Service and Sacrifice

I was humbled recently to hear an address from a young missionary who had been working in a remote part of north-east India, near the border with China, as it was so relevant to our College Theme for 2015.

This young man, who was in an unpaid position as a missionary, spoke of the privilege of working with and assisting disadvantaged communities. He was speaking after Mass in my parish as part of Mission Sunday.

Apart from the obvious service he was giving to his Church and to society, something he said was particularly powerful. He spoke of his role as an evangelist and how he felt called to share the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Jesus asked us to go forth and proclaim the Good News and that is what I am doing, he said.

He acknowledged that we have all been created in the image and likeness of our Lord. As a consequence he is conscious that, for the majority of people that he works with, he is the closest thing to Jesus that they may encounter.

What sort of experience of Jesus have people had in meeting with me today? he asked. He said that there are days when he felt ashamed that he had not been more Christ like in his relationships.

Could we perhaps ask ourselves the same question?

Please be kind to one another,
Santo Passarelllo
From the Assistant Principal
We are now well into Term 2 and the first hint of winter weather has arrived. Year 12 students sat their Half-Yearly examinations before the school holidays and the teachers are currently finalising their reports, data and comments for Parent/Teacher interviews. Similarly, students and teachers in Years 7-11 have commenced their cycles of assessment, reporting and Parent/Teacher nights later this Term and at the beginning of Term 3. This is an important time for all students because the feedback and discussions between staff and parents can have a significant impact on their effort and attitude. Conversely, failure to address emerging problems can have long-lasting effects that, once entrenched, are very difficult to resolve or overcome.

Thanks again to all parents for your support in the organisation and presentation of the students in their winter uniform. While there are a small number who have been slow to source blazers, ties and acceptable haircuts, it is fair to say that the overwhelming majority of the students currently look tremendous in their uniform and are adding to the reputation of the school every time they step out in the local area.

The next fortnight includes a string of major events: College Mass for Our Lady Help of Christians on Monday 25 May, Year 9 Social Dance at PBB on Tuesday 26 May, School Photos on Friday 29 May, Year 12 Parent/Teacher Evening on Monday 1 June, Years 8 and 9 Parent/Teacher Evening on Tuesday 2 June, Summer Sports Photos on Thursday 4 June and our first Staff Development Days for 2015 on Friday 5 June and Friday 26 June.

In terms of reminders for this fortnight – we again mention the importance of punctuality each morning for the students. While there are a small number who have been slow to source uniforms, work and equipment, we do find a small group who are continually late for school for no apparent reason and are poorly organised for the lessons they have each day. These are crucial skills for our students to learn and for some will be a key factor in them gaining and retaining employment in the years to come. Two years ago we introduced detentions and this has certainly had a significant impact - but there are still some students who are either unable or unwilling to improve their punctuality. Your assistance and support are critical in these areas.

We also remind students about the need to always be on their best behaviour in school, particularly around the Blacktown area and while using public transport to and from school. In the age of mobile technologies, incidents of misbehaviour, ranging from minor problems right through to more serious issues, are often captured on video, either by official security cameras or passers-by using mobile phones. These images are often forwarded to Blacktown Police, transport authorities or the school for investigation and sanction. While some students and parents might bemoan this apparent loss of privacy, the solution is simple. Behave sensibly at all times – and be noticed for the right reasons. Only last week we received a phone call from a member of the public to express her thanks for a group of our students who assisted her elderly father up the stairs with his luggage at Blacktown Station. This is certainly the type of young men we hope to produce at our school and that any parent would be proud of.

Finally - our experience suggests that most parents make a point of meeting their son’s Homeroom Teacher and Year Coordinator at the beginning of each year to establish positive connections. Please find below a summary of the various communication pathways and scenarios which might prompt parents to communicate with teachers, coordinators or members of the College Executive.

Mr Brian Edmonds

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Thank you to all the staff whose presence ensured a successful evening for our students: Mr Heath Borg, Mr Nathan Campbell, Mr Jim Prendergast, Mr Scott Durham, Ms Jacqueline Mercieca, Mr Peter Ross, Ms Melissa Luppino, Mr Anthony Silvestrini, Mr Paul Kenyon, Ms Natalie Collins, Mr Adnan Saleh, Mr Noel Bajada, Mr Danny De Alwis, Mr Thomas Barton, Mr Todd Smith, Mr Steve Mulligan, Mrs Courtney Spencer, Mr Colm McCaughan, Mr Ray Camilleri, Mrs Lesley Maguire, Mr Bruce Baker, Mr Mark Hendy, Mr Anthony Hrvatin, Mrs Athena Madormo, Mr Justin Sheteh, Mrs Tania Hogan, Ms Alyssa Magno, Ms Sarah Bennett, Mr Greg Kitchner, Mrs Sharon O’Keeffe, Mr Matt Hartigan, Mr Santo Passarello + Year 12 Students – Joe Vaegaau, Dean Woolley, Hans Zabala, Alessandro Sammarco and Bienn Tongol.
From the Director of Studies

HSC Expectations
A reminder to all Preliminary and HSC students that they must complete all aspects of the school based assessment program in order to have satisfactorily completed the courses and be awarded an HSC. LATE submission of tasks is deemed by the Board of Studies as malpractice. Whether a student is undergoing an ATAR course of study or a non-ATAR course of study is irrelevant, the same rules apply. Extensions for assignments must also be sought prior to the due date of the assessment. If a student is absent on the day of an assessment task he should notify the school and upon return see Mrs Paton to obtain a misadventure form. If there is a hand-in assessment due this task must be presented upon return unless there has been an extension granted previously. All students must make a genuine attempt at ALL sections of the assessment. The following course completion criteria refer to both Preliminary and HSC courses. A student has:

- followed the course developed or endorsed by the Board and
- applied themselves with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences provided in the course by the school and
- achieved some or all of the course outcomes.

NAPLAN
Last week Years 7 and 9 completed their NAPLAN tests in Language Conventions and Writing, Reading and Numeracy. The boys approached this testing period seriously and in good spirits, genuinely wanting to test their skills and learn where they need to improve in literacy and numeracy. These skills are particularly important in the contemporary world.

Year 11 2016 Information Evening
This important evening will be held on Monday 15 June 2015 at 7.00pm in the hall. Current Year 10 students need to start thinking about their goals for the future and what course of study they would like to pursue. There are many options and our curriculum next year will broaden to include Hospitality. This is a very exciting initiative taken by the school and the course will be delivered on-site in a state of the art industrial kitchen and will be a great opportunity for aspiring chefs. Obviously there are many courses on offer and early in Term 3, there will be an Orientation morning when students will experience taster lessons to see if the courses they are interested in are to their liking or ability. Encourage your sons to choose wisely. Look carefully at their reports for Semester I and see whether they really are capable of doing a higher-level mathematics course or whether they need to do the courses that they enjoy and are capable at and subsequently experience success. Too many times students choose courses that are inappropriate and they cannot keep up with the workload. Students and parents must be realistic and realize too that working at the Senior level requires persistent effort and keeping on top of a heavy work load. There is no such thing as an “easy” course. These courses are preparing boys for their future in a challenging workforce environment. Regular attendance and hard work are expectations that need to be met. Over the years I have found that the consistent student is the one who achieves the biggest learning gain and succeeds beyond his expectations. It is the “no-frills” method but highly effective. Good organization, a never-give-up attitude and a solid work ethic are the keys to success.

University News
The UNSW Co-Op Program is now open. Interested students should apply. For further information register for the Information Evening on the 3rd June. Registrations now open via whatson.unsw.edu.au

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Mock Trial Team Victorious Again!
After our success against Blacktown Boys, the Patrician Brothers Mock Trial Team came up against Girraween High, a selective school, for our second mock trial. This time the boys were representing the Plaintiff in a civil case where we were charging the council for negligence in leaving a hole open in which our client fell into late at night. Once again our boys were victorious, not only in successfully suing the council, but also in the overall trial. Edgar Zambrano was magnificent in his first attempt at Barrister, forcing the opposition witness into a trap and making her admit something that contradicted the previous witness. He was the highest scoring barrister for the trial! Christos Floratos was once again hilarious in his role as the Plaintiff, with his ‘I’m the victim!’ mantra succeeding in convincing the magistrate of the council’s guilt. Daniel Brown, Bailey Broom, Michael Capati and Brock Sperinck were also very solid in a tough trial, and ensured we stayed true to our case-line. The boys are growing in confidence with every trial and we very much look forward to Round 3: away to Blacktown Girls, another partially selective school!

Mr Colm McCaughan and Mrs Lesley Maguire, Coaches
Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following award recipients for this fortnight. These awards will be distributed at upcoming Year and College Assemblies. It’s great to see the seniors handing in their merits. Patrician Brothers is well-known by prospective employers as a College that prides itself on a well-rounded education and the Silver and Gold Awards, in particular demonstrate the achievements that the boys have accumulated throughout their time at the College.

Bronze Awards

Aaron Abbas 7C15
Seandan Arias 7C12
Naman Bathla 7C18
Rohit Bathla 7C17, 2 Awards
Anthony Bou Habib 7C18
Parampreet Chadha 7C17
Matthew Flores 7C14
Alex Kingsley 7C15
Scott Lord 7C15, 2 Awards
Thomas Maka 7C15
Uinitoni Mataele 7C16
Shane Chan Myae 7C14
Marcus Petrollo 7C11
Erol Lopez 8D20
Mandar Mariguddi 8D20
Sebastian Navarro 8D17
Amit Singh 8D16
Benjamin Taulalai 8D17
Abin Thomas 8D17
Aidan Villadolid 8D16
Tej Kehal 9A25
Chris Magro 9A26
Prabhjeet Singh 9B1
Scott Lawless-Burke 10C8, 2 Awards
Tyson Cham 11A27

Silver Awards

Sebastian Navarro 8D17
Amit Singh 8D16
Scott Lawless-Burke 10C8

Good luck to all for the upcoming fortnight!

Mrs Natacha Warnant, Merit Awards Convenor

Blacktown Council Water Management Incursion

Year 11 Earth and Environmental Science students have recently been examining their local environment from the ground up- from minerals to soil to the local biodiversity. Recently the students had the pleasure of looking at the waterways of Blacktown up close and personal, when environmental officers from the council brought in their waterways model to examine surface run-off in urban areas. Students could see coloured dyes from urban and residential sources travel throughout the modelled waterways and end up in the wetlands and creeks of Blacktown. This was an eye opener for many students who were not aware of their personal impact.

Students were also able to examine and asses water quality by looking at species of invertebrates in a local water sample. They enjoyed netting the bugs and larvae and identifying them using local guides.

Many students enjoyed the hands on nature of the activities and the scale model was a great tool for visual learners to grasp tough concepts.

Mr Chris Ferry, Earth and Environmental Science teacher

Year 11 ITW visit Fantastic Furniture Lounge Factory

Recently the Year 11 ITW class headed off to the Fantastic Lounge Factory in Fairfield. The aim was to observe mass production methods used in the industry. At the factory we learnt structural factors about the organisation and their workplace environment. We observed the use of their production techniques, which is largely done by machine. We also learnt how mass production and specialisation have improved the efficiency of their company. Two things that stood out were their levels of WHS and waste management, which are two things that are increasingly important in everyday society. The day ended with thanking the Production Manager, Phillip Terracciano, for his insight and for giving up his time. Overall it was a very instructive excursion and was enjoyed by all those who attended.

Ryan Pritchard, Year 11 ITW Student

Year 10 Industrial Technology - Timber

Woodworking students have been placing the finishing touches on their desktop clock projects over these past few weeks. The project has been met with great enthusiasm, which has meant there has been a lot of competition amongst the boys. As you can see from the photo the project has taught our students a wide range of skills and knowledge that will be very useful for when they enter their senior years (pictured are Jesse Villa and Bailey Broom).

Mr Noel Bajada, Industrial Technology Teacher
Year 11 and 12 students are encouraged to attend a UWS Day for an opportunity to:
- Experience the range of courses available at UWS through interactive workshops and presentations
- Talk to current UWS students and academic staff
- Learn about scholarships, pathways programs and opportunities to advance to your success

**Book Review - Aljenn Soliva Year 7**

**Title:** The Reason I Jump  
**Author:** Naoki Higashida  
**Genre:** Autobiography

This book is about a boy named Naoki who has a condition known as autism. I recommend The Reason I Jump to everyone because it explains what autism is and how people deal with it. 5 Stars

Mrs Vikki Forrest and Ms Selina Wong, Teacher Librarians

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**Library Report**

Visit and borrow from our Science Fiction display: the genre of the month. Our Science Fiction display features many books and graphic novels, including the Star Wars series by George Lucas. On May 4, the Library celebrated Star Wars Day. The date was chosen based on the catchphrase “May the Force be with you” - "May the Fourth be with you". Darth Vader also made an appearance at the College Library.

**Book Club**

Last Monday, Book Club held its first meeting where an enthusiastic group of students discussed their favourite genre, novels and series. The first book for the program is The Hunger Games: a gripping science fiction novel written by Suzanne Collins. Students meet in the College Library every fortnight to discuss books set for reading and participate in fun activities based around young adult fiction. Any student interested in joining Book Club and sharing their love of books and reading should see Ms Wong for more details.

**Blacktown Library HSC Lectures**

Year 12 students are encouraged to attend the following HSC lectures as part of their HSC preparation. Tickets must be purchased from Max Webber Library prior to lecture.

**General Mathematics Workshop**

Date: Saturday, 6 June  
Time: 11.00am - 1.00pm  
Lecturer: Greg Wethered, who is a Relieving Head Mathematics teacher and private tutor. The workshop is easy to follow and is the perfect way to revise for the HSC mathematics.  
Cost: $12.00

**English Discovery Lecture (Standard and Advanced)**

Date: Tuesday, 16 June  
Time: 6.00pm - 7.30pm  
Lecturer: A valuable discussion delivered by Helen Sykes, retired English Teacher, author, publisher and editor of English texts.  
Cost: $7.00

**Business Studies Lecture**

Date: Tuesday, 23 June  
Time: 6.00pm - 7.30pm  
Lecturer: Business Studies lecturer and text book author, Len Nixon will lead an engaging discussion to assist students to achieve better results.  
Cost: $7.00

**Biology**

Date: Tuesday, 30 June  
Time: 6.00pm - 7.30pm  
Lecture: Vicki Maggs, Head Science Teacher and former Senior HSC Marker, will deliver an easy to understand talk.  
Cost: $7.00

**English Discovery Lecture**

Date: Saturday, 30 May  
Time: 11.00am - 12.30pm  
Lecturer: Delivered by Larry Grumley, Senior HSC Marker and HSC Exam Committee member will share his insight into writing winning essays.  
Cost: $7.00

**University of Western Sydney**

UWS Day Parramatta Campus - 2 June, 2015  
UWS Day Kingswood Campus - 3 June, 2015  
Register at: [www.uws.edu.au](http://www.uws.edu.au)  
UWS Day is all about helping you choose a future career.
Cross Country
Our College Cross Country squad, led by our captain Tyran Liddiard, represented the school with great spirit. All athletes completed their events and demonstrated our Patrician pride. A special mention to Matthew Pottinger for being selected in the MCS squad to represent at the CCC Championships. Jakob Arthur of Year 7 also had a very strong race and showed good persistence to finish in the top ten. Congratulations to all athletes and a big thanks to Mr Adnan Saleh for his assistance on the day.

Mr Robert Bangel, Coach

2015 Class Group Photos
Please be aware that the Homeroom and Year 12 group photos will be occurring next week (weather permitting) on the 29/5/15. Below are the order forms which will be sent out with your son in homeroom on Monday the 25/5/15.
Please be aware that all sales are directly with the photographer Melba Studios and therefore they do not have change with them. Please ensure that you have correct money, cheque or credit card details filled out on the form.

Patrician Brothers School Photos 2015

| Pack 1 | 1 x 24 x 18cm portrait | $200.00 |
| Pack 2 | 1 x 18 x 13cm portrait | $100.00 |
| Pack 3 | 1 x 12 x 9cm portrait | $60.00 |

Purchase 10% Normal Portrait

Photo Order in box with names: $30.00

Please return to the photographer on Friday 29th May 2015

Anzac Day
Our Anzac Day Service was perhaps our most moving tribute ever. It was led by Mr Chris Hersey, one of our talented Physics teachers and current Wing Commander in the Royal Australian Air Force.
Congratulations Luke Tyson

Luke Tyson of Year 9 will be travelling to Italy in June to represent Australia in the International Tae Kwon Do Federation Junior World Championships. Luke will be competing in the Sparring component of the competition. This is a wonderful achievement and we wish Luke all the best.

MCS Representatives
Congratualtions to the following students from our College who have been selected in MCS Representative teams for 2015.

U15 Rugby League
Cliff Lea Aetoa
Tyler Field
Luke Sommerton
Luke Martin Paewa Puru
Braiden Magele
Ethan Mokoia
Spencer Leniu
Ayden Pittman-Lyon
Sitaleki Piukana
Matthew Faauila

U18 Rugby League
Mataele Soni
Zane Blake

Ethan Fagaloa-Time
Mose Feilo
Jerome Luai
Stefano Soni
Carl Winterstein
Joe Vaegaau
Reed Izzard
Vincennes Fialelei Ausage
Tevita Mapapalangi
Ray Maroun
Jesse Abbott

U18 Soccer
Daniel Alessi
Jacob Forster

Swimming
Timothy Hodge
Daniel Kucheruk
Daniel Hertel
Manuel Fagela
Matthew Pottinger

Cross Country
Matthew Pottinger

NSWCCC Swimming
On May 4 Timothy Hodge, Daniel Kucheruk, Manuel Fagela, Matthew Pottinger and Daniel Hertel all competed at the NSWCCC Swimming Championships. All five of these swimmers qualified for the NSW All Schools Championships. Daniel swam in a number of individual events and qualified for the NSW All Schools championships in the 100m Freestyle. Daniel Kucheruk also had a full meet, placing 2nd in the 50m Breaststroke and winning the 100m Breaststroke and 200m Individual Medley, each in record time. Timothy Hodge had another meet where all of his hard work paid off. He won all 5 of his individual multiclass events and then swam in the able bodied 4 x 50m Medley relay with Daniel Kucheruk, Matthew Pottinger and Manuel Fagela where they placed 2nd. Well done boys.

NSWCCC Representatives
Arjun Nair captained the NSWCCC U19 cricket side to victory over CIS and CHS. He was then selected in the NSW All Schools side for a third consecutive year.

NSW State Representatives
Congratulations to Didier Michel and Daniel McKinley who recently competed at the Australian U17 Mens Netball Championships. Both made valuable contributions to their teams performances. Didier was subsequently selected in the Australian side that will play a Trans Tasman series against New Zealand in September.

Congratulations also to Hayden Blankley of Yr10 who has been selected in the NSW U16 Mens Basketball side that will compete in the National Championships in July.

Mr Heath Borg, MCS Coordinator
MCS Rugby League

Round 3
Highlights from the matches include:
13A - A wonderful start to the MCS season. A great team effort as we continue to develop our offensive structure. The team played with respect, discipline and toughness.
13B – A great start to our season. Well done boys.
15A - A very professional win by the team! It being the first game of the year all boys were eager to get on the field and represent the college. A great score that was built on teamwork, enthusiasm and a commitment of doing the small things right! Push, pass, tackle!
15B – Jayden Tanner and Chase Chapman were strong up front, William Quick organised and led well and Aidan O’Malley showed spark out wide and in support.
15C - We were down 10-4 with about 8 minutes to go. Unfortunately, the game was called off due to a freak injury to Sagato Katopau that resulted in an Ambulance being called onto the ground. After a very poor first half we fought on well.
Senior One – The A Grade defeated John Paul College by 40 to 0 in a very good team display. All boys played well
Senior Two - Bye
Senior Three and Senior Four - Tim Lilomaiva was Man of the Match in a beaten side and tremendous college spirit was shown by both sides.

U13A Blacktown 40 Schofields 0
U13B Blacktown 40 Fairfield 0
U13C Blacktown 44 Campbelltown 4
U14A Blacktown 40 Schofields 0
U14B Blacktown 40 Penrith 0
U14C Blacktown 10 Campbelltown 22
U15A Blacktown 42 Eastwood 0
U15B Blacktown 40 Fairfield 0
U15C Blacktown 4 Campbelltown 10
Senior One Blacktown 40 Schofields 0
Senior Two Blacktown BYE
Senior Three Blacktown 3 36 Blacktown 4 28
Senior Four Blacktown 4 28 Blacktown 3 36

MCS Soccer

Round 7
Highlights from the matches include:
Year 7B – 2 points lost as the boys shook off the cobwebs after a lengthy break. Both sides could have won it, the post got a workout at least 3 times as our boys came so close to the winner. Great game, well played.
Year 8A – The effort from the whole team which never gave up to the final whistle. Julian Dux's consistent effort in the mid field.
Year 8B – The boys kept Fairfield on their toes with a scoreless first half. After Fairfield scored, Mohammad Farrukh managed to get back and kick a great goal. Overall, the boys played well!
Year 9 - Romeo Hamakhan scored penalty shot in the box with 2 mins to go.
Year 10 – We were overpowered early but worked their way back into the match and were unlucky not to claim a point. Joey Salameh was strong on the flank with creative play and

Federal Budget Response
Key priorities for Catholic Education:
Capital Funding
Enrolments are predicted to grow by 40 to 60 per cent over the next 15 years in areas including Blacktown, Parramatta, the North West and South West. The rising demand for Catholic Education across the Diocese means that there is an urgent need for an increase in capital works funding from the Government.

Recurrent Funding
The prospect of school funding being linked to CPI indexation from 2018 onwards is another key concern. Over the past decade, CPI has run at an average of about 2.8 per cent annually, but the average increase in the actual costs of running a school has almost doubled at 5.4 per cent. The Government needs to provide certainty in recurrent funding that is reflective of the real and growing costs of educating each student.

25th Anniversary Mass & Morning Tea
Holy Family Primary School, Luddenham are celebrating 25 years!

When: Friday 12 June 2015

Time: 9.15am in the Church - Followed by morning tea in the school hall

RSVP: To Marie, Monica or Despina in the school office. For further information contact the school office on 4773 4485 or email Luddenham@parra.catholic.edu.au

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Hayden’s rapid rise on court

Nick Houghton

WEST Blacktown basketballer Hayden Blankley is towering over the opposition.

The 195cm tall 14-year-old basketball star has been selected to represent NSW at the Australian Junior Basketball Championships in Tasmania during July.

Hayden will play for the under-16 team after star performances for his club side West Blacktown.

“I’m a bit nervous as it is going to be my first national competition,” Hayden said.

It has been a rapid rise for the Patrician Brothers’ College Blacktown student who took up basketball only two years ago. The former rugby league player’s mix of height and athleticism has proved a devastating combination on the court.

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“When I started at Patrician Brothers I didn’t think I was good enough to make the top rugby league side so I took up basketball as it was what my friends played,” Hayden said.

“It was a great decision as I have grown to love the sport.”

Training more than seven hours a week, Hayden said he hoped to play professionally.

“It is hard balancing school and basketball sometimes but it is definitely worth it,” he said. “Hopefully, if I keep improving, one day I could play in the NBL, or even the NBA.”

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Please note change of date:
Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Monday 1st June
4.00-8.00pm

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Thursday
8.30am - 3.45pm

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