The future success of Catholic schools is dependant on their ability to develop a distinctive identity based on the integration of faith and learning.

Most Church documents such as, *The Catholic School on the Threshold of the Third Millennium*, clearly stipulate the distinctive aims and characteristics of Catholic schools. What they do not do well is instruct us on the actual practice. How do we create an appropriate educational environment that has Christ as the foundation?

Fortunately at Patrician Brothers’ College we have a clear advantage! We are blessed with a rich and powerful Charism. The Patrician Charsim. Gifted to us by Bishop Daniel Delany in 1808 in Tullow, Ireland, it has been kept alive by generations of Patrician Brothers and now lay teachers.

This Charism gives us definition. It gives us an identifiable personality - a clear and tangible link with our Church and faith development mission. It is so powerful that Catholic school systems worldwide seek to replicate it: *all Catholic schools should claim a charisma to educate in a special way that benefits the contemporary Church and society (The 21st Century Catholic School)*.

Another advantage we have is the connection with our fellow Patrician schools. Recently we hosted a visit by 4 teachers from Patrician Secondary School Newbridge, Ireland. A school we ourselves have visited on 3 occasions. We are linked by our common heritage, ideals and practice. This is not a superficial ‘sister school’ association. This is a concrete, animated and spiritual ‘brother school’ connection!

Previously the Provincial of the Irish Patrician Brothers, Br Cormac Cummins, along with the Principal and Assistant Principal visited us here at Blacktown. This most recent visit has again ignited our collective Patrician mission in educating young men in order to take their place in society and at some stage in heaven.

Please continue to look after each other,
Santo Passarello
From the Assistant Principal

The last fortnight has seen some wintry weather and the influenza epidemic has certainly hit our staff and students quite hard. Despite this, the school has been ticking along at a rapid rate and several major events have occurred. Last week our first grade Rugby League team played and defeated Palm Beach Currumbin in the semi-finals of the national GIO Cup competition, our Year 8 students had their Social Dance at Nagle College, the second session of Winter Sports Photos was held, our Tournament of the Minds team competed at UWS under the direction of Ms Jacqueline Mericiac and Ms Sharon O’Keefe, and the Year 8 excursion program to Blacktown Library continued.

In coming weeks we look forward to the Year 11 Final Examinations, the GIO Cup final against Endeavour Sports High School, our annual Sports Presentation Night, the culmination of our Principal’s Writing Challenge and, last but not least, the Year 12 Graduation Mass and Ceremony. These events offer even more opportunities for us to celebrate the talents and spirit of our students in 2014.

In terms of reminders for parents and students this week – I would like to again urge all parents to check their son’s school diary regularly. The student diary is an important channel for communication between parents and teachers and, more often than not, when students find themselves in serious or ongoing trouble, it turns out that the student diary contained tell-tale signs that could have prevented or minimised problems if they had been picked up earlier by either teachers or parents.

The second issue we would like to draw to your attention is that of attendance and punctuality. Whether it be normal classes or special events, students are required to attend all scheduled activities during normal school hours. It is not acceptable for students to pick and choose which events they want to attend - and then pressure their parents to sign them out of events they have less interest in. This mentality is harmful to the students, compromises their broader learning and undermines school spirit and commitment. Your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

We would also remind parents about our uniform requirements with regard to hairstyles. If students arrive at school with extreme hairstyles that do not conform to our expectations, they will be given reasonable notice to fix the problem. If the student chooses to ignore these directions, more serious sanctions will follow. Of course, hairstyles are greatly influenced by fashion, so it is worth noting that current styles where the back and sides of the head are shaved and a mop of hair is left on top, often with a distinct line shaved into the hair, are definitely outside our guidelines. Thankfully, this problem is easily resolved with some clippers and a neat buzz-cut.

Mr Brian Edmonds

Merits Awards Update

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

Bronze Awards
Matthew Dickson 7C16 3 Awards
Braith Egarchos 7C16
Manuel Fagela 7C14
Mohammad Farrukh 7C18 2 Awards

Silver awards
Cameron Brus 8D16

Good luck to all for the upcoming fortnight!

Mrs Natacha Warnant, Merits Awards Convenor

Vinnies Van

Recently a group of Year 11 students, accompanied by three staff, travelled to Penrith and Parramatta as part of the College’s long standing participation in Vinnies Van. Alessandro Sammarco, Oliver Flynn, Bienn Tongol and Rahul Ram were moved by the experience and plight of so many Australians from various walks of life. The students did a fantastic job in not only preparing and serving meals but also taking the time to have a chat and laugh with the locals. With the collection of various winter goods carried by the College’s social justice team Delaney Youth, the boys were able to provide the locals with much needed blankets, beanies, gloves and scarfs. The boys must be congratulated on their maturity on the night and their willingness to make a difference.

Vinnies Van was a great experience. It felt great being able to put a smile on the faces of those who are less fortunate. It was a good insight to how many different people do it tough on a daily basis. Oliver Flynn, Year 11 Student

Ms Charmaine Castellino (pictured above), Ms Melanie Gearing and Mr Paul Kenyon, Teachers
Patrician Teachers from Ireland Visit Patrician Brothers’ College Blacktown

We were delighted to host a visit by teachers from our ‘brother’ school in Ireland, Patrician Secondary Newbridge (just south of Dublin and near Tullow, the birthplace of Bishop Daniel Delany).

The teachers were Ms Marion Stack, Ms Riadhain McBride, Ms Laura Murray and Ms Deirdre Harnett. We are indebted to Mrs Danuta Paton, Mr Michael Said and Mr Peter Ross and their respective families, for graciously hosting our Irish visitors.

It was a rare privilege to have these teachers from Ireland share their Patrician teaching experiences with us. They seemed to genuinely enjoy their time with us and we have made it clear to them and their school that they are welcome back any-time!

Mr Santo Passarello
From the Director of Studies

The Principal’s Writing Challenge
Congratulations to all the students who so enthusiastically took part in the Principal’s Writing Challenge. The scripts have now been judged and the winners will receive letters inviting them to their Award Presentation to be held on Monday 15th September. There will be a rehearsal for the winners on Friday 12 September. Parents are invited to attend and celebrate their son’s achievement.

Year 11 Preliminary Examinations
A reminder to all Year 11 that attendance and serious attempt at ALL examinations is a compulsory part of their Preliminary Assessment program which when completed satisfactorily allows them to commence the HSC course in Term 4 of this year. If a student is ill or has suffered a mishap of some sort he must contact the school and leave a message with Mrs Paton or Ms Grgelj. The school number is 9671 3000. It is essential that as soon as he returns to school that he sees Mrs Paton to reschedule his examinations.

All students resume school on Thursday 11 September.

Year 12 Students – University Open Days
Make sure that you visit a range of universities and check out their options before you finalise your University Admission choices. Chat face-to-face with academics and current students - have all your questions answered. Find the right information to help you choose your ideal degree from faculties and schools; learn more about life as a student at university - including study costs, admission, accommodation, student services and more. Experience the university vibe - grab some food, listen to some music and get interactive with student and Faculty displays over a range of campuses.
University of NSW
Saturday 6 September 9am – 4pm
Macquarie University
Saturday 13 September 10am – 4pm
Australian Catholic University
Saturday 6 September (North Sydney campus)
Saturday 6 September (Kuring-Gai campus)
Saturday 13 September (Strathfield campus)

UAC News
Enquiry Line UAC has a new enquiry line for 2014 – 15 admissions. 1300 275 822 is the new number for contacting UAC.
ATAR enquiry centre open from Thursday 18 December until Wednesday 31 December 2014, Ring 1300 692 827 for any queries about your ATAR.
UAC needs to have the correct contact details for applicants so if any contact details change all you need to do is to go to Check & Change on UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/check-change/ to update them.
Applying for study at University in 2014 – 2015 Applications cost $29 for 2014 Year 12 applicants. This is the online fee. Year 12 students were issued with a four-digit UAC PIN which you received in the mail in early August. You will need it to apply, so make sure that you have it in a safe place. It is not the same as the HSC PIN issued by the NSW Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards.

Equity Scholarships
Equity scholarships help financially disadvantaged students with the costs associated with higher education. Students apply online for an Equity Scholarship through UAC. The 2014 – 15 Equity Scholarship booklet is available to download from UAC’s website.
Ms Danuta Paton

Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians - 2014
The Mathematics Challenge took place over three weeks in Term 2. Students received a problem booklet containing 6 problems (Years 7 to 10 Junior and Intermediate levels). Students were required to present written solutions to as many of these problems as they could. The problems were challenging and required time and persistence, but were based on Mathematics which should be known at that level. The following three students received pleasing results:
Joshua Lin of Year 7
Jonathan Tabone of Year 8
Gajan Sivanesan of Year 8
They were presented with certificates at the last full college assembly by the Principal, Mr Santo Passarello.
Mr Priyanka Jayakody & Mr Aaron Kim, Mathematics Challenge Organising Teachers

May the ‘Force Be With You’

Year 7 students have started a new unit on Forces. Our class have started to investigate the forces we meet in our daily activities as we drive to school and play sport.
Forces can be a push, a pull or a twist and are so common that we rarely think about what they do, until we have a car crash or head clash!
Sir Isaac Newton discovered three ‘laws of motion’. We have learnt about these laws by arm wrestling and blowing up balloons, placing a table on them then standing on the table!
While arm wrestling, Newton’s third law, ‘for every action force, there is an equal and opposite reaction force’ was investigated. Boys were also surprised to see 15 balloons with a large desk on them take the weight of the desk and 8 students!
We are in the process of discovering who ‘The Force’ in our class is with the arm wrestling competition. Will it be Mrs Scalone?
Mrs Melissa Scalone, Science Teacher
Feast of the Assumption Mass

We are fortunate at Patrician Brothers’ College to have regular opportunities to celebrate the Eucharist. For the significant Feast of the Assumption Mass, our students and staff were gifted with the presence of Fr Paul Roberts. His energetic, moving and insightful homily was appreciated by all members of the community. Particular thanks is also extended to Mr Greg Beacroft, Mr Jim Prendergast, Mrs Karen Davidson, Mr Mark Domars and Mr Anthony Silvestrini.
Excellence and Innovation in the Patrician Tradition
Year 9 English - Gothic Does Footy
(Discovering The Other Classic Tale!)
Recently, our English Teacher has been working on developing my skills of writing the gothic genre. Personally, I have difficulty creating glitzy narratives. Nonetheless, he keeps confidently saying, "it's really easy if you use the KISS principle." I chuckle, questioning "what's that?" Assuredly, he replies; "Keep It Simple Sunshine!" He glares at me seriously, softly concluding "always write about your greatest passion".

Footy is my greatest passion and momentarily, gothic is my nightmare. I take flight and remember that fantastic game we enjoyed playing last season. My wonderful squad had made it to the grand final. Our opponents were The Little Giants and they were favourites. What's in a name, I ask you? Well with your colourful imagination, the answer is obvious! Did we stand a chance? Absolutely!

Here was our chance to take out the premiership consecutively in the history of this regional competition. Yes, we could do it!
It was the fourth quarter, the score a brilliant twenty to sixteen, our way. Alas! Doomsday silence fell upon us as the ref's whistle blew thrice. The opposition had replaced their inside forward number nine with their number thirteen. As he appeared my jaw dropped, my guard flew out of my parded mouth. This bizarre apparition must have been the freaky offspring of the marriage between Godzillia and Frankenstein. Conclusively this alien form, this object of mass hideousness must have been the opposition's final draw card of intimidation, unleashing this horror from their dark dungeon of decrepit spookiness.

Strangely, it was taking effect as all my team-mates took backward retreating footsteps. The whistle blow, the match restarted. I felt the earth quake. Number thirteen was pounding towards me. I was mesmerised! Cautionously, I felt my achille's heel slightly twitch forward into Frankenzilla's encroaching pathway. KABOOM! Flat out on the battered grass he lay. The football flying freely into the liberating, life-giving air. Panting heavily, I wrenched my token of passion to me, so I cook that too. I notice a little boy watching so I chuckled me in.

Narrabeen Man appeared to have died a horrific death, as shown by spear shafts still embedded in his bones. Incorporating as much of the evidence as possible, students were asked to recreate the final hours of Narrabeen Man’s death, explaining why he was killed in such a manner. Below are some of the most intriguing theories:

One day there was this man named Narrabeen Man. Someone in the tribe wanted to kill him because he kept trying to hunt the tribe. So one day the tribe hunted a fish for the Narrabeen Man as bait.
One of the men in the tribe put the fish on the floor for the man to eat. When the man found the fish he picked it up and ate it. After he ate it, he heard this noise around him so he looked behind him and someone speared him in the stomach and in the spine, and one hit his head and bounced back. So then the man was dead. Then the tribe dug a hole and threw Narrabeen Man into it and filled the hole up.

Sid Ndaira
I'm running from my tribe because I can’t go through with my initiation again. While running through the forest of Narrabeen, I notice a lake. I grab my fisherman spear and spear the flow of fish rushing through the lake. I see an abandoned camp. I go over and cook my fish. I also see fish stacked next to me, so I cook that too. I notice a little boy watching so I spear him, before he tells his tribe I just ate their fish. But not noticing three hunting men were behind me. I pick myself up and run as fast as I can away from the hunters. The first hunter speared me to the floor, through my spine. I try to get back up, but when standing I get speared to the head. The spear ricocheted pushing me to the ground. They got me on my back and speared my abdomen. They dug a hole and chucked me in.

Jordan Pazdjara
Mr Colm McCaughan, History Teacher

Homework Support Programs
Sydwest Multicultural Services offers FREE homework support to students in Years 3 to 12.

Our tutors provide support in:
- English
- Maths
- Science
- History
- Geography
and more – offering a friendly and supportive learning environment.

Day: Tuesday. From 3:30 – 4:30pm
Where: St Mary’s Community Centre
Cnr of Great Western Highway and Mamre road St Mary’s

Day: Wednesday. From 4:00 pm – 6:00pm
Where: Sydwest Outreach Office.
8 Ralph Place, Mount Druitt

Day: Thursday. From 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Where: Sydwest office, Blacktown
Level 2, 125 Main St. Blacktown

For more information please contact: Stephen or Mustapha: 9621 6633
Library Update
Library Ambassador Badge Presentation
Our newly trained Library Ambassadors received their badges from Mr Passarello at a recent assembly. The school community thanks them for their school spirit and willingness to help others.
The boys include Thomas Sultana, Kiano Pomente, Justin Goesmann, Avin Maharaj, Ravineet Lal, Scott Lawless-Burke and Jordan Pazdjiara.

Graphic novel e-book collection
To access free e-books go to the Library home page and select the search tab.

Free Mind Mapping tool
https://bubbl.us/
Bubbl.us is a free mind mapping tool that students may find useful for presenting and sharing their work. Click on this link to see how it works.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AllXU_3nktU#t=459

Regular Activities at Blacktown Library
Open to all high school students
Free Monthly Activities
Venue: Our Library @ The Mount Druitt Hub, Wednesday 8 October, 4:00pm – 5:30pm
Movie + Book Trivia
Wednesday, 12 November, 4:00pm – 5:30pm
Board Games
Wednesday, 3 December, 4:00pm – 5:30pm
Wii Sports Competition
For further information email Library Youth Program Worker Amy.Micallef@blacktown.nsw.gov.au
Champions Chat Club at Max Webber Library
Open to all high school students. No bookings required.
Tuesday 28 October, 4:00pm – 5:00pm
Making Button Badges
Friday 21 November, 4:00pm – 5:00pm
Board Games
Friday 12 December, 4:00pm – 5:00pm
Divergent Series
Thank goodness It’s Friday
Call 9839 6677 to book your spot! 4:00pm – 5:30pm
Max Webber and Mt Druitt Library
Date and activity:
Friday 5 September Decorate your own photo frame
Friday 12 September Decorate a money box
Friday 19 September Board games fun
Friday 26 September Make badges and origami
Friday 3 October Minute to win it games
Friday 10 October Design your own snap band
Friday 17 October Friendly game of Wii Sports
Friday 24 October Board games fun
All activities are FREE!
Open to ages 12 – 18 year olds.
For more information contact Library Youth Development Officer Julian.Chung@blacktown.nsw.gov.au

Blacktown Library Free Holiday Programs
Open to ages 12 - 18. All materials provided
Comic Strip Drawing Workshop
What’s the use of a good story or joke if you keep it to yourself? In the Comic Strip Workshop you’ll learn how something as small as a few pictures can tell epic tales!
Prior drawing experience not required.
Monday 22 September, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Venue: Max Webber Library Function Centre,

Tuesday 23 September, 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Venue: Dennis Johnson Library, Stanhope Gardens

Manga Drawing Workshop
Ever wanted to draw like your favourite manga artist? The Manga Drawing Workshop will jump-start your ability to draw manga by teaching the fundamentals and showing you how to draw a wide variety of Manga styles.
Wednesday, 1 October, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Venue: Our Library @ The Mount Druitt Hub

Gaming Tournaments
Test your gaming skills and have a go at the “Gaming Champion” title!
Fun and friendly tournament with prizes to be won.
Wednesday 24 September, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Venue: Our Library @ The Mount Druitt Hub,
Monday 29 September, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Venue: Dennis Johnson Library, Stanhope Gardens

T-Shirt Design Workshop
Bring your creativity and transfer it onto a t-shirt. Strut around in your personally designed tee!
Thursday 25 September, 1:30pm – 3:00pm
Venue: Lalor Park Library. Phone: 9624 5243 to book

Study at your local Library
Blacktown Library and Mount Druitt Libraries have extended their opening hours on Sundays for the months of August and Oct. If you’re finding it hard to study at home, why not try your local Library. Both Libraries are now open from 9am-5pm on a Sunday.
Weekday opening hours are 9.30-7.45pm with the exception of Friday at Mount Druitt, which closes at 6pm. Saturday opening hours are 9.30-4pm.

Euchre Competition
There will be a charity Euchre competition in the last week of Term 3 in the Library. All welcome. Information regarding this competition can be found in the daily notices.

Mrs Sue Dracoulas, Teacher Librarian
Thank you to all the staff whose presence ensured a successful evening for our students: Mr Heath Borg, Mrs Manuela Lavaselli, Ms Angela Pham, Mr Colm McCaughan, Mr Dominic Williams, Mr Michael Benitez, Mr Matt Hartigan, Mr Aaron Kim, Mrs Josephine Arcella, Mrs Gretel Collison, Mr James Singh, Mrs Courtney Spencer, Mr Nathan Campbell, Mr Bruce Baker, Mr John Scavo, Mrs Mel D’Cruz, Mr Jim Prendergast, Mr Mark Hendy, Mr Scott Durham, Mr Brian Edmonds, Mr Santo Passarello, Ms Sarah Bennett, Ms Simone Flewitt + senior students Omar Dewan, Adam Boidin, Jacob McCarthy and James Tikolevu.
Patrician Social Justice Day

On Tuesday 12 August I had the privilege of taking 14 students (all active members of the Social Justice Committee) to the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre in Richmond to meet with the other Patrician schools across Sydney. The day involved fun activities, talks and discussions centred on Social Justice in our Patrician schools. Through sharing ideas and initiatives a strong sense of mission was evident among the large group of students. The boys also had the opportunity to plan out some future ventures, and to rename the group: The Delany Youth. Some reflections from the students:

Last week a group of boys and I travelled to the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre and participated in a range of challenging activities regarding the nature of social justice. After brainstorming the significance of this topic, the groups really showed their ideas and feelings. The nature of this activity was really fulfilling because it gave us a lot of new ideas and deepened my understanding of social justice. **Rohit Louis**

I personally found this trip very enlightening due to the real passion for equality that is shared among the Patrician Schools. Not only was this an amazing community day, but a day of reflection that will definitely give our social justice group more fuel to fire in our journey towards a better and equal future. **Stephen Vassilopoulos**

It was great to see that so many of our fellow Patrician schools are united by their similar endeavours. **Patrick Bear**

We learnt about how many people in Australia suffer from poverty and homelessness. We as Patrician schools must unite to help people in our community who are in need. **Ranican Zapanta**

I learnt a lot about the awareness of what’s going on around us and how we as individuals can help change our world for the better. **Aleem Ahmad**

Collaborating with the other Patrician Schools has provided the committee with brand new ideas we can implement here at our own school. **Daniel Mangabat**

Since we returned, the Delany Youth have been working hard to spread the word about our 2014 Winter Appeal. The day was a success and I look forward to helping the students with more Social Justice initiatives throughout the remainder of the year.

Ms Jessica Fleming, Social Justice Convenor
When we played our last game in the GIO Cup we played with a positive attitude and commitment. These ingredients were completely lacking in this game.

After our last encounter with Erindale they knew if they allowed us to dominate possession and play football they would not be in the contest.

The Erindale team devised a strategy to scrap and niggle in every tackle - a strategy that proved to be extremely effective as our players forgot about playing football which was exactly what Erindale wanted.

The first twenty minutes of the game saw Erindale completely dominate field position and it was only good defence and poor opinions by our opponents that stopped them from scoring.

With ten minutes remaining on the clock before half time we were able to get some possession and field position and run in 3 tries to take a 16-0 lead into the half time break.

The second half commenced with our attitude and commitment way below the standard required from a team hoping to make the semi-finals, Our opponents on the other hand took full advantage of our poor attitude and levelled the score at 16 all with eight minutes remaining.

The reality that our season might be coming to a close and we would not be playing in the semi-finals stung the team into action and we were able to score wide out and hold on for a narrow and unconvincing victory.

This game was a wake up call for the team and in just seven days they have to turn this poor performance around. This is a task I feel they can accomplish but they have to play the type of football we all know they are capable of.

**Result:**
Patrician Brothers' College, Blacktown 20

**defeated**
Erindale Sports High School 16

Tries – Ethan Fagaloa-Time, Robert Jennings, Christian Crichton, Mose Feilo

Goals – Jarome Broadbridge x 2

**Man on the Hill**
GIO Schoolboy Cup – Semi Final – 26 August 2014  
Patrician Brothers’ College, Blacktown vs Palm Beach High School, Currumbin  
Sporting Bet Stadium, Penrith

The Quarter Final game of the GIO Cup was a nail biter and we were hoping that this semi-final fixture would not see a repeat performance. However that is exactly what happened. Results like this game provided are not doing anything for the heart rate of the Principal and Coaching staff so we can only hope that in the Grand Final, to be played in three weeks’ time, it will not provide a similar result or we may need staff with CPR skills on standby.

The first half of the game saw our boys dominate with good ball control and field position and the team was able to run in three times, two of which were converted, for us to take a handy 16-0 lead into the half time break.

The coaching staff were concerned at the break however, because this was the same score line we had led by in last week’s game and we were hoping that the team would go on and record a comfortable victory.

The team however seems intent on making the games a close contest. The team’s attitude and commitment fell away, the momentum we had in the first half was lost, through poor options, errors and poor discipline and it appeared that the players’ focus was on our next game and not on the one we were playing.

This presented our opponents with opportunities. They gained the momentum and took full advantage of our errors and poor discipline to run in three converted tries and we were relieved to hear the hooter sound to run out 20-18 victors.

A major factor in the team getting away with the victory was the magnificent encouragement they received from our animated supporters who never stopped providing support and were a credit to the school in the way they presented and conducted themselves.

Phil Gould spoke to the team following the game and congratulated them on the victory and on making three successive Grand Finals - a great achievement! He told the players that their focus now has to be on getting themselves physically and mentally prepared for the final.

If the team focus on their preparation over the next three weeks, I can see the GIO Trophy retuning to Blacktown.

Result:
- Patrician Brothers’ College, Blacktown 20
- Palm Beach High School, Currumbin 18

Tries – Tevita Smith-Cottrell x 2, Vincennes Fialelei Ausage, Dylan Fuad
Goals – Jarome Broadbridge x 2

Man on the Hill
All Saints Liverpool Jubilee

Patrician Brothers’ College Blacktown takes this opportunity to congratulate All Saints Liverpool on the occasion of their 60th Diamond Jubilee. Liverpool is a fellow Patrician School (formerly known as Patrician Brothers, Liverpool). We were represented by Mr Jim Prendergast and a group of students at the Mass and ceremony held at Liverpool to mark this significant event.

Elite Cricket Program

The Elite Cricket Program continues to run under the tutelage of Mr Cullen, Mr Durham and Mr Ferry. Tuesday mornings include video analysis and feedback from former student and former NSW Blues player Grant Lambert. Students speak highly of the technical feedback and detailed guidance during these sessions. More recently, 2013 Patrician Brothers graduate and Blacktown grade player Tarik Viswasam has been running fielding skill and specialist game sense sessions on Wednesday afternoons to prime the MCS cricket teams before the Term 4 start to their season. Tarik brings a wealth of knowledge, enthusiasm and pride in 'Patties cricket' for which the boys are extremely grateful. The students have enjoyed the sessions and thank Tarik for giving up his time to assist in their development.

Mr Chris Ferry, Coach

MCS Athletics Carnival

On the 14th August our school’s Athletics Squad competed at the Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre for the Annual MCS Athletics Championships. This was a wonderful day of Track and Field opportunities for our College’s finest athletes. Some outstanding performances on the day included Tyler Field winning the U13 sprint double, Aku Makki winning the jumps double (taking out the long jump and the triple jump) and Luke Zaurrini with a strong win in the U15 400m. Our Athletics captain and senior athlete, Anas Abu Ganaba, was successful in winning the Opens sprint double and has now represented our college with pride for six years. The school is very proud of your achievements Anas.

We also excelled in the relays, winning the Opens, U16, U14 and U13 races.

Congratulations to our entire squad for a very successful meet with our College coming third in the overall shield on the day. Thank you to Mr Saleh, Mr Hendy and Mrs D Cruz for their officiating and photography on the day.

Mr Robert Bangel, Coach

Website

Have you visited our WEBSITE recently? Did you know that the Patrician Brothers’ College Blacktown website is amongst the most innovative and interesting in the entire Diocese of Parramatta? This newsletter is available NOW in PDF and in FULL COLOUR.

Visit www.patsblacktown.nsw.edu.au

CHECK OUT OUR NEW SPORTS POLO SHIRT DESIGN ON OUR WEBSITE
MCS Golf Success

Congratulations to the College MCS Golf Squad after the recent tournament held at Glenmore Heritage Golf Course. On a very tough course, there were some outstanding performances including Joel Wheatley winning the U/16 Age Championship with a 3 over par 75. Patrick Schell also performed admirably and finished with the runner-up medallion in the U/17 age division.

The course was extremely difficult as recent rains meant some parts of the course were wet under foot and the speed of the greens difficult to read. The layout of the course challenges any golfer with its long undulating fairways, heavily bunkered greens and numerous water hazards.

The squad consisted of:
- U/13 – Michael Gorman & Matthew Dickson
- U/14 – Jordan Ehsman & Ben Tait
- U/15 – Jeshnil Gounder
- U/16 – Joel Wheatley (Age Champion)
- U/17 – Patrick Schell (Runner-up)

At the end of the day, of the 11 competing MCS schools, the Patrician Brothers’ Blacktown squad finished 4th in the Junior Age Division and 5th in the Aggregate Shield. This is an exemplary result considering that we were not represented in each age group. Any students that are interested in playing next year please register your interest with the Sports Coordinator.

Mr Bruce Baker, MCS Golf Coach

Congratulations Samuel Brennan

From Thursday 7th August to Sunday 10th August Samuel Brennan of Year 8 competed in Adelaide at the 2014 Ginsberg National Championships Australia for Ice Hockey. Samuel’s NSW team finished the competition in second place. Congratulations Samuel!

Congratulations Sylvan Celis

Sylvan Celis of Year 7 attended a Karate tournament in Narabeen on 22 August. Sylvan was lucky enough to gain 3 awards in his age group - 2 Silver awards and 1 Bronze for Shotokan. Well done Sylvan!
NEW Sports Polo Shirts for 2015

For a number of years a significant number of parents and students have been campaigning to change the sports polo shirt design. The reasons put forward have been:

- To modernise the dated and unappealing ‘canary yellow’ of the current sports polo
- To more appropriately mirror the distinction between junior and senior students

As a consequence the College Executive have determined that the change will take place for 2015. The rules regarding the purchase of the new sports polo shirts are:

- Year 7 2015—compulsory to wear the new sports polo
- Year 11 2015—compulsory to wear the new sports polo
- ALL other students have until the start of 2016 to begin wearing the new sports polo shirts.

We suspect that all students will probably want to update to the new design (it is far more appealing and a higher quality material that breathes and is easier to wash) - hence all Years 8-10 and Year 12 students CAN purchase the new polo shirt in 2015 if they wish. Additionally we have modernised the sports shorts as well. They are now a more modern design (with two zipped pockets) and also easier to wash.

FROM 2016 ALL STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR THE NEW SPORTS POLO SHIRT
We are pleased to announce the recent launch of a new shuttle service. This will provide first-class service for anyone requiring assistance with transport. The details are:

**Five Star Shuttles – Transfers Made Easy**
Airport and Cruise Transfers
Contact: Tony Saba, Director
Mobile: 0404 390 620
Website: [www.fivestarshuttles.com](http://www.fivestarshuttles.com)
Email: fivestarshuttles@outlook.com

**Catholic Care Social Services - Bereavement Support Programs**

**Bereavement Support Program – Springwood**
CCSS Solo Parent Ministry will be running an eight session Bereavement Support Program in Springwood for men or women who have suffered the death of their spouse or long term partner. Sessions held on every second Wednesday commencing 3rd Sept from 10.30am – 12.30pm at the Baptist Church Hall, 313 Macquarie Rd Springwood. Each fortnight a different aspect of grief will be discussed, with some input, reflection and sharing about how grief is affecting you and how you are working through it. The first topic is “The Physical Effects of Grief”. Workshop topics include:

- Physical effects of grief
- Normal grief responses
- Images & frameworks for understanding grief
- Dealing with intense emotions
- Social effects of grief
- Tasks of grief
- Continuing bonds with the deceased
- Differences between depression and grief

**When:** 10.30am-12.30pm every Wednesday fortnight starting 3rd September until 10th December
**Where:** Baptist Church Hall, 313 Macquarie Road, Springwood
**Cost:** $5 per session
**Bookings Essential:** 9933 0205 or soloparentministry@ccss.org.au
**Website:** [www.ccss.org.au](http://www.ccss.org.au)
**Facebook:** facebook.com/catholiccarebm

**Support Group For Younger Widowed People**
In response to requests and enquiries the CCSS Solo Parent Ministry will be starting a new Monthly Support Group for younger widowed people. We will trial this group for 12 months, and it will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month beginning Tuesday 9th September.

**Venue:** CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown.

**Holy Family Emerton Celebrates 10 Years**

On September 18 **Holy Family Primary School Emerton** will celebrate 10 years since our foundation in 2004. We would like to invite all ex students and families to join us for the day or part of it. The day will consist of Mass at 9.30am followed by morning tea for parents and guests. After morning tea we will have a special assembly to reminisce. The final part of the day will be a complimentary sausage sizzle. If you would like to come, and to help us with catering, we ask that you contact the school office on 96289232 or mgoracz@parra.catholic.edu.au

**Time:** 10.30am-12.30pm
**Cost:** $5.00
**Details and Registration:** Ph: 9933 0205 or Email: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au

**Stepping Beyond: Support For Those Separated Or Divorced**
Stepping Beyond is a Process/Personal Exploration Group. It is a monthly gathering for men and women who are separated or divorced. Through facilitated group interaction opportunity is given to individuals to address issues that arise as a result of changed life circumstances and ongoing adjustments. Emphasis is on personal awareness and self-development. If you have been separated or divorced and would benefit from regular shared discussion evenings with others who are in a similar situation to you, come along to **STEPPING BEYOND**.

**When:** Last Tuesday of each month
**Venue:** CCSS centre 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown.
**Time:** 7.30pm – 9.30pm
**Cost:** $5.00.
**Bookings Essential:** 9933 0205 or soloparentministry@ccss.org.au

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Schoolboys thrilled to represent Australia

By Elisha Pearce

Patriotic Brothers College students Tevita Smith-Cottrell, Tyrrell Fumaono and Robert Jennings have been selected to the 2014 Australian Schoolboys rugby league squad. The boys were very pleased with their selection and will tour Europe and Britain in November and December, playing up to seven games including against the England Academy.

For Jennings, an 18-year-old from Quakers Hill, to travel overseas with the Australian Schoolboys was a big plus.

“Learning experiences was a big plus. It was good to make it,” Jennings said.

Jennings’ brother of the same name, who also plays rugby league, is excited to see his brother tour the world.

“All the other years I had an injury, so I’m just glad I got picked,” he said.

Smith-Cottrell, 18, said he was pleased and ready to participate.

“It’s just a dream come true,” he said.

Fumaono was excited to meet new people and produce a big tour along the way.

For Fumaono, the tour was an opportunity to meet new friends and enjoy the experience.

“This tour means so much to me,” Fumaono said.

All three of these young men are already forging careers in rugby league.

Fumaono plays in the Parramatta.
Panther ready to prowl in Europe

JENNINGS FOLLOWS BROTHERS’ SUCCESS

Kristine Tarbert

PENRITH Panthers NYC star Robert Jennings has followed in his brothers’ footsteps and been selected in the 2014 Australian Schoolboys side to tour Europe at the end of the year.

The 18-year-old has been playing with Patrician Brothers Blacktown for three years and this year made his debut for the Panthers NYC after a successful season in the SG Ball competition.

“It’s really big thing, especially for me. I try to follow in my brothers’ footsteps, because both of them made it so that was my goal,” Jennings said.

“So just to have that experience, even if I don’t make the NRL, I have something to look back on.”

The squad will tour England and France in November and December and Jennings is looking forward to playing in a different atmosphere.

“Especially to play against the French and the Poms it will be good. I’ve never done it before, so I’m excited,” he said.

Jennings credits his development to his time playing school rugby in Blacktown, the SG Ball competition and now the NYC.

“The step up to NYC was good especially coming back from injury. It’s a lot faster and more physical, it’s a different game,” he said.

“I am learning a lot off the other guys, especially the guys who were there last year and won the comp. I’m learning in the halves and using their experience.”

Although he is out to make a name for himself as a player, Jennings admitted his family still plays a big part in his career.

“I do get a lot of advice from home. Mostly from my dad, after every game he will tell me where I went wrong, where I can improve,” he said.

“My brother Michael tells me just to do my own thing, because I try to follow in his footsteps, but he tells me to just play my own game.”

Robert Jennings has been selected in the 2014 Australian Schoolboys. Picture: NAT SULLIVAN
'Try your best' pays off for young swimmer

By Elihs Pearce

PATRICIAN Brothers student Tim Hodge is enjoying a year of incredible swimming results including breaking old records, winning national medals and swimming with his idols.

At the recent 2014 School Sports Australia Swimming Championships in Melbourne, Tim, an avid swimmer, won eight medals from his 10 events including relays.

His haul of precious metal included two gold medals, four silver and two bronze to go with two fourth finishes.

Tim broke five records in the 50 category for his age group – his time in the under 15s 100-metre individual medley was four seconds quicker than the one set by Matthew Cowdrey, who has 13 Olympic gold medals to his name.

Tim, from Kings Langley, recently received a letter requesting he participate in the Tokyo Paralympics development squad, joining the group of Hot Swimming Australia wants to nurture, working with sports scientists and elite coaches.

Tim was excited to be asked to join after being part of the Ro Olympics development squad.

"It gives me a bit of an extra edge to try and get further in the competition."

"When we go to camps we train altogether and work on techiques, endurance and sprinting."

"For the Tokyo squad we are going on a camp at the AIS for five days in September."

Earlier in the year Tim, who trains at Blacktown Aquatic Centre, competed at the 2014 Australian Swimming Championships in April – an open age event – at just 13 years.

"I was very exciting swimming with the older people," Tim said.

"I was thinking "Try your best, it doesn't matter where you come if you try your best.""

For Tim swimming is a big part of his life and a way to make good friends.

WHO AM I?

- I play fullback.
- I have two junior clubs, St Patricks Blacktown and the St Clair Comets.
- I made my first grade debut in April 2013.
- I was named my club's Rookie of the Year last season.
- I am 23 years old.
Match-winner Matt Moylan is poised to become Penrith's next $1 million star

Moylan's third match-winner

MATT Moylan in the NRL's new golden boot.

For the third time this season, the Panthers' fullback kicked his side to victory in the dying seconds of a match. Moylan's 23 kicked a late conversion in an 18-16 win over Canterbury in round three, a field goal in round 18 and last night he kicked a 2-22 win over North Queensland.

"The bigger the moment, the calmer he is," Panthers coach Ivan Cleary said.

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2015 Simpson Prize – An opportunity for Year 9 and 10
Win a trip to Turkey and attend the 2015 Centenary of Anzac Commemorations at Gallipoli!
The Simpson Prize is a national competition for Year 9 and 10 students which will see eight students, one from each State and Territory, accompanied by two teachers flown to Gallipoli or the Western Front to attend the dawn service and other ANZAC Day ceremonies in 2015. Student can choose to respond to the topic by writing an essay or preparing an audio-visual presentation. The competition, whilst managed by the History’s Teachers’ Association of Australia (HTAA) on behalf of the Australian Government, will be state based in terms of the judging. Schools can submit up to three entries to their local HTAA affiliate who will select the State/Territory winner and the runner up from these entries. In March 2015, the winners and runners up will attend a two-day briefing program in Canberra. The selected teachers, who will accompany the winning students to Turkey or the Western Front, will also attend this program. The teachers will be selected by the Simpson Prize Advisory Committee from two nominees provided by each HTA affiliate. Detailed information about the competition, including entry instructions, conditions of entry, and other details are available on the Simpson Prize website www.simpsonprize.org. Year 9 and 10 students are encouraged to participate. Entries must be received by the NSW representative, Maria Dos Santos-Lee by close of business on 17 October 2014. Contact: Maria Dos Santos-Lee History Teachers’ Association of New South Wales PO Box 219 Annandale NSW 2038 Phone: 02 9518 4940 httansw@tpg.com.au

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Every night the Vinnies Van assists between 25 and 30 people experiencing homelessness at Penrith and Parramatta. Volunteers give out food, hot drinks, blankets and swags to those sleeping rough. During the winter months, hot beverages and blankets are in big demand. For the rest of Term 3 the Delany Youth (Social Justice Committee) will be collecting blankets, gloves scarves and any other donations of warm clothing. They will be collecting these from your homeroom every FRIDAY morning.