Prayer

The significance of prayer at Patrician Brothers’ College can be evidenced in many ways. There are the simple daily and weekly rituals:

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

So why is prayer so important? Quite simply, for followers of Jesus Christ, prayer is the best way to communicate with God. Prayer is the vehicle for daily dialogue with Jesus. The importance of daily communication through prayer cannot be overestimated. It is so important that it is mentioned over 250 times in Scripture! Daily prayer gives us an opportunity to share all aspects of our lives with God. It gives us the chance to express our gratitude and importantly, prayer provides the platform for confessing our sins and asking for help in overcoming those sins.

At key points in his life Jesus chose to prepare himself by spending extra time in prayer – this was certainly the case when he began his ministry of preaching and teaching and also as he prepared for his suffering and sacrifice on the cross for us. Daily prayer can have a profound effect on the way we view the world and serves to invite God’s presence and direction into our work and our relationships.

Pope Francis recently said, *It is important to pray often because that’s where people receive Christ who saves, forgives and unites everyone to his Father, Church and each other.*

Please continue to take care of each other,

*Santo Passarelo*
From the Assistant Principal
It is hard to believe that November has almost passed and we are planning our end-of-year events and ceremonies. Teachers have commenced work on final reports for Years 7-10. Year 11 students have commenced their HSC year of study, Year 9 are preparing for Lifesaving week and Year 10 are currently involved in their SUISS transition program. Our Year 7 students have been preparing their dance steps for the Social Dance with Nagle College this week. The Year 12 Formal was held last week at the Novotel at Norwest and these students now eagerly await their HSC and ATAR results.

In terms of updates on rules and expectations - we remind all parents and students that the College has a clear and well-publicised Hands-Off policy. Students are expected to observe this basic rule at all times. This policy is designed to protect the safety of all members of the school community and enhance their learning environment. Students and parents should be very clear about the intention and consequences of this policy - intimidation, bullying, harassment and other similar anti-social behaviour - can cause great stress and upset for the students involved and all too often lead to serious injury.

Examples of unacceptable behaviour that breach this rule include: rough play or tackle games during recess and lunch, pushing and teasing, physical exclusion, stand-over or intimidation of other students, forcing into bus or canteen lines, barging through crowded corridors and other similar forms of physical confrontation.

Of particular concern is the propensity of young men in our society, and in some schools, to punch first and ask questions later. As we are all aware, the consequences of this type of behaviour can be tragic and examples of this are featured in the media almost every weekend. Any action that breaks these guidelines for safe and non-violent behaviour will be dealt with firmly. In serious cases of assault or harassment - students will be suspended and may face review of their enrolment status at Patrician Brothers’ Blacktown. Involvement of local Police may also be required. Students may also be required to undertake ongoing counselling to address any underlying anger management or family issues.

On a different note - we remind all parents to ensure that their sons are maintaining their hair within the parameters of our uniform and grooming policy. While our students generally have a very clear understanding that extremes of hair length are not acceptable, particularly shaved styles and lines cut into their hair, it appears that they are not clearly communicating this to their hairdressers before they cut their hair. Fortunately, most of these mistakes are quickly and easily fixed with short clippers.

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
Shera Grewal 7C18
Kogi Ison 7C16
Matthew Mendens 7C17
Cameron Brus 8D16
Kane Willoughby 8D16

Silver awards
Aditya Mehta 7C12

Good luck to all for the upcoming fortnight!

Mrs Natacha Warnant, Merit Awards Convenor

Remembrance Day

The Remembrance Day service held at the Blacktown RSL Sub Branch was a respectful and commemorative day. It was an honour to be a part of this and to also be able to pay my respects. It was a great idea to have Patrician Brothers’ College participate in the ceremony.

Sam Barnett, Year 10 Student

Counsellors Corner
We are all either bullies, bullied or bystanders. Most of us would like to think that we are not bullies and we hate to see ourselves as powerless and the victim of bullying. However ALL of us would like to think that if we saw bullying occurring we would ACT to intervene and stop the victim from being hurt. Research states that children and adolescents don’t, ‘just grow out of being a bully’ but instead those who learn how to acquire power through aggression on the playground can transfer these lessons into their adult lives. Bullying has been identified as one of the links in the chain from childhood to adulthood violence. Although the form of bullying changes with the bully’s age it is always unacceptable whether it happens at school, in the home (domestic violence) or in the work situation. We must be vigilant in stopping it when we see it, especially in our role as bystander and not support it by staying silent when we witness it.

Ms Linda Cassell, Counsellor
Year 12 Formal
What a night! A fabulous evening of dining and dancing was enjoyed by all. The Year 12 Formal was again held at the elegant Novotel, Norwest and the warmth and friendliness the boys displayed towards each other was a tribute to the spirit that exists amongst them. Special thanks to Mr Mark Domars and Ms Samantha Borg for their outstanding organisation of the event. The behaviour of the boys was exceptional and they certainly looked handsome dressed in their formal attire! It is a testament to our students that 42 staff chose to also attend on the evening! Congratulations to all on a wonderful night.
Special Religious Education (SRE) Report

Twelve Year 10 students have volunteered to take on the mission to share their Catholic faith and the Good News with the students at Blacktown South Primary on Thursdays in 2015. These boys follow in the footsteps of the twelve Year 11 students who have over the past year made a huge impact on the lives and faith journey of young students in their respective classes.

Ms Denise Grzelj, Year 11 Coordinator and Mr Jim Prendergast, REC Coordinator

What is SRE?
Special Religious Education Teachers (‘SRE’s’) are dedicated and committed to Special Religious Education in State Schools. SRE’s make every effort to ensure that Catholic children attending state schools and their families have an opportunity to hear the Good News, to develop a relationship with God and to feel they are welcomed and valued members of the Church community. SRE’s undertake, by living the gospel values, to nourish and support the faith development of students and their families.

The Diocese of Parramatta use the Kindergarten to Year 6 curriculum ‘Christ Our Light and Life’. This helps students to know and understand Jesus’ message of ‘Love one another as I have loved you’. SRE’s accept the responsibility of ongoing formation and commitment to mission.

Year 5
The SRE program has been enlightening as we prepare lessons on the Christmas story and Advent. We have taken great care to present the lessons that encourage the students to connect with their faith and the Church. We enjoy the challenge of SRE as it enables us to spread the Word of God. We feel privileged to be part of the Year 5 SRE team.

Jason Pinto, Jayvee Datuin and Ford Zapanta

Year 6
SRE allows us to share our faith with the students at Blacktown South Public School. It is a joyful experience which enables us to teach Catholic values and our traditions to the Year 6 students. Each week as we prepare our lesson, we developed a clearer understanding of our own faith. Currently, Year 6 is learning about Advent, as the Church prepares for Christmas.

Delahoya Manu, Steven Wehbe and Ethan Koong
Year 2
SRE has been an enriching experience for all of us. The Year 2 students are enthusiastic and eager to learn about their faith. Teaching lessons about Advent we have been developing our communication skills as we take care to put the work in terms that the students understand. It has also helped our own faith formation as we explore our own beliefs and put them into practice in our own lives.

John Butzon, John Falzado and Jamil Dewan

Year 1
In our early weeks of SRE we have really enjoyed helping the young children learn about Jesus. It is great to see the enthusiasm that these children bring to SRE lessons. Being an SRE teacher has made us want to learn more about our own faith and strengthen our own relationship with God. The advice and help that we have received from the Year 11 students who have been involved all year in SRE has helped us settle in to the role of SRE’s.

Tyson Cham, Lennox Tielemann and Joshua Mar

What is a Catechist?

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

The primary goal of a catechist is to model God's love to others. As a result, the primary requisite of a catechist is a love for God and a love for children. A catechist designs and structures experiences for students that help them grow in their personal faith and spirituality and passes on to students a set of shared meanings and values that are Catholic. A catechist also initiates others into the faith community, into its life, its worship, symbols and practices. The role of the catechist is a vital ministry of our Church. It is a gift that has tremendous value to the world community at large because through the catechist's word and actions, the message of Christ continues to have a place in all human affairs.
From the Director of Studies

Year 12 Students: Accessing 2014 HSC results
HSC students need their Student Number and PIN to access their HSC results online or by SMS 17 December. Students should activate their Students Online account to create their PIN or find out how to change their PIN if forgotten.

Aim High
High achievers in the current Year 12 2015 cohort will be asked to nominate themselves for the AIM high program. The Aim High Program is a mentoring program for students who aspire to cross the boundaries and achieve well above expectation in their HSC and consequently achieve high ATARS for entrance to specific university courses. Thanks to the commitment, dedication and quality work of the Aim High mentors, students on the program boast achievements in a range of curriculum areas.

The 2015 Aim High Program is due for commencement in Term 1 2015. Students who wish to achieve a highATAR would benefit from meeting with their peers and academic mentors. The qualities identified in successful students are diligence, the achievement of sound assessment results over a number of years and commitment to form a partnership with an academic partner. The academic partner is not a tutor. Their role is to provide support to students who may have specific areas of need whether it is in study skills, organisation, motivation or general health and well-being. The year ahead will be challenging and each student will have their specific area of vulnerability. Boys who are interested in taking part in this mentoring program need to return all the forms to Mrs Paton by 1 December 2014.

HSC All My Own Work Program
In preparation for the HSC 2016 students in Year 10 will be completing the HSC All My Own Work Program which allows them to be enrolled into the Stage 6 Courses. Without completing this course students cannot be enrolled. It is important that all boys attend Step up into Senior School and complete the modules satisfactorily. The program is a BOSTES (Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards).

“The HSC: All My Own Work program is designed to help Higher School Certificate students to follow the principles and practices of good scholarship. This includes understanding and valuing ethical practices when locating and using information as part of their HSC studies. The program has been developed as part of the NSW Government’s Respect and Responsibility strategy and complements other approaches such as brochures for teachers, students and parents and strengthened student and teacher declarations for the HSC. The HSC: All My Own Work program is integrated with other NSW syllabuses and programs. The program is designed to be delivered flexibly as self-paced learning modules.”

If a student breaks the rules it is mandatory for teachers to register the malpractice on a register on-line. It is imperative that students take the modules seriously and apply the correct practices during Years 11 and 12.

Ms Danuta Paton

Library and Careers
Author Talks and Workshops
As part of Sydney Writers’ Festival, Blacktown City Libraries will be holding a special event featuring author talks and workshops.
Twenty five lucky boys from Year 8 will attend this free workshop with Mrs Forrest and Mrs Dracoulas on Monday 1st December. We will meet and work with published authors Melina Marchetta, Will Kostakis, Jaclyn Moriarty and Gabrielle Tozer. This is a fabulous opportunity to develop skill in creative writing and be inspired by these successful authors.

Patrician Brothers has developed a great partnership with Blacktown Public Library and we are fortunate to be offered this opportunity.

Library Stocktake
All boys are reminded to return their books to the library as we undertake our annual stocktake. This is an important part of keeping our collection well maintained and our catalogue up to date and accurate. The library will be closed to patrons from Dec 1-11 and re-open for holiday borrowing on the 12 of December.

Apprenticeships
Coldline Refrigeration are seeking new apprentices to join the Refrigeration trade.
Contact James Megalli on 1300 788 388 or email info@coldline.com.au

Mrs Sue Dracoulas, Teacher Librarian

From the Desk of Sharon O’Keefe
Past Student Visit
Two ex-students, Garth Warne and his brother Garrick, who attended Patrician Brothers’ College in the early 90’s, recently called in for a catch up and a chat with staff members. It was fortunate that on the day the boys decided to pop in, four past staff members, Denis McHenry, Tom Melican, Gail Wills and Brother Peter Higgins were also available to speak and reminisce about the College. It was great to reconnect with the boys in person. We wish them happiness in their life journey.

Ways People Pray
I recently had the opportunity to see boys in Mr McCaughan’s Year 8 Religion class presenting their Term 4 Assessments – Ways People Pray. The boys displayed a variety of excellent slideshows showcasing how people of different faiths, including Catholics, Hindus and Muslims, pray. The slideshows were informative, engaging and dynamic. Particular standouts belonged to Laren Henry, Campbell Wood and Vazohn Fitzgerald. Well done boys, I’m sure we’ve all learned something as a result of your efforts.

Mrs Sharon O’Keefe, Learning Support Coordinator
Victor Chang Science Award 2014

On Tuesday the 4th November 2014, Jiasheng Huang of Year 11 was presented with the Victor Chang Science Award by Blacktown Mayor, Cr. Stephen Bali and Dr Nicola Smith of the Victor Chang Institute. This award recognises outstanding achievement in Science and seeks to promote the important contribution of Science to society. The Victor Chang Institute was founded in memory of pioneering heart surgeon Victor Chang, whose life was tragically cut short in 1991. Today in its 20th year, the Institute continues to be a world leader in the area of cardiovascular disease research and promotes biomedical research, a field with much to discover and explore. Jiasheng is a worthy recipient of this award, having demonstrated outstanding achievement in both Physics and Chemistry in Year 11. Both Mr Passarello and I were fortunate to be invited along with Jiasheng’s parents. Congratulations Jiasheng!

Mrs Heather Gilchrist, Science Coordinator

Jiasheng Huang is pictured above with the Mayor of Blacktown, Councillor Stephen Bali (who is one of our parents at the College). Below is Jiasheng with his proud mother!

2015 School Timetable

In 2015 there will be a slight change to the daily finishing time. On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday the day will conclude at 3.10pm. The Thursday finishing time will be 3.00pm.
Please note that there has not been any change to the actual teaching time. The change will only affect the length of lunch each day. These changes will be introduced as part of a number of changes to assist students in remaining more focussed on their learning. Appropriate notification has been provided to all transport providers. It is planned that further timetable changes will be introduced in 2016.

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Art Express

It is with great excitement that I am able to announce that Isaiah Mercado’s HSC Body of Work for Visual Arts has been nominated for Art Express 2015. Art Express is an exhibition of extraordinary and outstanding Body of Works that represents the best in the state submitted for 2014 HSC. The exhibition hosts an array of significantly creative works ranging from Drawing to Photography and Digital imaging. Once selected, these artworks are formally exhibited in a variety of locations including the Art Gallery of NSW.

Isaiah produced a sculptural piece based on the multifaceted dimensions of women and the control they have over themselves. He appropriated the work of Australian artist, Dell Kathryn Barton and her differing representations of women. His artwork consists of timber, wire, paper and acrylic paint. Isaiah worked tirelessly on these pieces, remaining committed to an excellent standard until the end. We congratulate Isaiah and wish him all the best in the final selection for Art Express 2015.

Mrs Josephine Arcella, Visual Arts Department
Sculptures by the Sea

Sculptures by the Sea is an exhibition where artists create site-specific works along the coastline from Bondi to Tamarama beach. The exhibition is designed to provide students with insights into the creative process and encourage them to engage with sculpture. Students from various schools across Sydney had the opportunity to view the artworks and gather ideas for their own artmaking back at school. Overall, it was a unique experience with enjoyable weather.

Mrs Josephine Arcella, Visual Arts Department

On Friday 7th November Mrs Gretel Collison and I took Year 9 to the Sculpture by the Sea Exhibition at Bondi. This exhibition is a collection of site specific works created by a variety of artists and exhibited along the coastline from Bondi to Tamarama beach. The day was both enjoyable and insightful. Students got to engage with the sculptures and gather ideas for their own artmaking back at school.

I enjoyed viewing the artworks as they glistened in the sunlight. They complemented the beach. There was a large amount of people from various places that came to view the work also. Overall it was a unique experience with enjoyable weather.

Ranican Zapanta

Society and Culture

This Term the Year 12 Society and Culture class have started working on their major works. Each student has to undertake a Personal Interest Project (better known as a P.I.P). This project gives students the opportunity to conduct primary and secondary research on a social and/or cultural issue of their choice.

On Monday 10th November our class headed to Riverside Theatre in Parramatta to attend a P.I.P lecture day. Our day consisted of various presentations from the New South Wales Society and Culture Association that aimed to assist students with the progress of their major works. The boys got the opportunity to network with students from schools across Sydney and experienced HSC markers. During the day, our own Luke Vella was selected to go up on stage and was given the opportunity to discuss his P.I.P idea with the audience. He was the only male to be selected and received valuable feedback from examiners. He spoke confidently and won students and teachers over. Our afternoon ended on a high with a rap poetry performance. Not only were these people extremely talented, the boys found their stories inspirational. I’m also quite certain that the performances served as stimulus for some boy’s topics.

I would like to personally thank the boys for their maturity and dedication to their studies. They were fantastic representatives of our school community.

The excursion provided me the opportunity to collaborate on ideas for our upcoming major works. It was great being able to meet with other students who share the same interest in the subject.

Daniel Mangabat

The rap poetry was inspirational and powerful. It was my favourite part of the day.

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Miss Melanie Gearing, Society and Culture Teacher

Congratulations

New Administrator of Diocese of Parramatta

Reverend Father Peter Williams

Fr Peter was born in Melbourne and educated at Clifton Hill State School and Ivanhoe Grammar. He was brought up in the Anglican Church. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Medieval Studies and Philosophy from the Australian National University, a Bachelor of Theology from the Australian College of Theology and a Bachelor of Education from La Trobe University. He also has been awarded a Masters of Theology from the University of Sydney, and the Master of Arts in Liturgical Studies from the Catholic University of America. In 2014 he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the Australian Catholic University.

On 19 March 1992, Father Peter was ordained a Catholic priest and has held appointments in many parishes in the Diocese of Parramatta most notably as parish priest of St Oliver Plunkett parish Harris Park 1998 –2004, and Dean of St Patrick’s Cathedral Parramatta from 2004 – 2006. In August 2006 he was appointed Director of Liturgy for World Youth Day Australia, 2008. In this role Father Peter was responsible for the planning of the liturgical celebrations surrounding WYD and the Papal visit.

From 2000 – 2011 he served as Executive Secretary of the National Liturgical Commission; overseeing in this role the implementation across Australia of the new translation of the Roman Missal and serving on numerous committees and boards within the Australian Catholic Church.

He was elected Fellow of St Johns College, Sydney in 2009 and a Member of the NSW Chapter of the Australian Catholic University in 2010. He is Chairman of the National Liturgical Music Board (since 2005) and a member of the National Liturgical Art and Architecture Board (since 2010) and as Chairman of the Catholic Worship Book Project (since 2006) has worked on producing a revision of this music resource.

Father Peter teaches at the Catholic Institute of Sydney and lectures and runs workshops on liturgy. From 2011 until 2014 he was Vicar General in the Diocese of Parramatta and Episcopal Vicar for Social Welfare.

Fr Peter is currently Moderator of the Curia (appointed 2011), and the Director of Liturgy (appointed 1998) in the Diocese of Parramatta.
School-Based Sacramental Program

A number of our boys recently received their First Holy Communion after completing preparations as part of our school-based Sacramental Program. Congratulations to Bailey Wyatt, Jordan Pazdjava, Veni Iuli, Spencer Leniu, Jermaine Khamphet, Luke Puru, Marc Zaurrini, Bailey Leniu. These lessons were conducted weekly during lunch times and were led by Mr Kim Crawford and Mr Greg Beacroft. Congratulations to all the students on being involved in this program.

Mr Gregory Beacroft, Sacramental Coordinator
Thursday Morning Mass
What a privilege it is for us at Patrician Brothers’ College that we are able to celebrate the Eucharist each week. Every Thursday morning at 8.15am we gather in our College Chapel (ALL Saints Chapel) for a short but engaging celebration of the Eucharist.
Patties Boys Say Farewell to Archbishop Anthony Fisher
On Saturday the 8th of November hundreds of young people gathered to say farewell to their shepherd who has guided them over the past five years. I, along with ten of our senior students, attended Archbishop Anthony Fisher’s Farewell Mass for the youth of Parramatta diocese at St Patrick’s Blacktown. It was a particularly bittersweet moment as the Bishop who has taken such a great interest in igniting the youth of the Parramatta diocese will now be moving on to Sydney.
Archbishop Fisher spoke in his sermon of his time as Bishop here in the diocese of Parramatta, “I’m proud to say that one of my best uses of that time was leading and serving the young people of Parramatta, hopefully ever closer to the kingdom of heaven.” His sermon called all of us to be “Christian heroes” and challenged us to join the quest for salvation.
“We have been on a pilgrim path together. A path to God together.”
Archbishop Fisher, we wish you well on your next journey. May God bless you.
Ms Jessica Fleming, History Teacher

Installation of Archbishop
The 9th Archbishop of Sydney, Anthony Fisher, was formally installed on Wednesday 12 December at St Mary’s Cathedral. The College was represented by Mr Santo Passarello (seen on the far left) and Mr Colm McCaughan.
Sports News
MCS Representative Sportsman 2014

It is with great pleasure that we are able to present Joshua Curran as the 2014 Intermediate Sportsman and Jarome Broadbridge as the 2014 Senior Sportsman for the Metropolitan Catholic Schools Sports Association. In achieving this honour, Joshua and Jarome are affirmed as the most successful sportsmen in the 11 member schoolboy sports association. Joshua’s achievements in Rugby League and Touch Football, where he was selected in National and State teams have been highly commended. Jarome was a State representative for Touch Football, an Association representative for Rugby League and a College representative for Athletics and Swimming. Congratulations Joshua and Jarome.

Staff News
Congratulations to Mr Matthew Hartigan who recently competed in the Oz Tag National Championships where his Opens Mixed side were crowned National Champions. Mr Hartigan was named Player of the Tournament.

Mr Heath Borg, MCS Coordinator

Blacktown Art Centre – Blacktown City Art Prize
This year 2 of our extraordinary Year 12 Art students have had their works accepted into the Blacktown City Art Prize, hosted at the Blacktown Art Centre. Their works will be on display in an exhibition from 6th December until the 10th January 2015. Entries include local and up and coming artists from Sydney. To be included in such an exhibition is quite an honour.

Liam Veldsmans
His art work is a soft sculpture series titled “Echoes of Grief”. The sculptures are a personification of the hideous way a person can feel about themselves as a result of bullying. Liam’s sculpture is made from fabric, wood, sticks, wire, nuts & bolts.

Johnathon Izquierdo
His sculpture is titled “My Watcher”. This extraordinary artwork represents time. It is a life size robotic like sculpture that represents the notion that time is our constant observer. Johnathon hand crafted all the individual pieces from timber to create this amazing piece. Congratulations to both of these boys and we wish them all the best.

Mrs Josephine Arcella, Visual Arts Department
MCS Basketball

Round 1 v Marist Eastwood
Highlights from the matches included:
A Grade – Highlight was the depth of Nico Sandaga in his first A Grade game. Outstanding defence and effort for the team.
B Grade – A bit scrappy at the start but defence was solid. Kris Ioane had his debut MCS game and acquitted himself well.
Year 10 Opens - Eastwood were held scoreless from the field all game. The only points scored were from free throws. Outstanding defence from our boys. Hayden Blankley led all scorers with 26.
Year 9 Opens - Great start to the season for the team. Solid team effort. Best & Fairest points: 3 - Fontene Papalii (fantastic debut game), 2 - Joshua Ross, 1 - Bradley Garcia
Year 8 Opens – Bilya Ibrahim's speed on offence.

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Round 2 v St Gregory’s Campbelltown
Highlights from the matches included:
A Grade – Baba Elkander’s amazing effort from the defensive end to offense throughout the entire game. Hans Zaba-la's strong guard work. Very dignified in defeat. Extremely proud of the team for their efforts.
B Grade – Team cohesive defence and dynamism on offense during the second half. Didier Michel's debut. Watch this space.
Year 10 Opens - Tuakore Singapu leading the team and running many fast breaks. Hayden Blankley and Patrick Gil-mour getting the job done near the basket.
Year 9 Opens - Very solid team performance against a tough opposition. Joshua Ross excellent at the start of the game scoring the opening 9 points. Great contribution from all of the team members. Best and Fairest points this week are: 3 - Duwanye Fuimaono, 2 - Fontene Papalii, 1 - Joshua Ross
Year 8 Opens – Bilya Ibrahim's basket in the final seconds of the game to win and Marley Barrett and Jalen Picthality’s strong defence.

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Round 3 v Terra Sancta College
Highlights from the matches included:
A Grade – Great display of offensive transitional basketball. MVP Josef Flores.
B Grade – Karl Garcia had a huge game and Didier Michel remains dunkless during the game, but I believe it's only a matter of time before he does it.
Year 9 Opens – Despite the scoreline this was a bit of a scrappy affair and we were a little off the pace. The boys pulled together when it counted though and got the win. Special highlight must go to Sagato "own basket" Katopau for his inspirational shot from a rebound. Best and Fairest points this week are: 3 - Joshua Ross, 2 - Bradley Garcia, 1 - Travis Sta-ana

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Round 5 v Trinity College Auburn
Highlights from the matches included:
A Grade – A great game of basketball where all players contributed to the result.
B Grade – Krishneel Ioane displayed one of the best clutch shots of the season so far. Carl Cruz showed leadership as point guard for most of the game.
Year 10 Opens – All the big guys played a good game – Jack Groeneveld played furiously on both ends, Prince Opoku scored 8 points in the first 10 minutes, Patrick Gilmour led the team in defence and Hayden Blankley ran the ball up the court beautifully.

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Round 6 v St Dominic’s College Penrith
Highlights from the matches included:
A Grade – Another result that helps our season in the long run. Great team effort. Jarome played really well this week.
B Grade – Even without the added challenge of an injured Carl Cruz being out for the game and Rofis Abdalla at less than 100% mobility (recovering from an infection on his knee), going up against Doms was always going to be one of our toughest games of the season.
The boys responded by putting on a finals-worthy performance. Each member played their role, but special mention must be made of Beshoi Butros, who made it rain threes like a 100% mobility.
Year 10 Opens – Outstanding effort, every player left it all on the court. Ruel de Guia scored the final 6 points to secure the win and Hayden Blankley played the whole game with tremendous intensity. Tuakore Singapu was a vital part of the victory.

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MCS Cricket

Round 1 v Marist Eastwood
Highlights from this round include:
Year 8 Opens – Batting: Christopher May 45. Bowling: Sushmith Kundar 1/4
Year 10 Opens – Yuvraj Singh and Bailey Davis-Knoll contributed with the bat scoring 19 and 18 respectively. Whilst Vishwas Saini bowled well with figures of 3-14 off 4 overs.
C Grade – Batting: Ryan Pritchard 24 (Man of the Match). Bowling: Ryan Pritchard 2/18 Joel Bradford 1/19
B Grade – Our young man from Year 9, Munsa Saggi 3-12 off 4 overs in a mature spell of bowling.
A Grade – Batting: Arjun Nair 34, Tyran Liddiard 26 (Man of the Match) Bowling: Arjun Nair 2/14 Ricky Nair 1/16.

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Round 2 v St Gregory’s Campbelltown
Highlights from this round include:
Year 10 Opens – A great effort shown by the boys who played with a man down against a strong St. Greg’s team. Sent in to bat we posted a solid total of 7/94 off our 20 overs. Jaydon Sperinck was a star with the bat scoring 30 runs with the support of Ajay Singh who chipped in with a handy 20. A fabulous run out by Jaydon Sperinck
C Grade – Man of the Match Ryan Pritchard with top score of 18 and 2 for 18 bowling
B Grade – Zorawar Singh scoring 23 including a classic reverse pull shot for 4.

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Round 3 v Terra Sancta College
Highlights from this round include:
Year 8 Opens – Batting - Brendan Hooper 13 NO. Bowling - Chris May 4-1, Mandar Mariguddi 2-1, Jacob Syphers 3-4
Year 10 Opens – Yuvraj Singh (62) and Nihal Reddy (38) opening with a century partnership but not enough in the end to run down the total.
C Grade – Batting - Joel Bradford 32. Bowling - Jy Clapman 5/10
B Grade – Gurkirat Singh made 27 with the bat
A Grade – A dominant display by the entire side in the field.

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Round 5 v Trinity Catholic College
Highlights from this round include:
Year 10 Opens – Auburn 3/101 off their 20 set a decent target. We began strongly with Nihal Reddy (23) and Yuvraj Singh (23) who had us 0/47 off three. Then a batting collapse, losing 6 for 15 off five overs, put us back on the back foot until Ajay Singh (15) and Sean Cleasby (19) dug in and got us back on track allowing us to win with a total of 7/102 off sixteen.
C Grade - Bye
B Grade - Munsa Saggi 2-6, Zorawar Singh 2-14
A Grade – Batting - Alex Johnston 24. Bowling - Ricky Nair 3/5, Arjun Nair 4/5, Alex Johnston 3/5, Yuvraj Manav 2 catches. Great effort to maximise quotient which will be important in the final ladder.

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Round 6 v St Dominic’s College Penrith
Highlights from this round include:
Year 10 Opens – Jaydon Sperinck 1/18, Vishwas Saini 1/22 off their 4 overs. Yuvraj Singh 18 and Nihal Reddy 15 with the bat. Not the greatest performance with the bat today, losing a couple of quick wickets either side of drinks really made it difficult to run down the total. Boys showed fight and played right to the final over.
B Grade – Arshpreet Badwal top scored with 15 runs.
A Grade – Ricky Nair 3/28 and 23no, Daniel McKinley 2/14, Arjun Nair 69, Tyan Liddiard 26. A nail biter against a top placed team, which shows we are well on track in season 2014/15.

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Downie Shield NSW Catholic Schools Knockout
First XI Cricket
PBB 1/59 (Alex Johnston 39no) def Bede Polding 10/58 (Arjun Nair 5/3, Daniel McKinley 2/16)
Apart from a lost toss it was the perfect start to our Downie Shield campaign. Wickets to Daniel McKinley in Over 1 and Ricky Nair in Over 2 set the perfect platform.
Enter Arjun Nair: his delicate changes of pace, turn and bounce ripped the heart out of the Bede Polding middle order. Tyran Liddiard was exceptional up to the stumps with 3 stumpings including one off quick bowler McKinley. Alex Johnston finished the Windsor innings off and started ours with a bang. Johnston cruised with a flourish of boundaries to finish and the cool head of Liddiard guided us into the next round of Downie shield.
Well done on a clinical performance 1st XI.
Mr Chris Ferry, Coach

2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate
What is the Family Energy Rebate?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:
- A $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- A $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator

Am I eligible for the rebate?
To be eligible you MUST:
- Be a NSW resident: and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

What do I need to do before I apply?
Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you:
- Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 with the Australian Taxation Office of informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

How to Apply
Online – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
Paper – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live

For more information and assistance
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Email: fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au

Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc.
Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc. (TLC) is a not-for profit community-based initiative helping those in need in the Toongabbie area established 17 March 2007. After the Induction and Training of our first 45 volunteers held on 6 October, TLC’s legal service commenced on 13 October 2007.
Over recent years, a small group of solicitors and other professionals became aware of the need for increased access to legal services in their area. Responding to this need, they joined together to launch a community Legal Centre was initiated by Susai Benjamin, a local solicitor, with a small meeting in Toongabbie during November 2005. After a series of consultations, a committee was set up. This management committee conducted a Consultation within the community regarding the need for such a centre and the nature of the potential issues faced by those who might use such a centre.
The mission of TLC is to provide legal assistance and advice to those in the Toongabbie, Blacktown and surrounding areas who are unable to seek the help of private lawyers, or who otherwise have difficulty in accessing legal services. TLC and its website was formally launched on 8 July 2011 by the then Federal Attorney general the Hon Robert McClelland MP.

TLC exercises its mission through service in:
- Provision of legal advise and legal information
- Arranging referrals to other relevant bodies or to individual legal practices of other services
- Undertaking advocacy work in respect of policies and legislation relevant to the client group
- Contributing to law reform processes
- Providing community legal education and on-going consultation with local communities

Typically clients include:
- Persons with financial constraints
- People from non-English speaking background
- Recently-arrived migrants, especially migrant women and children
- Refugees and those on humanitarian visas
- Needy youth and unemployed
- Those affected by issues related to employment and compensation
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

Priority is given to clients from the target groups within the Toongabbie and surrounding suburbs.
Open on Thursday (6pm-9pm) and Saturdays (9am-1pm). Drop-in service operates between 6.30 and 9pm on Thursdays, and between 9.30am and 1pm on Saturdays at the Hall next to St Anthony’s Church, 27 Aurelia Street, Toongabbie. Blacktown Legal Centre (BLC) functions at 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown within St Patrick’s Church premises.
The Centre operates with the help of volunteers who are solicitors, migration agents, law students, social workers, financial planners and experts in finance, as well as IT specialists.

For further information:
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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 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 zippered pockets) and easier to wash.

**FROM 2016 ALL STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR THE NEW SPORTS POLO SHIRT**
Para-cyclist covers 92km for charity

By Elisha Pearce

PROMISING young para-cyclist Gordon Allan rode 92 kilometres in a day to raise money for autism services.

Allan, from Lalor Park, said while he was training with the Western Sydney Academy of Sport (WSAS) he met a coach that helped organise the ride from Goulburn to Bowral for the Kolle of Knowledge Committee for Kids (KKKK) to raise money for autism support in the area.

He decided to raise money and ride on October 12 this year — his contribution was added to over $20,000 raised at the event.

“I met a coach who works in advertising and he was trying to promote an event run by KKKK charity group and he said it would be great to have a strong rider who had disability help them out with the event,” Allan said.

“That was the longest ride I’ve been on, so it was great to get it finished.

“There were at least 60 riders in the group including other national road series riders too, so it was a strong pack.”

Allan, 16, is an up-and-coming C3 class para-cyclist with right-sided hemiplegic mild cerebral palsy and has been working with the WSAS since the beginning of this year.

In September he was selected to spend a second year with the academy.

“I’ve found it very good; they work on technique with coaches and they do nutrition seminars and others about race tactics and fitness,” he said.

“I’m setting personal bests and times are dropping quickly.”

He went to the National Para-cycling Championships in Echuca, Victoria, in May and came fifth in the time trial.

Allan’s ultimate aim is to contend for medals on the world stage.

“I want to make Commonwealth Games and Olympics — that is the aim,” he said.

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