The Love of Jesus

Recently a dinner took place that celebrated the retirement of a very successful coach. He and his teams had won many championships. He was very proud of his students but he knew that it was time for him to pull back from the daily grind of practices and the frequent strain and tension of the games. He was fraying around the edges and he knew it.

He did not want to leave the school or give up the sport. So it was agreed that he would become the football coordinator and someone else would become the coach. He promised that he would never interfere in the daily running of the team. Since he was a man of his word, everyone knew that he was telling the truth.

Everyone knew that it would never be like it used to be, like it had been for such a long time. At his farewell dinner, the players, the other coaches, the teachers, the parents were all deeply moved. They did not want to say goodbye, yet they knew the change would be good and that it was wise to say goodbye. In his farewell speech the coach commended his players to the new coach. Take good care of them, he said, because I love them all.

This is how Jesus felt about us when he said goodbye to return to the father in heaven. More importantly, that is the way he still feels about us and he has a lot more power than a coach!

Please be kind to one another, Santo Passarello
From the Assistant Principal
The last fortnight has seen a number of major events at the College. Year 10 students attended their Subject Information Evening in preparation for their entry into HSC courses in 2015; Years 7, 8 and 10 parents and students gathered for their respective Parent/Teacher Evenings; the staff and Year 12 group photos were conducted; delegates from the Commonwealth Building Grants Authority attended the school with representatives from CEO Parramatta to assess an application for the upgrading of our TAS facilities; the Walkathon was held at Nurragingy; our first grade Rugby League side played their second game in the prestigious GIO Cup competition and Year 12 interviews were conducted by the College Executive and Coordinators.

After the upcoming holiday break, major events will include: the Semester One Prize-Giving Ceremony on Friday 18 July, Year 9 2015 Subject Information Evening on Monday 21 July, and our Athletics Carnival on Friday 25 July at Homebush.

In terms of reminders for this fortnight – we would ask all parents to have a quiet word with their sons about the way they speak in public situations. Whether it be in movies, the coach’s box at the football, lyrics of the latest rap music or top rating reality shows, we are constantly confronted by a wave of offensive and inappropriate language, mostly unprovoked and rarely justifiable. Unfortunately, this proliferation of offensive language seems to have transferred into the common usage of teenagers and some students seem quite surprised when teachers correct them about the constant and aggressive use of expletives within normal interactions and discussions during the school day. As teachers, we can generally discern between an accidental slip-up and deliberately disrespectful or threatening language, but when the latter is clearly the case, students will be held to account and suspensions will be forthcoming.

Mr Brian Edmonds

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

Bronze Awards
Justin Goesmann 7C16
Dylan Jones 7C12
Angelo Justin 7C13
Sumith Kundar 7C13
Navkreet Lal 7C18
Aditya Mehta 7C12
Matthew Mendens 7C17
Patrick Moriarty 7C11
Thomas Simonds 7C17
Aidan Villadolid 7C11
Jason Wormleaton 7C12
Bailey Young 7C12
Andrew Alauni 8D17
James Antonios 8D19  2 Awards
Mitchell Gallagher 8D20
Dylan Glassie 8D17
Tej Kehal 8D20
Xavier Letufuga 8D24
Viliami Lolo 8E10
Chris Magro 8D19

Benjamin Tait 8D17  2 Awards
Konrad Halocha 9B4
Jonathan Mifsud 9A23
Gordon Allan 10C3  5 Awards
Jaskirat Boparai 10C1
Eron Alcantara 12G4
Aditya Kishor 12G4

Silver awards
Benjamin Tualalai 7C12
Kiano Pomete 9A24

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

LOTE Update
Bonjour et saluti a tutti! As we near the conclusion of Term 2, I congratulate all students who have consistently worked to improve their performances in either French or Italian throughout semester 1. Subsequently, I express a sincere merci et grazie to all those boys who achieved outstanding merit awards in LOTE. For the many boys who nearly "got there", remember that Semester 2 is just around the corner and you can have another go at excelling in either of these two fantastic subjects.
Finally, best wishes to everyone for a safe and enjoyable winter break. Bonnes vacances et buon riposo!
Mr John Scavo, LOTE Teacher

Principal’s Writing Challenge
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So what are you waiting for? Start writing!
Walkathon 2014

God graced us with a beautiful day and Nurrangingy Reserve was hospitable to our needs. Our staff facilitated the safe movement of 1200 students, our seniors catered and organised games and our young men cooperated to make it a fun and stress-free day. Thanks to all who contributed to the success of our Walkathon for 2014! The challenge now is to finalise the money side of things. Thanks again for your cooperation.

Mr Kim Crawford, Executive Secretary
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From the Director of Studies

Principal’s Writing Challenge

"Our best talents are simultaneously gifts and responsibilities with regards to others, rather than simply individual advantages for us to exploit"

Every student in Years 7-12 is required to enter the Principal’s Writing Challenge.

The phrase “Talents” is the stimulus for your writing submission. You may choose how this term will be interpreted and incorporated into the writing piece.

Word Length:
- Years 7-10 – 500 words
- Years 11-12 – 750 words

Date due: Wednesday 13 August 2014

Entries should be typed, double-spaced. Presented in Times 12 point. A4 sized paper to be used. Submissions to be stapled in top left corner.

No plastic sleeves or folders to be submitted. Do not use illustrations, photos, borders, colours or fancy fonts, more than one column or landscape layout.

There will be THREE winners from EACH English class in Years 7-12

1st in each class receives a $100 Westpoint voucher
2nd in each class receives a $50 Westpoint voucher
3rd in each class receives a $25 Westpoint voucher

The judges will look for the following features in your writing:

Creativity and Originality
- The submission is engaging, original and incorporates the stimulus in an interesting way.

Structure
- Submission follows correct structure for the mode chosen.

Language. The creative piece demonstrates the following:
- Correct word usage, tense, grammar, punctuation.
- Use of imagery, symbolism and other devices such as irony, humour
- Appropriate and creative use of language to develop the character/s, atmosphere and plot, ideas, etc.

Audience and Purpose
- Submission must be suitable for publication in The Focus

The submission should demonstrate language appropriate to audience and purpose.

Year 11 2015 Information Evening and Orientation Day

Year 10 students were busy this week contemplating options for study in Year 11 and 12. A reminder to these boys that they should consider their options in light of the following questions:
- What are my interests, qualities and skills?
- What careers use those skills?
- What courses should I study?
- What subjects could I choose for Years 11 and 12?

Boys should explore all the options, opening their mind to the multitude of possibilities. If your career path will take you to university, make sure you can answer the following questions about your course:
- Are there any pre-requisites?
- Is there any assumed knowledge?
- Are there recommended studies?

At this stage do not think of the ATAR you need for a specific course at a specific university as this could change once you are ready to apply in Year 12.

Remember that only the best two units from your Category B courses are available for inclusion in the calculation of your ATAR.

Your Year 11 2015 Subject Selection Form must be returned to the front office with your Commitment Form, $50 fee and Acceptance Advice by Friday 27 June.

Year 9 2015 Elective Information Evening

Students currently in Year 8 will also have an opportunity to choose the electives that they would like to study for Year 9 2015. This evening will be held on Monday 21 July (Week 2, Term 3). Talk to teachers, students and Subject Coordinators for advice but remember that you should make your choice based on Ability, Interest and Motivation (AIM).

Year 12 Major Works

Term 3 is fast approaching and with it the Trial HSC and the completion and submission of Major Works. Here are the dates of completion:

Society and Culture: Monday 28th July
Industrial Technology: Thursday 7th August
English Extension 2: Friday 15th August
Visual Arts: Monday 25th August
Music 1: Monday 1st September

The Trial HSC will be held from Monday 28th July to Monday 11th August inclusive.

Post Trial HSC classes resume as normal for ALL Year 12 students as there is still work to be completed in all subject areas and then the all-important practice and revision.

Mrs Danuta Paton
Organisation to Assist Learning
Some of the benefits for students of having set times allocated for school work are:

- You are more likely to do the work if you know when to start and when to end
- You will be more effective when you remove distractions and learn to focus for 20-30 minute blocks
- In all the times NOT allocated to school work you can do whatever you like without feeling guilty about it
- Having set times stops arguments between students and parents as everyone has agreed when the timeslots allocated to students will be
- You know that you are definitely doing enough work for school

Keeping school work and personal life separate means you will be able to manage all of the distractions in your life and still complete your work for school

Mrs Sharon O’Keefe and Mrs Melissa Scalone, Learning Support Coordinators

Youth Ambassadors Essay Competition to Teach Youth the Value of ANZAC

Member for Baulkham Hills David Elliott today urged young people across Western Sydney to embrace the ANZAC legend and enter the ANZAC Youth Ambassadors Essay Competition, sponsored by ClubsNSW.

Mr Elliott is offering six students the opportunity to visit Gallipoli, France, Ypres and Westminster Abbey for Remembrance Day this year and to engage with the community on the importance of the ANZAC legacy.

“The full narrative of the ANZAC legacy is often understated in our schools,” Mr Elliott said.

“While Gallipoli is certainly the most well-known aspect of the ANZAC story, the efforts of Australian soldiers on the Western Front, be it in Villers-Bretonneux, Ypres or Passchendaele, played just as significant a role in shaping our national ethos.

“Equipping our youth with the whole of the ANZAC narrative, enabling them to pass the legend on to their peers, ensures an engaging of our next generation with our history.”

ClubsNSW CEO Anthony Ball said that ClubsNSW was proud to sponsor the ANZAC Youth Ambassadors Essay Competition and will be encouraging young people to apply for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

“With the Centenary of ANZAC fast approaching, it is now more important than ever to encourage younger Australians to actively engage in ensuring the ANZAC legacy lives on,” he said.

The prize will be open to school students aged 16-17, with students to visit sacred Australian historical sites and attend the Westminster Abbey Remembrance Day Service.

Mr Elliott said this opportunity was unique to the Centenary of ANZAC and that students from all backgrounds could engage with history as a discipline while increasing their understanding of their nation.

“These students can share their experience and knowledge with others from backgrounds which may not find engagement as easy with the ANZAC narrative.”

Entrants are to submit a 1000 word essay entitled “Why the Centenary of ANZAC is Important for Modern Australia” by email to baulkhamhills@parliament.nsw.gov.au by 5:00pm 31 July 2014.

Media contact: David Elliott 0414 778 858

Community Announcement:
Terra Sancta College Renamed

To commemorate the Canonisation of Pope John Paul II and his connection to the Diocese of Parramatta, Bishop Anthony Fisher OP, has announced that Terra Sancta College will be renamed St John Paul II Catholic College, Nirimba and Schofields from the commencement of Term 3 this year.

The Diocese of Parramatta has a strong connection to St John Paul II. He founded the diocese, when in 1986 he determined to excise it from the Archdiocese of Sydney and make it a new diocese in its own right. A few months later he visited the brand new Diocese of Parramatta as part of his Papal tour of Australia.

Bishop Anthony, who concelebrated Mass in Rome at the Canonisation of St John Paul II and St John XXIII on 27 April, said St John Paul II had made a very significant contribution to Catholic education.

‘It was during his time as Pope and under his authority that the Congregation for Catholic Education published its documents on Lay Catholics in Schools: Witnesses to Faith (1982), Educational Guidance in Human Love (1983), The Religious Dimension of the Catholic School (1988), The Catholic School on the Threshold of the Third Millennium (1997) and Consecrated Religious in Catholic Schools (2002),’ said Bishop Anthony. ‘He will also be long remembered as a great friend of young people and the father of World Youth Day.’

The charism of St John Paul II is already present in the College’s history and charism. The name ‘Terra Sancta’ means ‘holy ground’ and the school’s motto ‘The Way passes through this land’ comes from John Paul’s own words during his visit to Australia in 1986: Look, dear people of Australia, and behold this vast continent of yours! It is your home! The place of your joys and pains, your endeavours and your hopes! And for all of you, Australians, the way to the Father’s house passes through this land. Jesus Christ is this Way!

‘This is a great opportunity to strengthen the Catholic identity of the College and align the mission and charism of the College to the life and work of this great Pope and Saint,’ said Bishop Anthony.

Executive Director of Schools, Greg Whitby, said ‘Whilst we appreciate that a change like this may take some time for the community to adjust to, the spirit of Terra Sancta will live on and be enlivened by our commemoration of St John Paul II.’

The existing John Paul II campus at St Andrew’s College, Marayong, will be renamed St Andrew’s College Senior Campus in order to avoid any confusion between the schools.
Writer’s Workshop 2014

James Phelan is an accomplished Australian author of the series, *Alone* and more recently, *The Last Thirteen*. He was this year’s guest speaker at our annual Writer’s Workshop. Advanced English students in Years 9 to 12 participated in this year’s workshop.

Haile Zabala writes about his experiences:

Creative writing is one of the hardest things to do. There are a lot of concepts to it, such as having an inspiration or idea, connecting the parts smoothly and for the story to have excitement. Luckily, on Wednesday the 11th of June, our school had a special visit from Aussie author James Phelan. James provided a writing workshop to our Year 9 English class to help us with our own creative writing and give us some tips.

James talked about all of his books and how he got his ideas for them. His first book ‘Fox hunt’ was written by him when he was in Year 10 - pretty impressive! It was written around his interest in explosions. The characters were based on real people he knew. James gave us a very important tip to creative writing: he explained that it is a lot easier to use real people you know as the characters, so that way you have all the characteristics there instead of making them up, and that you use their other characteristics such as clumsiness and connect it to the story.

As the workshop could only go for 50 minutes, I sat and talked with James at lunch for extra tips. From this I got to know him a bit more and enough to know he has a lot of humour in him. James said he used his little brother’s name and his characteristics in one story. When his little brother would annoy him, he used to make him stop by threatening to say he picked his nose at different parts of the book. I thought this was very funny and clever. James is also generous as he gave me some of his delicious lunch. We ended up talking about what his books were about and his other ideas he plans to write about.

This writing workshop with James was great. I have used James’ tips to better my own writing and it saves me a lot of time not having to come up with characters. It would have been a lot better if we had more time with James, but regardless of our short time with him, we still learnt a lot. I hope that James returns again next year and does the same for next year’s English classes.
Year 7 Debating
Remy Nijjar, Nicholas Bear, Ms Jamiee Bocasan, Luke Barber and Fisii Pilitati.

Year 8 Debating
Laren Henry, Jonathan Tabone, Ms Jacqueline Mercieca, Atishay Singh, Ms Jessica Fleming, Dennyson Veloso and Gajan Sivanesan.

Year 9 Debating
Mr Torquil D’Souza, Sidney Alcantara, Mohak Issar, Rameez Parkar and Ms Melanie Gearing.
Year 10 Debating
Stephen Vassilopoulos, Christos Floratos, Mr Jordan Williams, Mrs Courtney Spencer, Steven Wehbe and Dylan Byers.

Year 11 Debating
Aaron Pinto, Mr Mark Strong, Rohit Louis and Arjun Nair.

Year 12 Debating
Ryan Soury, Omar Dewan, Mrs Danuta Paton and Adam Boidin.
Walkathon Raffle

Now that our Walkathon has taken place it is time to finalise the money side of things! You MUST return your money in order to be eligible for the great raffle prizes!

Please remember:
- This is our ONLY fundraiser for 2014
- Each student is required to return a minimum of $45
- For each $1 returned in excess of $45, students will receive a raffle ticket.

Prizes include:
- Playstation 4
- State of the Art Smartphone
- iPad
- Westpoint Vouchers
- Vouchers for sporting equipment and clothing
- Hoyts movie vouchers
- NRL Memorabilia

Additional prizes are allocated to:
- The highest money raiser in Years 7-9 and Years 10-12
- Students who contribute $100 or more
- The 2 best homerooms will have a pizza and movie afternoon
Chess Club

It’s been great having Chess Club open every lunchtime throughout 2014. Regulars know where to meet and know where their friends will be hanging out, while anyone that wants to come to play a one-off game knows that F9 is open every lunchtime for them to gather and have some fun. The amount of people attending Chess Club is at a record high for the College, putting into full use not only the new chess sets and professional cupboards purchased last year, but also making the most of the space to socialise, finish off homework and listen to a variety of music. Some of the best chess matches the College has ever seen have been played this year at Chess Club. Now there are so many experienced students who play against each other and learn new techniques off each other, while remaining engaged and enjoying their time.

In the coming terms there is lots of chess still to come, including MCS chess in Term 3 and the annual internal school tournament Chessmania. As always, everyone is welcome to come up to F9 every lunchtime. See you there!

Ms Charmaine Castellino and Mr Anthony Silvestrini
Principal’s Writing Challenge 2014

Talent is a dull knife that will cut nothing unless it is wielded with great force. Stephen King, Danse Macabre

In its inaugural year, 2011, the Principal’s Writing Challenge was launched to promote literacy, creativity and independent thinking amongst our students. The whole school wrote expressively as a community and it was a wonderful event that inspired many students to produce some inspirational stories centred on the word “Dice”. In 2012, the students were asked to respond to the college theme “Celebrating our Past, Present and Future” while in 2013 they explored the idea of “The Path to …”

The purpose of the writing challenge is to engage every student from Years 7 to 12 in the process of writing; and in writing, to share not only the gifts of their imagination, but also to strengthen their literacy skills. The response has been overwhelming and boys in every year group have produced pieces of writing that range from the heart wrenching to the delightfully humorous. Teachers across all faculties are involved in reading these scripts and carefully selecting those that succeed in engaging the reader.

Every student who takes part in this challenge experiences success. Motivation is high as they understand the competition’s relevance in improving their literacy skills. The process itself is a learning experience for the boys; from generating the idea to its execution, they learn that there are many steps that need to be completed. The act of writing itself is rewarding as students produce something that others can appreciate and this also improves their confidence.

This year the theme for the Principal’s Writing Challenge is “Talents”. Start writing boys!
Submission Date: Wednesday 13th August
## An exciting opportunity to sharpen your writing skills!

Every English class will have an opportunity to win $100, $50 and $25 dollar gift vouchers!

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*You may choose how this term is interpreted and incorporated into the writing piece.* |
| Word Limit | Year 7-10  
500 words  
Year 11–12  
750 words |
| Closing Date | Wednesday 13th August 2014 |
| Submission Details | All entries are to be submitted to your homeroom teacher on the due date.  
Cover sheet to be attached to the front of your submission |
| Format | Entries should be typed, double-spaced. Presented in Times 12 point. A4 sized paper to be used.  
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| Prizes | There will be THREE winners from EACH English class in Years 7-12  
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Presented at the Principal’s Writing Challenge Presentation Ceremony |

### Judging

A panel of teachers will decide on the winning entry from each class.

The judges will look for the following features in your writing:

1. **Creativity and Originality**  
The submission is engaging, original and incorporates the stimulus in an interesting way.

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Submission follows correct structure for the mode chosen.

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*Please Note:*  
Submission must be suitable for publication in *The Focus*
**Student Leadership Forum**
A fascinating day for our Student Leaders. They had the opportunity to meet some very distinguished community leaders and media personalities.

**Vinnies Van**
Our students and staff do a wonderful job in their service to the community!

**Br Jerome meets Pope Francis**
We mentioned in the last issue that our Congregational Leader of the Patrician Brothers, Br Jerome Ellens, met with Pope Francis. Here is the evidence!

**Walkathon Raffle**
You can ONLY win the fantastic prizes on offer IF you have returned your sponsorship money! Remember that for every $1 that you return above the minimum of $45 gives you a raffle ticket. You have to be in it to win it!
MCS Finals Series – Rugby League and Soccer

By the time this edition goes to print we will have been represented in 8 of the 15 MCS Grand Finals across the sports of Rugby League and Soccer. This is another great achievement and clearly stands us out as the premier college for these sports within our association. Congratulations to the coaches and players of the following teams.

**Rugby League:** 13A, 13B, 13C, 14A, 14B, 14C, 15A and A Grade

**Soccer:** Year 10

General

With the conclusion of the winter sports upon us, the students are now preparing for the Term 3 MCS competitions. Sports available include:

- Touch Football
- AFL
- Rugby Union
- Tennis
- Athletics
- Golf

Students wanting more information about any of these sports should see Mr Borg.

NSWCCC Rugby League

At the recent NSWCCC Rugby League selection trials, over 40 students represented the college across 4 representative teams. The following boys were subsequently selected in either the U15 or U18 NSW CCC squad to compete at the Australian Schoolboy Championships.


U18 - Tyrell Fuimaono, Soni Hala, Robert Jennings, Cowen Eper, Tevita Smith Cottrell, Christian Crichton, Jamie Hill and Tyrone May. Well done boys.

NSWCCC Rugby Union

From the recent NSWCCC Rugby Union selection, the following 5 students were selected in the U16 NSW CCC squad to compete at the NSW All Schools Championships.

Franele Betham-Misa, Delahoya Manu, Billy Momoisea, Desmond Tipene and Beni Valu. Congratulations boys.

NSWCCC Touch Football

At the recent NSWCCC Touch Football selection trials we had 13 boys representing the MCS in the U15 & U18 teams. The following boys were then selected in their respective NSWCCC side that will compete at either the NSW All Schools Championships or the National Touch League Championships. Jerame Broadbridge, Joseph Tramontana, Joshua Curran, Shannon Gardiner, Ryan Pritchard, Jake Hunter and Dallas Paterson. Congratulations boys.

NSW State representatives

Congratulations to Jesse Abbott, who was selected in the U16’s NSW State side that played as the curtain raiser before State of Origin 1. Congratulations are also extended to Tyrell Fuimaono, Soni Hala and Tevita Smith Cottrell who then represented NSW U18s in the curtain raiser to State of Origin 2. Also in line for NSW honours is Shaun Cleasby of Yr 8, who was recently selected in the NSW U15 Indoor Cricket side that will compete at the National Titles in Adelaide during the next school holidays.

Congratulations

Benjamin and Daniel Carrick will be competing at the 2014 Northern NSW Interschools Snowsports Championships during the school holidays. Benjamin, Year 8 and Daniel, Year 7 will be competing in 2 events each. Alpine Division 3A Male and Skierx Division 3A Male. Benjamin was lucky enough to make it to Nationals 2 years ago. We wish them all the best.

NSWCCC - [www.csss.nsw.edu.au](http://www.csss.nsw.edu.au)

MCS - [www.mcscolleges.com](http://www.mcscolleges.com)

Twitter - [@pbbsport](http://twitter.com/pbbsport)

NSWCCC Basketball

On Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th June, the prestigious NSWCCC Basketball Open Championships were held at Penrith Regional Valley Sports Stadium. Our wonderful A-Grade squad represented our College with great pride and distinction over the two day event.

There are 24 of the best NSW Catholic School Basketball teams competing at these championships. Most of them champions of their region. Our boy’s finished first place in their group of six with wins over Gilroy Castle Hill, St Mary's Sydney and Xavier College Llandilo. In our Quarter Final game we defeated St Edward’s College Gosford to progress to the final four of the tournament.

In the semi-final we faced St Francis Xavier’s College, Hamilton. Even though they had a number of Australian and State players we stayed within ten points up until the final two minutes when we started to claw our way back. With great pride and dignity our College went down by only one basket 62-60 to the eventual champions, St Francis.

We then defeated Xavier High School, Albury for the Bronze medal, a just reward for our talented basketball team. To see Blacktown Patrician Brothers in the top 3 Basketball teams in NSW makes me and all our supporters very proud. Thank you for all the moments and memories over the past two years boys. Thanks also to Anas Abu Ganaba who assisted me over the two days and to Mr Matt Hartigan for coming out and supporting the team.

The team members are: Jade Waihi, Aaron Figueroa, Antoine Pitcaithly, Natnaeil Koko, Uilisemi Manumua, Julius Flores, Jeremy Finlayson, Obed Karwhin, Josef Flores, Baba Elkander and Noman Massimino.

*Mr Rob Bangel, Coach*
NSW State of Origin Representatives

Pictured above is Jesse Abbott

Pictured above is Soni Hala, Tevita Smith Cottrell and Tyrell Fuimaono

Photos from the U/18 State of Origin
MCS First Grade Grand Final
Patrician Brothers’ College vs St Dominic’s College
19 June 2014, Parramatta Stadium

Parramatta Stadium was the venue for the First Grade Grand Final played before a large number of vocal supporters from both schools who had gathered to provide encouragement for their respective teams.

In the first half of the game both teams attempted to gain the ascendancy with play going from one end to the other. With half time approaching, our boys were able to mount sustained pressure by controlling the ball and this pressure resulted in the team running in 2 tries for a 10-0 lead at the break.

The second half saw our boys continue to build pressure on our opponents who could not contain our attacking options and field position and this provided the platform for the team to score a further 5 tries and run out convincing and well deserved winners.

This game was a good hit out for the team prior to the next GIO Cup game to be played at Penrith Stadium against Westfield Sports High.

Result: Patrician Brothers’ College, Blacktown 34 defeated St Dominic’s College 4

Tries – Rhys Jones x2, Jade Waihi, Sukamanu Raki, Obed Karwhin, Will Reardon, Uilisemi Manumua

Goals – Christian Crichton x3

Man on the Hill
MCS Soccer Grand Final

Congratulations

As mentioned in the sports report, Shaun Cleasby of Year 8, was recently selected in the NSW U15 Indoor Cricket side that will compete at the National Titles in Adelaide during the next school holidays. We wish Shaun every success!

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So what are you waiting for? Start writing!
IWA Pro Wrestling
International Wrestling Australia
Friday 1st August
Blacktown Workers Club, 55 Campbell Street, Blacktown
Doors Open @ 7.30pm
General Admission
Adults: $14.00
Kids: $12.00
www.workersclub.com.au
One of our ex-students is promoting this event!

Careers Update
University of Western Sydney
UWS Parramatta Campus Open Day
Open Day is your chance to get up close and personal to discover what university life is all about. Get one-on-one academic advice, attend information sessions about courses, careers, entry pathways and scholarships, experience student life at our interactive school displays and soak up the atmosphere with live entertainment and activities running throughout the day.
The Open Day will be held on Sunday 31st August 2014 from 10am-2pm.
Register now on UWS.EDU.AU/OPENDAY or call 1300 897 669
Twilight Tours are also available on Thursdays at 5.30pm.
Register atuws.edu.au/campusexperience
Students interested in studying in the areas of Health Science or Sports Science at UWS, are encouraged to peruse the 2014 Health Science, Nursing and Sports Science . A copy is available in the Library or see Mrs Forrest for a digital copy.

University of Notre Dame
A reminder to Year 12 that the HSC study week at the University at Notre Dame, Broadway is being held these holidays, Monday 7th – Friday 11th July. Students are able to select their subjects and attend dedicated lectures in these subject areas, as well as skills workshops.
For enquiries please call 8204 4404 or email Sydney.aesc@nd.edu.au
Newspaper Articles

RUGBY LEAGUE

Three rising stars in State of Origin

YOUNG GUNS GET A RUN IN STATE SQUAD

Nigel Gladstone

THERE are three Blacktown boys playing State of Origin this year.

Tevita Cottrell (centre), Soni Hala (front row) and Tyrell Fuimaono (second row) have all been chosen to play for the NSW under-18 team in a curtain-raiser to Origin game two.

Wayne Portlock, high-performance manager at the NSW Rugby League, said the Blacktown boys were selected two weeks ago.

“They’re all outstanding prospects,” he said.

“They’ve been playing consistent football over the past few years.

“We’re looking for them to make the step up in the coming seasons and eventually see them in the Blues side.”

All three boys attend Patrician Brothers’ College Blacktown, a school that head coach Greg Beacroft said had converted more students into NRL players than any other college.

“In the last three years we’ve had seven players in that under-18s side and then three went on to play first grade,” Beacroft said.

“Bruise Brothers: Tyrell Fuimaono, Tevita Cottrell and Soni Hala are all from Patrician Brothers Blacktown.

“Our school is a good pathway to do well at school and develop a rugby league profile.

“No school would have the conversion rate we do in the last few years.”

Three players from the school were selected in first-grade NRL teams this year.

Pauli Pauli plays for Parramatta, Bryce Cartwright recently made his debut at the Penrith, and Dallin Watene-Zelezniak plays on the wing for the Panthers.
Faith, family and a band of brother Eels inspire Pauli

Pauli Pauli in the Parramatta recovery session pool yesterday. Picture: Richard Dobson

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Injuries sideline Bulldogs duo for six weeks

CANTERBURY duo Sam Perrett and David Klemmer are expected to be sidelined for around six weeks due to injuries suffered in Sunday’s loss to Parramatta.

Perrett and Klemmer left the field in the first half of the Eels’ 22-12 win and didn’t return.

The Bulldogs confirmed yesterday that fullback Perrett suffered a medial ligament injury in his knee which is likely to rule him out until round 20. Interchange forward Klemmer suffered a syndesmosis injury, which means he is also unlikely to return before round 20.

The news is another blow to the Bulldogs, who have dropped three games straight and fallen from the NRL competition lead after emerging as the in-form team in the first half of the season with seven successive wins.

The Bulldogs face another test away to Canberra on Friday, with their NSW halves Trent Hodkinson and Josh Reynolds set to back up just 48 hours after Origin II.

Prop Aidan Tolman missed the Eels match with a hamstring injury and is a 50/50 proposition to take on Canberra.

Canterbury also have Josh Morris (knee) sidelines until round 16 and Frank Pritchard has been ruled out for the season with a pectoral muscle injury.

Paul CRAWLEY

MOVE over Fuifui Moimoi. Parramatta have a new cult hero with a footballing future to match his inspiring frame.

At just 10, Pauli Pauli is fast developing a reputation as one of the scariest props in the NRL.

Earlier this season he gave up the opportunity to represent Samoa so he could one day play State of Origin for NSW. But for now his focus is on keeping his spot in Parramatta’s top squad.

Pauli still lives at home with his mum and dad and eight brothers and sisters — and the giant teenager’s life ambition is to one day follow in his father’s footsteps in the
A star is born

Pauli Pauli had a breakout game for the Eels. Source: Getty Images

At just 19 years old, it seemed a tremendously tough ask for Pauli Pauli to come into the Parramatta side to fill the shoes of cult figure Fuifui Moimoi. In terms of age and experience he’s nothing more than a big kid, but Pauli has seemed right at home in the NRL since his debut and his pace, size and deft offloads have regularly caused opponents problems. On Sunday he truly arrived as a star of the future, with two try assists that few props in the game would be capable of. His ability to go to the line and draw in two or three defenders before releasing his outside man was quite stunning.

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28 June 2014

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