The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.

St Augustine
Travelling is almost like talking with those of other centuries.

René Descartes
Travel is more than the seeing of sights; it is a change that goes on, deep and permanent, in the ideas of living.

Miriam Beard
One's destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things.

Henry Miller
We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm and adventure. There is no end to the adventures we can have if only we seek them.

Jawaharlal Nehru
Students at Patrician Brothers’ College were fortunate to once again be offered a wonderful travel experience. France and Italy in spring!
An excited group of 46 travellers embarked upon a thrilling journey through two beautiful countries. They were greeted with an explosion of sights, sounds, tastes and once-in-a-lifetime experiences! One of the pleasures of travel of course is that it constantly challenges our own limited experiences and exposes us to how other people lead their lives. Such was our experience in France and Italy. Although France and Italy are modern countries and members of the European Union they have retained a strong link with their past and their cultural heritage. Witnessing their celebrations during Easter was a wonderful privilege. The French and Italians seem able to see God as part of their daily lives and they successfully combine worship, family and community into events that are joyous, robust and great fun.
The trip was perhaps our most successful overseas venture to date (certainly our biggest!). Take the time to read some of the reflections of the travellers in this edition of ‘The Focus’.

Please be kind to each other,
Santo Passarello
From the Assistant Principal
Welcome back to staff, students and parents for Term 2. Despite the recent break for Easter and school holidays, the school has been a hive of activity for the last month. Prior to the holidays we sent a large group of students and staff to France and Italy. All reports from this trip, particularly the daily updates and photos posted on Twitter, were overwhelmingly positive and there is no doubt that the horizons of these students have been expanded considerably. Back here at school, a long list of Year 12 classes gathered at school for HSC tutorials and study sessions. Thanks to all staff who contributed to these activities during their holiday time and congratulations to the students involved whose enthusiasm and commitment were confirmed by their attendance. Last week we had two other major events at school, namely our annual Open Night for prospective Year 7 students and parents, and a Rugby League exhibition match against the touring Under 18 Fijian Development team. Both events were highly successful in terms of results and school spirit.

Upcoming events include – the NAPLAN Tests for Years 7 and 9 on Tuesday 13/5, Wednesday 14/5 and Thursday 15/5; the Year 10 Social Dance in our Hall with Nagle College on Wednesday 21/5; and our College Mass for the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians on Friday 23/5.

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 move through 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 port from Blacktown Police and Westpoint security in terms of questioning any students found loitering around the Blacktown CBD without genuine reason.

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Mr Brian Edmonds

Merit Awards
Congratulations to the following award recipients for this fortnight. These awards will be distributed at upcoming Year and College Assemblies.

Bronze Awards
Panwanjot Singh Jas 7C16
Tyren Miller 7C12
Benjamin Taulalai 7C12
Abin Thomas 7C12
Christian Ulu-Kini 7C13
Ethan Cruz 8D24
Isaac Hogan 8D17 2 Awards
Kirishoth Kamalanathan 8D19
Aasir Khan 8D22
Prabhjeet Singh 8D20
Rameez Parkar 9A26
Anthony Pecora 9B4
Manmeet Saini 9A25
Munsa Saggi 9A26

Robbie Singh 9A24
Jamil Dewan 10C19
Luke Dickson 10C7

Good luck to all for the upcoming fortnight!
Mrs Natacha Warrant, Merit Awards Convenor

The Role of Parents
When working with individual boys at Patrician Brothers’ Blacktown, it becomes obvious that some boys struggle to use their Diary efficiently or to know in what order to begin their homework. It is a good idea to spend two minutes each night with your child to help them organise their class work before they start it. Help them order the sequence of assigned work and then send them to their study area for a set amount of time to complete it. Have him return after the time has elapsed to see how he has gone and give positive feedback and praise him for work completed. It is important to show an interest in your child’s class work as it makes them feel less isolated from the rest of the family. Students should not spend wasted hours in their room each night stewing over difficult work as they begin to get a negative attitude to it as a result. If you find this is happening on a regular basis, please contact Learning Support to discuss strategies that will address the problem. The décor, lighting and general ambience of the area where your child does their assigned class work is critical in providing the incentive to spend time there.

Mrs Sharon O’Keefe, Learning Support Coordinator

Breaking in the Amphitheatre in a Musical Way
Open Night was not only the first time new Year 7 students of 2015 saw all the College has to offer, but it was also the first time our new amphitheatre featured MUSIC! Our Year 12 HSC music students collaborated and organised 2 contemporary bands which both played extensive sets featuring electric guitar solos, vocal harmonies and instrumental improvisations. From the turnout of students, staff and guests sitting and enjoying the music, the new amphitheatre was a huge success as a live performance space.

Mr Anthony Silvestrini, Music Department

Did you know that Patrician Brothers’ College was represented by 3 members of staff at this historic event!

Canonisation in Rome

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France & Italy Trip 2014
Let's begin our reflection on this amazing journey with our Travel Diary:

Day 1: Wednesday 9 April 2014
Australia – France
Flying Singapore Airlines

Day 2: Thursday 10 April 2014
Paris
We visited the awesome Sacre Coeur, built from 1875 to 1914, and one of the most imposing Basilicas in the Christian tradition. In the afternoon we continued our sightseeing tour of Paris with a trip on the Funiculaire de Montmartre and a stroll along the Champs Elysees. This was followed by a magical cruise on the River Seine.

Day 3: Friday 11 April 2014
Paris
We continued our tour through Paris with a special visit to the Cathedral of Notre Dame, followed by a visit to the Eiffel Tower. We then had the opportunity to visit the Louvre Museum and of course do some shopping!

Day 4: Saturday 12 April 2014
Paris – Disneyland
A magical day of wonder and awe as we explored (and rode) all that Disneyland in Europe had to offer!

Day 5: Sunday 13 April 2014
Paris – Milan
We began our day with a special Mass to celebrate Palm Sunday. We then caught a TGV (a very fast train!) from Paris to Milan. What a fantastic journey – seeing the beautiful countryside unfold!

Day 6: Monday 14 April 2014
Milan – Lake Como – Milan
After a scrumptious breakfast we headed to Lake Como to enjoy our private cruise and our chance of spotting famous faces! Back in Milan we enjoyed a magical tour, including a visit to Castello Sforzesco and a visit to the famous and much photographed Duomo Cathedral and Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II.

Day 7: Tuesday 15 April 2014
Milan – Verona – Padova
We had a tour of world famous Verona, including Juliet's House and Balcony and the Arena di Verona. Verona is perhaps one of the most enchanting towns in all of Italy. We then arrived in Padova - we were left speechless! The beauty of the Basilica of Saint Anthony (home to St Anthony, the renowned patron saint of lost articles) and the Prato della Valle!

Day 8: Wednesday 16 April 2014
Venice
Today we had a magical ferry ride along the famous Grand Canal in Venice. We also visited a Glass Blowing Factory, entered the Doge’s Palace and Bridge of Sighs and visited St Mark’s Basilica. We will never forget our walk across the Rialto Bridge! Some even took a ride on a gondola!

Day 9: Thursday 17 April 2014
Padova – Ferrara – Maranello – Florence
Departing Padova we visited the medieval town of Ferrara, including the Castello Estense. We then visited the home of Ferrari, the town of Maranello. We had a guided tour of the Ferrari museum AND many of us took the opportunity to drive (or be driven in) a Ferrari!

Day 10: Friday 18 April 2014
Florence – Perugia – Assisi – Florence
Today we drove through the regions of Tuscany and Umbria where we had panoramic stops in the cities of Perugia and Assisi. Perugia is a famous Unesco town AND home of the Baci Chocolate Factory. We enjoyed a tour of the factory AND many, many free samples! Assisi is where St Francis tended the poor and sick and founded the Franciscan order. On arrival in this medieval hillside town, we visited the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels where St Francis spent most of his life. In visiting Assisi it was obvious to us why our Pope chose the name Francis!
Day 11: Saturday 19 April 2014
Florence
Is there a more famous city in the world than Florence? Today we visited the famous Duomo in Florence whose magnificent dome was created by Brunelleschi and also had a half-day sightseeing tour, including a visit to Piazzale Michelangelo. How many people can lay claim to gaining entry to the Academy of Fine Arts to view the one and only Statue of David!

Day 12: Sunday 20 April 2014
Florence – Pisa – Lucca – Florence
Following a memorable and joyous Easter Sunday Mass in Florence we toured Pisa and viewed the Leaning Tower of Pisa (is there a more famous landmark!). We were then guided through Lucca, including visiting the Duomo San Martino. Plus – more shopping time in Florence!

Day 13: Monday 21 April 2014
Florence – Siena – Orvieto – Rome
Farewelling Florence we travelled to the renowned city of Siena, home to the Palio Race. We climbed the Torre del Mangia and enjoyed a magnificent view across all of Siena. We then moved onto the city of Orvieto, including entry to the St Patrick’s Well and visited the Duomo Cathedral. We then arrived in the most beautiful city in the world – Rome.

Day 14: Tuesday 22 April 2014
Rome
The day began with a tour of the San Sebastiano Catacombs, followed by the most ancient sights within Rome. We visited the Colosseum, Circus Maximus and the Roman Forum. We threw coins in the Trevi Fountain and window shopped along the Via Condotti. The Spanish Steps were simply amazing! We also discovered the joys of using the Metro system in Rome!

Day 15: Wednesday 23 April 2014
Rome – Pompeii – Rome
Today we visited the ancient ruins at Pompeii. Pompeii is one of the most significant examples of Roman civilization and provides outstanding information on the art, customs, trades and everyday life of the past. The city was unexpectedly buried in a thick layer of ash and lava which poured down from the devastating eruption of Vesuvius in the year 79 A.D.

Day 16: Thursday 24 April 2014
Rome
Today we went to St Peter’s Square within Vatican City, home to Pope Benedict XVI. We entered Catholicism’s most sacred shrine, St Peter’s Basilica. We then had a walking tour featuring Michelangelo’s Dome and the breathtaking Pieta, Bernini’s Papal Altar and Chair of St Peter. We also enjoyed entry to the famous Castel Sant’ Angelo. In the afternoon we discovered more sights of Rome. Strolling through the streets of Rome is like walking through the pages of a history book! We marvelled at the Pantheon, indulged in a gelato and sipped coffee the Italian way, standing in a café. Of course who can forget our time in Piazza Navona!

Day 17: Friday 25 April 2014
Rome
Today we prepared to farewell Rome and connected with a flight home stopping at Hong Kong.

Day 18: Saturday 26 April 2014
Sydney
Arrived home!
The trip was an experience that the travellers will always treasure. We can’t forget of course that the trip was also extremely enjoyable! Who could forget:

- Climbing the Eiffel Tower and seeing all of Paris on a beautiful spring morning!
- Going to Disneyland in Europe!
- Witnessing the Good Friday procession at the Sacre Cour in Montmartre, Paris.
- Cruising along the famous River Seine in Paris.
- Throwing coins into the Trevi Fountain in Rome.
- Cruising around Lake Como.
- Walking up the Spanish Steps in Rome.
- Cruising around Venice.
- Visiting the Ferrari Museum in Maranello AND driving the Ferraris!
- Seeing the Leaning Tower of Pisa.
- Staying in 4 star hotels.
- Eating at restaurants every day!

It is also appropriate to specifically commend the students that journeyed through France and Italy. We saw a growth in their sense of mateship, how older students took younger students under their wings, how they stuck together and discovered the value of friendship and bonding. They grew in maturity, independence, confidence and understanding, and they developed responsibility. We were extremely proud of you!

Finally, I would like to personally thank each of the community members that shared in this experience. You have been a credit to the entire school community.

Mr Santo Passarello
Principal

Grazie di cuore
Feedback from some of the travellers:

The France and Italy trip of 2014 was a life changing experience! A jam-packed, highly organised schedule kept us all on the go (Andiamo!). The cities were rich with stunningly preserved history and culture and friendly locals. The architecture was breathtaking: from the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris to the Vatican in Rome. Every city offered us a distinct experience and we were never left disappointed. The city of Paris was a real highlight for me. Aesthetically it was a real treat for the senses. A landslide of landmarks and cultural experiences, from viewing the Mona Lisa to eating snails, I was never disappointed. Other highlights included gems such as Venice, Verona and Assisi. A short drive through the idyllic countryside and you found yourself in another world. Venice looked like a postcard, full of canals and gliding gondolas. Verona with its unique beauty definitely deserved its mention in Shakespeare’s work. A huge thank you goes to Mr Passarello, without him, none of this would have been possible.

Ms Melanie Gearing, Supervising Teacher

The France and Italy trip was one of the most unforgettable experiences I have had yet. Exposure to different cultures helped me to appreciate the different foods they had to offer. Visiting the Ferrari Factory was one of the highlights of the trip.

Jake Halpin, Year 9

Roman influence that dominate most Italian cities make me want to return! Eneriko Fugawai, Year 9

My favourite part of the trip was our visit to St. Peter’s Basilica in the Vatican. The beauty and majesty of it was simply overwhelming. The endless mosaics and relics filled my eyes with wonder. The trip for me was both a pleasure and a learning experience. I can’t even imagine how much work Mr Passarello did in organising the trip. Thank you!

Sam Patsaras, Year 12

The trip to France and Italy for me was an experience that I will never forget. The Eiffel Tower in France and the Colosseum in Rome were my two favourite sights. Of course - who can forget being in Maranello and being driven in a Ferrari! Chase Chapman, Year 8

46 of us embarked on a journey of a life-time to explore Europe. For me, I thoroughly enjoyed the whole trip from the Leaning Tower of Pisa to the famous Statue of David, Pompeii and Vatican City. One landmark that stood out for me was the Eiffel Tower. If you have the opportunity to embark on a future Patties European Tour - take it.

Thomas Lees, Year 11

The France and Italy trip will be remembered for a lifetime. My highlight of the trip was visiting Pompeii and being able to see the remains of an ancient city. I was surprised to see moulds of a man, pregnant lady and a dog that have been preserved from the volcanic ash.

Michael Zahkia, Year 9

Enjoying Florentine shopping and the Roman Culture was only a part of many great experiences that took place. Paris, Venice and Milan were the most magical places I have visited not to mention the FOOD! The strong Renaissance and
The France and Italy trip was an unforgettable experience! My two most enjoyable parts of the trip were the Catacombs and the Colosseum in Rome. William Quick, Year 9

The France and Italy trip was a once in a lifetime opportunity that I had the privilege of attending. I particularly enjoyed visiting Venice in Italy; I was fascinated by the city built on water! Thank you to Mr Passarello and all the wonderful staff. Aiden Baker, Year 9

My favourite part of the trip was visiting the Ferrari Museum, Pompeii and spending time talking to teachers and other students at our nightly dinners in restaurants. Spending time with my group on the 7 hour bullet train ride from Paris to Milan was also a highlight. A great experience! Grazie to Mr Passarello and all the staff. Aaron Baker, Year 8

What an amazing experience! We were truly blessed to have the opportunity to experience some of the most beautiful places in the world. Postcards and films do neither France nor Italy justice. The stunning Cathedrals in both nations were breathtaking! Being able to attend Easter Sunday Mass in Florence was something special. Our boys represented the College in an outstanding manner and were a pleasure to travel with. Thank you to Mr Passarello and all staff and students for such a memorable experience. Merci! Ms Charmaine Castellino, Supervising Teacher

France and Italy trip, 2014 was beyond my expectations. The highly organised tour didn’t leave any room for disappointment and to add to the success of the trip we were blessed with beautiful weather for nearly the whole trip. The main highlights of my experience were driving a Lamborghini for the first time and experiencing traditional Italian and French foods. That included snails! The students and staff had the opportunity to speak the language where it was greatly appreciated by the locals. The Duomo of Milan was one of the best architectural designs I have ever seen. It was hard to understand how such a detailed gothic structure was able to be erected with minimal technology hundreds of years ago.
Mr Danny De Alwis, Supervising Teacher

Where do I start? What a life changing experience filled with a lifetime of memories. Not only was I blessed with fantastic company the whole time, but we were blessed with perfect weather to embrace the beauty of Paris and Italy. To pick just one favourite moment from the trip is too difficult but I can list a few. My favourite day overall was when we had a walk-through of the Perugina Chocolate Factory and had multiple taste tests; followed by visiting the peaceful tranquility of Assisi and the numerous panoramic viewpoints. Other incredible moments included being face-to-face with Michelangelo’s ‘David’, the enormous amount of immaculate original pieces housed in The Louvre in Paris, The Square of Miracles in Pisa, croissants in Paris and of course the Duomos in Florence and Milan. I want to go back! A truly life-changing experience that I will cherish forever! Mr Anthony Silvestrini, Supervising Teacher
From the Director of Studies
UTS Bachelor of Accounting Co-Op Scholarship
The closing date for Round 1 applications is Friday, 6 June 2014.
Interested students will need to apply online before 6 June via the following link - www.bachelorofaccounting.com (Click on “Application”, and follow the instructions). Please note applicants to the UTS BAcc course will be asking their High School to provide them with a supporting letter which they will submit with their online application before the closing date. It would be a good idea to attend the Information Evening to be held on Tuesday 20 May from 6.30-7.30pm at UTS.
Please RSVP by email to carin.alberts@uts.edu.au. Industry partners are looking for all-round achievers to join the course. Thus the university is looking for 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 the selection criteria, so some successful candidates will be stronger in other areas than on ATAR. Each year UTS takes in applicants whose eventual ATARs fall in the range 85-100.
UTS Bachelor of Information Technology Co-operative Scholarship Program
Round 1 applications for the UTS: IT Bachelor of Information Technology (BIT) Co-operative Scholarship Program at UTS are now open and close 20th June 2014. Round 2 applications will open in August and will close 30 September 2014. Benefits of the program are:

- Scholarship valued at around $46,500 over the three years
- Track record of 100% employment rate for graduates
- Two six-month full-time industry placements with sponsor organisations
- A fast track IT course with a business and leadership focus
- A prestigious course renowned within the IT industry for producing top quality graduates with business-ready skills

Year 12 students can get advice on the application and interview process from BIT scholars on the UTS website and connect with the BIT Program through the UTS BIT prospective students Facebook page www.uts.ac/BITco-op facebook.com/UTS.BIT
Students are also encouraged to attend the information evening on Wednesday 11 June at 6pm. Details and registration form can be found on our main webpage www.it.uts.edu.au closer to the event date. Don’t hesitate to contact the Engineering and IT Outreach office on (02) 95142666 or fax on (02) 9514 7803.

Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held Tuesday May 27th from 4pm till 8pm. Students will be making appointment times with their teachers. It is important that parents attend this interview to find out about their son’s progress and how they can continue to support their son in his progress towards the HSC. If you have made an appointment but you have to cancel it, please let the school know and ask to reschedule the interviews. If a teacher raises any concern about your son, remain positive and address the specific concern asking for strategies that you could use to support your son in his study or in his time management. Listen to the teachers and maybe share with them some things that you have found work with your son at home. This is a two-way communication process. It is important that we all become active members to help your son achieve his very best.

Early Offer Year 12 (E12) University of Sydney
To be eligible to apply for E12, applicants need to be current Year 12 students undertaking the NSW Higher School Certificate who have either experienced financial hardship and/or are attending a school identified by the government as EAS eligible. Please visit Sydney.edu.au/e12 for additional information on E12 eligibility criteria and to view the eligible schools list. E12 applications will open from 6 August – 12 September 2014. If you require any further information please contact Fabi Fugazza at fabi.fugazza@sydney.edu.au or 8627 0123.

UAC Key dates for 2014-15 admissions

- applications open Year 12 processing charge $28
- Tuesday 30 September 2014
- on-line applications close
- Friday 31 October 2014
- applications close with additional fee $122

HSC and ATARS

- Wednesday 17 December 2014
- HSC results released by the BoSTES
- Thursday 18 December 2014
- ATARS released by UAC at www.uac.edu.au

Offers

- Tuesday 6 January 2015
- January Round 1 offers released 7.30am
- Wednesday 21 January 2015
- Main Round offers released at 6pm

Open Days

- Macquarie University 13 September 2014
- University of Canberra 30 August 2014
- University of Sydney 30 August 2014
- University of Technology 30 August 2014
- University of Western Sydney 1 September 2014 (Parramatta Campus)
- University of Wollongong 16 August 2014
- UNSW Australia 6 September 2014
- Australian Defence Force Academy 30 August 2014

Mrs Danuta Paton

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Thank you again to the generosity of staff and students who continue to give of their time for this worthwhile cause.
During the Easter holidays I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Canonizations of Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII. I also had the pleasure of spending three days with the Patrician Brothers’ College France/Italy tour group. It was an amazing three days where I had the opportunity to share with colleagues and students some amazing sites including Catacombs of San Sebastian, the Colosseum & the Forum as well as a day in Pompeii.

The first day of my pilgrimage included visiting the relics of Sant Andrea (Saint Andrew) in the Cathedral of Sant’Andrea in Amalfi. The next day, back in Rome, was ANZAC Day, and I attended a special ANZAC Day mass held at Domus Australia (Australia House) in Rome. We celebrated Mass with Cardinal Pell, our own Bishop Anthony Fisher of Parramatta and many other priests.

Rome had been packed with pilgrims since I had met with the Patrician Brothers’ group five days earlier, but Saturday there was a sudden influx of more people who had made their pilgrimage to Rome. I have been on a few World Youth Days before and the final Mass always has enormous crowds. What struck me as different at the Canonization was that there was a much broader spectrum of pilgrims. There were expectant mothers, families with small children, the elderly, the rich, the very poor, more orders of nuns than I have ever seen in my life, and all in one place to be present for the canonizations of two great saints; Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII.

When Pope Francis declared the two new Saints the crowd cheered with joy! Being in the piazza, Holy Communion was distributed to us, as we celebrated the Eucharist in the presence of four popes; Pope Francis, Pope Benedict, Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII.

I have since read that there were possibly a million pilgrims crammed into the square and surrounding streets. "They were priests, bishops and popes of the 20th century," Pope Francis said in his homily of the two popes being canonized, giants of the church's turbulent, post-World War II and Cold War eras. "They lived through the tragic events of that century, but they were not overwhelmed by them."

I am so grateful to have been given the opportunity to represent Patrician Brothers’ College Blacktown at this spiritual and historic moment.

Ms Jessica Fleming, Canonisation Pilgrim
The Official Patties France Italy Trip of 2014 saw a huge number of teachers and students head over to Europe over the holidays. However, they weren’t the only ones from our school enjoying the sites and sights of the cultural continent. I joined a group from our church parish on a pilgrimage to witness the dual canonisations of Popes John XXIII and John Paul II. I was extremely fortunate to have met JPII in the year 2000, the bi-millennial jubilee of the Church, so when news of his canonisation broke, there was never a question I would be charging across the world to be there for it! Although the canonisation was the principal purpose of the journey, the most spiritually enriching days came in visiting just about every sacred site in Rome and its surrounds. For a start I was able to catch up with my brother, Fr Daniel, who is a priest in Rome, who was able to take us to the tomb of St Peter beneath the Vatican and say Mass there. To pray at the tomb of the first Pope was nothing less than one of the most powerful experiences of my life. To be close to a man who was best friends with Christ Himself! I was also given the chance to pray at the tombs of other Apostles, including Andrew, Phillip and James. One third of the Apostles in two weeks! Other highlights included: Assisi, seeing the tombs of St Francis and St Clare, as well as the tiny Church Francis built himself; The Amalfi Coast and the Isle of Capri; The Anzac Day Mass at Domus Australia, with Cardinal Pell and Bishop Fisher, as well as another Patrician Brother, Br. Nicholas; St Louis Francois, which houses the great artist Caravaggio’s masterpiece, *The Calling of St Matthew*; and Orvieto, which houses the corporal on which a Eucharistic miracle took place. These are but the tip of the iceberg of the amazing cultural and faith shockwave I have received. Every Catholic must visit Rome. The history of our faith is displayed across the hundreds of Churches that dot the Eternal City and you must see it to experience it. Mr Colm McCaughan, Canonisation Pilgrim

Following the France/Italy Trip, I accepted an invitation to remain in Rome for the historic canonisation of two great popes. A massive audience showed up on Sunday 27 April 2014 to see this momentous event - the first in history. Pope Francis presided over the event, which was a public proclamation of Popes John Paul II and John XXIII’s sainthood. Adding to the significance of the canonization was the fact that two living pontiffs were present, as Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI was also in attendance. Never before has a reigning and retired pope celebrated Mass together in public, much less at an event honouring two of their most famous predecessors. Pope Francis took a deep breath and paused for a moment before reciting in Latin, “we declare and define Blessed John XXIII and John Paul II be saints and we enrol them among the saints, decreeing that they are to be venerated as such by the whole church.” Applause broke out from a crowd that stretched from St Peter’s to the Tiber River and beyond. A profound and spiritually enriching experience.

Mr Santo Passarello, Canonisation Pilgrim

THE CANONIZATION OF BLESSED JOHN XXIII JOHN PAUL II
Year 9 Geography Rural Fire service talk
Last Friday in our school theatre Year 9 Geography classes listened to our guest speaker, Mr Steve Mulligan, talk about the rural fire service as part of our unit on natural disasters. Mr Mulligan is an experienced volunteer fire fighter. He talked about the dangers of bushfires and gave us real world examples of how Australian bushfires are fought. The boys were extremely interested in his talk and asked a number of questions relevant to the topic. We would like to thank Mr Steve Mulligan for his time. We all learnt a great deal.
*Rahim Bakar, Year 9 Geography*

Year 7 TAS

Year 7 students have been busy designing and planning their pendants. The students will be cutting, riveting and plashing their designs on to two pieces of brass and copper. The techniques and processes are basic, though they have given the boys an introduction to the workshop and its practices.

Mums - you can look forward to a belated Mothers Day gift at the end of Term 2!
*Mr Michael Benitez, TAS Coordinator*

Year 11 Earth and Environmental Science Soil Study
In Year 11 Earth and Environmental Science, students are studying the Local Environment. As part of this study the students examined the local Cumberland Plain (which extends from Sydney through a corridor to Penrith and Windsor) and its regional minerals, rocks and soil to understand how it affects our biodiversity.

Students went out into the field to cut and record a soil profile and look at local vegetation. They have recently returned to the laboratory to test their soil for physical and chemical characteristics. They will look at soil composition and texture, pH, organic and water content and test for the presence of salts and other chemicals. Ultimately they will report on their soil and the great implications for the local environment. These skills are widely used by ecologists and councils who examine the effects of developers in this urban centre.

*Mr Chris Ferry, Earth and Environmental Science Teacher*

Year 11 Industrial Technology Excursion
On the 7th of May, our Year 11 Industrial Technology, Woodwork class embarked on an excursion to Fantastic Furniture at Fairfield. The study of such a company gave us the opportunity to witness multi-million dollar machinery being used on a full production scale. The manufacturing complex is one of Australia’s largest furniture production plants.

As a class group we were able to experience processes, techniques and machinery used in a school workshop and see how they were applied in an industry situation. As a class we would like to give a big thanks to Mr Benitez.

*Nirat Sridakham, Year 11 Industrial Technology Student*
Library Update

New Library Ambassadors

Congratulations to Terence Sullivan, Chris Magro, Ethan Woodley, Tej Kehal and Hayden Morris who were presented with their Library Ambassador badges by Mr Passarello at a recent assembly.

Rugby League Reads

Rugby League Reads is an initiative of The National Rugby League’s One Community. It is a collection of magazines, short story books and teacher resources that were established to inspire students to read and improve their literacy skills. The collection also contains Legend of League Biographies, a series of six fascinating books about high profile NRL players from 16 NRL Clubs. Each book provides player biographies, linked by common themes of mateship, cultural diversity, family, education, health and wellbeing and community.

This collection has already proven to be very popular. Come in and see for yourself what all the excitement is about.

WARNING: Some magazines contain really lame jokes by your favourite NRL players.

Reminders

It is recommended that students allocate plenty of time to print their assignments in the Library. It is often difficult to print when the task is due for submission on the same day that 200 students in the grade are printing as well. To avoid disappointment and stress, please try to print BEFORE the task’s due date. The Library staff are currently offering a small prize to students who print their assignment before the due date.

Blacktown City Libraries want you!

Blacktown City libraries run various events throughout the year. We are looking for volunteer Event Crew Members as:
- Photographers
- Videographers
- Ushers
- Button badge Makers

Register your interest at:
For more information contact Library Youth Development Officer Julian.Chung@blacktown.nsw.gov.au

Book Club

Enthusiastic Book Clubbers are meeting on Wednesdays at lunchtime on Day 8. We are currently reading Flash Jack by Maureen McCarthy. The boys enjoy posting their comments on our blog site as we read, and then discussing the book in more detail at our meetings. This week we had a fun quiz with lollies providing incentives for correct answers! If you are interested in reading and would like to come along see Mrs Dracoulas or Mrs Forrest and check out the library website.


Anzac Day

Australian and New Zealand forces landed on the shores of Gallipoli on April 25th 1915. This day was officially named ANZAC DAY in 1916. The Library currently has a book display which includes both fiction and non-fiction books which depict events that happened during the First World War. We encourage students to come and have a look at the display and borrow books if they wish.

Year 7 Library Quiz

Next week the library will be conducting a Library Quiz especially for Year 7. There will be some great prizes up for grabs. The quiz will test the students about their knowledge of the Library and some of the new skills they have learnt, whilst working with the Library staff during their Library lessons. Closing date is Friday 16th May.

IT Help

I need to use a mac laptop at lunchtime.
I can’t log in to classm8.
My password doesn’t work.
I don’t know how to embed a video into PowerPoint.
I can’t save into my home drive.
Answer all these questions and more at the IT help Spot. A technician will be available at the mac laptop corner of the library during lunchtimes Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays during Term 2.

Mrs Sue Dracoulas, Teacher Librarian
The Precious Gift of Blood

It was the last week of a very busy Term and on the very last day a group of Year 11 students made time to give a very precious gift. It was the gift of blood which they happily donated to the Red Cross Blood Bank.

Almost 27,000 donations are required per week for needy patients and our boys were happy to make their contribution. It was a first for all our boys and though a little nervous at first, they felt a real sense of achievement to be able to contribute such a life affirming gift.

Our boys have a wonderful spirit of generosity. Thank you to Brandon Kelly, Patrick May, Brendan Contarino, Vince Quiaem, Patrick Schell, Samuel Healy, Rafiq Shalla, Daniel Mangabat, Daniel Stanley, Shayne Gardiner and Austin James.

Ms Denise Grzelj, Year 11 Coordinator

Step Up Into Teaching (SUIT) Program

The Step Up Into Teaching program will again be available for current Year 11 students to apply for the 2014-2015 cohort.

Students will be able to study 2 modules from the ACU Bachelor of Education/Teaching, which counts as a 1 unit HSC BOS endorsed course. Unit 1 is a Foundation Unit however the second unit is an elective and may or may not be claimed as a credit, depending on individual courses of study. The course does not contribute to their ATAR mark however students will be eligible for a 5 mark credit with ACU if:

- They apply to ACU (as their first preference) to study Bachelor of Education/Teaching
- And they have achieved a Credit average in SUIT

Students who pass both subjects of Step Up Into Teaching are also eligible to apply for the Early Achievers’ Program which guarantees a place at ACU before HSC results are released.

The first unit will be delivered in Term 4 2014, commencing in the September/October school holidays and the second unit will be delivered in January 2015 during holidays. A draft timetable has been released and is included in the information brochure. Due to the structure of the course, students who are absent from any of the ACY lectures and who miss a substantial amount of course content would not be eligible to continue. Therefore students with other commitments during those holiday periods should not apply.

It is stressed that the program involves two university courses, presented and assessed at university level, by university staff. Therefore participants must display maturity, self-motivation and a prescribed level of academic achievement to succeed. Students wishing to apply will be required to:

- Fill in the application form, which will be available at the Information Evening
- Include copies of their last 2 school reports
- Pass it on to their Principal for comment, who will then forward it to the CEO

Selection will be based entirely on information in the application form and school reports.

The date for the Information Evening is 2 June so that the final cohort can be finalised for ACU to complete their enrolment procedures.

Applications will only be considered from students who attend the Information Evening on Monday 2nd June from 6.00pm-8.00pm at the Cathedral Hall, St Patrick’s Cathedral, Victoria Road, Parramatta.

Interested students MUST attend with at least one parent or guardian to ensure that they are fully informed regarding the course.

Important dates are as follows:

- Monday 2 June       Information Evening
- Tuesday 17 June     Applications to Principals
- Tuesday 24 June     Applications forwarded to CEO
- Friday 11 June      Notification of Application Outcome
- Friday 18 July      Email/Post acceptances back
- Tuesday 22 July     If applicable, Second Round Offers
- Monday 29 Sept      Course commences

Please see Mrs Danuta Paton for more information.
**Open Night**

Our recent Open Night was a huge success thanks to the 300 students and 75 staff that were on hand to assist. The new 2015, Year 7 students and their families were given tours, talks and a sumptuous supper!
Palm Sunday Walk

On Sunday 13 April a group of students and staff from the College joined hundreds of fellow students and young people from across the Diocese in a procession with Bishop Anthony Fisher OP and priests to walk from Parramatta City Town Hall to St Patrick’s Cathedral as part of Palm Sunday and 29th World Youth Day 2014 Celebrations. At the end of the procession we joined Bishop Anthony in celebrating Mass for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. (The Commemoration of the Lord’s Entrance into Jerusalem).

Bishop Anthony, in his homily, began with the story of Cristina Scuccia the 25 year old Ursuline sister of the Holy Family who became a YouTube sensation after appearing on the ‘blind auditions’ of the Italian version of The Voice. After assuring the judges she truly was a nun, said “I came here because I have a gift and I want to share that gift. I’m here to evangelise.” Bishop Anthony asked the question, how do we respond? Like Sr Cristina, we must use our gifts to evangelise, to give Christ to the suffering world. By becoming poor ourselves like Christ – saying no to the latest gadget or fashion and yes with all our heart like Mary, so that we become His imitators, His happy story-tellers, His Gospels. Happiness through Jesus Christ! Happiness with Jesus Christ! Happiness in Jesus Christ!

Reflecting on the Bishop’s homily, I am drawn to the College theme for 2014, “Don’t bury your talents”. How the challenge set for us by Pope Francis is to commit ourselves to our Catholic faith, inspired by the person and message of Jesus Christ. How we must be disciples of Jesus leading lives of service and prayer and sharing our talents by putting our faith into action.

Many senior students further accepted the invitation of the diocese and participated with their own parish groups in the Good Friday Walk. They joined Bishop Anthony and other young Catholics in an overnight walk and talk with the Lord from St Patrick’s Church Blacktown to St Patrick’s Cathedral, accepting the challenge to evangelise and taking the message of Christ to the world.

Mr Jim Prendergast, Religious Education Coordinator
Counsellors Corner
Everyone wants to be popular and well liked. Is just a part of who we are and what makes us human. But we want to be liked for who we are and what we are on the inside, not for the faces that we put on to please others. For some guys being popular and well-liked by others is all they can think about. Yet this is actually exhausting having to worry about doing the right thing to please others and gain acceptance all the time. Sometimes guys do the craziest things just to try and gain acceptance and popularity. They might pull a stupid stunt or go along with something just to gain acceptance from their peers. But is that really their true selves? If you need to do anything other than be your true self in front of people than you are not really popular anyway. The most important thing is to be the unique person that God created you to be.

Ms Linda Cassell, College Counsellor

MCS Swimming
On Wednesday 26 March our enthusiastic swimming squad competed in the MCS swimming carnival at the Sydney Aquatic Centre, Homebush. This was a very enjoyable evening. Congratulations are extended to all of our swimmers. One swimmer in particular deserves special mention and that is Timothy Hodge. Tim is a multiclass swimmer who swam against able-bodied swimmers at the carnival. He swam in 9 events on the evening placing 2nd or 3rd in four of these races. He achieved 6 PB’s from 7 individual races & 3 NSW & AUSTRALIAN 13 years & under Multi Class Records for 50m Backstroke, 100m Butterfly & 50m Breaststroke.

The team were well supported by family, friends, Mr Said, Mr Campbell, Mr Saleh and Mr Passarello. Congratulations and thanks again to all of our competitors on the evening.

Cross Country
The annual College Cross Country was run on Tuesday 29 April during Periods 5 and 6. Congratulations to all students who competed and completed the course. Special congratulations to the following boys who won their respective age groups.

U12 – Niwhai Puru
U13 – Firini Ampli
U14 – Connor Thomson
U15 – Jordan Coupe
U16 – Freid Lado
U17 – Connor Baggs

On Tuesday 6 May our College Cross Country Squad competed with great pride at the annual MCS Championships. Congratulations to the following boys who have qualified to represent the College at the prestigious CCC Cross Country to be held in June: Jordan Coupe of Year 9, Connor Baggs of Year 11 and Ivan Radacic and Matthew Pottinger, both of Year 8.

Thank you to all athletes who represented the College and Mr Durham for his assistance on the day.

Mr Robert Durham, Coach

NSWCCC Sports
Golf
Recently Joel Wheatley competed at the NSWCCC Opens Golf Championships where he placed 3rd. This in turn saw him selected to compete at the NSW All Schools Stroke event.

Swimming
Congratulations to Daniel Kucheruk and Timothy Hodge who competed at the recent NSW CCC Swimming carnival. Both swimmers, aged 13, competed with distinction on the day. Daniel swam the U13 50m Breast stroke and finished a commendable 4th. Timothy swam exceptionally well in the U12 – U15 Multiclass and U13 Able bodied events. His results for the carnival were:

Multiclass events
1st 50m freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and 100m freestyle
Able bodied events
3rd 100m backstroke and 5th 50m backstroke

Timothy then swam at the NSW All Schools carnival where he once again performed with distinction. At this carnival, Timothy swam exclusively in the U12 – U15 multiclass races.

1st 50m breast (meet record), 100m Backstroke
2nd 50m freestyle, backstroke, butterfly, 4 x 50m freestyle relay and the 100m freestyle.

Timothy will now travel to Melbourne later in the year to compete at the School Sports Australia National Championships. Congratulations Timothy and Daniel.

Cricket
Congratulations to Arjun Nair who recently represented the NSWCCC U19 Cricket side that competed at the NSW All Schools Championships. Arjun was the 3rd highest wicket taker at the carnival and was subsequently selected in the NSW All Schools side that will compete against QLD and the ACT later this year.

Sport Achievements outside of our college - Volleyball
As a 13 year old, Noorpreet Singh Badwal of 7C15 has recently been selected in the NSW U15 Volleyball team that will compete at the Nationals Championships in Albury. This is the 2nd year running that he has been selected in this team. Well done.

PBB Old Boys
It has been a pleasure watching some of our old boys in action throughout 2014. A significant number have featured prominently in their chosen sport.

You only have to turn the TV on of a weekend to see our gentlemen competing in Rugby League, Rugby Union, AFL and Horse Racing. Special mention must go to Samuel Wykes and Matthew Moylan. Sam, who plays for the Western Force, has been an integral part in his team’s charge up the ladder in 2014. Matt is proving to be the exception to the rule that a player’s second season in the NRL does not reach the same standards as their rookie season. Not only has Matt been playing good football for the Panthers, his club form saw him earn his first representative jersey, with selection in the NSW City Origin side. His brother Ben, not to be outdone, is a member of the Australian Men’s Touch Football side that recently defeated New Zealand in a 3 game Trans Tasman Series 3-0. Hot on their heels are Jacob Townsend and Sam Darley, flying the flag for AFL, playing for GWS Giants and the Western Bulldogs. Adam Flagg is also taking big strides towards a senior contract with a National AFL club, with outstanding performances in a highly regarded regional league.

Once a Patties Boy – Always a Patties Boy
International Rugby League
Patrician Brothers Blacktown V Fiji National U18’s

On Tuesday the 6th of May a selection of our senior teams played an exhibition game against the Fiji touring under 18’s team on our school oval. The national anthems of both teams were played and then the Fijian team linked arms in a circle and sang passionately before the game. There were many media representatives at the game as well as many high profile NRL players and administrators.

The match started well for Patrician Brothers who scored two converted tries in the first ten minutes. The momentum of the game then began to change with the very big and physical Fijian team able to score three tries and lead at half time by 14 to 12.

In the second half both sides played very attacking football and entertained the large crowd. The Fijian team capitalised on their opportunities to win the game by 32 to 22.

After the game both teams socialised over a BBQ with many new friends being made and photos being taken. The Fijian team enjoyed their day at Blacktown and would like to come back and play us again next year. Congratulations to both teams for a fine display of rugby league and sportsmanship.

Man on the Hill
Rugby League:
Senior 2 v Parramatta

It was shaping up as the match of the round and to tell you the truth, it did not disappoint.
Coach Lane was sidelined so I was lucky enough to fill in and guide these great young men to their first win of the season.

We arrived at Parramatta, well under the salary cap (points system) and the hope was that the boys would compete and enjoy themselves - which is the main reason we all began playing sport in the first place (something that is undervalued these days). Parramatta looked hungry, focusing and ‘firing up’ as they would say. I was to come up against a coaching mentor of mine who taught me a lot of what I know today.

The boys prepared well and showed signs that were ready to go but with Parramatta warming up across the other side by yelling and screaming - I must admit I was a little concerned.

The game started off as a really strong arm wrestle between the forwards -Logan Gladdish Fitzgerald and Jade Waithi got us going forward in the middle and Ezekiel Seia looked determined for a big performance on the edge.

We jumped to a 4-nil lead after some slick backline movements constructed by Jake Rafferty Buffield which saw us cross the line.

Parramatta ran hard and strong and continued to put us under pressure and scored either side of half time to lead 10-4 with ten minutes to play.

It was then the boys went back to some basics with Jayden Laupama, Damon Smith and Liam Webster getting control of our play through the middle.

We eventually ran out winners 22-10 in what was not only a great MCS match but one I was proud to be a part of.

Mr Adam Hartigan, Coach

U14 B
PBB 42 - St Gregs 0

A game defined by our willingness to play our structures and support each other. Ben Fisiilose (3 trys) was a power house, Jeremiah Trindall had all the tricks and Ned Bond was dangerous on the fringe.

SOCCER:
A Grade
After a positive start to the season, the team has lost its last 2 games. Whilst their effort has been good, their direction and decision making has let them down. Congratulations to Ben Ansah and Natnaeil Koko who were selected in the 30 man MCS Opens Representative squad.

B Grade

Round 6
The opposition capitalised on some simple errors from our defence and the game see sawed from 1-1, 2-1 and eventually 2-2. The dying minutes saw a rush of attack from both sides attempting to win the game. Unfortunately the simple errors came back to overcome some great determination.

The late goal conceded was very unfortunate after such hard work and effort.

Round 7
Fast and physical opposition were always going to be difficult to overcome. From the kick off, the B graders were caught napping and succumbed to an early deficit. The boys did their best to create chances, but to no avail. A second goal killed the game in the second half but a good effort.

Sport, Fitness and Recreation
As part of the Sports, Fitness and Recreation program for Term 2, the Year 11 students are involved in a variety of PSSA Rugby League refereeing experiences at Blacktown and Mount Druitt each Friday. The NRL recently ran an in-depth referee’s course to prepare the boys for the challenge of controlling young participants in a safe and inclusive environment.

It is a course requirement that each student completes 70 hours of Sports Coaching across the two-year course. Alongside the theory and practical component of refereeing recently run by the National Rugby League, this real life application will form the basis of the boys achieving course accredited hours and also help them gain the necessary qualifications to becoming a recognised referee in the Penrith district.

This program is a wonderful opportunity for students to reach out to the primary school students of the local community. The College has helped run these tournaments for the last two years and has maintained a very good rapport with the NRL and those primary schools that participate on a week-to-week basis. The boys are excited about the challenge and the opportunity given to them by the NRL and the College.

Mr Matthew Hartigan, Teacher

15 B’s MCS Rugby League – Rounds 1-3
The boys have taken a big step this year moving up into the A competition after an undefeated season last year. The boys started the year off well by winning their first 2 competition games convincingly. However, some poor defense led to our first defeat against St Dominic’s College, Penrith.

Round 1 vs Liverpool
Our first match was against a tough full-strength Liverpool team that came out with all guns blazing. The conditions were wet and slippery for both teams. It came down to patience, grinding out the tough sets and ball control. I praised the boys for their defensive effort keeping Liverpool to nil.

Try scorers were Jaydon Sperinck, Brad Nolland and Jubilee Soloa.
Result: Patties 12, Liverpool 0

Round 2 vs Auburn
After a 2 week break over Easter, the boys were a bit flat but keen to get back out on the paddock. Again facing a big, tough and enthusiastic Auburn team we found ourselves playing catch up football for most of the first half. The boys stepped up another gear after half time with some individual attacking brilliance by Jordan Trac-Cardona, Jubilee Soloa, Jaydon Sperinck and Silao Siaosi. The captain, Michael Zakhia, played an outstanding role, converting 3 from 4 goals.
Result: Patties 24, Auburn 18

Round 3 vs St Dominic’s, Penrith
Outclassed by a better team on the day!
Result: Patties 8, St Dom’s 28

Mr Mark Hendy, Coach
MCS Rugby League A Grade v Terra Sancta

On Thursday the 8th of May our A Grade played their first match in this year’s competition and put on an outstanding display in winning by 52 points to 10. The side came back from an early scare after trailing by 6 to 4 to dominate the rest of the match. All players performed well and enjoyed playing on the main field and displaying the great Patties spirit. We look forward to the team continuing to improve for the remainder of the competition.

Man on the Hill

Super League

Cowboys
Rayne Abu Ganaba, Luke Tyson, Zigee Parker Gregg, Dylan Jones, Brendan Hooper, Ryley Bamblett, Shera Grewal, Venni Iuli, Max Tomasic, Rames Abu Ganaba, James Hunter and Tyler Tuigamala

Raiders
Bailey Young, Tyren Miller, Daniel Parsons, Jake Ferguson, Christian Ulu-Kini, Villami Lolo, Bailey Leniu, Marlin Su, VJ Fello, Teivao Manu Tamariki and Reee Chicca

Sharks
Amuk Yac Majok, Luol Wol, Sindhuveet Lal, Madhieu Wathwei, Anthony Louis, Jim Abdalla, Paul Cutmore, Andrew Mouannes, Jayden Tighe, Jordan Mackin and Nicholas Gualterio

Tigers
Cazitu Koko, Braydan Duncan, Joseph Pualoa, Joseph Perez De Tagle, Tj Pelasio, Salim Toutu, Anthony Ikimata, Jackson Rangitonga, Kaleb Thorp, Lucas Groom and Josiah Latu

Dragons

PBB School Sport Ribbon Recipients

School Tennis
David Iskander
Yuvraj Singh
Tyran Liddiard

Table Tennis
Stephen Bali
Joshua Masonwells
Eric Tan

Ten Pin Bowling
Tristan Dizon
Matthew May
Thomas Cowen
Joshua Lin
Jake Buena
Froilan Basco
Ethan Howlett
Brody Donovan
Andre Fuerte
Dominic Vella
Dennysn Veloso
Zachery Salman
Carl Cruz
Yuvraj Manav
Alvin Gaunter

Rock Climbing
Jacob Bobbin
Remy Nijjar
Pukhraj Sanghera
Sebastien Navarro
Tai Ammunson

Year 8 Basketball
Patrick Falefoou
Joshua Ross

Year 7 Basketball
Lachlan Thomson

Find your pic on Instagram @PBBSCHOOLSPORT

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Newspaper Articles

Twins determined to get to top

LIAM AND SAMUEL HEALY HAVE SIGHTS SET ON CLIMB SUCCESS

Ivan Sief

It’s less than a year, but it’s already a month since Liam and Samuel Healy have succeeded in the peak of the competitive climbing world.

Samuel, who attends Patrician Brothers College Blacktown, was the first to discover the lure of the wall after experiencing some time as a school sports day.

He was soon hooked into the sport by twin brother Liam and in the past 12 months has been training under coach Wei Chien Chen at Blacktown’s Deka Clim.

“Two years ago, my twin brother Liam and I went to a climbing club in Australia,” Mr Chen said.

“This is when we started really getting into the sport and we’ve been working very hard since then.

Liam and I have been nominated for the Boys’ Local Junior Sports Star Award, which is the highest national award a junior climber can receive.

The annual statewide competition is open to all climbers and the final rankings are decided by a panel of experts.

It’s hard to choose who wins the award, but,” Liam said.

“Obviously, we both want the award to be a personal best.”

Liam, who will be representing Australia in the Junior Sports Star Award, is sponsored by Rebel Sport.

A popular local climbing gym, the Healy twins have a good chance of winning.

Junior Sports Stars Liam and Samuel Healy have scaled their way to success.

INSIDE LEAGUE

City slicker: Matt Moylan makes a break on Sunday

MOYLAN HAS A STRING OF NO.1'S

By Chris Busby

LAST year, Moylan was the talk of the town when he led the Penrith Panthers to the Grand Final. This year, he is back to the game and it seems like he is ready to take on the world.

Moylan has been one of the standout players of the season, attracting the attention of most professional coaches. He has won admirers from all corners of the globe and his performance in the crucial moments of the game is peerless.

His ability to handle pressure and his determination to win at all costs have made him a role model for many young players.

Moylan has been a constant threat to the opposition, his pace and power have been instrumental in Penrith’s success.

He has been in great form in the opening rounds of the season and is expected to continue his winning form in the upcoming games.

Moylan’s performance in the last few games has been nothing short of exceptional, his ability to control the game and make crucial decisions has been a key factor in Penrith’s success.

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Gordon fast-tracks to glory

THERE'S NO STOPPING PARA-ATHLETE NOW HE'S SADDLED UP WITH ACADEMY OF SPORT

Evan Stelf

Tall, lanky Gordon Allan, navigating his track bike around the oval, is a study in determination, powering his speed through a burst of speed, giving it all he's got.

"I go faster than I used to, and I'm getting better at it," he says.

Gordon is a para-athlete, having been diagnosed with cerebral palsy when he was young. Despite the challenges, he refuses to let it hold him back.

"If you work hard and practice, you can achieve anything you set your mind to. I've been training hard and it's paying off," he says.

With support from his community and family, Gordon is on the fast track to success. His determination and hard work have earned him a place at the Academy of Sport, where he is being mentored by a team of expert coaches.

"I'm excited to be here. The opportunities are endless, and I'm looking forward to seeing where this journey takes me," he says.

Gordon's story is an inspiration to all who know him, and he serves as a reminder that with determination and hard work, anything is possible.

Worshipful walkers

A group of young worshipers walk from St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta to St Patrick's Cathedral in Blacktown to mark Good Friday.

The walk, known as the Good Friday Walk, began with teenagers and young adults walking from 10am on Friday. The group then sang a prayer at St Patrick's Blacktown parish.

One of the worshipers said it was her third year participating. "It's a great way to meet people and bond with others who are passionate about faith," she said.

"It's a great reflection of how we can learn from each other," another worshiper said. "It's a peaceful and reflective time during the Stations of the Cross at Blacktown and Parramatta."
Passion wins out

By John Macdonald

Once he’s brought your first son, you never stop looking, how Alan said he’d been told.

But his son, Gordon, has found what he’s looking for, the father’s happy.

His 15-year-old son has found competitive cycling and success has followed him.

Gordon suffered from a mild form of cerebral palsy, known to right side and began cycling in 2013. He started at 5.

He now holds the leader’s jersey in the category and the Western Sydney Academy of Sport has chosen him as the first to join its para-cycling program.

Father Ross said the ride, a 33-year-old, didn’t have a history with their Lake Park front door and had numerous rides across the dislan, room table.

The search has started, but is more than, he’s not complaining.

“Gordie has been a member of the Paralympic Cycling Club for 22 years,” Ross said.

“Ross has raced this year and picked up the leader’s jersey in handicap.”

It was his son that entered the open road, a 5km race trial — and he learned that there was more to para-cycling than just surviving some sick days difficulties that had to be negotiated.

“Ross had been into a few". Ross said.

“Ross has come on in leaps and bounds. I thought he had always been quite fit until I see him now. No one’s ever had a ride in the Paralympics. He has been a class captain for the past two years,” Ross said.

Gordon has come on in leaps and bounds under coach Lyle King, since Paralympic cyclist Peter Brooks had nominated him for the Para-cycling program.

Down the road.

Well, the 2016 Rio Paralympics is the obvious dream.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Dallin’s double a dream

TRACING THE BOUNDARY MARGIN

Local junior Dallin Watene-Zeleniak already had been overshadowed for many years.

The Panthers made it three from three at home this season with a 28-12 win over the Canterbury Bulldogs in wet and soggy conditions at Sportspark Stadium on Saturday.

Watene-Zeleniak, 24, missed the 2018-19 season due to an injury, but had returned from the weekend with a bang.

“I was the third man up with five ties. The boys helped me a lot and get a lot out of this,” he said.

“I had a lot of family and friends at the game. From all through school. “

“A lot of older kids are out there,” he said.

“I think that today I will probably make up in the morning and think it was a great game.”

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JUNIOR SPORTS STAR

Stamina leads to Bulls victory

UNDER-13 TRIUMPH IN THE LUKE PRIDDIS CUP

Laurenza Marhudo

EVEN with their numbers down, the Hills Bulls under-13 rugby league players have proved they remain unbeatable.

The team lifted the Luke Priddis Cup in their debut, winning all five games in the one-day event held in Coldborn on April 25.

They also earned nominations for Rebel Junior Sports Star in our Rebel Junior Sports Star competition.

Coach Peter Conner said it was a successful performance by his youngest, who braved injury and illness to take on the successful title.

"The boys showed a lot of courage and stayed up in their game," he said.

"We had to deal with injuries and had only 14 fit players for the competition.

"The Luke Priddis Cup was a high-quality event. This is the first time we have competed in this tournament and I am very proud of the boys."

Led by Tyrell Field, the Bulls were focused on bringing their best form to all games to finish in the top 20.


The Hills Bulls won the under-13 rugby league tournament in their debut.

JUNIOR SPORTS STAR

Teenager reels in huge medal haul in swimming events, leading to nomination for annual award

PARA swimmer Timothy Hodge continues to prove his pedigree in the pool, claiming an impressive medal haul at the 2014 Australian Age Championships earlier this month.

Timothy, 13, finished with one gold, three silver and four bronze medals from his 10 multi-class events, along with four state records and three national records.

A few weeks earlier he swam at the 2014 Australian Swimming Championships in Queensland.

Timothy Hodge.

Competing against swimmers of all ages, including Australian Paralympians Matthew Cowdrey and Brendan Hall, Timothy finished in the top 10 in four

events and even made the final of the 100m freestyle.

The Kings Langley athlete was born with a lower-leg deficiency that forced doctors to amputate his right foot at the age of four.

Timothy’s dedication to sporting success despite his disability saw him claim the NewsLocal Junior Sports Star Young Achiever Award last year and he has again been nominated.

The Junior Sports Star Awards are sponsored by Rebel Sport.
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Engaging Your Adolescent - Parenting Skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems
In this course parents/carers are provided with a model for working out:
- What behaviour needs to be ignored
- Coaching teenagers to consider the consequences of their actions
- How to hold difficult conversations when agreements are breached and MORE
This is a practical ‘how to’ guide for parents/carers
When: Mondays 21st, 28th July and 8th August 2014
Time: 6pm-8.30pm
Where: CatholicCare Blacktown Family Support, St Patrick’s Parish Centre, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown
Cost: $15.00 to cover course materials (Please phone to discuss any financial difficulties). Please call 8822 2222

Managing the Bull – A course for teenagers (This group Years 7, 8 & 9 students)
“Managing the Bull” is a 6 week course, that builds resilience and self esteem in teens through games, activities and discussions.
Participants will learn to:
- Recognise bullying
- Discover inner strengths
- Build self esteem
- Communicate effectively
- Deal with cyber-bullying
- Build support networks
- Use personal protection plans
When: 23rd July – 27th August, Time: 3.45pm – 5.45pm
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Our 2014 campaign commences on 4 June against highly fancied Erindale College from Canberra.
Details are:
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We wish our First Grade team and coaches Mr Peter Ross, Mr Greg Beacroft and Mr Matt Hartigan the very best.

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