Prayer

The significance of daily prayer has been reinforced in 2013 at Patrician Brothers’ College.

Some simple daily and weekly rituals include:
- Gathering every Monday morning for a whole school assembly where we reflect on the Sunday Gospel.
- Each lesson beginning with a simple prayer.
- The whole school pausing at 12 noon each day to pray The Angelus.
- Celebrating the Eucharist in our All Saints Chapel before school every Thursday.

Our practices here at Patrician Brothers’ College serve to remind all of us that prayer is integral to living and not just something that happens in a Religious Education class or when we celebrate Feast Days with a whole school Mass.

At key points in his life Jesus chose to prepare himself by spending extra time in prayer – this was certainly the case when he began his ministry of preaching and teaching and also as he prepared for his suffering and sacrifice on the cross for us.

Daily prayer can have a profound effect on the way we view the world and serves to invite God’s presence and direction into our work and our relationships.

Please continue to take care of each other,
Santo Passarello
From the Assistant Principal
The remainder of Term 4 promises to be an exciting time as we complete the cycle of engagements for our outgoing Year 12 students and commence preparations for the incoming Year 7 cohort for 2014. The Year 12 students have now completed their HSC Examinations and their reactions to the various subject papers have been extremely positive. They will gather again on 21st November for their Year 12 Formal at the Crowne Plaza at Bella Vista. Meanwhile, at the other end of the continuum, there are several hundred very excited Year 6 students in nearby primary schools who are anxiously awaiting our Year 7 2014 Orientation Day on Friday 29th November. The energy on these days is always amazing and our staff are currently busily preparing tours, activities and various elements of hospitality that ensure the day is an outstanding success. In coming weeks we also look forward to the Year 7 Social Dance at Nagle College on 19th November and the Year 9 Lifesaving course at Riverstone Pool from 2-6th December.

In terms of reminders for this issue of The Focus - it is worth mentioning every so often some of the basic rules of behaviour we hold as being crucial to the way our school community interacts and operates on a daily basis. One of the most basic rules applies to the way we talk to each other around the school. Whether it be in class, in the school yard or even out on the sporting field, there is never any excuse for offensive or derogatory language. Our students are renowned for their friendliness and respect but occasionally we need to pull them up for the unnecessary and sometimes random use of obscene language. The students actually understand quite clearly that if this occurred in the workplace or during weekend sport, they would face send-off, suspension or stand-down but for some reason there appears to be a disconnect in some of their minds between the real world and what we should accept in the school situation. Please discuss this issue with your sons as our expectations are very clear on this issue and students who transgress will face serious sanctions. Unfortunately, some areas of our society, including elements of the media, set the bar quite low in this area but as parents and educators we need to fill the void and establish strong values.

Mr Brian Edmonds

Merit Awards Update
It was pleasing to see all year groups represented this fortnight. Special mention must go to Year 9 for the large number of Silver Awards achieved. Well done! Congratulations to the following award recipients for this fortnight. These awards will be distributed at upcoming Year Assemblies and College Assembly.

Bronze Awards
Sione Ika 7C18 2 Awards
Adam Mrazek 7C11
Aman Somaroo 7C18
Travis Sta-Ana 7C12
Jonathan Tabone 7C15
Georgios Tsakos 7C18
David Alam 8E10
Angelo Pascoa 8D22
Kiano Pomente 8E10
Brock Sperinck 8D17
Samuel Barnett 9A24

Silver Awards
Timothy Hodge 7C11
Samuel Barnett 9A24
Michael Capati 9A25
Jason Fatialofa 9B6
Bol Kuany 9A24
Shane Lipscombe 9A24

We will be able to acknowledge all of our Silver and Gold Award recipients for the Term at our College Assembly in Week 7.

Good luck for the next fortnight,
Mrs Marie Lane, Merit Awards Convenor

Performing Arts - Vocal Workshop
On Wednesday 30th October a vocal workshop was held after school for selected music students. The boys studying music in Year 12 for 2014 who plan on doing vocal performance as well as selected Year 9 and Year 10 boys were involved.

A vocal tutor, Miss Emily Edmonds, who recently graduated from the Conservatorium of Music majoring in Voice, worked with the boys on developing warm up skills, breathing, performance techniques and performance skill. The afternoon was a resounding success - with several boys requesting a return visit!

Last Wednesday we attended a vocal workshop where we went through different ways of warming up your voice and managing techniques to warm up specific sounds using the mouth. At the end we managed to arrange a song with all of us singing, shouting or making unusual noises. The best part was that everyone played a part so we had a great time. Sione Angaanelangi, Year 12

We learnt new techniques to sing better and warm up correctly, like Bumblebee, where we used our mouth correctly. We also tried experimenting when we were singing together. I enjoyed it, it was a good experience. Sebastian Semau, Year 12

We learnt some vocal exercises that warmed up our voices and helped with our vocal techniques. I really enjoyed the atmosphere and learnt a lot of useful things that could help me with singing. Jason Gomes Year 12

I learnt various vocal exercises and different ways I can control my breathing. This has definitely helped. 10/10. It was fabulous. I now have different vocal warm ups and techniques to practice. Von de la Torre Year 12

Mrs Karen Davidson, Performing Arts Coordinator

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Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

The inaugural Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2013 is a national gathering of Catholic young people in Melbourne in December. It has been established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and our own Bishop Anthony Fisher OP is the appointed Bishops’ delegate. The Diocese shall be sending a contingent of representative Year 10 students and teachers from each of our secondary schools. Patrician Brothers’ College will be sending 10 of our students who will be accompanied by Mr Jim Prendergast. The Festival aims to gather over 3000 young Catholics from around Australia. It will provide young people with the opportunity to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia.

Festival Theme
The ACYF has taken the theme ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me’ (Luke 4:18). This theme echoes the vision of the Australian Catholic Bishops for youth and youth ministry in Australia. Its aims are:

- To provide a high quality formative and experiential opportunity for young Catholics to encounter Jesus Christ, in the context of the Catholic Church in Australia;
- To give participants the opportunity to listen to and discuss the issues and challenges in the lives of young Catholics in Australia;
- To evangelise young people and empower them to be evangelists;
- To provide young people with pathways and connections to vocations, social action, liturgy and prayer, catholic music and catechesis.

Daily Mass and prayer, adoration and reconciliation will form part of the program of events as well as a formation program on three evenings prior to the Festival. The Festival itself will be held in Melbourne with the majority of the events at the Australian Catholic University, St Patrick’s Campus. It takes place from Thursday December 5 until Saturday December 7, 2013. During the festival participants will also have the opportunity to visit the birth place of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre (a museum and centre for St Mary MacKillop), and Melbourne’s St Patricks Cathedral.

Our ACYF (Australian Catholic Youth Festival) Representatives
Pictured are: (back) Rohan Hudson, Aaron Pinto, Dean Woolley, Patrick Bear, Daniel Mangabat, Jonathan Soans, Austin James, Mr Jim Prendergast, (front) Hans Zabala, Bienn Tongol, Joshua Reyes
Australian Catholic Youth Festival
What are you looking forward to?

I am looking forward to sharing this experience with the 10 young men from the college, as we encounter Jesus Christ. I welcome this opportunity to listen to and discuss the issues and challenges of young Catholics. I know just like WYD 2013 Rio, that these gatherings do deeply impact on the lives of young people.

Jim Prendergast,
Religious Education Coordinator

I am eagerly anticipating the Youth Festival because it is the first time I will be able to go to such a festival with likeminded young people. I hope to grow in my faith and gain a better understanding of what it means to be a Catholic in today’s society. I hope what I learn will enable me to better participate in actively evangelising about my faith.

Aaron Pinto

Melbourne is going to be a great experience. I look forward to making Christ more central in my life. I am looking forward to the new opportunities to grow closer to God. I want to make new friends with those who are on the same faith journey.

Austin James

I am looking forward to Melbourne as I will be able to share my faith with the other participants. I believe the ACYF will enable me to learn more about my faith not only from the other boys from Patrician Brothers but other young people from around Australia.

Bienn Tongol

I am looking forward to many things in Melbourne. I want to engage in the variety of activities and experiences that will bring me closer to God. I want to make new friends who share my beliefs.

Daniel Mangabat

I am extremely excited about the opportunities the ACYF presents me as part of my faith journey. There will be many amazing events happening. I hope going to Melbourne will help my faith and relationship with Jesus. One of the highlights for me will be to sing at the ACYF with my Youth Group.

Dean Woolley

I volunteered to be part of the Australian Catholic Youth Festival because I will be able to be with peers who are on the same spiritual journey. Most importantly I want the experience to strengthen my faith and my personal relationship with God.

Hans Zabala

The reason I am looking forward to Melbourne is because I see this experience as one where I will be able to build my faith and grow closer to God.

Jonathan Soans

I see the Australian Catholic Youth Festival Melbourne as an opportunity for me to express my faith with other Catholics.

Joshua Reyes

By going to the ACYF I hope to widen my horizons and increase the depth of my faith as I meet new people and share this experience with thousands of other young people. When I return to Blacktown I hope to be able to share my renewed faith journey with my peers.

Patrick Bear

What I am looking forward to most with the ACYF Melbourne is the experiences to not only deepen my faith but to meet new students seeking to do the same. I feel very privileged to have been one of the few selected to represent the school at this event.

Rohan Hudson
From the Director of Studies

Year 10 examinations have concluded and grades are now being assigned for the Record of School Achievement. Boys will be able to access these results when they log onto the Students On-Line Account. The up2now website is still available for boys in Years 10 and 11 to upload their extra-curricular activities. A number of Year 10 students have accessed this site and have successfully uploaded the certificates that they have obtained from a number of community initiatives that they have been involved in. This is an invaluable record of learning and development in areas of leadership, community service, sport, debating, public speaking and much more.

Year 12 2014 have settled into their HSC work now. Parents are encouraged to make sure that boys have all the equipment necessary for a good start to their senior work. To set their goals for next year boys need to research areas that are of interest to them. To keep motivated they should put their goal up somewhere visible in their rooms as that is a good reminder of what is possible with effort and perseverance. A good start for the boys is to access the 2013-14 UAC Guide which can be found in the Careers’ Section in the library. There are over 1500 courses that students can study and it is good for students to know the prerequisites / assumed knowledge for these courses.

Planning is crucial for success. Overall, planning ensures that your goal is always to better your performance out.

Organising - planning to complete the stages of an assessment task or major project.

Gathering - guides you in ways to get information to successfully complete a task such as any necessary research, library visits, drafts, feedback, tools needed, dialogue with peers, etc.

Developing - being aware of goals and objectives to stay on track.

Evaluating - after the work is marked it is necessary to step back objectively to assess what goals and objectives were not met and to list the specific areas that need improvement.

Taking Classroom Notes - Teachers constantly introduce new concepts and ideas. To understand these and to take them into the future, you need to make effective notes in class. Below are some suggestions:

- Select an effective note-making format. Notes should not be long sentences and paragraphs. They should be precise statements that get to the heart of the information.
- Label your notes with the topic and date. Number the pages to keep information in good order.
- Record important information that is put on the board. Two months on you will NOT remember it.
- Practise good listening skills during discussions.
- Number information that is presented in steps.
- Write down new vocabulary words.
- Write down key words or phrases. Later check spelling and expand on the significance of these words.
- Use pictures, abbreviations and your personal shorthand to help you record information.
- Review your notes after class and continue to review them regularly. Highlight or mark important facts and details.

Mrs Danuta Paton

Library Update

Pens and books are the weapons that defeat terrorism

Malala Yousafzai at the young age of 16, has much to teach us. She champions peace and education, maintaining firmly the links between the two. In particular she is an advocate for reading and books.

Eleven months after she was shot in the head by a Taliban gunman she made an inspirational speech as she officially opened Birmingham's new £188 million library. Some of her words resonate for our library:

"Now I have challenged myself that I will read thousands of books and I will empower myself with knowledge."

"Pens and books are the weapons that defeat terrorism."

"I truly believe the only way we can create global peace is through not only educating our minds, but our hearts and our souls."

"Books are very precious - some books can travel you back centuries and some take you into the future. In some books you will visit the core of your heart and in others you will go out into the universe."

"Books keep one feeling alive."

"Aristotle's words are still breathing, Rumi's poetry will always inspire and Shakespeare's soul will never die."

"There is no better way to explain the importance of books than to tell you that even God chose the medium of a book to send his message to his people."


Beware - this site is addictive!!

http://geoguessr.com/

Senior Second-Hand Book Sales

A book sale noticeboard has been established in the Library, where ex-students can advertise second-hand textbooks for sale. It is located in the Mentor Area, next to the Careers Information Bookshelf. Books currently for sale include HSC texts and novels, as well as a number of study guides and past paper books. Significant savings can be made but we suggest you get in quickly.

Mrs Sue Dracoulas & Mrs Vikki Forrest,
Teacher Librarians
Learning Support Update

In Mathematics there are many formulas and different types of information that boys must learn and remember in order to understand and complete their work adequately. The use of a ‘mathematicians ruler’, which provides a number line, times tables, order of operations, and formulas, is an invaluable tool for Mathematics, but particularly for students’ who struggle to locate information they need quickly. This type of ruler can be easily purchased from Officeworks for around $5.00 and is strongly recommended as a visual learning tool for your child. Nicholas Carroll is pictured.

Mrs Sharon O’Keefe, Learning Support Coordinator

LOTE Update

Ciao a tutti et encore une fois, salut! As we approach the closure of the 2013 academic year, we extend congratulations to all the Year 10 Italian elective students who are in the process of completing their Stage Five tasks. We particularly extend our best wishes to those young men who will be attempting LOTE studies in stage six of their secondary educational journey. May success and enlightenment accompany your passionate endeavours!

Following their class reflection and written questionnaire, here are several highlights of the 2013 program from the students’ perspective.

Learning about contemporary Italian youth has provided inspiration for further study of this wonderful language and culture. Alessandro Sammareco & Giuliano Celani.

It was great fun researching and presenting the Italian Fashion Parade earlier this year. Nicholas Hertel

We really thought presenting our Italian Car poster to the class was enjoyable and it’s great to work in a supportive team environment. Lado Wani & Clement Mborow

Viewing and discussing the film Life Is Beautiful was one of the learning highlights for this year. Some episodes were emotionally charged and the whole class seemed moved. Wow! What an historical cliffhanger!

Liam Spice, Patrick Bear & James Carter

I missed Signorina Scalona when she left, however Signor Scavo is quite cool, especially when he talks to us in Italian. Hans Zabala & Mose Feilo

The lessons we did on Italian Gesticulation Techniques were just so funny and we enjoyed them immensely. Grazie Signora Lavaseilli. Aaron Pinto, David Salamie, Lucien Fitzgerald Rogers & Adrian Costaganna

Mr John Scavo, LOTE Teacher

The Vinnies Van - Action of Love

Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing. Mother Teresa

Year 11 students have generously given up their time to be of service to the most needy of our society. Groups have gone out on the Vinnies van with teachers on a Wednesday night to prepare food and distribute it to those in need. Most importantly they welcomed them with a smile and chatted with them throughout the night. The Patrician spirit is well and truly alive in our boys and staff.

Thank you to those who gave up their time to go out during the school holidays – Mrs D’Cruz, Mr M Hartigan, Mr Campbell, Sione Angaelangi, Sukamanu Raki, Sebastian Semau, Vincent Mulipola and Simon Fatialofa.

Also thank you to the group who went out two weeks ago – Mr Dadisho, Mr Kenyon, Mr J Williams, Wade Berry, Nicholas Cowan, Sumit Arora and Jared Moore.

Your generosity of service is a beautiful gift.

Ms Denise Grzelj, Vinnies Van Convenor

TAS Update

First time experiences in a fully functional workshop can be overwhelming for most twelve year olds. The workshop is filled with a vast array of hand tools and materials waiting to be cut, filed and drilled by one special Year 7 student.

Jai Uren of Year 7 DT9 has paved the way for others this semester. Jai was proud to showcase his “Indigenous / Australian” themed necklace to his teachers. His design incorporates a simple design but a very creative use of his chosen materials, brass and copper.

Congratulations Jai and keep up the fantastic work.

Mr Michael Benitez, TAS Coordinator
Peer Tutor Reading Program

Reading involves a hierarchy of skills from processing of individual letters and their associated sounds, to word recognition, to text-processing competencies. Skilled comprehension requires fluid articulation of all these processes, beginning with the sounding out and recognition of individual words to the understanding of sentences in paragraphs as part of much longer texts. There is instruction at all of these levels that can be carried out so as to increase student understanding of what is read.

We currently have a number of boys from Year 10 and Year 12 who, having attended a TAFE program, are now able to work closely with some of our junior students as Peer Reading tutors. The tutors work individually with the same student three times a week to focus on improving reading skills.

The aim of the program is to be able to ‘learn to read well’ in order to ‘read to learn’, an essential skill not only in secondary school, but for lifelong learning! There is NO more important skill than being able to read well!

Ms Sharon O’Keefe and Ms Denise Grzelj, Peer Reading Facilitators
In the ‘Energy’ Preliminary Chemistry unit, students learnt that one of the most important cultural achievements of early humans was the discovery of fire and that burning is one of the most common and oldest chemical reactions. Over many years, there has been an increased human need and dependence on fuel, particularly fossil fuels. The students were introduced to carbon chemistry, where they learnt about the structure and properties of carbon compounds (fossil fuels) to assist their understanding of the environmental issues associated with the use of these fuels. To finish the topic, they conducted a distillation practical where they had to distill an ethanol-water solution. Distillation is a separation technique based on different boiling points of liquids. This is similar to the industrial fractional distillation used to separate compounds in crude oil, also a separation technique based on separating compounds of different boiling points.

Ms Angela Pham, Chemistry Teacher

60 Seconds with Mr Taylor

Name: Leo Menassa
Year: 9
Strengths at school: Sport and Science
Favourite subject at school: Graphics with Mr Benitez. He makes learning fun and we learn a lot in his class.
Hopes to be in the future: I would like to be a pilot
If you could visit any place in the world, where would it be and why? Lebanon and Brazil because I would like to see my extended family and watch a soccer game in Brazil

Name: Brendan Ram
Year: 9
Strengths at school: Science and PDHPE
Favourite subject at school: Science with Mr Gange. He is a great teacher and it is fun to be in his class because we complete our work on time and then have time for practical demonstrations.
Hopes to be in the future: An actor starring in Bollywood films.
If you could visit any place in the world, where would it be and why? USA and Fiji. There are so many celebrities I would like to meet and it would be a fun place.

Mr Steve Taylor, Year 9 Coordinator
Special Religious Education (SRE) Report

A group of twelve Year 10 volunteers have been involved in the Special Religious Education (SRE) program. They have been travelling to Blacktown South Primary school every Thursday to teach students about our Catholic faith and the scriptures.

Mr Jim Prendergast, REC Coordinator

Year 6:
As Year 6 SRE teachers we have a great responsibility to teach and share our faith with the students as they strengthen their bond with God and the Holy Family. As we teach we find that the students are eager for knowledge and yearning for God in their life. Every week we found that our own faith is growing and that it is more than just going to church. We also must spread the Good News and share our Faith with the younger generation.

Alessandro Sammarco, Bienn Tongol and Patrick Bear

Year 5:
We have been teaching about God’s Banquet, the Annunciation, The Angelus, John the Baptist as well as preparing them for Advent. SRE has taught us the true value of religion to young people as it sets a foundation of morals and values. It has been a truly wonderful experience seeing the children learn more and more each lesson as they grow in their faith.

Daniel Mangabat, Jonathan Soans and William Ong
Year 2:
The Year 2 SRE class has been a great class to teach over the past 8 weeks. They have learnt about various iconic Catholic events such as the Annunciation, the delivery of Israel by Moses and David’s victory over Goliath. We have taught them about dogma such as the Ten Commandments, Mary the Mother of God and John the Baptist. They have proved their intelligence time and again, learning the Angelus as well. We have learned a lot from our experiences as SRE teachers.

Aaron Pinto, Christopher Walker and Brandon Tiedemann

Year 1:
We started our journey with Year 1, teaching them the values from the Christian teachings. It has been a wonderful start, as we explain to them the meaning of right from wrong, using the examples from Jesus’ life. We are presently focusing on Christmas and the birth of Christ. Watching the expression on their faces while we engage with them has been great. This experience has also helped us to grow in our faith and become closer to God.

Hans Zabala, Joshua Reyes and Austin James

What is a Catechist?

A catechist is a person who facilitates the process of faith formation. This is done firstly by echoing the word of God in his or her own life and secondly by helping others to do so. Through your work with adults, families, adolescents and children, you are passing on a living faith.

The primary goal of a catechist is to model God's love to others. As a result, the primary requisite of a catechist is a love for God and a love for children. A catechist designs and structures experiences for students that help them grow in their personal faith and spirituality and passes on to students a set of shared meanings and values that are Catholic. A catechist also initiates others into the faith community, into its life, its worship, symbols and practices.

The role of the catechist is a vital ministry of our Church. It is a gift that has tremendous value to the world community at large because through the catechist's word and actions, the message of Christ continues to have a place in all human affairs.
Thursday Morning Mass
What a privilege it is for us at Patrician Brothers’ College that we are able to celebrate the Eucharist each week. Every Thursday morning at 8.15am we gather in our College Chapel (ALL Saints Chapel) for a short but engaging sacrament.
MCS Basketball
Round 4 v Terra Sancta College

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Highlights from the matches included:
A Grade – Natnael Koko’s 4 slam dunks in the space of 6 minutes. Amazing entertainment for the crowd and a first for a player at our College.
B Grade – The team’s pressure defense was near-impenetrable, executed with precision and discipline. Baba Elkander was explosive on offense, ably supported by the quick-hitting play of his teammates.
9 Opens – Played well against a big team with solid defense. Joel Relunia was relentless all game, targeting the best opposition player. Geoff Doctor made his presence known getting heavily involved in our offense and scoring some very nice jump shots.
8 Opens – Strong game from Duwayne Fuimaono and great rebounding from Jordan Ehsman.

Round 5 v St Dominic’s College

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Highlights from the matches included:
A Grade – MVP Jeremy Finlayson’s great all round game. B Grade – We started off slowly but by the second half, our team was setting the pace. The team’s execution of the defensive plays was faultless. Raahil Nandan was best on court.
9 Opens – The only highlight is that we learned some of our weaknesses against a squeegee defense
8 Opens – Fantastic comeback. Super block from Sagato Katopau. Big game inside from Travis Sta-Ana and Jordan Ehsman. Joshua Ross was also strong.

MCS Cricket
Round 4 v Terra Sancta College

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Highlights from this round include:
Year 8 Opens – Luke Marshall with the bat made 46 NO. In the field we executed 3 run outs. Outstanding wicket keeping from Aaron Baker.
A Grade – Arjun Nair’s hat trick and 3/5. Nicholas Grant 31no from 13 balls. Great return from Nicholas and a solid team effort. Catches taken and tight bowling.

Round 5 v Penrith

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Highlights from this round include:
Year 8 Opens - The team never stopped trying against a good Penrith outfit.
Year 10 Opens – Ricky Nair 29 runs and Gurkirat Singh taking 1 / 9
C Grade – Brent Naden scoring 29 runs and Jack De Goia taking 2 / 15.
B Grade – Jai Mohan 1 / 21. Zorawar Singh 33. Well done boys. We batted out the overs and scored our highest total.
A Grade – A strong finish by St Doms set up a tough chase.
Despite strong efforts from Will Reardon (35) and Jamie Hill (33), and some big hitting from Ricky Sheppard (21) we couldn't keep with the required rate.

Mini Golf Update

Competition is really beginning to heat up at Blacktown Mini Golf! Mr Hendy and Miss Gearing have devised a strategic weekly competition. The boys have formed groups of 3 -4 with various skill sets and age groups. Although Week 1 had its fair share of miss hits and multiple bogeys, the boys are starting to find their form! With every week that goes by the boys are gaining confidence and their scores are definitely improving. As the supervising officials, it is great to see so many of the boys getting involved and taking on a new skill. Some even take on the challenge to play against us (although Sean Furey will definitely owe Mr Hendy a few soft drinks by the end). At the end of each week, boys have tallied up their scores and each group winner is awarded a ribbon. Our golfers have all been well behaved and have represented Patrician Brothers’ Blacktown with pride.

Special mention must go to Brodie Vassallo for his outstanding performance! His Week 5 score of 35 (under par over 18 holes) rivals that of Adam Scott. Laren Henry on the other hand has won several weeks in a row and is proving to be a major threat in the overall Golfer of the Term tournament.

Thank you to all the boys for their enthusiasm, manners and participation!
Stayed tuned for more updates and notable performances.

Mr Jordan Williams and Ms Melanie Gearing
PBB Sports Ribbon Recipients:

**Indoor Rock Climbing:**
Jayden Gatt
Joshua Yondjo
Jacob Bobbin
Kyle Pereira
Patrick Ross

**Mini Golf:**
Laren Henry
Jamil Dewan
Brodie Vassallo
Jeshni Gounder
Brandon Rennie
Sean Furey

**School Tennis:**
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Date: Saturday 14th December
Time: 6pm Mass
Ages: 16-35

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