 7 is another multiclass athlete who has excelled in the pool in his short time at the college.

Below is an outline of his schoolboy carnival achievements to date in 2013:
Patrician Brothers’ College carnival (against able bodied competitors)
- 1st in the 50 freestyle, backstroke and butterfly and 2nd in the breaststroke.

MCS carnival (all against able bodied competitors)
- 2nd in the 50M backstroke and breaststroke, 3rd in the 50m and 100m freestyle and 4th in the 50m butterfly.
NSW Combined Catholic Colleges carnival
- Able bodied events - 6th in the 50m backstroke and 10th in the 50m breaststroke.
- Multiclass events - 1st in the 50m freestyle, breaststroke, butterfly and 100m freestyle. 2nd 50 Breaststroke.
- U12 Age champion.

In 2013 Tim has also competed in the following State and National Championships with outstanding results.
NSW State Open Championships - At these championships, Tim swam against competitors who were aged up to 26 years old. Some of his competitors were Paralympians. He was the youngest swimmer at the championships.
- 9th 200m Individual Medley, 15th 50m freestyle, 10th 100m butterfly, 11th 100m backstroke and 9th 50m butterfly.

Australian Multi Class Age Championships (Nationals)
U11 – U14 events
- 4th 100m backstroke, 5th 100m butterfly, 50m breaststroke, 6th 100m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 8th 100m breaststroke and 9th 50m freestyle.

U11 – U15 events
- 5th 200m Individual Medley.

As well as these elite swimming championships, Timothy also plays soccer, cricket and athletics. He is currently representing the school as a member of the Year 7B MCS soccer team.

NSW CCC Basketball
The Regional Basketball championships were held last weekend and we were represented by our Yr9/10 team. This team placed third and have now qualified for the State Championships. This continues a great tradition of success for our basketball teams at the college.

Soccer Knock out.
Recently our Junior and Senior Soccer teams played their first round matches in the NSW CCC soccer knockout competitions. Both teams were successful and now move into the 2nd round. The Yr10 team beat St Paul’s Greystanes 2-1 and the Senior team beat St Gregory’s College 6-0. The senior team has made a great start to the season. They are currently undefeated in all competitions having scored over 40 goals and conceded 2 in their 8 matches.

Cricket – NSW State Team
Congratulations to Arjun Nair who was recently selected in the NSW U17 state cricket squad. This follows on from his excellent performances at the Australian Schoolboy championships earlier in the year. Arjun was also a member of our Berg Shield Grand Finalists this year.

Mr Heath Borg, MCS Coordinator
PBB School Sport
Table Tennis
Boys were quickly placed in teams and ready to play. Table one consisted of Austin James, Mark Fang, and Nicholas Wormleaton. These boys played several rounds to find a champion for the week. Well done Nicholas Wormleaton! Keep the pressure on. Table two’s competitiveness was well underway by this stage, as Peter Pakoti, Ethan Koong, Tristan Spice, Zac O’Toole and Kieren Beech partnered up to play in pairs. After an intense few games the winners were clearly seen. Well done to Peter Pakoti and Ethan Koong.

Swimming - Blacktown Aquatic Centre
Miss Hogan, Miss Wong and Mr D’Souza had a range of swimming abilities in the pool this week. Jacob Majok, Rikish Kamboj and Hemant Kumar worked extremely hard to improve their swimming abilities, starting with kick board activities and kicking techniques. On the other side of the pool Miss Wong and Mr D’Souza were counting the laps of the strong swimmers. These included William Gibson (40 Laps) and Conor Bradford (30 laps). Nathan Segavcic and Kyle Pereira beat their personal best too. Great work guys, you have set the bench mark at a high standard.

Aquatic Gym - Blacktown Aquatic Centre
Mr Camilleri led the way in the gym this week. Many boys were training hard and trying to perfect numerous techniques. Chris Hocking-Collie was working on his Barbell technique, Nirat Sridakham on the Leg Press, Sebastian Semau worked on the Bench Press and Chad Cadalbert working on his Tricep Technique. All boys worked up a sweat improving their overall fitness regime.

Rock Climbing - Blacktown Rock Climbing Centre
There were many things happening at Rock Climbing today. Several boys were involved in numerous competitions. One of the competitions was the ‘Speed Wall’. After a fierce challenge Daniel Mangabat was this week’s winner with a blistering time of 8 seconds! Daniel Brown was also a clear stand out as he challenged himself on the ‘Dead Hang’ and had a personal best of 1 minute and 23 seconds. Great excitement and involvement boys, I can’t wait to come back.

Laser Skirmish - Laser Wars Indoor and Outdoor Skirmish
students were split into 4 groups of 7 players. They played 4 games per session ensuring all teams played each other. Some of the obstacles included the Sniper Tower, Barrels and large truck tires. Anthony Salman of Year 7 received the Best Sportsmanship Award this week.

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Mrs Mel D’Cruz, PBB Sports Reporter
NSWCCC Basketball
On Friday the 3rd of May the intermediate basketball team headed to Penrith for the CCC regional tournament. Lucky or unlucky for us we were in the same pool as the eventual winners, St Dominic's College, whom we played first up. It really was a great game and our boys played consistently the whole game but as they usually do Dom's pulled away slowly and won by 12.

Our next match (just 1 hour later) was against Terra Sancta and with the first up loss, all games were must win from here on. Truth be told we played terribly in the first half, with a mere 4 point lead at half time. In the second half we began to hit our shots and we won by 19.

Our final game on Friday was against De La Salle College and we could hardly do a thing wrong. Every change we made worked; every shot we took went in. Every player scored multiple baskets and this added up to a HUGE score. We won 112-16. This result was a key factor for us making the semi-finals.

After hearing about the flogging we had just administered to De La Salle, our opponents for Saturday morning ran for the hills and forfeited the game.

We had a semi-final against St Dom's on Saturday morning. We had four crucial members of the team missing, but had tremendous courage and leadership on the court from Josef Flores and Aaron Figueroa. Our defence was doing the job of protecting the basket and St Dom's were finding it very hard to score. However we got ourselves into foul trouble in both halves and our scoring also slowed. We eventually lost by 14. The good news is that we qualified for the State Finals in Tamworth!

Well done; Josef Flores, Aaron Figueroa, Joe Vaegau, Alex Johnston, Raahil Nandan, Akaash Nadan, Jaedon Salvador, Baba Elkander, Milton Mulayi, Wani Lado, Geo Corriente, Hans Zabala. Special Thanks to Julius Flores for helping out Baba Elkander, Milton Mulayi, Wani Lado, Geo Corriente, Hans Zabala. Special Thanks to Julius Flores for helping out.

Mr Michael Said, Coach

MCS Soccer
Round 6
Highlights from the matches include:
Year 7A – Besides drawing the game, this was a perfect game for us. Coming from 1-0 down they were patient and continued to play outstanding soccer. Everybody was a standout today. We are looking forward to the rest of the season.

Year 7B – Unlucky to go down. The boys never stopped trying and gave it their all until the end of the game.

Year 8A – Against a depleted St Dom’s we struggled to adapt our play to the narrow pitch. We were fortunate winners today.

Year 8B – Excellent defence from Shreyes Seth Venkatesh and Shiraz Hussein B Grade – We dominated possession and were in control most of the game. We did capitalise on our opportunities. A Grade – We continue to build good results around our defensive structure. Joshua Katic had a big game today, Josh Currie scored a hat trick and Rory McGeown showed great composure throughout the match.
Catholic Education Office Notices

CCSP/PRC Parent Conference - 25–26 May

Register now and join parents, educators and guest speakers for the 10th Catholic Schools Parent Conference at the Novotel Hotel, Parramatta. The theme for the 2013 conference is iConnect with Learning, in Partnership, in Faith and focuses on technology as a communication, learning and social networking tool. Guest speakers will discuss interesting topics. Daily rates available and early bird benefits. Places are filling fast. Full program, speaker topics and registration at [http://www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au/](http://www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au/)

**Palms Australia**

Palms Australia is a Catholic organisation which has been sending volunteers on mission for over 50 years. Palms global volunteers mentor and exchange skills in countries across Asia, Africa and the Pacific. Positions exist in education, health, administration, agriculture/farming, trades and other areas.

Pope Francis calls Catholics back to Core Values. Volunteering to share your skills is a great place to start.

Come to Palms Information Session on Thursday 2 May 6:00-7:30 PM at the Aquinas Academy, 141 Harrington St, The Rocks, Sydney. If you know anyone who may be interested in volunteering but is unable to attend, please ask them to contact Sarah Torcasio on 02 9518 9551 or at sarah@palms.org.au for more information.

**St Patrick’s Cathedral Race Day: 1 June**

You are invited to join Bishop Anthony Fisher OP at the St Patrick’s Cathedral Race Day at Rosehill Racecourse. Book a table with friends and colleagues for a fabulous day at the races. Your ticket includes a sumptuous three-course meal, five-hour drinks package, spectacular views of the track from a private function room, track entry and car parking. The Race Day is the first major social event for Project Ten – a program of fundraising that will continue to fund the adornment of St Patrick’s Cathedral and enhance celebrations. To book a table of 10 or individual tickets or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities contact Helen Howard tel (02) 8838 3400 or email: hhoward@parra.catholic.org.au

**Position vacant**

Parish Business Manager, St Patrick’s Parish, Church Hill: The Parish Business Manager is responsible for the administrative and organisational aspects of the parish, including the parish office, finances, building maintenance and staffing. Contact the parish office for a position description: (02) 9254 9855. Starting date: 22 July. Applications close: 10 May. Send applications to the Parish Priest: parish-priest@stpatschurchhill.org

**How to be Happy: 14 May**

Psychology and love-therapy from St Augustine: a mini course conducted by Fr Laurie Mooney OSA. Through this saint’s journey we gain insights into our own healing; we see how grace helps us to rediscover ourselves and gives us new confidence. We learn to be ‘gracious to Christ – with us in ourselves’. Morning or evening sessions: 10-11.30am or 7.30-9pm. Cost: $30 (conc. avail.). The Augustinian Centre, 2 Hewitt Ave, Greystanes. Bookings required: (02) 9896 6794, paulmal@bigpond.com.au

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**Bring It On Dance 2013**

The Bring It On heats will be held this weekend at the State Sports Centre, Sydney Olympic Park. Please come along and support our team of 37 boys (pictured below) in this Hip-Hop based dance competition.

Date: Saturday 11th May, 2013
Time: Doors open at 6:30pm
Venue: State Sports Centre, Sydney Olympic Park
Tickets: $15 through School Office or $16 online ([http://www.bringitondance.com](http://www.bringitondance.com))

*Mrs Karen Davidson, Performing Arts Coordinator*
Theology on Tap: 14 May
Topic: True Love Need Not Wait: The Case for Twentysomething Marriage. Speaker: Bradford Wilcox (Director of the National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia, US). Theology on Tap is a casual and relaxed forum where friends from all walks of life gather for straight talk, hard facts and real answers on our faith and how it applies to daily life. Come for a listen (and maybe a drink). Invite your friends, especially those wanting to learn more (or debate) about the Catholic faith. Fire off the questions you have never had the opportunity to ask. Get on the Tap with other young adults and learn about the Catholic faith in a new and refreshing way. The Commercial Hotel, 2 Hassall St, Parramatta. No need to book. Live music from 6.30pm. Talks start 7.30pm. Ages: 16-35 years.

8th National eConference on St Mark’s Gospel: 16 May
This month’s eConference topic: Gospel of St Mark: A Crucified and Risen Messiah. Keynote educators: Fr Francis Moloney SDB and Sr Michele Connolly RSJ. This FREE eConference is presented by The Broken Bay Institute in association with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Anyone who has internet access can participate in this eConference. For individual registrations and how to get online contact Rhonda Andersen (tel (02) 9847 0726, eConference@bbi.catholic.edu.au) More info at http://grace.vividas.com

'To the Core' of Love and Marriage in Modern Society: 17 May
Campion College is holding its annual National Core Conference, titled ‘To the Core’ of Love and Marriage in Modern Society, with internationally acclaimed speakers Dr Pat Fagan, Dr Ryan Messmore and Dr Bradford Wilcox. From 1-3pm (12.30pm seating). The Lyceum, Castle Hill RSL, 77 Castle St, Castle Hill. All are welcome to attend – FREE entry. Details: Eileen Reyes (02) 9896 9300 or info@campion.edu.au

Annual May Pilgrimage on Pentecost Sunday: 19 May
Mount Schoenstatt: Your Shrine – Our Cenacle. Program: Welcome & setting the scene (10am), Holy Mass and Re-commissioning of Pilgrim Mother Coordinators (10.30am), Eucharistic Procession & Benediction from the valley to the Shrine (2pm), alternative program for the sick and elderly at the Shrine. Outdoor event – please bring your own chairs and rugs. Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Tel (02) 4773 8338, www.schoenstatt.org.au

Pentecost Sunday: 19 May
Catholic Charismatic Renewal will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday with Prayer & Praise, Mass and Teachings by Fr Ken Barker MGL, Moderator of the Missionaries of God's Love, commencing at 11.30am at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. BBQ lunch will be available. Inquiries tel (02) 9634 1654, (02) 9810 2499, www.ccrnsw.org.au

Christian Meditation: 19 May
You are invited to a Christian Meditation Renewal & Introduction Day at St Benedict’s Monastery. Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia. Inquiries: Ann Bergman (02) 9498 2625. anniebergman@hotmail.com

Australian Catholic Historical Society Colloquium: 19 May
Topic: ‘Left-footer’ linguists: the contribution of Catholic clergy to the documentation of Australian languages. Speaker: Dr Michael Walsh, Department of Linguistics, University of Sydney. Time: 2.30pm – all welcome. Crypt Hall of St Patrick’s at Church Hill, Grosvenor St, The Rocks. Inquiries: Dr John Carmody, President ACHS (02) 9417 2082, john.carmody@sydney.edu.au

The Great Grace: Receiving Vatican II Today Conference: 20-23 May
To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the commencement of the Second Vatican Council, a national conference will be held in Sydney. The Great Grace will be a wonderful opportunity for Catholics involved in all fields of Church life to come together and gain a renewed appreciation of the ‘great gift’ of Vatican II. Featuring international speakers Cardinal Marc Ouellet, Archbishop Allen Vigneron, Archbishop Arthur Roche and more. Local presenters include Cardinal George Pell, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Prof Anne Hunt, Prof Anthony Kelly and Prof Tracey Rowland. Lay people, clergy and religious all welcome. Venue: Australian Technology Park, Redfern. For more information call (02) 9281 0284 or www.thegreatgrace.org.au

Theology on Tap: 21 May
Topic: Vatican II & Beyond: Voices for the New Evangelisation. International speakers Cardinal Marc Ouellet (Canada) and Catholic Voices (UK) with Australia’s Cardinal George Pell. A special feature of this event will be the launch of the YOUCAT: Youth Prayer Book by Cardinal Pell. The Commercial Hotel, 2 Hassall St, Parramatta. No need to book. Live music from 6.30pm. Talks start 7.30pm. Ages: 16-35 years.

Women's Night of Spirituality: 23 May
Step back from routine and take time to reflect, make connection and deepen your relationship with God. Join us as we reflect on the ‘Spirituality of the Women of the Gospel’ with Dr Michele Connolly RSJ, Academic Dean of the Catholic Institute of Sydney. Starts 7.30pm in St Patrick’s Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Plc, Parramatta. Bookings: (02) 8839 8411 or admin@stpatscathedral.com.au

St Philomena Association Holy Mass: 25 May
Mass at noon with confessions from 11.30am. St John Vianney's Church, 17 Cameron St, Doonside. Station is Doonside, next one after Blacktown. RSVP: 20 May (please bring a snack to share) to Elizabeth tel 0423 15 44 63 or epeoples9@gmail.com

Being Single: 29 May & 5 June
Difficulties, opportunities, fruitfulness: a mini course conducted by Fr Laurie Mooney OSA. How one deals with aloneness and finds relationship with God and affection with others. Morning or evening sessions: 10-11.30am or 7.30-9pm. The Augustinian Centre, 2 Hewitt Ave, Greystanes. Bookings required: (02) 9896 6794, couples9@gmail.com

Tradition Conference: 2-5 July
Bishop Anthony Fisher OP is a keynote speaker at Notre Dame University’s Tradition Conference to be held at the Broadway campus. The conference will explore four key ideas:
* The concept of ‘Tradition’ in Catholic thought;
* How ‘Tradition’ relates to the many traditions that contribute to the faith;
* How tradition can guide and explain human relationships; and
* Whether tradition is a defensible and valuable concept.
To register tel (02) 8204 4390, www.tradition2013.nd.edu.au
Newspaper Articles

Eels pick up young centre

KARWHIN OFF TO DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Peter Thedmes

Standing tall and weighing 95kg, Chad Karwhin, 17, is no touch on the rugby league field. His dressing room is a haven for the under-17 Blacktown PCYC team and the most tightly held secret is the earmark for the Eels squad.

The training-hard, development programme nurtures the Eels young crop of players for the under-18 SG Ball Cup side.

Chad has loved the centre and fullback position for the Blacktown PCYC due for the past three years.

Some people are the size of a tree, he said.

"In a one-on-one situation I'm the biggest but I can use them off.

The original plans were just to go to the squash union before making the switch to league at the age of eight.

"It's rough and fun – I'd rather that than soccer," he said.

"I want to play for the Wests Tigers in the NRL and hopefully I can achieve that.

"He's a great young player and represents Australia overseas.

"I'm really proud of Chad," said Des and was one of the club's standout players.

"He has the physical core and is very passionate about the game," Warro said.

"I want to make the switch to league in the next six months. Chad and his family moved from the Latrobe Valley in 1983.

Timothy swims past obstacles

SIGHTS FIRMLY SET ON BEING A PARALYMPIAN

Peter Thedmes

OVERTAKING adversity is something that swimmer Timothy Katin, 16, knows all about.

At the age of four, he was diagnosed with a brainstem deficiency that prompted doctors to surgically detach his sight.

The setback did nothing to stop his competitive spirit, especially in swimming and athletics.

He set a School Sports Australia national record in swimming with a distance of 4:55m with a disability in the 15-19 age category last November.

In swimming, he will compete in Australia Open Championships in Adelaide, which is another sign of progress.

He was also named the Schools' Age Champions at the Patrician Brothers College Blacktown, one of a group of successful athletes at the Montibello Catholic School's Swimming Carnival last November.

Despite his fears in the pool, Timothy said he still preferred swimming.

"It's great to be able to compete at a national level because it's to compete against Australia's best swimmers and get to be different cultures to compete," he said.

"In the future my ultimate goal would be to be chosen for the Paralympic team to represent Australia."

The Junior Sports Star is sponsored by Rebel Sports and Football Federation Australia.

Junior Sports Star nominations for the NSW State Junior Sports Star winners in the following categories: Young Achiever; winner receives $2500 and a medal.

Junior Sportswoman winner receives $2000 and a medal.

Team Spirit Wearing team reaches $1500.

Service to Sport: Winner receives $500.

Visit www.juniorsportstas.com.au

Timothy Hodgetts has already beaten out two track.
Junior Sports Star

League-loving number one

YOUNGSTER IS PLANNING A FUTURE IN NRL

Peter Theodorou

PETER, a boy in the upper secondary school's football team, is the player of the week and will be representing Team Australia in the under-20s World Cup next month.

The 16-year-old forward will play for the Blacktown PTVG under-20s team this season.

His efforts won him a scholarship at Patrician Brothers College, Blacktown, where he is a year 7 student.

"I just want to play," the Dandenong youngster said.

"My favorite player is Tiger Woods because he plays really well. It's not always about scoring but it's about winning. I really want to make it in the NFL." Samwel and his family migrated from Ethiopia in 2001 and the brother told the Sydney Morning Herald he was selected for the under-17 team, which developed against.

Blacktown Advocate Junior Sports Star award winner.

The award is sponsored by Rebel, and open to athletes aged 16 to 20, who have the chance to win $10,000. See a nomination form on this page.

Nominate now:

Media Brief for the most outstanding athlete aged 16 to 20 in the Newcastle Junior Sports Star series can be the following categories:

Young Achiever median reward: $500
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Junior Sports Star median reward: $1,000
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Teen Sport median reward: $500

For more information contact Samwel Kondie:

Combining the big hits with caffeine hits

According to his tragic teammate, Ivan Lee, dotting a "pitiful" job outside football.

And sun, brewing lattes and moshing might not be old-school machines.

But there's an era where coffee-sipping players are no longer confined to the hoisters, with Manly's Holden Cup prop also passed to get into the grind of the field.

"My parents used to own a cafe in Parramatta and I've grown up around it," Lee told us.

"I've been making coffee for the past three years and completed a barista course last month."

"My teammates give me a bit of a hard time, saying it's a dirty job compared to being a trade."

"But it's something I enjoy and I could see myself owning a restaurant or cafe after I've finished playing."

Lee works three mornings a week behind the espresso machine, combining his job with an environmental science degree.

"It's a lot of work and all the travel from Parramatta to Brookvale can get tiring," he said.

"The petrol bill is also pretty steep. I owe a lot to my mum."
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http://www.patsblacktown.nsw.edu.au

From the Business Manager
A reminder to all parents that Blazers are compulsory for Terms 2 and 3 and are in stock.

**Term 2**
School Photos will take place on Friday 7 June 2013
Summer Sports Photos will take place on Thursday 6 June 2013
Winter Sports Photos will take place on Thursday 13 June 2013

**Term 3**
Winter Sports and other Group Photos will take place on Thursday 5 September 2013

**School Fees**
You should now have received your Term 2 fees statement. Payment is due in 28 days. If you have not received your statement please contact the school office on 9671 3000.

_Mr Steven Mulligan, Business Manager_

**Careers Update**

**Notre Dame**
Four day workshop where senior HSC teachers and markers provide intensive training in 16 major courses.
Venue: University of Notre Dame, 8-11 July
For further information contact 82044228

**University of Western Sydney**
UWS are conducting HSC Preparation courses during the July school holidays. Students must register online at [www.uwscollege.edu.au/hscprep](http://www.uwscollege.edu.au/hscprep)
A timetable of the topics offered at each campus is available on the Careers noticeboard in the Library.

**2013 Job Guides** are still available for Year 10 students who have not received them. The Job Guide CD-ROM is also available to be copied. Please see the library staff.

An insert called Parents Talking Career Choices has been included in this year’s guide. It provides strategies for parents to help their children explore career options and pathways.

The QTAC – Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre has released their QTAC Tertiary Prerequisites Guide, with career planning information and course entry requirements for tertiary courses in Queensland and Northern NSW. The Library has two copies which you are available for your perusal.

The **UNSW Law School** is holding an information evening for parents and students on Thursday 16th May 2013, from 6pm-8pm. Information brochures are available in the Careers section in the library.

**University of Sydney**
The University of Sydney is having an information evening for students and parents.
Current students will talk about life at Uni and their study choices.
The event will be held in the Whitlam Room, The Revesby Workers Club on Wed 22nd May, from 6.00-8.30pm. Register online by 15th May at Sydney.edu.au/yourpath.
A poster and information cards are available in the Careers Corner in the Library.

**University of Wollongong**
Some information has come in regarding early admission to the University. Applications open on the 1st August and close on the 29th August. Application guides will be available soon. Please see the library staff if you would like further information.

_Mrs Vicki Forrest_

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Blacktown Head Office (ATM facilities only) 19 Second Avenue Rouse Hill Shop GR092, Civic Way Rouse Hill Town Centre Parramatta 207 Church Street

_Call 13 61 91 scu.net.au_
GIO Schoolboy Rugby League

Our first game for the 2014 season is on Wednesday 22 May versus Farrer Agricultural High Tamworth. It is our home game and will played on our main oval at 11.00am. We are the 2012 Champions of this National competition involving over 450 schools.

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