From the Principal

Service and Sacrifice

I'm giving up Chocolate this Lent

Our College Theme for 2015 has certainly challenged our community – Service and Sacrifice.

As we enter the latter part of Lent and prepare for the coming of Easter, it is perhaps opportune to ask – what have we really given up for Lent?

If our response includes the predictable list of chocolate and sweets, then we may have missed the whole point of our 2015 challenge. Can these truly be classified as a sacrifice?

Lent should be a season of conversion: to acknowledge the ways we have turned away from God in our lives and to focus on turning our hearts and minds back toward God.

If we’re going to fast from anything this Lent, Pope Francis suggests that even more than chocolate or other indulgences, we fast from indifference towards others. Have we given up pettiness, given up selfishness, given up being cruel, given up being disrespectful, given up worrying about ourselves and instead started to worry about others.

I wish all of our community a blessed and holy Easter. May you enjoy time with your families and with our Risen Lord.

Please look after each other,
Santo Passarello

St Patrick’s Day
A wonderful day of celebration and festivity.
Our Mass, games and concert were enjoyed by all. Pictured are Year 8 students Malaki Neiufi, Christian Aualiitia and Taylan May.
From the Assistant Principal

Term One is nearing conclusion and Easter is not far away. The last fortnight has been particularly busy for staff and students with several major events and final preparations for upcoming examination blocks. St Patrick’s Day celebrations last Tuesday were tremendous. We started the day with a meaningful and reverent celebration of the Eucharist in honour of our patron saint. The school was then treated to a Student vs. Staff Soccer match that generated great excitement and a cliff-hanger penalty shoot-out; and finally, staff and students moved to the Hall to enjoy one of the best Talent Quests that we have ever held. This was a great community day for all involved. Last week we also held our Year 7-11 Progress Interviews for Term 1 2015. The support and cooperation of the parents who attended was evident in all interviews and we hope that these discussions will contribute to better engagement with learning for their sons. Year Coordinators will make direct contact this week with parents who were unable to attend this session of interviews.

In other news, Year 12 Half-Yearly Examinations have commenced this week and the students seem to be coping very well with the experience. Of course, this is the final internal examination block before these students face the Trial HSC Examinations early in Term 3 so it is crucial that they use this opportunity to hone their examination skills, study organisation and time management.

Next week we send Year 7 students off to Mulgoa to participate in Camp Week. Over recent years, Year 7 Camps have been very successful and we are confident that this experience will not only contribute to the resilience and skills of individual students but will also serve as a community development activity for this cohort of students.

In terms of reminders for this fortnight – we again emphasise the need for students to avoid loitering in areas around Westpoint and Blacktown Station. There are very few students who have genuine reason to even enter Westpoint on school days and we have explained to them at length some of the potential problems that can arise when groups of young people gather in these areas for no good reason. Unfortunately, it only takes the misbehaviour of one or two students to attract the attention and test the patience of the security staff who patrol these areas. When conflicts arise, our instruction to Westpoint or Blacktown Station security staff is to immediately contact Blacktown Police and the parents of the offenders. Our Year Coordinators also target this area during their morning and afternoon patrols of the Westpoint and the Blacktown Railway interchange areas and any students who misbehave can expect serious consequences. Of course, the same advice applies to students who travel to school on trains. We have been fortunate in recent years that our students have not experienced many problems in the Blacktown CBD and we are determined to continue this situation. In general terms, the behaviour of our students in Westpoint is very good but part of the reason for this is that we receive excellent information on a daily basis from Blacktown Police, a number of store owners and an extensive network of ex-students; enabling us to respond to most reports of misbehaviour very quickly.

We also ask your support in terms of ensuring that you are monitoring your son’s attendance and punctuality closely. As we enter Term 2, we ask that all parents keep a close check that their son is attending school every day and all day as required by law. An important part of the daily schedules of our Year Coordinators and front office staff is to monitor and follow up on patterns of absence or lateness. The feedback we receive from parents when we contact them about suspicious absences is generally extremely positive and appreciative.

Mr Brian Edmonds

Mock Trial Tournament

Last Tuesday Mrs Lesley Maguire, Mr Colm McCaughan and the Mock Trial team travelled to Blacktown Boys High School for the first round of the Mock Trial Tournament. Mock Trial is a great opportunity for students who have an interest in legal studies to consolidate their skills and knowledge about law while getting practical experience in a competition which closely resembles a real court case. In our first trial, we were up against an experienced and well-prepared Blacktown Boys team who was acting as the prosecution. We, as the defence, had a job to ensure that our client received an equitable trial that would result in being found not guilty of murder. Our two witnesses held up very well against the prosecutions cross examination, especially our first witness, Christos Floratos, who was acting as a woman and had everybody including the Magistrate in stitches of laughter. A good opening and closing address by our barristers, Dylan Byers and Bailey Broom, scored well and assisted by further convincing the Magistrate of our arguments. The final points tally was close but allowed us to come away with a 17 point win, with the accused found not guilty due to the great representation of the Patrician Brothers’ College Mock Trial team. The team consisted of Dylan Byers, Bailey Broom, Michael Capati, Christos Floratos, Mohak Issar and Brock Sperinck. We look forward to our next match early in Term 2.

Bailey Broom, Year 10 Student

Ireland and England Trip 2015

Please keep our students and staff in your thoughts and prayers as they represent Patrician Brothers’ College on this trip of a lifetime.
St Patrick’s Day
We recently gathered as a school community to celebrate the feast of St Patrick, the patron saint of the Patrician Brothers. On February 2nd 1808, Bishop Daniel Delany formally declared that the first Patrician Brothers would dedicate their lives to continue the mission of St Patrick. Like Saint Patrick and as declared in his great prayer, The Breastplate, the Brothers strive to see Christ in his creation and in the people to whom they have committed their lives. The Mass was a great faith experience, enhanced by the reverent participation of all those gathered, an inspirational homily by Fr Peter Confeggi and outstanding music. Fr Peter, during Mass, challenged us all to continue the work of the Patrician Brothers and to commit ourselves to ‘service and sacrifice’.

Mr Gregory Beacroft, Liturgy Coordinator
Director of Studies
Revision Skills
Year 12 are currently preparing for their first semester examinations. This is an important time to consolidate their learning. Revision and practicing exam style questions is the key to a successful and stress free examination period. The purpose of revision is to:
- Check your understanding of concepts learnt
- Make links between different topics to see how they fit into the subject as a whole
- Remind yourself of content or skills that you have forgotten as they have as yet not been internalized
- Reinforce your learning
- Identify and fill gaps in your knowledge

Just reading over your notes continuously is not a really a useful revision technique. Make revision meaningful by:
- Using your material to answer a question or solve a problem that you have not done before
- Reworking the material into a chart or diagram
- Summarising material under headings or on index cards
- Discussing material with peers or teachers
- Making links, comparisons and contrasts between different areas of your program
- Evaluating different theories
- Reducing notes to brief notes and key words. Index cards are good for this.
- Varying the material you revise. Go for the more difficult first then vary it to give you a sense of achievement.
- Studying alone and in teams
- Marking your achievements off as you progress
- Varying your revision methods as variety keeps you better focused.

Seven Tips for Exam Revision:
- It’s always good to start early
- Create a revision timetable.
- Answer questions from past papers. The Board of Studies Website has past papers in every subject and even worked solutions and markers’ comments.
- Identify the key points, examples and evidence for each topic
- Prepare for questions that will expect you to combine knowledge of different topics
- Prepare for unusual questions
- Go over the same material quickly several times rather than laboring over it for a long time on one occasion.

For Year 12 Students
UTS Discover Session - Nursing
Discover Nursing
Tue 30 June, 6.00pm
Learn more about nursing or midwifery by attending an interactive workshop http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/health/about-health/events-and-brochures/discover-sessions

University of Western Sydney - Observatory Astronomy Night
UWS Observatory, Penrith Campus
Sat 28 March, 8.00pm – 10.00pm
The evening will include a presentation, a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and an opportunity to view the night sky through the observatory's telescopes. http://www.uws.edu.au/observatorypenrith/uws_observatory_penrith_campus/whats_on

Private Colleges
Coco Republic Design School: Upcoming Master classes
Drawing and Illustration:
The Outdoor Space Master class: Sat 18 April, 10.00am – 3.30pm
Colour for Interiors Master class: Sat 2 May, 10.00am – 3.30pm

Other News
Australian Defence Force Gap Year
Applications Open Mon 2 March
The ADF Gap Year program provides an opportunity for young Australians who have finished Year 12 or equivalent, aged between 17 and 24, to experience military training & lifestyle whilst gaining new skills over a paid Gap Year.
To apply, visit: http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/GapYear/

Mrs Danuta Paton
Documentary
OVER THE EDGE is a 56 minute documentary about youth tackling issues confronting their lives today: teenage pregnancy, youth suicide, depression, employment, alcohol & drug abuse, bullying, leadership & relationships.
Being aired on NITV/SBS on the 15th April @ 8.30pm
We invite you to look at our website: www.overtheedgedocumentary.com.au, as part of our initiative to bring awareness and health to these issues – please click the tab BLOG and go to our WISHLIST for the world, your positive comments of wishes for our world will bring a ‘paying it forward good intention effect’ it is our hope that the motivator will encourage a public forum/voice that showcases these issues and ways to move forward that will continue to create positive change for our youth.

Mrs Fran Dobbie, Producer
School-Based Sacramental Program
Confirmation
As part of our school-based Sacramental Program we will be having classes on a Tuesday at lunch time for those students who are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. To participate in the program you need to see Mr Beacroft to get an application form. To be eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation you must have already completed the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

Mr Gregory Beacroft, Sacramental Coordinator
Year 8 Technology Mandatory – Metal Unit

Over the past several weeks my two Year 8 classes have undertaken a great metalwork project in which they have designed and manufactured a metal pot plant hanging basket. The boys have used various metalworking hand skills to fabricate their designs including marking out, cutting, bending, curling, twisting, drilling and joining. Congratulations boys on a job well done.

Mr Noel Bajada, Teacher

Modelling and Visual Literacy - Year 12 Biology

We live in a visual world: Magazines, newspapers, movies, TV, Facebook, Twitter and the Internet are just some of the ways in which we access information. The average teenager will watch 22 000 hours of television by the time they graduate.

We process visual images 60 000 times faster than text. This is because we take in all the data from an image simultaneously, while text is processed sequentially. As human beings our brains are built to interpret images.

Visual literacy is the ability to evaluate, apply, or create conceptual visual representations. All Key Learning Areas use visual images to provide information and support students’ understanding. To be visually literate, students need to; understand the signs and symbols that are used to construct meanings, and that these symbols make us understand things and react in particular ways.

Converting text into meaningful diagrams, pictures or flow charts may assist students in processing information and can be an effective study tool. It can also be a way of condensing a lot of information into a manageable amount.

Year 12 Biology students recently constructed models of DNA. Modelling enables students to visualise those things which cannot readily be seen and can make complex ideas simpler. For example the models shown convey the following information: DNA has four separate bases, each base can pair with only one other. There are numerous ways in which the bases can be arranged to provide a specific sequence, DNA has two strands and DNA has a double helix shape.

Mrs Heather Gilchrist, Teacher
Library Update
Week 8 saw the launch of the Year 7 Science Research Task in the PLC. Students gained access to their student login usernames and passwords, which enables them to use all the electronic devices in the school and gain internet access for research purposes. Students were also introduced to classm8: allowing them to complete their assignment and submit it to their teacher digitally.

Classm8 is an exciting collaborative platform where work can be shared between staff and students. Next week, Year 7 will take part in their second session with Mrs Forrest about research strategies, putting information they find into their own words and how to acknowledge their sources in a bibliography.

Book Review
Title: The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy
Author: Douglas Adams
Genre: Comedy/Science Fiction
Arthur Dent discovers his house and the planet Earth will be destroyed by officials of the galaxy. An unknown planet is found and the alien inhabitants embark on an intergalactic adventure in search of the meaning of life, the universe and everything. I recommend this book because it’s funny, enjoyable and gives you the answer to life.
4 Stars
Dev Saldanha, Year 8 Student

Careers
UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, SYDNEY
University of Technology Sydney
UTS Open Day – 29th August 2015 from 9am-4pm at the City Campus
Register at: www.open.uts.edu.au
The University of Technology is our featured University this month and all brochures are available in the Careers Corner in the Library. UTS 2016 Undergraduate Course Guides have arrived. There are multiple copies available, for a range of different courses. Students are welcome to take copies for their perusal. Courses include Accounting, Law, Education, Engineering, Business, Information Technology, Design and Health.
A Course and Careers Guide is also available. This outlines career options for courses of study and also career snapshots of past students and where they are currently working. The scholarship booklet may also be of interest to students looking into a course of study at UTS.
Mrs Vikki Forrest & Mrs Selina Wong, Teacher Librarians

Learning Support
Learning Support at Patrician Brothers’ College looks after students with various learning and additional needs. This year the Learning Support teachers are responsible for different year groups, so if you need to contact the School regarding Learning Support issues, please refer Years 7, 10 and 11 enquiries to Ms Sharon O’Keefe, and Years 8, 9 and 12 enquiries to Mrs Melissa Scalone.
Please be aware that applications for Disability Provisions for the H.S.C. to BOSTES are currently being submitted. At present, no one from Learning Support has requested any Disability Provisions.
Any Disability Provisions used will appear on the H.S.C. report. Please advise the Learning Support team if you wish to apply for Disability Provisions and provide the necessary documentation. Please indicate which category the student will be using, i.e. Learning Difficulties, Medical Difficulties, Hearing Difficulties or Vision Difficulties. Discuss this with your son as it is important he agrees to these provisions. If you have any concerns about your son’s learning, please feel free to contact Learning Support.

Learning Support Team

100 Flushcombe Road Blacktown 2148
www.patsblacktown.nsw.edu.au
Ph: 9671 3000
Fax: 9831 6617
Social Justice Corner: HOT CROSS BUNS!

What better way to start the day than with a buttered hot cross bun straight from the oven? Many of the staff and students supported Project Compassion during Week 8 by buying, selling and eating Hot Cross Buns on Friday morning. The boys who volunteered put in a tremendous effort. They arrived at school at 8am, set up the stall and decorated it, cut the hot cross buns, served them and promoted it as well. Thank you to all the boys who were involved.

Delany Youth enjoyed a second successful operation of our annual Hot Cross Bun drive in support of Caritas. The Project Compassion theme this year is ‘Food For Life’, so the sale was especially fitting. Not only were the hot cross buns of great quality, but the sense of community spirit and generosity surrounding our stall was great. It was satisfying to see the buns disappear and both staff and students readily supporting Caritas Australia.

Aaron Pinto, College Captain
I was happy to see so many staff and students donating money and enjoying their hot cross buns. I enjoyed helping our school raise money because I know it was going towards a good cause.

Jonathan Tabone, Year 9
The Hot Cross Buns fundraiser made $288.75 just on one morning. The school as a whole has made $3250.00 so far for Project Compassion - what an amazing effort! Thank you to the school community for not only supporting this fundraiser, but for all your generous donations to Project Compassion during Lent 2015.

Ms Jessica Fleming, Organising Teacher
Merit Awards
Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving Bronze, Silver and Gold awards at the upcoming school and year assemblies. It’s good to see seniors receiving awards. Well done!

**Bronze Awards**
- Miguel de Guia 7C16
- Jason De La Torre 7C18
- Marcus Jones 7C16
- Alex Kingsley 7C15
- Elemasi Latu 7C12
- Sebastien Michel 7C12
- Paul Park 7C16
- Adrian Perera 7C15
- Shaariq Sami 7C14
- Damon Siderides 7C14
- Bavkirat Singh 7C17
- Andrew Wehbe 7C12 2 Awards
- Amir Darabi 8D17
- Manuel Fagela 8E10
- Karan Mehta 8D20
- Patrick Moriarty 8D16
- Benjamin Taulai 8C12 2 Awards
- Shaun Cleasby 9A23
- Jaden Victoria 9B6
- Jonathan Espinas 10C5 2 Awards
- William Gibson 10C5
- Aaron Lacson 10C7 2 Awards
- Lachlan Picking-Roser 10C3
- Milton Mulayi 12F8

**Silver Awards**
- Patrick Moriarty 8D16
- William Gibson 10C5

**Gold Awards**
- Ruel de Guia 10C5
- William Gibson 10C5
- Rameez Parkar 10C6

Good luck to all for the upcoming fortnight!

*Mrs Natacha Warrant, Merit Awards Convenor*

**Year 8 History**
## College Swimming Carnival Results 2015

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### Age Champions

- **12’s**: Scott Lord, MacKillop
- **13’s**: Nicholas Suryathyo, Massey
- **14’s**: Daniel Kucheruk, Massey
- **15’s**: Daniel Hertel, Histon
- **16’s**: Jack Groeneveld, Massey
- **17’s**: Brice Starr-Stephens, Delany
- **18’s**: Connor Baggs, Delany

### Records

- **50m Breaststroke**: Daniel Kucheruk, 33:57, Massey
- **50m Butterfly**: Daniel Kucheruk, 29:97, Massey
- **50m Freestyle**: Daniel Kucheruk, 27:70, Massey
- **50m Backstroke**: Timothy Hodge, 31:66, MacKillop

### Participation Results

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Record breakers! Pictured above are **Daniel Kucheruk and Timothy Hodge**.

Pictured below are Mr Van D’Morias, Sports Coordinator; **Rohan Hudson**, Histon House Captain; and **Tyran Liddiard**, Massey House Captain.
St Patrick’s Day
Staff vs Students Soccer
St Patrick’s Day celebrations at the College included a Staff versus Students Soccer match. As the students gathered around the top oval the excitement started to build. With both sides on the oval a grand late entrance was made by the Staff Captain, Mr Adnan Saleh. The highlight of the first half was Mr Nathan Campbell dribbling past two of the students, then making a break. He kicked the ball with all his might and unfortunately collected half the turf with him – sadly he missed the goal. It then became very obvious that Anas was the student to beat. He challenged and teased the staff as he maneuvered the ball across field. For the staff, interchanges occurred regularly due to a lack of fitness. The students thought they had the game wrapped up at halftime with the score 2-0. A rousing half time address by coach, Mr Bill Borg was all that was needed for the staff to return the scores to 2-2. The main plan was to give the female staff members the ball as they were not allowed to be ‘intercepted’ by the students! Full time and the scores were still 2-2 … time for a penalty shoot-out. After repeated opportunities at goal by the players and saves by the student goalkeeper, Joe Vaegaau, the staff proved too strong in the end, defeating the students 6 goals to 5.

Goal Scorers - Staff: Mr Adnan Saleh – 1, Mr Scott Durham -1 Students: Anas Abu Ganaba – 1, Tyran Liddiard -1

Mr Van D’Morias, Sports Coordinator
MCS Soccer
Round 1 v Bye
Round 2 – St John Paul II
Highlights from the matches included:
Year 7A – A well deserved victory for the boys, representing the College for the very first time. A faultless performance across the board form all 14 boys who took the field with Jing Lual a standout, scoring a hat trick.
Year 7B - 2 goals and one assist from Josh Biong. Mogping Mogping proved an unlikely goal scorer heading in with his nose (and celebrating in the corner with the crowd and a bleeding nose) and Paul Park running box to box for the entire time, the master of the engine room.
Year 8A – Excellent defensive work at the back from Frank Bosco. A spirited effort from the team.
Year 8B - Mohammad Farrukh fought back and managed to score a goal to bring a draw with the opposing team.
Year 9 – Thomas Blyberg putting his body on the line to save a goal as well as Aniowau Reec scoring a great goal.
Year 10 – The Year 10's kicked off the season with a dominant performance against John Paul College. Strong debuts from Zach Thompson and Jarod O'Brien complemented the core of the team as they turned a below par first half into a superb second.
A Grade – A slow start but then the team found a bit of rhythm and went on to win the game convincingly 4-0. Worth mentioning the best cross from Anas Abu Ganaba. It went straight into the goal.

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MCS Weight for Age Rugby League
The MCS plays Rugby League under the Weight for Age format for U13 (60kg limit) and U14 (65kg limit).
Both of our teams are undefeated going into the finals in Week 9 of this Term. Good luck to these teams and their coaches, Mr Mark Hendy and Mr Jordan Williams.

U13 Weight for Age (60kg)

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Interested in Playing Rugby League on Weekends?
On the last page of this week’s newsletter is an advertisement for a wonderful club that has a proud history and tradition. Please consider joining St Pat’s Rugby League Club. They are a weekend football club in the Penrith District. They would welcome any student from Patrician Brothers’ College who is not currently linked to a weekend club.
Their details are:
- A family club catering for all ages
- Players required for U6 to A Grade
- Coaching and Training positions available

Contact Darrin TODAY 0407 972 155
MCS Tennis 2015

Junior Shield – Runners Up
Senior Shield – 3rd
Aggregate Trophy – Runners Up

The MCS Tennis squad of 2015 should be proud of their efforts and achievements. Each player fought hard on the day to contribute to the success of the team. Well done to our Semi-Finalists and Finalists and particularly to Ayden Dever and Eric Tan who took out their division as U/15s Doubles Champions.

Runners Up:
Opens Singles – Tyran Liddiard
Opens Doubles – Adrian Costaganna & Joel Wheatley
U/17s Doubles – Thomas Lees & Lucian Fitzgerald Rogers
U/16s Doubles – Vincent Akena & Alex Fenech
U/14s Doubles – Aasir Khan & Dylan Cruice

The MCS Tennis Squad 2015:
U/12s  Thomas O’Callaghan, Matthew Cirjak, Anare Seru & Sahil Punjwani
U/13s  Hohepa Puru, Christopher May, Aidan Villadolid & Nathan Jones
U/14s  Aaron Baker, Aasir Khan, Dylan Cruice & Nicholas Bear
U/15s  Amornwat Kasemmongkol, Ayden Dever, Eric Tan & Aiden Scott
U/16s  Nicholas Femia, Vincent Akena, Alex Fenech & Jaydon Sperinck
U/17s  Levi Murray, Thomas Lees & Lucian Fitzgerald Rogers
Opens  Tyran Liddiard, Joel Wheatley & Adrian Costaganna

Mr Manny Scalone and Mr Dominic Williams, Coaches
Central Coast Tour

The U/13 and U/15 Rugby League teams recently travelled to the Central Coast for the 2015 Rugby League tour. This year the team once again travelled to our annual clash with St Edward’s College at Gosford. The U/13s took the field first against a very talented and physical opposing U/14 team. Both teams created some outstanding attacking opportunities and the game hung in the balance for most of the game. St Edward’s would eventually run out winners, 30 points to 6. Izack Tago was named Most Valuable Player (MVP). The U/15 game was the next fixture, with the team facing a committed U/16 opposition. The Patties boys dominated from the opening exchanges, eventually running out winners, 16 points to 6. Spencer Leniu was a standout performer, combining strong running with some blockbusting defence. In a great team performance, he was named MVP. The boys viewed the experience as a great way to develop individual skills and build as a team. Many boys from the U/13s commented that it was the hardest game of Rugby League they had played. With training now in full swing, both squads can’t wait to take this experience into the MCS season.

Mr Nathan Campbell and Mr Dominic Cullen, Tour Directors
PBB Sports Ribbon Recipients

Year 7/8 Basketball:
Aloha Junior Kolo
Jayden Howe
Caiden Singapu
Paul Tako
Sila Tako

Year 9 Basketball:
Roman Koong
Aaron Cairns
Lachlan Holmes
Breyton Smith
Gilbertus Toenroe

Yr 10 Basketball:
Geoff Doctor
Jonathan Petelo
Joel Relunia
Paul Relunia
George Taualai

Bowling:
Amandeep Sokhi
Jacob Moujalli
Karl Garcia
Marcus Jones
Ruel De Guia
Jake Buena
Jack Singleton
Bradley Biddulph
Yuvaraj Singh
Vishwas Saini
Shane Lipscombe
Mark Rowan
Jordan Pazdjara
Andrew De Iulio
Message from Catholic Education Office

COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

In NSW school attendance is compulsory for children over the age of six months until the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. Students must complete Year 10 and after Year 10, until they turn 17 years of age, students must be:

☐ in school or registered for home schooling, or
☐ in approved education or training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship)
☐ in full-time, paid employment (average 25 hours per week) or in a combination of work, education and/or training

What if my child has to be away from school?

If your child has to be absent from school, you must tell the school and provide a reason for your child’s absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may:

☐ send a note, fax or email to the school
☐ telephone the school, or
☐ visit the school

Your school will inform you of the required procedures for notifying them.

A small number of absences may be justified if your child has to:

☐ go to a special religious ceremony
☐ is required to attend to a serious and/or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
☐ is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness

Children need to arrive to school and class on time. Lateness to school or leaving early from school must be recorded as a partial absence. Your school will inform you of the required procedures for late arrivals and early departures from school.

Application for Exemption

If you consider that it is in your child’s best interests to be exempted from the legal requirement to attend school for any length of time, you must apply to the principal for an exemption. The school will provide an Application for Exemption from Attendance at School form, and assist you to complete it, if necessary. The principal will consider your application and decide whether to grant a Certificate of Exemption from Attendance at School.

Responsibilities of the School Principal

Principals help to ensure the safety, welfare and wellbeing of your child. They must also keep accurate records of student attendance. Principals are able to question requests for a child to be absent from school and are also responsible for deciding if the reason given for an absence is justified. Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation for long or frequent absences explained by parents as being due to illness.

When absences are unexplained by parents, or explanations are not accepted by the principal, the school will work with parents to identify the reasons for non-attendance and put in place strategies so the child can return to school. Principals may ask support staff or other agencies to assist.

What if my child continues to have unsatisfactory attendance?

It is important to understand that the NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC), on behalf of the State Minister for Education, may take further action in cases where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unacceptable absences from school. The following actions may be taken in these cases:

☐ through an application to the Children’s Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The aim is to assist a family and/or child to address the issues preventing satisfactory school attendance. This has the added enforcement of a Court’s powers.

Compulsory Attendance Conferences

If previous attempts to resolve the issue of a child’s attendance are not successful, legal compliance can be sought through an application to the Children’s Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The aim is to assist a family and/or child to address the issues preventing satisfactory school attendance. This has the added enforcement of a Court’s powers.

Prosecution

If all attempts by schools, the Catholic Education Office and DEC regional support staff fail to improve a child’s attendance, action can be taken in the Local Court with the result of fines being imposed up to a maximum of $11,000.

Further information:

Further information is available from:

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Passion to help burns bright

By Kylie Stevens

BLACKTOWN was a rural town when Brother Bernard Bullin arrived from Ireland as a young teacher. Almost 50 years on, the former Patrician Brothers principal’s passion for service is as strong as ever and was recognised at Blacktown Council’s work for the community awards.

“This honour is very much unexpected and appreciated,” he said.

“The first thing I learnt when I arrived in Blacktown is there are no strangers, just friends you haven’t met yet. It’s in Blacktown where I had the most enjoyable times of my life.”

Brother Bullin joined Patrician Brothers at 15 and was posted to Australia in 1955. He was soon teaching at Patrician Brothers Blacktown, where he was introduced to rugby league and developed a lifelong passion for the Parramatta Eels.

“I went to a game at Cumbene Oval where South Sydney was playing Parramatta,” he said.

“Everyone went for South Sydney in those days but then I saw the blue and gold of Parramatta, which were the colours of my country back in Ireland.”

After six years at Patrician Brothers Blacktown, he was posted to other schools but returned four years later as principal, where he remained for 25 years.

“We had a huge population with big classes and no facilities,” Brother Bullin recalled.

“Blacktown was still a rural place and there was no sewage. We didn’t have an asbestos-lined hall in the 25 years I was there. Assemblies were held outside in the sun. But the people were so friendly and hospitable. Everyone went back to the school now, there’s something new there.”

Brother Bullin spent his final 10 teaching years as principal of Patrician Brothers Fairfield. He got bread in 2001 and returned to college to retain as a chaplain to work in hospitals and jails.

Brother Bullin has been a Parklea prison chaplain for 13 years, where he works three days a week.

“I’m not here to judge the inmates,” he said. “My presence is to give them hope and that someone is prepared to listen and value them as human beings.

“To somebody they’re just their identity and freedom. It can be a dehumanising environment where they are the least of human ones.”

“In lots of cases, many ask you to pray with them. I told the inmates very friendly and accepting and they’re treated well there. I highly recommend to the community to consider working or contributing there.”
Classy Panthers’ devastating attack sends Titans tumbling

By Patrick Foley

CARRINGTON Park in Bathurst echoed to the sound of the siren as Penrith Panthers last Saturday, where they defeated the Gold Coast Titans, 28-6, with a devastating attack to consolidate their position at the top of the Competition.

Fullback Matt Moylan charmed his Origin claims with a record-breaking first try, scoring another hat trick for his former club, which included a brilliant breakaway from the kick-off.

Moylan showed his class in the middle of the field, scoring a try from deep, which was the second in the game, and then converted the try to make it 14-0 in just 15 minutes.

The Panthers had the better of the Titans in the first half, with Moylan scoring a try in the corner and then converted the try to make it 28-6 in total.

The Panthers’ left winger, Matt Moylan, also kicked his third goal in the game, which was a field goal, to make it 38-6 at halftime.

The Panthers were victorious in the second half and scored two more tries to consolidate their position at the top of the Competition.

The Panthers inflicted serious damage on the Titans, with Moylan getting a clean break and scoring a try in the corner for his second try in the game.

The Titans were left with no answer to the Panthers’ devastating attack, which saw Moylan score another try and converted the try to make it 46-6 at full time.

The Panthers were victorious in the end, with Moylan scoring a try in the corner and then converted the try to make it 54-6 in total.

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