As we prepare to send our students and staff to Brazil for World Youth Day, it is worth reflecting on the importance of this great event. WYD was established by Pope John Paul II in 1986 in order to reach out to the youth of the world. He was inspired by massive gatherings of young people in Rome celebrating the Youth Jubilee in 1984. He wanted to bring together young Catholics from around the globe to celebrate and learn about their faith. Pope John Paul II saw WYD as a way to reach out to the next generation of Catholics, to demonstrate confidence in them, to rejuvenate the Church and ensure that the core teachings of Christ are transmitted and lived. Every two to three years, WYD is taken to an international host city. WYD is a week-long event of teachings, festivals and celebrations. The event concludes with a pilgrimage walk to the site of the overnight vigil. Mass is celebrated the following morning with the Pope and the hundreds of thousands of young people who have gathered to be with him. One of our students commented upon his return from Madrid in 2011: "I came to see my life experiences could be placed in the context of the bigger Christian Story. World Youth Day opened me up to the wider Church for the first time. It was a peak experience in my faith journey that has managed to trickle down into my daily life and alter the way in which I live and see the world."

Our boys live in a world that promotes the instant fix and individualism. The life and culture of the world leaves little space for reflection or the opportunity to listen to God. From smart phones, iPods, iPads, facebook, chat rooms, sms, and email - young people live in a world where they are bombarded with information and messages. WYD provides an alternative. It is a bold proclamation of life, freedom and service. It captures the essence of what it is to be human through Jesus Christ. Our young people should be open to the opportunity to allow this to happen. World Youth Day presents us with the opportunity for a punctuation mark in the history of our Church. Please be kind to one another,
Santo Passarello

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Palm Sunday March
Some of our WYD students who marched on Palm Sunday through the streets of Parramatta (pictured with Mr Jim Prendergast).
From the Assistant Principal

The entire college stopped last Thursday to pause and reflect on the Holy Week story and its relevance to our daily lives. Mr Beacroft, our Liturgy Coordinator, combined with a group of senior students and an ensemble of musical performers, including Mr Silvestrini, to present a thought-provoking reflection of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We hope that this inspired our students to extend their faith journey even further through attendance at their local parish liturgies over the Easter long weekend.

Last week we also held our Progress Interviews for 2013. The enthusiasm and support from parents and staff was evident from the moment these interviews began and we trust that these discussions will contribute to an even better learning environment in classrooms than we already enjoy.

We are pleased to report that our Year 12 students have started their Half-Yearly Examinations in a positive manner and Year 7 are busily making final arrangements for their Camp Week in the final week of this Term.

In terms of reminders for this fortnight – we again emphasise the need for students to avoid loitering in areas around Westpoint and Blacktown Station. There are few, if any, students who have genuine reason to even enter Westpoint on school days and we have explained to them at length some of the potential problems that can arise when groups of young people gather in these areas for no good reason. Unfortunately, it only takes the misbehaviour of one or two students to significantly raise the levels of alertness and sensitivity of the security staff who patrol these areas. When these conflicts arise, our instruction to Westpoint or Blacktown Station management is to immediately contact Blacktown Police and the parents of the offenders.

Most parents would also recall that for several years now, we have banned our students from Level 4 at Westpoint - before, during and after school during the week. This area has been identified for several years now by Blacktown Police as a hot-spot for misbehaviour and problems involving young people and there is no reason for our students to frequent this area at these times. Our Year Coordinators specifically target this area during their morning and afternoon patrols of Westpoint and the Blacktown Railway interchange areas and students who breach this ban can expect serious consequences. We have been fortunate in recent years that our students have not experienced many problems in the Blacktown CBD and we are determined to continue this situation. In general terms, the behaviour of our students in Westpoint is very good but part of the reason for this is that we receive excellent information on a daily basis from Blacktown Police, a number of store owners and an extensive network of ex-students; enabling us to deal with any misbehaviour in real time.

We also ask your support in terms of ensuring that your son’s attendance and punctuality are being monitored closely. 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. An important part of the daily schedules of our Year Coordinators and front office staff is to monitor and follow up on patterns of absence or lateness. The subsequent feedback we receive from parents when we contact them about suspicious absences is generally extremely positive and appreciative. 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.

Mr Brian Edmonds

Year 7 Geography

In Year 7 Geography we have been discussing World Heritage Areas. The following submission is exemplary:

UNESCO
350 5th Avenue New York
NY 10118 USA
20 March 2012

Dear Mr Passarello and UNESCO,

We would like to enlist the Patrician Brothers’ College All Saints Chapel as a World Heritage building because we believe that due to its spiritual value and inclusiveness and the significance that are important to not only the Patrician Brothers’ community but also for current and future generations.

We would also like to promote the historic school grounds that it is built on and its unique features. These include, The Stations of the Cross, which was given as a gift by the graduating Year 12 students of 2012. Not only does the Chapel contain religious photographs, it also has a great selection of religious artefacts such as the Lectern, Altar, Tabernacle and most important, the Eucharist.

We use our chapel for spiritual and religious education as well as prayer. This special building is used to celebrate special feast or religious days such as Ash Wednesday, Shrove Tuesday and receiving communion. It is also a special place because of its values, traditions, events and experiences that capture the soul of Patrician Brothers’ College and help define our school culture.

The All Saints Chapel was built in 2008 by the Year 12 students. This Chapel provides a place of protection, to pray or a quiet place to reflect.

These are the reasons why we recommend that the Patrician Brothers’ College All Saints Chapel should be considered as a World Heritage listed building.

Yours sincerely,
Sagato Katopau, Aaron Simpson, Gilbertus Toenroe, Nicholas Zakhia, Breyton Smith
Mr Kim Crawford

Vinnies Van

Last week Scott Hogan, Braydon Rumble-Walsh, Brendan Harwanek and Cain McGill joined Ms Angela Pham and Mr Alan Dadisho on our regular St Vincent de Paul evening rounds feeding the homeless.
World Youth Day 2013
We have created history at Patrician Brothers’ College! We have a record number of students and staff attending World Youth Day in 2013:

- **20 Students**
- **5 Staff**

On Palm Sunday this group joined Mr Passarello to march through the streets of Parramatta, proclaiming the Gospel and publicly demonstrating our commitment to our faith and Church.

“It was an absolute privilege to participate in the Palm Sunday march through Parramatta. To witness such commitment, devotion and public demonstration of our faith was a revelation. It reminded me of the types of feast day marches that still occur in many parts of Europe!

The afternoon culminated in a magnificent Palm Sunday Mass with all our Diocesan WYD representatives. Our Bishop led us beautifully through an understanding of the importance of the Easter message and the upcoming WYD event in Brazil.

A wonderful day for our Diocese!”

Mr Santo Passarello, Principal

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Our community has certainly answered the call of Bishop Anthony Fisher to get behind the World Youth Day event. Young people from all over the world will join together in proclaiming the message of Jesus Christ.

“The Palm Sunday experience was one of reverence and awe as we walked the streets of Parramatta. There was a sense that we were making a difference – physically spreading the Gospel! It concluded at St Patrick’s Cathedral where we celebrated Mass with Bishop Anthony Fisher.”

Adam Boldin,
Year 11 Student & WYD Pilgrim
WYD 2013 Itinerary

Day 1:
Saturday 13 July 2013 – Fly Sydney to Lima

Day 2:
Sunday 14 July 2013
Lima Pilgrimage beginning with the Nazarene Church, built around Peru’s most venerated images of Christ. Continue by foot to the nearby Sanctuary of Saint Rose of Lima, opposite the house of St Martin de Porres. Then on to St Dominic’s Church, home to the remains of St Rose of Lima and St Martin de Porres. The pilgrimage concludes at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Lima.

Day 3 -5:
Monday 15 to Tuesday 17 July 2013
Lima Mission, spending time learning about and working with a Mission Community in Lima.

Day 6:
Thursday 18 July 2013 – Fly Lima to Iguazu Falls

Day 7:
Friday 19 July 2013 – Iguazu National Park and Falls

Day 8:
Saturday 20 July 2013 – Jesuit Mission

Day 9:
Sunday 21 July 2013 – Fly Iguazu Falls to Rio De Janeiro

Day 10:
Monday 22 July 2013 – Rio De Janeiro

Day 11:
Tuesday 23 July 2013 – Australian Gathering and WYD Opening Ceremony

Day 12:
Wednesday 24 July 2013 – Catechesis & Youth Festivals

Day 13:
Thursday 25 July 2013 – Catechesis & Papal Welcome

Day 14:
Friday 26 July 2013 – Catechesis & Stations of the Cross

Day 15:
Saturday 27 July 2013 – Pilgrimage Walk to WYD Vigil

Day 16:
Sunday 28 July 2013 – WYD Mass

Day 17:
Monday 29 July 2013 – Depart Rio De Janeiro

Day 18:
Tuesday 30 – Wednesday 31 July 2013 – Fly to Sydney

Highlights
- Lima pilgrimage day in the spirit of St Martin de Porres & St Rose of Lima.
- Service projects to befriend the poor.
- School immersions and building a home in the Shanty Towns.
- Prayerfully gather together in the awesome Iguazu Falls.
- Visit the Jesuit missions of San Ignacio Mini.
- Encounter the full WYD week in magical Rio de Janeiro.
Meet our WYD Pilgrims

I chose to make the pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2013 to develop a stronger connection to God and to encounter his works, particularly in the Peruvian slums. I wish to return with a more humble outlook on my life, grateful for the many blessings he has given me.

Adam Boidin

I would like to go to World Youth Day because I want to learn more about God and surround myself with students with a similar goal to me. I see this as a life changing experience that will make me a better person for my family and community.

Anas Abu Ganaba

The reason I want to go to WYD is to increase my faith and to have a better spiritual connection with Jesus and Mary.

Andrew Mallett

I chose to go to WYD2013 in Rio De Janeiro as I believe I am at an age where I begin to question my beliefs and faith and hopefully this experience will rekindle my faith as I see and serve God in the poor.

Isaiah Mercado

I chose to be a pilgrim for WYD2013 as I believe that being there in person and in the moment will strengthen my relationship with God. It is an opportunity for ‘rebirth’ and hopefully a chance to help those in need.

Jarrett Spice

I want to undertake this journey with my peers to grow in my faith and to enjoy my time in Rio.

Jacob McCarthy
I chose to go to World Youth Day to have a new experience in my faith. It is an opportunity to start a new connection to help in deepening and strengthening my beliefs. This is a new journey, a new country. I cannot wait to experience my faith in a new way.

*Johnathan Izquierdo*

I would like to go to World Youth Day 2013 to meet new people from other cultures while also growing in faith.

*Jimmy Dib*

I would like to participate in World Youth Day 2013 because I would like to grow in my faith and experience a different culture with different people.

*Jason Gomes*

I would like to gain a more extensive knowledge of my religion and hopefully better my understanding while strengthening my faith.

*Anthony Mouannes*

I have chosen to be a pilgrim to travel to World Youth Day 2013 in Rio De Janeiro as I believe it will be a great experience to deepen my faith with God whilst surrounded by like-minded pilgrims who are striving in the same direction as me. Also it will be a lot of fun.

*James Semesa Tikolevu*

I chose to go on this journey to Rio to celebrate World Youth Day with my friends from school and to grow in my faith and my love for God.

*Ethan Zahra*

I chose to go to WYD2013 to experience the atmosphere of many people coming together to worship our God. I also wish to strengthen my relationship with God and believe this pilgrimage will heavily influence my beliefs.

*Edward Manibo*

I chose to go as I find this pilgrimage a strong approach and experience for my Catholic faith. In this journey, I hope to learn from other people in my faith and their perspective so I can teach the people around me at home.

*Karl Serna*

I chose to go to WYD 2013 to deepen and grow in my faith. I also want to experience other youth enjoying and expressing their faith so that I may too express my own faith and not be ashamed or embarrassed about it.

*Klayne Soans*

The reason that I am going to WYD is to grow in my faith and become closer to God.

*Liam Veldsman*
World Youth Day Rio Brazil 2013 is set to be a momentous occasion. Personally I aim to achieve a greater understanding of how Catholics around the world celebrate the life, times and death of Jesus Christ.

Luke McKinnon

I chose to go to World Youth Day based on past pilgrim experiences. I have heard many great stories from them and thought this would be a great opportunity to strengthen my faith and relationship with God.

Mandrif Fernandez

I want to go to World Youth Day in Rio so that I can gain more faith in myself, make new friends and learn about other people’s faith and beliefs.

Natnaeil Koko

Celebrating the love of God with the international Christian community would truly be a life changing experience.

William Reardon

I am very excited to be part of a pilgrimage in a county that has the highest Catholic population in the world. What a privilege to be a member of the Patties group going to WYD.

Mr Ray Camilleri

During the WYD 2013 Pilgrimage I hope to encounter Christ in the eyes of the poor in Lima, through the Eucharist celebrations and in the energy and enthusiasm of the youth.

Mr Jim Prendergast

I am looking forward to being amongst pilgrims from around the world at World Youth Day in Rio. This is my opportunity to rediscover, rejuvenate and share my Catholic faith with other pilgrims going and those back home.

Ms Angela Pham

I know that the days in Peru, working to help a developing community, will be a life-changing experience. I am most looking forward to celebrating the final Mass together with our new Pope Francis, the Patrician Brothers boys and other young Catholics from all around the world!

Ms Jessica Fleming
From the Director of Studies

Holiday Tutorials for Year 12

Despite the fact that the Semester 1 Examinations will be completed at the end of Week 11, there will be tutorials held for Year 12 during the coming holidays. Boys who are undertaking major works for the HSC should use their time wisely during these holidays as the major works will be all due shortly after the Trail HSC. The important thing is not to have the boys procrastinate but rather make a time line of completion for these subjects. Below is the timetable for the Holiday Tutorials:

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University Information

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Flexible admissions through UAC

From 2014 admissions onwards, UAC will have a single year-long admissions period that runs from August through to July. This means that there will no longer be separate admissions periods for the start of the year and mid-year, with applicants able to apply for courses starting throughout the year with one application. Applicants will now be asked to choose a course start date when they enter their preferences. Applicants will still be able to list up to nine course preferences. More information will be included in the UAC 2014 Guide, which will be sent to schools in mid-July.

Check UAC out on Twitter at http://twitter.com/UACinfo. Students can get up-to-date information and reminders such as closing dates and offer rounds by following UAC on twitter, as well as by liking UAC’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/universitiesadmissionscentre. UAC also has a new YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/UACinfo with videos on how to apply, changing preferences and explaining the ATAR.

New institutions

UAC has three new participating institutions for 2014 admissions. They are:

- **MIT Sydney**
- **Australian College of Applied Psychology (ACAP)**
- **Macleay College**

Campion College Australia and Canberra Institute of Technology will not be participating in 2014. Students will need to apply direct to these institutions.

**Medicine Entry Requirements**

Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT)

In 2013, UMAT will be held at various locations across Australia on: **Wednesday 31 July 2013**

Registrations for UMAT open in April and close on **Friday 7 June 2013**. Late registrations close on **Friday 21 June 2013**. Fees apply.

Registration must be completed online at www.umat.acer.edu.au All enquiries concerning UMAT should be directed to the UMAT Office:

UMAT Office

ACER

Private Bag 55
Camberwell VIC 3124
Ph: (03) 8508 7643
email: umat@acer.edu.au
website: www.umat.acer.edu.au

**University Open Days for 2013**

**APM College of Business and Communication**

North Sydney 7 May, 27 August, 10 December

**Australian Catholic University**

Canberra campus 31 August
North Sydney campus 7 September
Strathfield campus 7 September

**Australian College of Applied Psychology (ACAP),**
For information call 1800 261 320

**Australian Maritime College**

Beauty Point campus - 25 August
Newnham campus - 25 August
Campus tours can be arranged by appointment. For further information, call (03) 6324 9646

**Australian National University** - 31 August
For campus tours call 1800 620 032 or email campus.tours@anu.edu.au

**Billy Blue College of Design**

Sydney campus 20 June, 3 October

**CQUniversity**

Sydney campus 8 August
For information, call 13 CQUni (13 27 86)
Recounting the Past

Charles Sturt University Every day
For campus tours/appointments and course information, call 1800 DEGREE (1800 334 733) or visit www.csu.edu.au/campus_tour

Griffith University, Gold Coast 11 August
International College of Management, Sydney
Manly campus 18 August
Jansen Newman Institute
Sydney Campus 27 April
For information, call 1800 777 116 or visit www.jni.edu.au

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Gajan Sivanesan 7C16 Bronze
Jaden Victoria 7C18 Bronze
Nicholas Zakhia 7C14 Bronze
Joshua Ackroyd-Mosby 8E9 Bronze
Andrew Garbutt 8D19 Bronze
Bailey Fisher 8E9 Bronze
John Puckeridge-Webb 8E9 Bronze
Sam Barnett 9A24 Bronze
Jayvee Datuin 9B6 Bronze 2 Awards
Jamal Dewan 9A25 Bronze
Luke Dickson 9B3 Bronze 2 Awards
Jason Fatialofa 9B6 Bronze
Patrick Lee 9B4 Bronze
Mitchell Levick 9A24 Bronze 4 Awards
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Brendan Ram 9B4 Bronze
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Kyle Pereira 10C7 Bronze 3 Awards

All the best for the remaining days of Term 1.

Mrs Marie Lane, Merits Coordinator

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Mrs Marie Lane, Merits Coordinator
We were fortunate recently to have been visited by our ‘cousins’ from Ireland. A group from the large Patrician school in Galway, Ireland (the home of our own Br Peter Higgins), toured Australia as part of the World Rowing Championships. St Joseph’s College (known as ‘The Bish’ in Galway) is similar to us - a large boys school centred on the Charism of Bishop Daniel Delany and founded by the Patrician Brothers.

The Principal from St Joseph’s sent our school a beautiful gift made from genuine Galway crystal. This is now on display in the student foyer. He wrote the following to Mr Passarello:

Dear Santo,

Greetings from St Joseph’s Patrician College (known in Galway as The Bish)! We met in 2008 when you visited Ireland for the Patrician Education Conference. I am pleased to hear that you are still at the helm in Blacktown. It has recently come to our attention that Patrician Brothers’ College celebrated its 60th birthday in 2012. I wish to belatedly congratulate your school on behalf of our school here in Galway on reaching such a significant milestone. We are presently coming to the end of our 150th year and it is wonderful to know that the spirit of Daniel Delany continues to inspire and influence his schools throughout the world. I have asked our rowing squad who are participating in the World Rowing Championships in Sydney to present you with a small token of our good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Ciaran Doyle, Principal
In Year 9 English, we have been studying Shakespeare's classic tragedy *Romeo and Juliet*. Our class have excelled in the unit not only due to their own persistence and analytical ability, but also by taking part in group literacy activities. Year 9 have learned that *Romeo and Juliet* incorporates six main themes. Over two lessons, the boys worked in six groups and nominated the theme within the play that they wished to research.

In the first of the two lessons, students read through the play and identified quotes that related directly to their chosen theme. While they worked, the whiteboard was divided into six squares: a box for each theme. Each team found a number of relevant quotes to share with the class and a scribe wrote their group's work in the allocated square. The boys then copied the table of quotes and themes into their exercise books and thus knowledge was shared in one sixth of the time it would have taken if the boys had attempted all themes at once.

We continued this activity in the next lesson where each group now focused on a different theme and shared their own perspective of the play by adding new quotes to our whiteboard organiser. The students then added these extracts to the previous day's table which was written in their own books.

This proved to be a beneficial and engaging activity and all boys took part with diligence and maturity.

“This activity was a great way to understand the quotes from *Romeo and Juliet* because we got to work together as a group and everyone shared their ideas.” - Gordon Allan.

“This activity gave us the chance to see how other students understood the play from their own perspective.” - Ford Zapanta

*Ms Belinda Pearce, English Teacher*
Art Express Visit
Both Year 11 and Year 12 Visual Arts classes had the opportunity to visit 2 galleries in order to view Art Express. Art Express is an art exhibition showcasing the Higher School Certificate Visual Arts Examination artworks from across New South Wales. We had the pleasure of taking our students to the Armory at Homebush and the Art Gallery of NSW to view these works. Our students were in awe of the standard of work presented and came away inspired and challenged by the experience. The boys viewed works from a number of different categories, particularly drawing, painting, sculpture and photomedia.

‘Art express was a very valuable experience. The works demonstrated pure skill and creativity and displayed the standard of work which we should achieve. In my opinion the artwork “Otherwise we’ll never know” created by Eden Scott inspired me greatly because it insinuated the idea that without a creative mindset, individuals seem to focus on the smaller things in life, opposed to the beauty of the environment around us. Overall the experience was extremely beneficial and eye opening, demonstrating the talent of students in Sydney.’ Jarrett Spice

‘The experience of visiting Art Express was both enjoyable and resourceful to each student and was much appreciated by us all.’ Andrew Mallett

Mrs Josephine Arcella, Visual Arts Department

Year 11 Biology/Senior Science Excursion

As part of their Local Ecosystem module Year 11 Biology and Senior Science students must study a local ecosystem, the organisms present within that ecosystem and how they interact.

On Tuesday the 26th of March Year 11 Biology and Senior science students ventured out onto the rock platform at Long Reef, Collaroy. The students had to wade out through the shallow waters to the other end of the rock platform. The rocks were extremely slippery as Klayne Soans found out, but the students all managed the crossing to the other side of the platform in order to gain valuable data for their research task on salinity, pH and temperature. Organisms living on the rock platform were studied in detail and Kyle Banfield’s group almost caught an Octopus! The weary group returned home with some students even having a bit of a snooze on the way home.

Ms Natacha Warnani, Biology Teacher

Chess Tournament

On Sunday, 24th March, our Chess team left school at 7:30am and 12 keen Patties Boys in teams of 3 competed in an all day Chess tournament at Macquarie University. In an area housing over 200 students from a variety of secondary schools from across the Sydney region, the boys played a total of 7 matches in a Swiss formatted tournament. Although the boys didn't place, all who attended agreed it was a fantastic experience and can't wait until the next weekend Chess tournament. Don't forget Chess is on in F9 every lunchtime (except Thursdays) and EVERYONE is welcome!

Mr Anthony Silvestrini & Ms Charmaine Castellino, Chess Coordinators
their reading sessions in the library. In our library the Fiction Collection is identified by genre stickers placed on the spine which assist the boys to choose a book. Genre labels include Horror, History, Fantasy, Humour, Growing up, Classics and Science Fiction to name a few. After examining the different genres the boys chose their favourite and wrote about it. Here is a sample of their thoughts:

My favourite genre is …...

- Graphics …because these books always cheer me up when I’m sad. Reading has changed my life as every week I read about 300 pages. Zakari McCarroll
- Fantasy …because they give you imagination and excitement. I love to picture fantasy in my head to see what it might look like. Lachlan Holmes
- History …because I can learn more about historical people and what they did in their lives. Mark Tere.
- Sport …because I love playing sport and it is so cool to read about it. Andrew Amabile.
- Humour …because they make me laugh and smile. Max Timpanaro
- Adventure …because they make me feel like I’m dragged into the story, finding clues and solving problems. Kirishoth Kamalanathan
- Spies …they can be set in any location in the world. Jagraj Dhillon

All the Fiction Collection is labelled on the base of the spine with graphics to identify the genre and coloured spots at the top of the spine point to ‘easy reads’ or ‘senior fiction’. This makes the collection more accessible, especially to the less confident readers and enables those with a special interest in for example, fantasy books, to quickly choose one from the shelves. We encourage all boys to borrow a book from the library to enjoy over the holiday break. Reading will most certainly assist in developing literacy and can be a great way to relax over the break.

Book Bites Competition – Write a review and win a prize!

Year 7 are continuing their introduction to the library. Over the past two weeks students have been introduced to the home drive, where they can save their classwork, completed from any computer in the school. They were also shown how to access the Book Bites on the Library website. Book Bites is a place where students can read and write book reviews, which can be accessed by our reading community. Share some of your favourite reads or read some of our reviews. It’s a great place to find a book to read!


Free Tutoring - Blacktown Library every Tuesday from 4PM to 6PM.

The service is absolutely free and it is aimed at high school students.

Every week S4S Coaching sends a tutor, who is a university student, to Blacktown Library to help the students with any problems they have with their school work. Locate the tutor in the upstairs area every Tuesday afternoon.

The library hosts a UMAT information session.

A number of boys from Year 11 and 12 came to school early for an information session about the UMAT exam that is required for entry into Medicine and related disciplines. The presenter informed the students about the process and exam, giving tips for achieving success in the testing and interview process. She also warned the boys about potential scams that prevail on the internet for UMAT preparation courses. A copy of the PowerPoint that was presented is available from library staff if there are any boys who were unable to make the session.

This past Tuesday, boys in Year 11 and 12 interested in careers as doctors, veterinarians, dentists and orthodontists gathered in the library for a discussion about the UMAT. The Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test is a mandatory examination for Year 12 students wishing to enter the aforementioned fields. We were informed by our guest speaker, Sasha from the National Institute of Education Australia, that the test is solely based on logic, and requires no knowledge derived from subjects studied at school, making the UMAT an even test for all. Students who achieve an outstanding ATAR and UMAT mark will be summoned for an interview at their preferred university, where a judgment will be made to determine whether they will be accepted into the course. Overall, the meeting provided a wealth of information about the test, and gave the group a reality check in terms of the effort required to pursue a career in medicine. Julian Pecora

Drawing Competition


Registration forms will also be available at the library. Please see Mrs Forrest.

Mrs Sue Dracoulas, Teacher Librarian
Buongiorno, bonjour and good morning once again from our great LOTE (Languages other than English) Department. In these past weeks our Italian and French students have been quite busy revising in order to get ready for their first assessment of the year, so we wish them good luck! For example, our Year 9 Italian class has been working hard on preparing its “Sfilata di moda - Fashion parade” where the students are to prepare a short movie or a power point presentation with the description of their four models. They have been creative, careful in their translations and working hard and I wish them all the best.

The assessment preparation didn’t stop us still doing a lot of extra work about culture as well. In our Year 8 classes, based on the advice of Mr Passarello, we have been watching Venice 24/7, a very interesting documentary based in Venice. Everybody knows how wonderful the city is and that millions of tourists go there every year and explore the narrow streets and the kilometers of canals. This documentary though, shows the difficulties that the emergency services go through every day in this beautiful but also problematic city, a side of it that not many people know about.

On the 20th of March every year we celebrate “la journée de la francophonie”, the day of the French speaking countries around the world, and we did too watching videos about it and getting to know many countries where French is either the official language or the lingua franca, a language used as a medium of communication by people whose native languages are different. Many students didn’t know about it and were surprised at the number of countries in which French is spoken.

I would like to share with you some of the impressions of the students about their first term of Italian and French. “In Italian we learn their culture and not only words. I like that” Isaiah, Year 8 Italian student.

“I like being in Italian class because we have got the chance to learn a whole new language and culture. I think this class can help me because if I ever go to Italy, I can speak a little bit of it.” Noah, Year 8 Italian student.

“I am very enthusiastic about my French class. The lessons create for me a path way to cultural diversity. It allows me to experience, in the classroom, the rich, vibrant life of French people” Nicholas, Year 8 French student.

“I am looking forward to going to France and Italy so that our French knowledge will help us” Cheran, Year 8 French student.

Arrivederci and à la prochaine (Goodbye until next time).

Mrs Manuela Lavaselli, LOTE Teacher

Maths Update
For boys needing assistance with Maths concepts a great site for assisting your child can be found at:-
www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com
The Maths Charts on display at this site have a list of 14 areas to choose from including Fractions, Decimals, Operations, Time and Money. Each area allows you to view a variety of well set out and easy to understand worked maths examples that children will continue to use in their secondary education. Not only are these charts printable, better yet they are free!

Have fun re-learning along with your child and help them out by printing charts relevant to the area they are currently studying at school.

Mrs Sharon O’Keefe, Learning Support
Lighthouse Breakfast

The Lighthouse Program is an 18 week Workplace Mentoring program conducted by the CEO that places students in the workplace to develop key employability skills. Patrician Brothers has 3 students, Mario Kingsley, Hermann Fidow (pictured above with his mum and Mentor) and Brandon Remnie in the program.

On Tuesday 2nd April we had our ‘Meet and Greet Breakfast’. Mentors got to meet with the student and their parents over a cup of coffee and lovely breakfast pastries. Mrs Vanessa McDougall, the Program coordinator, also spoke to the group with expectations and practical suggestions to make the most of their work placement.

Two of the students also completed a one day White Card course, because they are engaged in the trades areas and will receive a certification from Work Cover Australia.

Mrs Teresa Ghikas and Mrs Melissa Scalone, School Contact for Lighthouse

Sports Update
Cross Country
The college held its annual Cross Country on Wednesday 27 March. As has been the trend over the past couple of years, we had bumper fields in the younger age groups and were excited to witness some very talented runners. The top 6 placegetters from each age division will represent the college at the MCS carnival next term. Congratulations to all competitors, in particular those listed below who came first in their respective age groups.

U12 Firini Ampli
U13 Gergis Abdalla
U14 Jack Groeneveld
U15 Corey Scott
U16 Connor Baggs
U17 Connor May
Opens Tarik Viswasam

MCS Weight for Age Rugby League
Round 1 & 2
Highlights from the matches include: Excellent team performances from both squads - particularly from Leeroy Brown and Isaiah Niumata, who both played their first games for the college. Polished attack from the U13’s and determined defence to keep both opposition teams to nil. Well done!

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Round 3 & 4
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Central Coast Rugby League Tour

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U14 Blacktown 8 Greystanes 0

U13 Blacktown BYE
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A reminder to all players that you will not be permitted to play unless you have returned your permission note and player levy. Any questions regarding MCS sport can be directed to Mr Borg via the college office.

Mr Heath Borg, MCS Coordinator

A reminder that our MCS Rugby League competitions kick off in Week 11 of this term. The college has numerous titles to defend in 2013 and we wish all players and coaches luck for their upcoming campaigns. Our Soccer competitions will have played 5 rounds by Term’s end, with some teams undefeated at the half way stage of their respective competitions. A reminder to all players that you will not be permitted to play unless you have returned your permission note and player levy. Any questions regarding MCS sport can be directed to Mr Borg via the college office.

Mr Heath Borg, MCS Coordinator
Rugby League Tour to Central Coast

The U/13 and U/15 Rugby League teams recently travelled up the F3 for the annual development tour to Newcastle and the Central Coast. The trip began in the heart of Rugby League, Moore Park, with a visit to Sydney Roosters head quarters and the newly constructed NRL Museum. The boys were treated to an engaging history of the game and even got to hold the premiership trophy! Alongside this visit, they were taken to the official NRL classroom where they did a workshop on dealing with the media and also on making dreams become reality. A number of the students were given post match questions and were able to put themselves in the spotlight that so many NRL stars face each week. Guided by Nathan Hindmarsh, Mario Fenech and Frank Puletua, the boys were able to ask questions and even developed a number of short and long term goals for their own lives. The trip into the city was capped off with a Roosters skills session that involved the fan favourites, Sonny Bill Williams and Michael Jennings (the brother of our very own Robert Jennings in Year 12).

Upon arrival in Newcastle, the boys were treated to an NRL fixture at the home of the Newcastle Knights against Mr Passarelllo’s beloved Wests Tigers. The atmosphere for the Round 1 clash was electric and Newcastle eventually ran out winners in a one sided contest. The boys returned to the hotel and began preparation for the Round Robin that was to follow the next day.

The boys were up nice and early on Tuesday morning, eagerly awaiting the challenge that faced them. All the boys looked magnificent in their training gear and played three games each against Hunter Sports High, Farrer Agricultural High and Brisbane Waters High School. Patrician Brothers’ performed well and did our school proud. Both teams were undefeated and took confidence in their ability to work together as a team. These were the results from the Round Robin:

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Following these high intensity games, the boys were taken to a nearby pool to engage in a recovery session. This involved a number of pool-based cool down activities. They also had a game of touch football and volleyball. The group then had a well earned dinner and a movie. The number of boys asleep by the end of the movie was an indication of the work they had put in during the competition.

On the final day of the tour the bus headed back down the highway to St Edward’s at Gosford for our annual clash against a spirited Central Coast school. In a physical game, the U/13s would eventually go down to the opposing Year 7 and 8 team in a tight struggle 22 points to 12. The Patties boys put in a great performance considering both the age and size difference that was evident. The U/15s turned the tide back in Patrician Brothers’ favour with a comprehensive 16 points to nil win. Both teams took a number of positives from the tour and a number of areas that need improving for the upcoming Rugby League season.

Special thanks need to be given to Mr Dominic Cullen who organised the tour, as well as Mr Michael Beacroft and Mr John Barlow who were tireless in making sure the boys were always well hydrated and fed throughout the tough competition. This annual tour was a true testament to the school’s Rugby League Program, with the professionalism and standard of play on display for all to see. The foundations have definitely been laid for competitive GIO Cup teams for many years to come.

What the boys had to say:

“The Rugby League tour was awesome! Everything was really fun and I’m so glad I am a Patties Boy” Marc Zaurrini (U/13s)
“I really enjoyed going to the footy and playing in the blue and gold jersey for the first time” Maurice Trindall (U/13s)
“Loved the activities and the bus rides were so fun” Chase Chapman (U/13s)
“Loved every minute about being on tour. Great fun and a great school” Desmond Brown (U/15s)
“Learnt heaps about the game and had fun doing it. Holding the premiership trophy was a great feeling” Raymond Maroun (U/15s)

Mr Matthew Hartigan, Rugby League Coach
MCS Soccer
Round 1 v Dundas
Highlights from the matches include:
Yr 7A – Chogi Koko scored within the first 10 seconds of the game. A great, dominant team effort where we had about 90% of the possession.
Yr 8A – Defending the minor premiership from last year we were a bit lethargic in our 2-0 win. A lot of hard work is ahead of us if we are to reach the heights of 2012.
Yr 9 & Yr 10 - 2 well fought out goals, especially by the Yr10 team who have been dominate by a Dundas in recent years. A great start for both teams.
A Grade – Abanoub Mickael scoring 5 goals, the screamer from Rory McGeown and the dominant, fluent possession that all players contributed to. The boys played a well structured game.

Round 2 v Campbelltown
Highlights from the matches include:
Yr 7A – The boys played a faultless first half leading 1-0 at the break. They lost their way in the second half though.
Yr 7B – This was the team’s first game together. There were some positive signs. Looking forward to next week.
Yr 8A – Last years minor premiers faced off against the grand final winner in a match of very high quality. The boys ran themselves into the ground in a committed display that should have seen us emerge with more than a 1-1 draw.
Yr 8B – Excellent defence from Shiraz Hussein and Adrian Morelli.
A Grade – Magnificent display of controlled football. First half was a great combination of fluent passing and tough defence. A very polished performance.

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Talent Quest
The St Patrick’s Day Talent Quest was a great showcase of the school’s talent. The show consisted of acts from both students and staff. Our ‘Bring it On’ dance competitors were of course brilliant! The winners of the 2013 talent Quest were the African Tribal Dance. Congratulations!
A special mention to the great MC’s - Wayne Mulligan and his wingman Cain McGill of Year 12.
School tennis has been running for many years now and the numbers keep growing. Mr Sykes awarded two very talented boys with sports awards this week. These included Jason Pinto of Year 9, as he has shown he is an “enthusiastic and keen player”. Mr Sykes also commended Jason on his “play to win attitude” and being a “great sportsman” on the tennis court. Jonathan Espinas of Year 8 also showed “great potential” and has proven to be “enthusiastically competitive”. Both boys are to be commended on their efforts so far. Keep the competition alive as I will be around with more Sports Awards in the coming weeks.

School Gym
The School Gym was working up a sweat this week. Mrs Scalone had the boys in the gym working hard. The routine consists of a warm up, 125 sits ups, then onto a 20 minute circuit including equipment, weights and a cool down with a stretch. Dale Kennedy of Year 11 proved his fitness strength this week as he blitzed the workout with no hesitation. Keep pushing guys, I’ll be around to see who can beat those 125 sit-ups.

School Basketball
School Basketball has been a favourite for many terms. The competitiveness on the two courts this week was great. Year 7 and 8 were on the bottom basketball courts with Ms Pearce and Mr Hersey. Their students mixed it up and created two basketball games on each end with a mixture of each grade. Joel Relunia, Eldrin De Leon, Ryan Ferguson and Lachlan Beggs were the stand outs this week with many points up their sleeve. Great team effort boys!

Mr Domars and Ms Luppino had Year 9 and 10 on the top quad Basketball court. There was rivalry, competition and lots of skill. Jonathan Emelio and Trent Girdham of Year 10 were the star players of the day, with many of their shots scoring points for the team and adding to their own personal bests. Well done guys! Keep up the effort!

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Jobs and Skills Expo
The Australian Government Jobs and Skills Expo is coming to Penrith.
Time: 10.00am to 3.00pm
Date: Tuesday 23 April 2013
Venue: Exhibition Marquee, Panthers, 123 Mulgoa Road, Penrith

What’s the Expo about?
The Australian Government Jobs and Skills Expo is part of the Australian Government’s ‘Building Australia’s Future Workforce’ package to support Australian industry and jobs. As an exhibitor, you’ll be playing a part by connecting employment and training opportunities to job seekers. The main aim is to provide real job opportunities for local people.

Who will be there?
The Australian Government Jobs and Skills Expo will bring together:

- Local job seekers who are being invited to attend the Expo
- Employers
- Recruitment providers (including local Job Services Australia providers)
- Government and community organisations
- Training and education providers

On the day there will be special guests and other activities to entertain and engage visitors. Promotion of the Expo across the community should ensure a huge turnout on the day.

What’s in it for me?
You will be provided at no cost with all the essentials to make your exhibit a success, including:

- Exhibition stand including backboard, table and chairs
- A sign featuring your company name
- Access to people attending on the day looking for employment or training opportunities
- Promotion of your job vacancies and training pathway on the Jobs and Skills Expo ‘Jobs Board’ and the ‘Skills Noticeboard’
- Promotion of your business or organisation on the day over the public address system by our MC
- Light refreshments
- The option of participating in an advertising feature in the local paper

For more information visit http://www.humanservices.gov.au/corporate/information/call-for-exhibitors or contact the National Business Gateway on 131 158.
Term 2 Uniform
A reminder that all students return in Term 2 in FULL WINTER uniform. This includes the blazer and the school tie.

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8.30am - 3.45pm

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