I unfortunately had to attend yet another funeral last week. In supporting my mother who took the loss of a close family member badly, I was forced to reflect on what our lives mean to others.

My uncle had been sponsored to come to Australia by my parents after we ourselves had migrated. Unlike my other relatives, he never returned to Italy. Not even to visit his mother and remaining relatives. I once asked him about this and his simple reply was ‘I never again want to be reminded of hunger, lack of opportunity and disappointment’.

His father (my grandfather) had been killed by the mafia in a case of mistaken identity. At the time he had been nursing another son who was also killed in the shotgun blast.

It was against this tapestry of experience that he shaped the remainder of his life. He lived solely to provide for his children and ensure that they were given what he had been denied.

It would not be an exaggeration to suggest that our 2015 theme of ‘service and sacrifice’ applied to the life that he led. It is with regret that I, and many other relatives (including his own children), only came to acknowledge that upon his death.

What a shame that we don’t take the opportunity more often to tell people how important they are to us. It seems futile to wait until after they have left us.

Please be kind to one another,
Santo Passarello
From the Assistant Principal
Term 3 is always a busy time in secondary schools and already the school is a hive of activity. The first fortnight of Term 3 includes the Semester One Prize-Giving Ceremony, our College Athletics Carnival at Blacktown International Sportspark, our annual HSC Major Works Exhibition and the Year 9 2016 Subject Selection Evening. We also commence a new MCS Sports season that includes a diverse range of sports such as Rugby Union, AFL, Touch, Tennis and Chess.
There is also considerable excitement among the Year 12 students as they make final preparations for the upcoming Trial HSC Examinations that commence in Week 3 of this term. Many of them came into school, in fact, during the recent holidays to attend a series of tutorials and workshops that were kindly conducted by the Year 12 subject teachers and coordinators. Similarly, our Year 11 students are looking forward with great anticipation to their retreats that will also be held in Week 3.
Generally, the students have returned to school for Term 3 looking well-groomed and neatly attired. The Year Coordinators have worked hard in the last week to assist any students who have misplaced or overlooked parts of their uniform such as ties or blazers and counsel any students whose hair has become problematic during the break. We would refer parents and students to the uniform and grooming guidelines in the Student Diary if you have questions regarding our expectations.
We would also appreciate the support of parents in ensuring that all boys are working on their morning organization so that they are not late for school. Ironically, the students who travel the longest distances to get to our school each day are the least often late for school and unfortunately some of those living within a stone’s throw are the worst offenders in terms of punctuality. This is an important life skill and can sometimes be the difference between maintaining permanent employment and losing it to a more committed applicant.
Mr Brian Edmonds

Merit Awards
Not even one week back into Term 3 and it’s pleasing to see students handing in their merit awards already! Congratulations to the following award recipients for this week. These awards will be distributed at upcoming Year and College Assemblies.

Bronze Awards
William Benson 7C12 2 Awards
Nathan Carroll 7C11
Campbell Fisher 7C11
Thomas Maka 7C15
Luke Osborne 7C17 2 Awards
Aljenn Soliva 7C13

Good luck to all for the upcoming fortnight!
Mrs Natacha Warnant, Merit Awards Convenor

Year 8 History
Over the last four weeks of Term 2 Ms Emma Morgan, a student of the University of New England, undertook her second practicum placement working with me in the History and English Departments. When teaching History, it’s important to try and bring the past to life in the classroom.
Practical tasks are a fun, engaging and memorable way for students to learn about the past.
I have had the pleasure of teaching Year 8 English and Year 8 and 9 History. All the students and staff have been so supportive and welcoming, and I have learned so much during my time here that I can one day take into my own classroom. For our final Year 8 History lesson of the term, I taught the students about some of the arts and crafts that people in medieval Japan enjoyed. To take us back to Japan in the 1600s, the boys drew their own Noh theatre masks, and also made origami foxes. Ms Emma Morgan

Today, students from 8His3 discovered the different types of theatre in Japan’s Edo Period. We made classic origami foxes and ended our last lesson of the term with Japanese pocky sticks. Fisit Pilatit

Origami figurines were used in rituals during medieval Japan. When paper became available for Japanese people, it was then taken up for entertainment and as a pastime. ‘Ori’ means folding and ‘gami’ means paper. Making origami was a way for people to show their creativity by making swans, dolls, animals, lanterns and other figurines out of paper.
Vishal Kumar

During the period 1603-1868, there were three forms of theatre in ancient Japan: Bunraku, Noh and Kabuki. The Bunraku is mainly recognised for the use of puppets instead of people. Noh drama was about religion, especially Buddhism and Shinto. In Noh drama, actors wore facemasks. Finally, kabuki was known for its face painting instead of masks.
Abin Thomas

The lesson was a great way to end the semester of History, as the students thoroughly enjoyed learning about Japanese culture in the medieval period in a practical way! We wish Emma all the best with her future career in the teaching profession.
Ms Jessica Fleming, History Teacher

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SEMESTER ONE 2015
PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY

We took the opportunity recently to formally acknowledge those students whose academic efforts in Semester One were deemed meritorious. It proved to be a wonderful occasion! We gathered as a community to recognise, congratulate and affirm the students, not only for their results, but more importantly, their efforts. The occasion was also witness to the wonderful musical talents of our students and the performers deserve the highest praise. Thank you in particular to the 400 parents, grandparents and family members that were able to join us for the ceremony. Finally, congratulations to the recipients of the academic awards. The school community is very proud of your achievements.

Santo Passarello
On behalf of the entire community we would like to congratulate the following students from Years 7-12 who achieved academic excellence in Terms One & Two. Each of them has been placed on our Honour Roll as the most outstanding students for Semester One 2015.

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Mock Trial

We knew right from when we received the scripts for Round 4 that we would be up against it. We were once again drawn against the selective school, Girraween High and our case was exceptionally difficult - having to defend someone for negligent driving when they had been drinking on the night and did not check that their passengers’ seatbelts were on. Despite our best efforts, Christos Floratos, who was playing our defendant, was found guilty.

However, the way mock trials work is that whoever wins the case is inconsequential. It is whoever scores higher in points that takes the win, and we managed to pull off a miracle 2-point victory! We set the precedent for the trial by objecting to many minor details in their case, but Girraween responded in kind, by objecting so many times that our witnesses began to get confused where we were up to and our statements were reduced to bare bones. The neutral observer would have had us a long way behind before the closing address, and the boys’ body language suggested they thought they were out of it. However, it is not over until….well…the magistrate says so! Bailey Broom, on encouragement from our solicitor, Michael Capati, gave everything to our closing address. Thanks to the preparation here, our closing scored far higher than theirs, and we pulled off a miracle victory. This means that Patrician Brothers have gone through the rounds undefeated…a remarkable effort for our first year back in the competition after a 4 year hiatus!

We now head towards the elimination rounds, with a lot to improve on, but already safe in the knowledge that we have punched far above our weight. Congratulations to the team: Edgar Zambrano, Michael Capati, Bailey Broom, Christos Floratos, Mohak Issar, Daniel Brown and Rameez Parkar.

Mr Colm McCaughan and Mrs Lesley Maguire, Coaches

Year 12 Chemistry

On Friday the 26th of June, Ms Hogan’s Year 12 Chemistry class went on an excursion to her alma mater; the University of Sydney. The excursion gave us the opportunity to make use of the School of Chemistry’s high-end laboratories to perform experiments required as knowledge for our HSC exams. Walking into the lab at the beginning, we were instructed to don white laboratory coats and safety glasses, which we did with a multitude of photos. The first experiment we carried out was a demonstration of the Atomic Absorption Spectrometer, which is used to detect trace elements in aqueous substances. We were able to measure the concentration of iron in tap water at close to 6 parts per million! From here, we moved further into the labs, performing a range of different experiments including titrations to find the “hardness” of a water sample, titrations to measure the chlorine content of river water, and gravimetric analysis to identify the sulphate content in fertiliser. The postgraduate students who instructed us were clearly experts in their fields, helping us with a plethora of notes to take home and synthesise for use in exams. For the duration of 2 hours, we moved like a whirlwind around the labs immersing ourselves in various practices used to manage and monitor chemicals, but it was soon over. The class would like to thank Ms Hogan for her time in giving us a tour of the University, and also the School of Chemistry demonstrators for their able instructions. The excursion has proved valuable in increasing our knowledge of analytical chemical processes and will be of great importance during preparation for our upcoming exams.

Aaron Pinto, Year 12 Student
Sacrament of Confirmation

On Tuesday the 16th of June students from Patrician Brothers Blacktown received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Patrick’s Church from Monsignor Peter Boyle and Father Peter Confeggi as part of our school based Sacramental Program which is organised by Mr Kim Crawford and Mr Greg Beacroft. Thank you also to Mr Jim Prendergast and Mr Santo Passarello who supported the boys on the evening. The students who received the sacrament were: Christian Aualiitia, Breydan Koong, Jermaine Khampet, Bailey Leniu, Spencer Leniu, Levi Murray, Jordan Pazdjar, Luke Puru, Veni Iuli, Bailey Wyatt, Nicholas Williams and Matthew Faaumu.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

In Term 3 students of Patrician Brothers are encouraged to enrol for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lessons will be held on Tuesday’s for those students who are baptised but would like to deepen their religious faith by participating in the school based sacramental program.

Library and Careers

E-Resources

E-resources can be accessed through the College Library Website. An e-resource or electronic resource is any information source that is accessible in electronic format. These include subscription databases which allow students to gain access to a range of electronic information resources. These include journals, magazines, other published works and statistics, on an endless range of subject matters. Why not try accessing this great resource next time you need to research? Please ask the Library staff for assistance.

Sydney University

EXPLORE.DREAM.DISCOVER

Sydney University Open Day will be held on Sat 29th August from 9am-4pm. Go to Sydney.edu.au/open for more information. Sydney University is also this month’s featured university in the careers section of the Library. The 2016 Undergraduate Guide, general information booklets and scholarships guide are available for students’ perusal.

Macleay College

Your chance to see the College up-close and personal.

Macleay College open day will be held on Saturday 22nd Aug from 9.30am-12.30pm at the Surry Hills Campus. Register now and book your place at Macleay.edu.au

Billy Blue College of Design

Ever wondered what it would be like to be a designer for a day? Experience a day in the life of a designer and enrol in one of the following workshops:

Branded Fashion Design; Photo Imaging; Graphics & Communication Design; Interior Design and Digital Media Design. Workshops will be held on Saturday 26th September. For more information and to book, visit www.billyblue.edu.au/events

Book Review

Kiano Pomente – Year 10

Title: Tomorrow When the War Began
Author: John Marsden
Genre: War/Action

When a group of Australian teenagers return from a camping trip, they find their town has been invaded by an enemy army. Can they fight to survive against these invaders? Find out in this very suspenseful novel. A must read! 5 Stars

Ms Selina Wong & Mrs Vikki Forrest, Teacher Librarians

Welcome

This Term we have welcomed an International student. Luca Torrielli is 12 and will be attending our College for a period of 4 weeks. He comes from a little town called Tortona (Alessandria province, Piedmot region, NW of Italy) and his school is San Giuseppe, a Catholic school in Tortona. In Italy he will be attending the second year of middle school, starting in September.

He has come here to improve his English and to experience Australian life. He is loving his time here! He has noticed how nice and kind the students are, compared to his Italian peers. He prefers the school system here than in Italy! Welcome Luca!

Luca (centre) is introduced to our Australian Flag by Lewis Charter and Luke Mulligan.
We recently farewelled one of the great Patrician Brothers, former Principal of Patrician Brothers’ College Blacktown, Br Ben Olsen. The man known as ‘Uncle Eddie’ to family members and Br Benedict Olsen to Patrician Brothers, colleagues, friends and students was never happy about attention or mention of his achievements. He was a humble, compassionate man who called everyone “Boss”.

Edward Benedict Olsen was the sixth and last child born to devout Catholic parents Veronica and Edward Olsen. He arrived on the 28th of December 1925 to the great joy of his five sisters who always felt he was special. The Olsens lived in Botany, which was then a place of open paddocks and easy access to beachfront playgrounds. He was an outdoors kid from a very early age and revelled in any type of sport. But the times were hard and it was a struggle for the family to make ends meet, especially after the loss of Edward Snr who died when Eddie was only four years of age.

Eddie began school in 1931 at St Bernard’s Primary School, Mascot and progressed to the Patrician Brothers School at Redfern. After graduating in 1939, he completed an apprenticeship with British Standard Machinery and signed on with NSW Railways. However his life was far from routine. His sister Pauline revealed that at about the age of eleven, Eddie and his cousin got into one of the maintenance sheds at Sydney airport to watch men servicing a small plane. Noticing the young boys’ curiosity and intense interest, the pilot invited them for a test flight. The cousin stayed on the ground in fearful tears. Eddie took to the air!

In his teens Eddie was the proud owner of a horse on which he galloped around Botany and out as far as Wallacia for bush camps with mates and to hunt rabbits. Even before professional training he was always known to be good with his hands. His sturdy, home-made canoes crafted from cast off timbers were much envied as he paddled across Botany Bay.

Eddie’s dancing skill was legendary and his passion for it persisted well into his eighties. The three Kelly sisters who used often part-ner him at competition events long lamented Eddie’s decision to join the Patrician Brothers in 1946. That radical decision like every life-changing vocational choice has elements of mystery. Eddie felt drawn to religious life as a Brother and sought out the congregation he had known from his school days. How fortunate we Patricians have been since then. Br Benedict Olsen made public commitment to three Religious Vows of Poverty, Celibacy and Obedience in 1948. He renewed these Vows annually until he successfully applied in 1951 to make a life-long commitment to follow Christ as a Patrician Brother. He never took a backward step. He was a model well worth imitating in terms of fidelity to prayer, loyalty in community, hospitality to all and selfless service, especially to battlers.

When Benedict joined the Patrician Brothers, they were exclusively school-based. Benedict excelled in it. They were very different times. Government support for Catholic schools was non-existent. Few lay people could afford to work in them while capacity to pay award wages was lacking. Of necessity Brothers and Nuns covered all bases. Ben was ‘Mr Fix-it’ at each school! Over his long professional career in schools at Ryde, Granville, Blacktown and Liverpool, Benedict taught with success at both primary and secondary levels and across subjects as diverse as Religious Education, Physics, Maths and Woodwork. He was also a capable administrator serving on the Provincial’s Council of Advisors and leading local Patrician Communities. He was appointed Principal of schools at Blacktown (1955-59) and Liverpool (1971-79).
Ben was also a skilled coach of football, athletics, swimming
and cricket. Elements of Wayne Bennett’s style were evi-
dent – few words, clear focus, correct attitude, discipline and
decisive action. In leadership, on and off the field, Br Ben
was never one to expect someone to do what he would not
be willing to attempt himself. Little wonder then, that he so
quickly won the respect of students and colleagues.

Ben was a ‘greenie’ before it became a social norm. With
enthusiastic parents and Brothers and sometimes conscripted
students, he established magnificent playing fields, lines of
trees and gardens at each school.

Retirement from the classroom came around 1992 but Ben
was far from inactive. During the ten years of Patrician
presence on Thursday Island from 1994, he regularly bol-
stered community numbers there and applied his practical
skills to repairing the century old parish church. A steady
stream of maintenance projects kept him occupied whenever
he came south.

However Benedict the man was much more than the sum
total of his public, professional, social and religious activity.
Ever popular and greatly loved among his growing extended
family of in-laws, nephews and nieces, he was friend and
wisdom figure for them and among his Patrician family,
colleagues, parents and students. Nevertheless he was and
always remained a very private person. Perhaps this was
never more evident than in his later years. Introvert, recli-
sive, hermit – were some of the descriptors often applied to
him. However they really fell well short of a complete por-
trait of the remarkable man we all came
to revere and love.

Br Benedict’s vocational choice was to
journey further into the Mystery of
God’s love for us. He was neither
conflicted by it nor obsessive about it.
Rather it was through his Faith that he
found freedom to be himself and to be
Christ-like for others. His journey into
the Mystery is now complete. Our
memories of him invite us to grow and
persevere in Faith as he did. For this
we thank you Br Ben.

His passing is possibly best captured by
Br Aengus Kavanagh:

He was 89 years old. In his simplicity
of life, his devotion to the essentials of
religious life, his willingness to take on
any duty that was in the best interest of

Thank you Br Ben for your
‘Service and Sacrifice’
**Grounds for Learning**

Four boys have been given the opportunity to attend a Hospitality and Retail course “Grounds for Learning”, conducted at the Aengus Kavanagh Centre.

The students are learning to use the coffee machine and make various cakes, muffins and slices that they later sell. From Year 11 we have Matthew Duncan, Patrick Lee and Shane Lipscombe and from Year 12 we have Joshua Masonwells. Year 11 attend on Mondays and Year 12 attend on Wednesday, as well as learning many new skills they are also enjoying the experience.

*Mrs Melissa Scalone, Learning Support Coordinator*

**Congratulations to Samuel Brennan**

Samuel Brennan of Year 9 was chosen as one of the representatives for the Under 15, NSW, Ice Hockey Team that competed in the National Kurt De Fris Tournament in Perth, Western Australia. This Under 15, NSW Team remained undefeated throughout all their games against the other states in Australia that competed in the Tournament, including the final game that resulted in a Gold Medal win for NSW.

Well done Samuel!

**WSAS**

The Western Sydney Academy has opened nominations for many of their 2015/16 programs. The role of the Academy is to provide quality development opportunities for talented young athletes living in Western Sydney.

**FRANCE and ITALY in 2016**

We are pleased to announce that our community has once again organised a trip to France and Italy. Whilst it has particular relevance and academic importance for French, Italian, Studies of Religion and History students, all are most welcome. The package to France and Italy represents outstanding value. It will be oversubscribed, so you will need to get in early!

*Please see brochure (follow link on our Website or Facebook Page)*
## Principal’s Writing Challenge

### Information for All Students

**Entrants**
- Every student in Years 7 – 12 is required to enter the Principal’s Writing Challenge in 2015.

**Stimulus**
- “Service and Sacrifice”
- The phrase “Service and Sacrifice” is the stimulus for your writing submission. You may choose how this term will be interpreted and incorporated into the writing piece.

**Word Limit**
- Years 7 – 10: 500 words.
- Years 11 – 12: 750 words.

**Closing Date**
- Wednesday 12 August 2015

**Submission Details**
- All entries are to be submitted to your homeroom teacher on the due date.
- Cover sheet to be attached to the front of your submission

**Format**
- Entries should be typed, double-spaced. Presented in Times 12 point. A4 sized paper to be used. Submissions to be stapled in the top right hand corner.
- No plastic sleeves or folders to be submitted.
- Do not use illustrations, photos, borders, colours or fancy fonts, more than one column or landscape layout.

**Prizes**
- There will be THREE winners from EACH English class in Years 7 – 12.
- 1st in each class receives a $100 Westpoint Voucher, 2nd in each class receives a $50 Westpoint Voucher, 3rd in each class receives a $25 Westpoint Voucher.
- Presented at a Special Awards Ceremony on Monday 14 September.

**Judging**
- A panel of teachers will decide on the winning entry from each class.

The judges will look for the following features in your writing:

- **Creativity and Originality**
  - The submission is engaging, original and incorporates the stimulus in an interesting way.

- **Structure**
  - Submission follows correct structure for the mode chosen.

- **Language.** The creative piece demonstrates the following:
  - Correct word usage, tense, grammar, punctuation.
  - Use of imagery, symbolism and other devices such as irony, humour.
  - Appropriate and creative use of language to develop the character/s, atmosphere and plot, ideas, etc.

- **Audience and Purpose**
  - Submission must be suitable for publication in *The Focus*.
  - The submission should demonstrate language appropriate to audience and purpose.
Congratulations Gordon Allan

Gordon Allan of Year 11 has been selected to represent Australia at the 2015 U/19 CP World Football Championships that are being held in Nottingham, England. We wish Gordon all the best for his trip and the tournament.

Congratulations to Arjun Nair

Arjun Nair of Year 12 is currently in England competing in the U/19 ‘Ashes’ series! Arjun was selected to represent Australia in this prestigious cricket series. Move over Mitchell Johnson - your successor has arrived! Congratulations to Arjun!

Year 9 MCS Soccer

The boys put in an outstanding effort towards the end of the season to secure their spot in the 2015 MCS Soccer Grand Final. The boys had a rocky start to the season but managed to move their way from 7th to 3rd in the last 5 games by beating some of the top teams in the competition. By beating St Greg’s in the Semi-finals, the boys made it to the grand final to play against the competition leaders all season, St John Paul II.

After the ref blew the whistle it was clear to see this was going to be one of the toughest games the boys would play.

John Paul II had great form and were putting a lot of pressure on our boys, dominating the play. Luckily the backs held strong led by George Tsakos and finally were able to get a great ball through to Romeo Hamakhan. This resulted in our first goal of the game which gave our boys the strength and confidence to keep focus and play hard. The second goal came from another one of Ernest Reece's great signature headers who also went on later in the game to score a great free kick from well outside the 18 yard box.

The last goal scoring highlight came from Chogi Koko who managed to get through the opposition's defence with flawless skill and finish it off by chipping the keeper. With one of our midfielders sent off the boys kept their heads up till the final whistle with John Paul II scoring their only goal of the game in the last 2 minutes.

It was a great season and the boys deserved their win. Good luck to them all in the Bill Turner Cup!

Mr Anthony Hrvatin, Coach

World Youth Day

Message from Pope Francis:

We continue our spiritual pilgrimage toward Krakow, where in July 2016 the next international World Youth Day will be held. As our guide for the journey we have chosen the Beatitudes. Last year we reflected on the beatitude of the poor in spirit, within the greater context of the Sermon on the Mount. Together we discovered the revolutionary meaning of the Beatitudes and the powerful summons of Jesus to embark courageously upon the exciting quest for happiness. This year we will reflect on the sixth beatitude: “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God” (Mt 5:8).

Will you be one of the lucky ones travelling to World Youth Day in 2016?
Thursday Sport

PBB School Sport Ribbon Recipients

**Bowling**
Bradley Biddulph  
Ranican Zapanta  
Tombe Pitia  
Matthew Golic  
Braith Egarchos  
Harry Kapetanovic  
Vikrant Kumar  
Vishwas Saini  
Chris May  
Pinak Sharma  
Anton Mlinaric  
Patrick Lee  
Josh Young  
Harshbir Singh  
Jai Uren  
Mitchell Gardiner

**School Basketball**
Geoff Doctor  
John Park  
Rahiri Smith  
Kunaal Ram  
Rupert Arocha  
Karl Garcia

**School Gym**
Amrit Singh  
Vincent Zaccheo

**Definition Gym**
Michael Capati  
James Owen  
Fabian Pilitati  
Cameron Davis

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Arjun Nair named in Australian under-19 cricket team

By Conor Hickey  July 8, 2015, 4:58 p.m.

HAWKESBURY Cricket Club’s Arjun Nair is a cricketer to keep an eye on in coming years. Nair has been picked in the Australian under-19 team, which will tour the UK over July and August. With the Ashes set to start tonight, there will be a huge focus on whether all-rounders Shane Watson or Mitch Marsh make the Australian team.

While the pair are undoubtedly the premier all-rounders in Australian cricket right now, Nair’s selection has given him a fantastic chance to prove he is an all-rounder of the future for Australia.

Nair said he recently found out he had been picked in the team, after a stellar performance for New South Wales against Victoria in the under-17s championships.

“I was at school when I got a call from selector David Bradman and he told me that I got picked for the team,” he said. “My immediate reaction was happiness and excitement when I heard about it. I knew I had a chance to be picked but you never know.”

Nair said he tried to model his game off former Australian wicket-keeper and flamboyant batsman Adam Gilchrist. He said he also admired test cricket greats Ricky Ponting and Sachin Tendulkar, although said Gilchrist was his cricketing hero and loved his entertaining style of cricket.

Nair’s stocks rose after strong performances in both the NSW under-17s and under-19s teams in the National Championships.

“NSW won both the championships and I think I have also contributed to my teams success to win the championships,” he said.

“I think I am picked as an all-rounder but my selection for the Australian side was based on my recent bowling performance at the under-17s and 19s nationals.”

Nair is a right handed batsman and can bat in both the top and middle order, while he bowls right hand off-spinners.

His NSW under-17s coach Phil Jacques, who played 11 tests for Australia, rates Nair highly.

Jacques said he believed Nair was a future New South Wales player and could possibly crack into the test ranks one day.

“He has immense ability as a middle order batsman and off spin bowler and is a good team player.”

Nair made his Sydney first grade debut when he was 15 years old, and is currently the 9th youngest player to play in the competition.

He has been a solid member of the Hawkesbury Cricket Club’s team since his debut in the 2013-14 season, and helped the club to its best finish in two decades.
Westlink M7 Blacktown Running Festival

Fitness fun for all ages and abilities

REGISTRATIONS are now open for the 10th Westlink M7 Blacktown Running Festival. Waterfall runner Bob Fickel was one of the first to sign and said he was eager to complete his 10th local event which will also be the veteran marathon runner’s 23rd such event. This year’s Westlink M7 Blacktown Running Festival is on Sunday, July 28.

“My career highlight was running from Sydney to Melbourne, but one of my favourites is running the Blacktown marathon,” Mr Fickel said. “It’s an excellent course and is always very well organised and there is the great advantage that it is traffic-free.”

This year’s courses start and finish at the Blacktown International Sportspark. Blacktown mayor Stephen Baili said this was more convenient for participants. “It means that people only have to arrive at the one venue, compete, and then depart.”

Oatlands runner Heather Dyer said starting and finishing the event at the sportspark made life a lot easier for the runners. Cr Baili and his 16-year-old son Stephen will compete in their third father and son four-kilometre run – maintaining a family tradition. “My father Charlie and I used to compete together, and I am looking forward to being on the track with my son again this year,” Cr Baili said.

The marathon, half marathon and 10km run are “certified accurate” by the Association of International Marathons and Distance Races and the International Association of Athletics Federations. The running festival will raise funds for Blacktown, Mount Druitt and Westmead hospitals.

“The people of western Sydney deserve access to the best and by coming together we can help equip our community with better healthcare facilities,” Cr Baili said.

Participants can register for the following races:
- 42.195km Westlink M7 Cities Marathon.
- 21.11km Westlink M7 Half Marathon.
- 10km Westlink M7 Fun Run and Mayor’s Walk.
- Blacktown City 4km Fun Run and Mayor’s Walk.

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