Ireland and England Trip 2015

As part of our 2015 school theme of ‘Service and Sacrifice’, the school made a commitment to visit the birthplace of Bishop Daniel Delany (founder of the Patrician Brothers) and also visit Patrician schools in Ireland (specifically St Joseph’s ‘The Bish’ in Galway and Patrician Secondary in Newbridge). This pilgrimage will be remembered as a significant event in the life of our school community.

You may recall that last year I wrote:

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 Charism. 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 charism 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. This is not a superficial ‘sister school’ association. This is a concrete, animated and spiritual ‘brother school’ connection!

Our recent pilgrimage 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.

A full report of this memorable experience can be found in this issue of ‘The Focus’.

Please continue to look after each other,
Santo Passarello

Ireland and England 2015
The experience of a lifetime! Pictured below are: Ms Jaimee Bocasan and Ms Jacqueline Mercieca at Stonehenge; Lachlan Kellam and Alexander Jovanovic at the Tower of London.
From the Assistant Principal

Welcome back to staff, students and parents for Term 2 after the recent break for Easter and school holidays. Prior to the holidays we sent a large group of students, staff and parents to Ireland and England. All reports from this trip, particularly the daily updates and photos posted on Twitter, were overwhelmingly positive and there is no doubt that the horizons of these students have been expanded considerably.

Back here at school, a long list of Year 12 classes gathered at school for HSC tutorials and study sessions. Thanks to all staff who contributed to these activities during their holiday time and congratulations to the students, whose enthusiasm and commitment were verified by their attendance. Last week we had one of our largest events for the year, namely our Open Night for prospective Year 7 students for 2016 and their parents. The evening was highly successful in terms of showcasing our school facilities but even more so in providing an opportunity for our visitors to experience the spirit and pride that our students and staff have for our community. The simple fact that 90 staff and upwards of 300 students volunteered to host and assist with the various activities during the evening speaks volumes about the commitment of our community to providing the best education possible.

Upcoming events include – the Year 10 Social Dance in our Hall with Nagle College on Wednesday 6 May; NAPLAN Tests for all students in Years 7 and 9 on Tuesday 12 May, Wednesday 13 May and Thursday 14 May; Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews on Tuesday 19 May and our College Mass for the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians on Monday 25 May.

In terms of reminders for this fortnight – in recent weeks we have made a deliberate effort to target unexplained absences and suspected truancy. Homeroom Teachers and Year Coordinators have made a significant number of phone calls to parents regarding unexplained absences and the information exchanged has been extremely enlightening, both for the school and for the parents involved. As we move through Term 2, we would ask that all parents keep a close check that their son is attending school every day and all day, as required by law. We are also fortunate to have strong support from Blacktown Police and Westpoint security in terms of questioning any students found loitering around the Blacktown CBD without genuine reason. Needless to say, learning outcomes and success at school are often significantly lower for students who have poor attendance.

We also remind parents and other family members that they are not permitted to drive into the school premises to pick up or drop off their sons on school days. The front area of the school has high pedestrian traffic and we need to minimise the amount of vehicles that move through this area. The only exception we make to this rule is for students who are temporarily incapacitated through serious injury and are either on crutches or unable to walk. This also applies in wet weather. Students need to arrange a suitable meeting place such as K-Mart carpark or Marion Street if they are going to be picked up by parents. With the commencement of our major building project in the next fortnight and the likelihood of more wet weather in the weeks ahead, these safety considerations will become even more important as traffic congestion and access restrictions increase.

Mr Brian Edmonds

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Merit Awards

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

**Bronze Awards**

- Naman Bathla 7C18
- Joshua D’Mello 7C18
- Darius Meina 7C18
- Adrian Perera 7C15
- Brandon Potusa Leota 7C12
- Aljenn Soliva 7C13
- Maximus Tupou 7C18 2 awards
- Vijay Umashankar 7C18
- Andrew Webbe 7C12
- Dylan Jones 8D17
- Karan Mehta 8D20
- Thomas Sultan 8D22
- Kaylem Falaniko 9B6 2 awards
- Mitchell Gallagher 9A23 3 awards
- Timothy Hodge 9B6
- Michael Rosales 9A25
- Jonathan Mifsud 10C19
- Rameez Parkar 10C6
- Kiano Pомente 10C7
- Brock Sperinck 10C3
- Pujan Thapa 10C7 3 awards

**Silver Awards**

- Mitchell Gallagher 9A23
- Jonathan Mifsud 10C19
- Kiano Pомente 10C7
- Brock Sperinck 10C3
- Pujan Thapa 10C7

**Gold awards**

- Mitchell Gallagher 9A23

Good luck to all for the upcoming fortnight!

Mrs Natacha Warnant, Merit Awards Convenor

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Year 7 Camps

Our boys were terrific! Pictured below is Atelea Afeaki enjoying the rafting experience.
Ireland and England Trip 2015

The words of the Irish Patrician Provincial, Br Cormac Cummins, probably summarise well the 2015 Patrician Brothers’ College Pilgrimage: “Patrician Brothers’ College Blacktown has once again chosen to visit the birthplace of Bishop Daniel Delany and trace the foundations of the Patrician Brothers. What a wonderful gift your presence has been for us.”

The group that set out from our school included students, staff and parents. They had accepted the invitation to engage more fully with our Patrician charism and legacy. The journey also included all the major attractions in Ireland: Dublin, Galway, Aran Islands, The Ring of Kerry, Killarney, Blarney, Cobh, Cork, Limerick and Kilkenny.

The highlight was of course our time with the Patrician Brothers and Patrician schools.

Our visit to Galway was given particular significance as we not only spent time at St Joseph’s College 'The Bish', but also with the Patrician Brothers at Kingston. Br Niall Coll and Br Marcellus Broderick were extremely welcoming and led us in a lovely reflection on the life and contribution of the great pioneer Br Paul James O’Connor. The Principal of The Bish, Mr Ciaran Doyle, and the Head of the College Board, Mr Myles McHugh, were simply delightful in their ‘Irish’ welcome and hospitality.

Upon arrival in Tullow, birthplace of the Patrician Brothers and their founder Bishop Daniel Delany, we were met by Br Cormac Cummins and Br Camillus Regan. They led us in a liturgy in the Church of the Holy Rosary (where Bishop Daniel Delany is buried), before leading a tour of the Delany Museum. We then visited the original Patrician Novitiate where we enjoyed a magnificent lunch at Mt Wolseley Resort.

We also spent time at Patrician Secondary School in Newbridge. Last year we were visited by 4 of their wonderful teachers. We returned the favour this year! We received a tremendous welcome from the students, staff and parents. Formalities were followed by a recital, tours, talks, food and socialising. A genuine bond has been formed between our school communities!

Once again Ireland gave credence to former staff member, Mr McHenry, who asserted that the ‘only problem with going to Ireland is that it takes the shine off heaven!’

Following the Irish Pilgrimage, the group enjoyed 5 days in England. This included a tour of London, a visit to Warwick Castle, Stratford upon Avon, Oxford University and historic Stonehenge.

Finally, I would like to commend all the travellers for their wonderful ambassadorship. You were a credit to our school community. Congratulations and thank you.

Mr Santo Passarell
Principal

Reflections from some of our travellers:

I was fortunate enough to go on the France/Italy Trip last year, and if you were to ask a musician like myself “what’s your favourite instrument to play?” or “which trip was better?”. I would have the exact same trouble answering both! My words can’t express just how blessed I am to have gone on yet another Patties Trip that included company as good as your family, a plethora of new everlasting memories, warm temperatures and clear blue skies. If I had a dollar for every time someone in Ireland said “you certainly brought the weather with you”, I wouldn’t need to teach ever again! The best day of the trip for me was when we had a tour all around Killarney. Starting off with a morning Easter Mass, we experienced a jaunting car ride in the picturesque national park (you could hear a pin drop). The ride ended outside one of the numerous castles we saw in Ireland; but the Killarney castle was the most breathtaking. Situated atop a small grassy incline, looking over still dark blue lakes, ponds filled with swans and ducklings, and Irish mountain ranges; it was like looking at a water-colour painting it was that beautiful. We then had a bus tour of the Ring of Kerry, featuring astounding panoramic views and waterfalls. To top it all off, I was privileged to be asked in the evening to perform alongside a traditional Irish band to a packed crowd, which as a musician was a life-long dream crossed off the bucket list and a personal highlight of the trip. Along with sightseeing on the Aran Islands, fog clearing at the cliffs of Moher, Warwick Castle and the Holy Rosary Church (where Bishop Daniel Delany is buried); plus a whole bunch of inside jokes (Salmon, WHALE, sock, #StopIt, RIFF!) and a new soundtrack to go with it, it’s safe to say I won’t forget this trip any time soon. Thank you so much everyone in the Ireland/England 2015 crew, in particular Mr Passarello, for organising the entire trip and your leadership. Killarney has definitely been added to my list of possible retirement locations. Mr Anthony Silvestrini, Staff

Wow! What a trip. Memories that we will share for a lifetime. Breathtaking views from the Cliffs of Moher and the Aran Islands to the many majestic sites in the countryside of both Ireland and England; We were blessed with both great weather and good fortune on our trip. Accompanied by outstanding staff and parents we travelled without any hiccups. The conduct of our boys was tremendous. They were a great credit to both our school and their families. We owe a great deal to Mr Passarello’s meticulous planning of the trip. Thank you for the many hours you spent organising the tour. Our itinerary was jammed full of wonderful adventures from start to finish. Can’t wait for the next one! Mr Peter Ross, Staff
The Ireland/England trip was an amazing experience. The landscape, culture and history that we saw and learnt throughout the two weeks were absolutely breathtaking and unlike anything we have here in Australia. The highlight of the trip was definitely being able to experience all of this with students, parents and staff of our school as well as meeting students and staff of Patrician schools in Ireland.

Ms Jaimee Bocasan, Staff

The England and Ireland trip was fantastic, the plane rides to and from England were both smooth and comfortable. Travelling straight from Ireland airport to Conmacnoise was a great idea as we were all tired and needed something to wake us all up. There wasn’t a second I didn’t enjoy this trip; all the teachers were kind (sometimes a little too over-protective!). This truly was a once in a lifetime opportunity with lovely hotels and awesome experiences.

Jacob Bobbin, Year 8 Student

The UK and Ireland trip was definitely the trip of a lifetime with amazing scenery and amazing people to share it with. My absolute favourite part of the trip was the bus rides, making new friends, singing songs, playing games and of course staring out the bus window at the amazing views. This trip has opened my eyes to the possibilities available outside Australia and this was all thanks to the extreme kindness and generosity of Mr Passarello.

Lachlan Kellam, Year 10 Student

The Ireland/England trip 2015 was amazing, beautiful and the people that went were funny and helpful and I made new friends. Mr Passarello was very protective of me because I was one of the youngest students on the trip, but I got him back! I think the best part of it was when we went to Stonehenge - it was phenomenal. This was a trip of a lifetime! Thank you to Mr Passarello for making it happen.

Nicholas Moujalli, Year 9 Student

The trip was amazing and had great people which made it even better. My favourite part would have been the castles and learning about all the different traditions in Ireland. I loved the pubs. We were not able (obviously) to try the Guinness at the factory where it is made. The food was fantastic! The trip was very well organised and I would definitely go again.

Nicholas Ord, Year 11 Student

The Irish countryside was beautiful, especially Aran Island which had breathtaking cliffs and miles of stone formations that would amaze anyone. The weather was nice and cool (a nice change from the blazing hot Australia we were all used to) and the locals were extremely friendly. Dancing on stage with a professional Irish dancer was quite an experience. Definitely a trip I would do again.

Patrick Ross, Year 12 Student

The Ireland/England trip was a once in a lifetime experience. Each day we visited a different landmark or place of importance. There was not a part of the trip that I did not enjoy. This experience wouldn’t have been possible without the hard work of Mr Passarello and all the staff involved.

Alexander Jovanovic, Year 11 Student

My favourite part of the England/Ireland trip was Aran Island. We had free time before the boat arrived. We spent this time on the beach and a few of us were doing flips. We had lots of fun on the trip and made great friendships.

Thomas Cowan, Year 10 Student

The two weeks spent in Ireland and England with the group was a unique experience to say the least. The places visited were wonderful as was the company!

Patrick May, Year 12 Student
From the Director of Studies

UTS Bachelor of Accounting Co-Op Scholarship
The closing date for Round 1 applications is Friday, 5 June 2015.
Interested students in Year 12 will need to apply online before 5 June via the following link - www.bachelorofaccounting.com (Click on "Apply Now", and follow the instructions).
Please note applicants to the UTS BAcc course will need to ask their High School to provide them with a supporting letter which they will submit with their online application before the closing date.

Attend the Information Evening to be held on Tuesday 19 May from 6.30-7.30pm at UTS. Please RSVP including name, school, email address: carin.alberts@uts.edu.au
A reminder that UTS industry partners are looking for all-round achievers to join the course. They are looking for applicants who have taken initiative and pursued interests within and outside school and in doing so demonstrated things like interpersonal skills, dedication and leadership. A high ATAR is not essential. Academic ability is just one of the selection criteria, so some successful candidates will be stronger in other areas than on ATAR. Each year UTS takes in applicants whose eventual ATARs fall in the range 85-100.

Year 12 Aim High Program
The second Aim High Workshop was held last Tuesday by Ms Jessica Cacciotti. The workshop was entitled Spaces and Revision. This workshop is relevant to ALL students.

Spaces
One of the main distractors for efficiency in study is disorganisation and mess. It is easy to get distracted if your work space is untidy. It is difficult to get started as more time is spent finding notes and exercises than actual time allocated to the study. If things are "lost" which just means they are "buried" in disorder, frustration escalates and then it is easier to procrastinate then get into the study routine. Other distractions are also social media, YouTube and computer games. These all need to be turned off but if this is difficult, the best thing to do is to leave them behind, as well as the mess in your room, and head for the library. The trick is to take control and limit your access to distractions. In the library you will do maximum work in the least amount of time.

Revision
How can you access information regularly?
The trick is to all learning is moving information from short term memory to long term memory. So how is this done?
A simple technique is testing yourself regularly. Simple tests equate to better results and research supports this. Practising retrieval of information enhances later retention, a phenomenon known as the "testing effect". Learning conditions improve with regular testing. Don’t leave testing until you complete a whole topic, make notes as you study and regularly test yourself on these notes. Never leave revision to the night before a test or an assessment task. Revision should be ongoing. You will be more confident, less anxious, have a clearer mind and produce better responses.
Revise as you go and don’t forget to do past papers!

UTS Science
UTS Science has introduced six new courses in 2015 and they are:
- Bachelor of Advanced Science (major in Advanced Materials & Data Science)
- Bachelor of Advanced Environmental Biotechnology
- Bachelor of Advanced Science (major in Infection and Immunity)
- Bachelor of Advanced Science in Pre-medicine
- Bachelor of Biomedical Physics
- Bachelor of Medicinal Chemistry

Science Scholarships at UTS visit www.sciencescholarships.uts.edu.au

UAC News
Fast facts about the 2014 ATAR:
- 55,482 students received an ATAR
- The median ATAR was 68.95, slightly higher than in 2013
- 16.5% of the students received an ATAR of 90.00 or above
- 32.8% received an ATAR of at least 80.00
- 48.4% received an ATAR of at least 70.00
- 63% received an ATAR of at least 60.00

UAC Key Dates for 2015-16 Admissions
Applications
Wednesday 5 August 2015 Applications open. Year 12 processing charge $30
Wednesday 30 September 2015 On-time applications close
Friday 30 October 2015 Applications close with higher charge
Monday 30 November 2015 Applications close with higher charge

HSC and ATARS
Wednesday 16 December 2015 NSW HSC results released by BOSTES
Thursday 17 December 2015 ATARS released by UAC at www.uac.edu.au

Open Days for 2015-16
University of Sydney 29 August 2015
University of Technology Sydney 29 August 2015
University of Western Sydney (Parramatta Campus) 30 August 2015
UNSW Australia 5 September 2015
UNSW Canberra at ADFA 29 August 2015
University of Wollongong: (Wollongong Campus) 15 August 2015
(Sydney CBD Campus) 29 August 2015

UMAT - Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test
Wednesday 29 July 2015
Registrations for UMAT are open now and close 5pm Friday 5 June 2015. Late registrations close at 5pm on Friday 19 June 2015. Fees apply.
Registration must be completed online at www.umat.acer.edu.au

Mrs Danuta Paton
The Great Art of Debating

Patrician Brothers’ College Blacktown is currently in the middle of the debating season, with teams across Years 7-12 debating against other Catholic schools on Friday evenings. Coached by various members of the English Department the boys give up their recess and lunchtimes as well as Friday evenings for this ‘sport’. The boys do not get their specific topic for debate until the night of the debate – with one hour to prepare their arguments without any help from the internet, books or teachers. So why debate? As debating involves arguing, it is a lot of fun for the students. Debating develops critical and analytical thinking skills as well as promoting problem solving and innovative thinking. Students gain confidence in public speaking, and it also improves their literacy and writing skills.

Through debating I have made new friends from different schools. It has also kept me up-to-date on current affairs. It has helped me improve skills for English as well as improving my public speaking skills. All in all debating is a great extracurricular activity to take part in and I enjoy representing the school in this way.

Gajan Sivenesan, Year 9 Debating

I have been debating since Year 7 and it has been a really enjoyable experience. It has vastly improved my skills in speaking and writing.

Jonathan Tabone, Year 9 Debating

I have fun working together with my friends as we challenge ourselves each week. Debating has given me confidence to speak in front of others and has developed my ability to work as a team. I have also made some great friends.

Laren Henry, Year 9 Debating

The next three debates will be held at Patrician Brothers’ College, Blacktown.

Ms Jessica Fleming, Debating Coach

Year 7 Science

Year 7 are investigating matter and changes in their new topic "Master Chef: changes in the kitchen". They have started by examining matter and the states that the particles can exist in: solids, liquids and gasses. Each state of matter has typical properties that we have been investigating practically.

Mr Ferry's class first cooked up something that wouldn't be very appetising: green slime! Today we learned that not everything is a 'normal' state of matter and the slime has features of both solids and liquids. Jackson Taylor

I enjoyed making slime and actually playing with it afterwards.

Miguel de Guia

Today we made slime to see what it does and it was kind of like a solid and kind of like a liquid. Lewis Charter

It was so gooey and different to anything I had felt before.

Naman Bathla

Mr Chris Ferry, Acting Science Coordinator
Library Update
Year 7 Spelling Bee

During Week 9, the Library was a hive of activity when Year 7 attended the Spelling Bee finals. The competition involved two rounds where two finalists from each English class were selected to compete. In the elimination final, the 16 finalists had to correctly spell challenging words from an extensive list. The audience was buzzing with enthusiasm whilst supporting their class representatives and it was a great showcase of the talent our Year 7 students have.

Spelling is an essential skill because it aids in reading, writing and communicating. Particular focus on spelling was made in Term 1 as an engaging literacy and NAPLAN initiative.

Congratulations to the winners: Isaiah Te-Puia and Leon Pangan. Runners up included Elemasi Latu, Liam Vella, Miguel de Guia and Joshua Childs. Prizes included iTunes vouchers, stationery packs and certificates.

The following finalists are to be commended: Yaswanth Ramesh, Bostyn Mokaraka, Priyam Kandiban, Joshua D’Mello, Gianfranco Grima. Joshua Saldanha, Matthew Cirjak, Shandy Salazar, and Aloha Junior Kolo.

Thank you to Mrs Jan Pacey and senior students Luke Vella, Anthony Santoro, Daniel Newaj and James Digwood for being our guest judges.

Service and Sacrifice Display
To commemorate the ANZAC Centenary, a display titled Service and Sacrifice showcased a collection of books relating to Gallipoli and stories told by our brave Anzacs. The name of the display ties in with our College theme for 2015, Service and Sacrifice. We hope that students are encouraged to read about the Anzacs and reflect on how they might emulate our Anzacs with service and sacrifice at home, their school and wider community.

Book Review
Title: Fairy Tail series
Author: Hiro Hashima
Genre: Anime

"Fairy Tail is about a wizards' guild that is well known in the kingdom Fiore for their notoriety and havoc. I love this series because the characters are all very different in personality and magical abilities." 4 Stars

Mrs Vikki Forrest & Mrs Selina Wong, Teacher Librarians

Careers Update
University of Western Sydney

The University featured in this month’s Careers Display is the University of Western Sydney. We encourage senior students to peruse the display which contains “hot off the press” undergraduate Course Guides in a range of different areas including Business, Medicine, Education, Tourism, Arts and Policing, just to name a few.

Australian Catholic University
ACU Open Day – North Sydney Campus Saturday 5th September
Strathfield Campus Saturday 12th September

For more information go to www.acu.edu.au

The Australian Catholic University 2016 Undergraduate and Postgraduate Course Guides have arrived and can be found in the Careers section of the library. There are multiple copies available, for a range of different courses. Students are welcome to take copies for their perusal. Courses include Education, Arts, International Studies, Global Studies, Health Sciences, Law, Business, Theology and Philosophy. Information about pathway programs, residence, campuses and applications are also available.

Mrs Vikki Forrest & Mrs Selina Wong, Teacher Librarians

Holy Week

During Holy Week a group of Year 10 students participated in two significant Catholic youth events. Firstly they took part in the Palm Sunday procession from Parramatta Town Hall to St Patrick’s Cathedral with students from the other diocesan school and many parish youth groups. The procession was followed by Mass celebrated by Fr Paul Roberts and the launch of World Youth Day 2016 Krakow.

On Good Friday they joined over 1000 other youth from the diocese in the Good Friday Walk. Starting at St Patrick’s Church Blacktown at 10 pm they walked throughout a cold wet night to St Patrick’s Cathedral Parramatta, stopping at many parish churches to reflect on important social issues and pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. At 6am the walk concluded with a liturgy and breakfast at the Cathedral.

The Year 10 boys are to be congratulated for their willingness to live the 2015 College theme “Service and Sacrifice” and publically profess their faith.

Mr Jim Prendergast, Religious Education Coordinator
Year 7 Camp 2015

Year 7 ventured to Mulgoa and the Lower Blue Mountains to participate in the Year 7 Outdoor Education Program during the final week of Term 1. The boys continued their outstanding introduction to life at Patrician Brothers’ College Blacktown and participated with enthusiasm and took to the activities such as abseiling, canoeing, kayaking, swimming and bushwalking with zeal. As we turn our attention to the topic of leadership in Pastoral Care lessons it was wonderful to observe the leadership qualities on display with our marvellous young men.

I went on an amazing Year 7 camp with my homeroom. We went to Mulgoa and I made lots of new friends. At the camp we had to make our own dinner. I made chicken pasta. It tasted the best and everyone in my group got seconds. Year 7 camp was the best. **Rishay Ram C11**

Year 7 camp was great. I made heaps of new friends and we took part in many activities. My favourite was kayaking. We did heaps of games including making a raft of the kayaks and running across it. I fell in. **Tobey Lewis C12**

My favourite part of camp was abseiling. I had a fear of heights and I was a little scared and uncomfortable going down the rock. The outside of the rock had a big cave and I had to slowly make my way down. When I touched the ground I felt very proud of myself for overcoming my fear. I would love to do abseiling again. **Ajenn Soliva C13**

Camp at Mulgoa was a great time because we had a chance to meet new teachers and interact with the teachers. We did a variety of activities that included abseiling and swimming. We had to prepare our own food for breakfast lunch and dinner. At night we had a campfire. **William Penisini C14**

Year 7 Camp was the best camp ever as we did many awesome activities and had tons of fun. The best part of camp was sitting at the campfire toasting marshmallows and talking. Everyone was telling jokes and Mr Kitchner told us about the legendary Black Panther. **Adrian Perera C15**

A highlight of camp would definitely be canoeing. Having two or three people in a single boat, trying to move forward showed it will only work with teamwork. Rafting was a huge challenge, but we completed the task by communicating with each other. This camp helped build friendships and teamwork. **Isaac Rosario C16**

Camp was a great experience. We had the opportunity to make new friends and mix with boys in different classes. The best part of camp was relaxing at the pool and swimming. **Andre Tecson C17**

My favourite part of camp was kayaking. This was good because it was fun capsizing and falling in the water. I also liked the obstacle course. **Vijay Umashankar C18**

**Mr Dominic Cullen, Year 7 Coordinator**
Congratulations to Tim Hodge

Timothy Hodge of Year 9 has been selected by Swimming Australia to be part of the National Dolphins Swim Team. Tim will be involved in two targeted meets. The first being Grand Prix 2 in Townsville in June and IPC World Championships in Glasgow, Scotland in July. We wish Tim all the best in these competitions.

From a recent newspaper article:
Hodge strikes GOLD
Timothy Hodge has taken further steps to set himself up as the standout athlete of the meet, picking up three more gold medals and a silver on the second day of multi class (MC) racing at the Australian Age Championships.
In the morning session, Hodge was first in the boys’ 11-14 years 50m freestyle MC in 28.17 seconds (710 points), and then backed up his win with another gold in the 100m butterfly MC 10 minutes later.
“I’m pretty happy with how I have been going so far,” Hodge said. “I was hoping for better results in my earlier swims but I’m pretty happy. I’m really hoping to do well in the 100 back and get a PB – and do well in all my swims.”
The 14-year-old from Patrician Brothers school in Blacktown added two more medals to his growing tally when he won the 11-14 years 100m backstroke MC and took silver in the 50m 11-14 years breaststroke MC in the afternoon session.

Sacramental Program
Patrician Brothers’ are ready to commence Confirmation lessons on Tuesday, 5 May at lunch time in the College Chapel. Please contact Mr Greg Beacroft at the school on 9671 3000 for further information.

Lions League
This fantastic program was officially launched during the last school holidays. Congratulations to Mr Matthew Hartigan, Mr Nathan Campbell and ex-student and current NRL star, Joseph Paulo.
Lions League Rugby League Academy

Patrician Brothers Blacktown became a field of dreams for more than 50 budding Rugby League stars during the most recent school holidays. The school played host to the inaugural Lions League clinic which was designed to give youngsters of all shapes and sizes a taste of professional football.

The two day academy had students from as far as Taree and Oberon in attendance and covered a wide variety of Rugby League skills, drills and education. All the young Lions that were involved showed a level of hunger that is going to give them the ‘king of the jungle’ mentality in pursuing and chasing their NRL dreams.

Eels coach Brad Arthur, Raiders Assistant Coach Steve Antonelli and NRL stars Joseph Paulo, Matt Moylan, Blake Austin, Richie Fa’aoso, John Folau, Matthew Lodge, Delouise Hoeter and Tim Mannah were all special guests who worked alongside the young men across the two days.

Preparations are already in place for the next school holiday camp and the Lions League is extremely grateful to be able to use the school as a means to deliver the program in such a professional environment. A number of comments were made by the NRL players about how good the facilities were here for the Patties boys!

For more information on Lions League, visit our website www.lionsleague.com.au or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/lionsleague15. You can also follow Lions League on Instagram @lionsleague

Mr Matthew Hartigan, Founder, Mr Nathan Campbell & Mr Joseph Paulo, Co-Founders
School Sport Ribbon Recipients

School Gym:
Richard Batoure
Darcy Carroll
Joshua Collardey
Open Night
Our annual Open Night was very successful and allowed our students and staff to showcase their talents! Thank you to the 330 students and the 75 staff that attended this evening.
Newspaper Articles

OPEN NIGHT
WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL 2015
7.00pm

PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE
continues to produce outstanding HSC results.

The College achieves spectacular success across
a variety of sports and co-curricular activities.

Prospective students and their families are invited
to inspect the quality experience on offer at
Patrician Brothers' College at our annual
OPEN NIGHT.

It is extremely rare for a school to achieve an ATAR
in excess of 99. Patrician Brothers' College has now
recorded its 3rd consecutive year with an ATAR
above 99.

A
Remarkable
Achievement!

2014 - Adam Roidin 99.55
2013 - Elijah Park 99.4
2012 - Manpreet Singh 99.7

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PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE - 100 FLUSHCOMBE ROAD BLACKTOWN - WWW.PATSBLACKTOWN.NSW.EDU.AU
Daniel paves way to national glory

TEEN SET TO IMPRESS AT AGE TITLES

The Blacktown Swimming Club squad member also broke the 50m and 100m breaststroke records at the Metropolitan Schools Swim Carnival in March, during his previous best time for those races.

Janine Sumnall, a local swimming coach at the club, said Daniel was qualified to compete at the national championships and that his performance was impressive.

“I was very happy with his performance, and I can see it happening in the future.”

Our teachers love learning so will you
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
Enrolling now

Talented juniors on ball for clinic
CHILDREN ROAR INTO ACTION ON FOOTY FIELD

Nick Houghon

Patrician Brothers Blacktown became a field of dreams for more than 500 junior rugby league players last weekend.

The school played host to the Narrabeen Lions league club, who signed on as one of the key sponsors of the event.

The head coach of Patrician Brothers sports teacher Warren Campbell said the players were excited to be on the field.

“Every kid had an absolute ball today,” he said.

The event included various activities, including touch football, rugby league, and other sports.

“Kids love running around and playing, and this is a great opportunity for them,” he said.

Next week, the junior rugby league team will host another clinic.

“Every week we’ll have a new clinic for the kids to enjoy.”

Daniel Kachour is poised to compete against Australia’s best swimmers next week.
are a world apart

Robert Ison, at Hill Outreach Resource, Brookvale, addresses the work of his grandmother Georgia Forrester.

"It would be a very big shock to have a transition from the comfortable life you have now where everything is safe and available...and try to be balanced from that," he said.

"Knowing the conditions of his transition, the disease, the sufferings and all the hardship..."

To have to go through that on a daily basis for your years is something I don’t think I could do.

- Robert Ison

was associated, it’s unbelievable the things they did.

"To have to go through that now, for these kids, for the young years is something I don’t think I could do."

The Sydney University student, studying law and arts, believed he would not have had the opportunity to have had without the battle efforts.

"I would have had the opportunity to do my uni early on...but not do all the things that I have done and yet these people still managed so much with the resources they had."

"For the things that I can now enjoy it’s things that I envy."

This includes a desk, phone and Internet for competing in BSC, that once belonged to a Officer who fought at Gallipoli and in World War II. Mr Ison said he was "extremely grateful" in the Anzacs.

"As a young nation, we don’t have the rich history that other countries have," Mr Ison said.

"What we do have is that sense of youth and it’s so beautifully expressed in the Anzac spirit."

Adam Bollin at the desk that once belonged to aigger.
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Saturday 4 July 7:30pm – Sullivan; Evening
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Wednesday 8 July 7:30pm – Sullivan; Evening
Friday 10 July 7:30pm – Gilbert; Evening
Saturday 11 July 2:00pm – Gilbert; Finale Matinee
Saturday 11 July 7:30pm – Sullivan; Finale Evening

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Mention Luke Vella from Patrician Brothers’ College when purchasing tickets.

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