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Dear Parents and Caregivers

This is our final newsletter for the year and by the time you receive it the College year will have been completed. For senior students their exams are over and for the junior students their reports will have arrived with this newsletter and they have completed their integrated studies programme.

ACADEMIC LIFE

Another year of NCEA has been completed and the examination processes have gone well for the students without too many hitches. Hopefully your son prepared well for his exams and will be quietly confident of the results which will be available in January. As has been stated in the past the pressure and requirements for good results is growing in our tight economic environment, and places of study in tertiary institutions are becoming more difficult to gain. We are trying to encourage our pupils to work hard and to gain grades which reflect their ability, both in terms of their own sense of achievement, and also in terms of gaining grades which will enable them to gain employment and being able to follow their chosen academic paths. We appreciate the support we have received from families in making this happen.

Parents of junior students will have received their son's report with this newsletter. I hope that it



Newly created House Banners from the Year 9 Olympics

gives you a clear outline of his achievements this year, and the next steps for him in his academic progress, along with comments from his tutor teacher around his pastoral care and general life in the College. It would be good to have a conversation about it and to think about some goals he can set himself for the 2012 school year.

As noted above the Year 9 and 10 students took part in an integrated studies programme for two weeks after their exams. It was great to see them participate enthusiastically in their programmes: The Olympics for Year 9, and Conservation and Sustainability for Year 10, including time at camp at Waiohine. Once again the Year 10 students participated in the beach clean up programme and also had an opportunity to see what the Rescue Services programme provides for people in our city.

Next year there will be a slight change in the way our Year 10 programme is run. Students will have half a year of Technology and then half a year where they have an extra period per week of Social Studies, Science and Physical Education. In line with the requirements of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops we will be having four periods a week of Religious Education at Years 11 and 13, an increase from three this year. Year 12 remains the same as does the junior programme.

We have been very grateful to the College Foundation for making funds available for the Old Boys Tuition programme. It was very encouraging to see recent old boys returning to tutor those students who were preparing for exams. We are reviewing the programme and looking to streamline it further for next year.

LEADERSHIP IN 2012

At the senior prizegiving we announced the Prefects for 2012. Another important group in the College is the Peer Leaders. These students are responsible for the leadership within their tutor groups and within their houses. Together with their house prefects they work to form the House Committee. These committees are responsible for the life of the House. The Peer Leaders work with their tutor teachers to see that the new students are supported and integrated into the College, that they feel safe and have a person they can turn to if required. The peer leaders also help the tutor teachers in the running of tutor time.

This group of students began their training with a day on 7th December. We look forward to their contribution to the life of the College next year, along with all members of Year 13. The peer leaders are:

Chanel

Leatutaatasi Ah Wong
Harris Dalton
Damien Don
Theodore Macdonald
Jock McNaught
Hayden Moncrieff
Alexander von Lanthen

Watters

Benaiah Crichton
Francis Fernandez
Mark Guieb
Luke Humphries
Michael Janis
Asher O'Brien

Kennedy

Maxwell Barrett
Joel Dunn
Jasper Luki
Patrick Matthews
Patrick O'Reilly
Brendan Smith
Matthew Thomas
Patrick Twiss

Redwood

Felix Etcheverry
Jason Farrer
Sam Gatara
Siaosi Lavea
Andreas Liolis
Jordan Meachen
James Truebridge
Jack Tully
Stephen Mathew

The Prefects will have an opportunity over the holidays to attend the Marist Youth Leader programme at St Bede's College in Christchurch. This course runs from 15-22 January and involves the Marist Colleges in New Zealand. There will be over 120 school leaders present for it. It is run by the National Network of Marist Schools using the services of Fr Mark Walls SM and his team from the Marist Education Ministry team. This is the tenth year of the programme.

STAFF CHANGES

The following staff are finishing their time at the College at the end of the year:

Mr Mike Savali
Mrs Chanel Wright
Mr Vincent McKenzie
Ms Claire Hewitt

We thank these staff members for their work at the College and wish them every blessing for the next stage of their lives.

We congratulate current staff members, Ms Sarah Parkinson on her appointment as Director of Religious Studies, and Ms Michelle Duffy as Assistant DRS.

We welcome to the staff for 2012 Miss Penina Masoe as TIC Samoan and Mrs Catherine Saysell as teacher of Religious Education. We also welcome Brother Philip Bennenbroek SM, a seminarian preparing for priesthood in the Society of Mary, who will be doing a pastoral year at the College and

will working with the Ministry Team.

We congratulate Ms Parkinson on the birth of her daughter Ella and we look forward to her rejoining the staff in term 2 of next year. Ms Duffy will be the Acting DRS for term 1 next year.

RETREATS

Our junior students have had an opportunity in the last weeks of the term to go on retreat. The Year 9 retreats were run by the Ministry team of the College and the Year 10 were run by the team from Challenge 2000. I hope that retreat time was a positive one for your son and that he was able to grow in his appreciation of his relationship with God and the sort of person he is growing into.

Parents of Year 9 students might also like to use the end of the year as an opportunity to go back over the books with their sons from the Becoming a Patrician programme. It might be interesting to reflect with them over what they have learnt this year and how they are feeling about their experience of St Patrick's and their growth in their faith life.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

We are very grateful for the work of the Parents' Association this year and for the dedication that they have shown to raising funds for the College. This year they have raised \$48,000 which is a tremendous effort. They have given \$10,000 to the library for resources and have other money available for future projects. Mrs Maureen Folan was farewelled from the group and thanked for her work for the College. We are very dependent on the energy and enthusiasm of this group and the support they receive from fellow parents. Please consider joining this group, as their work benefits all the pupils of the College now.



Chairperson Mrs Jo Dalton surrounded by the committee of the Parents' Association

ANGELS PROGRAMME

Recently we had an afternoon tea to thank those in the community who have supported the Angels programme, coordinated by the Women's Group and led by Anna Kozyniak. This gives practical expression to the call to look out for our neighbour and so many families in our community have benefited from the generosity of those who have prepared meals for others. We are trying to develop in the students a sense of social justice and caring for others and for boys to see this modelled by their families is the best example possible. The programme will be continuing in 2012 so if you wish to help then please contact the Women's Group.

NEVILLE SHIELD

The annual athletics competition between ourselves and St Patrick's Silverstream took place on 6th December out at Silverstream. Unfortunately it was a convincing victory to Silverstream which means there will need to be some serious training between now and the Old Boys' Cup in February.

There will be training during the Christmas holidays for all athletes. These dates are on the College website.

PROPERTY MATTERS

There is a lot of work going on at the College presently. The work on making the College more accessible for people is seeing a number of electric doors being installed along with a lift which will allow access to all three floors of the College and more ramps being installed. A number of classrooms are being painted and upgraded, along with a revamp of the Careers and Transition room. The Staffroom is also being upgraded with a new kitchen. All of these projects are in line with the Boards' policy of maintaining the College's assets and providing good facilities for the pupils.

PATRICIAN MAGAZINE

Once again Mr Cook-Andrews and Mr Wilson have produced a fine magazine which does justice to the College and gives a good account of the activities of the year. We are grateful to all those who have contributed to the magazine. Due to printing issues the magazine will not be available until next week. We will e-mail to let families know when it is available for collection from the College.



Piles being installed for the foundations of the new lift which will go outside the staffroom.



OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

We are grateful for the support the Old Boys of the College give and for the work they do in helping people remain connected to the College. At the Leavers' Mass last month all the Year 13 students received Old Boys ties, donated by the Association. We are also grateful to the Association for their donation of \$5000 to the College to go towards the College archives.

We are doing a lot of work in the archives to maintain our history and we receive a lot requests for information from the archives. Mrs Judy Sharp works there one day a week and Mr Kevin Bourke, provides professional support for her each month. We are also grateful to Mr Phillip Havill for generously giving his time to help scan many of the photos in the archives.

FINAL THINGS

We remember and pray for those in our community who have suffered bereavements in recent times. We remember especially Fadi Buttros (Yr 12), Matthew Borgdoff' (Yr 9), Johny Eishou (Yr 12), Braedyn Humphries (Yr 12), and Matt Reid (Yr 12) who all recently experienced the loss of a grandparent. We also remember the niece of Mrs Margaret Guidera who died this week. May they rest in peace.

We often talk about the importance of the relationship between home and school and for us to work together for the good of the boys. I want to thank all those groups in our College who work to achieve this and who support us with their time and energy. To the Parents' Association, The Women's Group, the Polynesian Parents' Association, the Whanau Group, thank you for all your work for the good of the College. To all the parents who helped as reader-writers, who coached sports teams, who attended our College liturgies and who offered support when needed, thank you.

The Board of Proprietors and Board of Trustees have had a lot of work to do this year and we are very fortunate to have such a generous group of

people giving their time and talents for the good of the College. There are some exciting opportunities coming up in the future and this group of people are working very hard to see that we are well equipped to meet the needs of the coming decades.

The College Foundation has grown from strength to strength through the work of Mrs Loretta Love, the Foundation Board and Foundation Committee. Thank you to all who have contributed financially to the Foundation and have made a commitment to support the College into the future.

We also thank our Year 13 students for their effort and energies this year and we wish them every blessing as they move onto the next exciting stage of their lives.

On a more practical note we hope that the boys enjoy their holidays and are able to express themselves appropriately! Just a reminder that upon their return next year they will need to ensure that their uniform complies with College regulations, especially their hair! This means a natural colour, off the collar (and eyes) and no less than a number two if he is going for the short look. This needs to be in place for day one of next year, otherwise boys will be sent home to get it sorted out.

There will be a letter sent out at the beginning of next year outlining the programme for the start of 2012. Year 9 and 13 students will begin on 31st January and all pupils on 1st February.

I hope that you all have a happy and holy Christmas and that 2012 is a good year for you all. We will pray for all those whose direct connection with the College ends this year. We give thanks for your son or sons' presence with us. We hope that the values and attitudes of the College will be embedded in him and that he will make a valuable contribution to our Church and society.

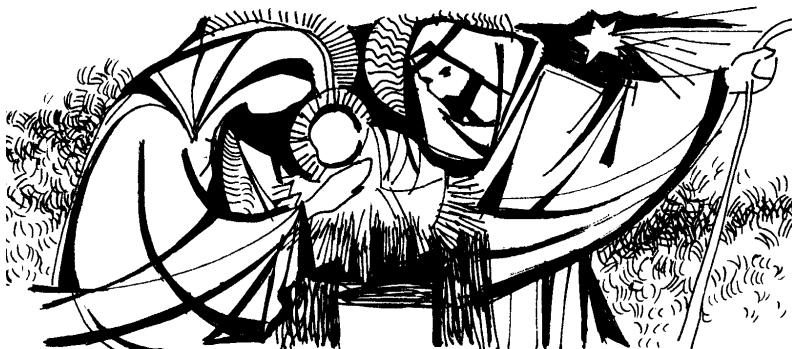
May we all be kept safe this Christmas and return renewed and ready to continue the good work of education at St Patrick's College.

May God Bless you.

Sectare Fidem



Fr Paul Martin SM
RECTOR



MEDIA STUDIES AWARD

The St Patrick's College Year 12 Media Studies class created short films for NCEA Internal Assessment this year. By happy coincidence, the "Two Weeks" Production team produced a short film with a Drink Driving theme.

The film, "Slash and Burn" was entered in the national Turners Student Short Film Competition run by Students Against Drink Driving (SADD).

The film, a cross-genre horror/educational vignette, earned a Highly Commended award. The film starred Luke, playing Danny, who is haunted by the ghost of his friend killed in a drink driving car accident. Theo directed with an auteur's eye for detail and satire as well as the odd confusing sequence – all in the name of art of course.

The "Two Weeks" production team was comprised of Theo Macdonald, Luke Humphries, Scott Curtis, Felix Morgan, Jordan Dummer, and Daniel Martin.

Mr Shane Wilson

TERM DATES 2012

Term 1 – Tuesday 31 January to Thursday 5 April

Term 2 – Monday 23 April to Friday 29 June

Term 3 – Monday 16 July to Friday 28 September

Term 4 – Monday 15 October to Friday 14 December

KILEY SCHOLARSHIPS 2012

Congratulations to the following St Patrick's College students who were recently awarded a Kiley Family Memorial Scholarship through Public Trust. The scholarships at secondary level are valued at \$1,400 for next year and the College is grateful to the Kiley family for their very valuable and tangible support.

Kbrom Gebremikal	Year 10
Robel Gebremichael	Year 10
Yitbarek Mazengia	Year 12
Enoch Tautolo	Year 9
Kalyb Uelese-Hewitt	Year 10

Congratulations to both Daniel Mazengia and Yared Kebede who were both awarded Tertiary scholarships valued at \$2,000 for next year.

TOP WEEKLY NOTES

Congratulations to the following students for achieving top Weekly Notes this term.

YEAR 9

Ben Aumua-Peseta	CTS
Jared Don Silva	RKR
Vincenzo Costa	KML
Harry Ireland	RKG
Rusi Jagose-Dickens	KSW
Alessi Mendoza x 2	KMD
Dominic McAlister	WAV
Liam Prentice	CTS
Christian Raymond x 2	RKR
Joshua Santos	CRN
Alexandros Simitliotis x 2	RKS
Michael Smith x 2	WCB
Gus Stone x 2	CTS
Jack Turnbull	CRN
Barnaby Verberne	RKR
Anaru Waring	KJD
Michael Wilson x 2	RSM
Josiah Wood x 2	WSP
Joshua Wood	RLI
Kevin Yang	RSS

YEAR 10

Daniel Chaji	CKW
Paul Geneta x 2	WSY
Liam Hickey	RSS
Timothy McGrail	CTS
Francis Natoli	RKR
Angelos Simitliotis	RMS
Gus Umali x 2	KPG
Patrick Uriot	CTS
Michael Vega	RSK
William Zheng x 2	RSM

SPC RUGBY CLUB

2nd XV Coaches Appointed for 2012

The newly appointed Coach and Assistant Coach of the College 2nd XV will bring a wealth of Super Rugby experience to the team next season.

Former Crusaders, Queensland, Gloucester and Wellington half-back Elton Moncrieff will lead the 2nd XV coaching team for our 2012 season. Elton was a former SPC 1st XV player, and was Captain of the New Zealand Schools team in 1990. In 2011, Elton started his coaching career with SPC, as Co-Coach of the U14 team. Elton will be supported by Edwin Meacham as Assistant Coach.

This completes the Rugby Club's coaching appointments for 2012's Premier Teams. Coaching appointments for Development Teams will be advised on the Rugby Club website shortly.

Congratulations to 2011's 3rd XV Coach, Damian Rapira-Davies

At the annual Wellington Rugby Tui Awards on 23 November, 3rd XV Coach Damian Rapira-Davies was awarded Wellington Rugby's highest coaching accolade, being awarded the Representative Coach of the Year Awards for his work with the Wellington Pride. Damian coached the Pride to the final of their national competition, with the team being awarded Representative Team of the Year. Congratulations Damian!

Year 8 students enjoy SPC Sevens

The Rugby Club invited Year 8 students coming to the College in 2012 to a Sevens Tournament hosted by MSP and the College on 17 November. The weather was superb, there was plenty of action, and there was some great talent on show! The Rugby Club Coaching Staff were impressed by the skills on display, and we look forward to an exciting and successful season ahead in 2012!

With thanks to Alistair van Boom, Damian Rapira-Davies, John Duignan, our WRRRA referees, and for the senior boys who assisted in coaching teams and managing the after-match BBQ.

Chairmen Appointed to Executive Position

Three SPC Rugby Club Chairmen have been appointed to new executive positions in rugby. Past Chairmen, Bill Harrison and Charlie Graham, have both been appointed to the Board of Marist St Pats Rugby Football Club at MSP's Annual General Meeting on 24 November.

With a very strong link between the SPC Rugby Club and MSP, Bill and Charlie will be valuable voices representing the interests of the College, and in turn will be able to ensure both Clubs continue to grow rugby in a collaborative manner in our close community.

On 25 November, current Chairman, Gordon Noble-Campbell was appointed to the Executive of the Hurricanes Youth Council as the delegate of Wellington Rugby. Gordon's appointment will also provide a valuable link between SPC Rugby and the world of professional rugby for our Club's aspiring players.

2012 Traditional Calendar confirmed

The Club's calendar of traditional fixtures for the 2012 season has been largely determined, with a new pre-season fixture with Marlborough Boys College, and the inclusion of our U15A team in the traditional exchange with Francis Douglas College both new features.

- 1st XV Rugby Marist Quadrangular – Evans Bay Park, 28/3/12 – 31/3/12
- 2nd XV/U15 vs Marlborough Boys High School, Pre-season – Blenheim, 1/04/12
- 1st XV vs PNBHS - Palmerston North, 21/4/12
- Pre-season vs Silverstream (all teams except 1st XV) – Silverstream, 28/4/12
- 1st XV vs Hato Paora – Evans Bay Park, 9/5/12
- 1st XV vs Wellington College – Wellington College, 23/5/12
- 1st XV, U15 vs Francis Douglas College – New Plymouth, 29-30/5/12
- 1st XV, 2nd XV vs St John's College – Hastings – 19-20/6/12
- 1st XV, U15 vs Silverstream - Evans Bay Park, 18/7/12
- U15 National Tournament – 3-7/9/12

We wish all members of our College community a safe and happy festive season, and look forward to a successful season ahead.

A reminder to all players aspiring for selection in Premier Teams in 2012 – you need to keep working on your fitness over the summer break!

Sectare Fidem

Gordon Noble-Campbell
Rugby Club Chairman

WOMEN'S GROUP NEWS

At our Annual General Meeting last month we thanked our out-going Chairperson, Leonie Fitzgerald, and Deputy, Vicki Richardson for their time, effort and commitment in leading the Group over the past three years. Our new Chairperson and Deputy are Vickie Humphries and Ruth Hickey. Sophia Lewis and Estelle Henrys are continuing in their roles as Secretary and Treasurer. Thanks go to all the members of our group who have given their time to helping at the College over the past year, and especially to the mothers of year 13 boys who are leaving this year. We always welcome new members, and are very happy for you to join our auxiliary group of women who are unable to attend meetings but who are willing to help out. Please contact Vickie if you would like to join, phone 934-1498.

We also thanked Ginny Pang and Catherine Carty-Squires, for their time and effort in running the Secondhand Uniform Shop. The Women's Group runs the Secondhand Uniform Shop on the first Thursday of every month during term time from 12.45 – 1.35 p.m. The shop provides a valuable service to families and the College benefits with

the proceeds of the sales. Both Ginny and Catherine have had to step down from this role and unfortunately none of our current members are available to open the shop on the Thursday and we would like to invite volunteers from the College community to go on a roster to help us out. Full training will be provided and ideally we would like two people on at a time. If you can help, please phone Ginny Pang on 976-3621.

Late last month we hosted a BBQ for parents of boys who will be joining the College as Year 9's in 2012. We had a good turn out, and due to the generosity of those who attended, we were able to give two boxes of gifts to the Home of Compassion.

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP

The St Patrick's College Women's Group is happy to receive donations of clean clothing which can be dropped off at the school office, or directly into the Second-hand shop on their open days, and the relevant form filled in if you want it sold on commission. Please dry-clean all blazers and note that socks will no longer be sold on commission. We are open the first Thursday of every month at lunchtime during term time, and the last Saturday morning of school holidays.

Any students leaving school this year, in particular Year 13, could you consider donating your used clothing to the second hand shop as we require plenty of stock for our busiest time of the year, thank you. Please note that we will no longer accept the white PE shirts to sell as they are being phased out.

The next open days for Term 4, 2011 and Term 1, 2012 will be:

Saturday, 10th December	10am-12pm
Saturday, 28 th January 2012	10am-12pm
Thursday, 2 nd February 2012	12.45-1.30pm

Please note that all sales are cash or cheque only as we have no EFTPOS facilities.

ANGELS' UPDATE

Thanks to Fr Paul for hosting a lovely function on Friday 25 November, to thank the St Pat's Angels families for the meals and other practical support they have given to college families facing challenges due to illness or other difficulties in the past year. This was a great opportunity to meet each other and to be treated to the college's hospitality. Quite a few people were unable to be there, so sincere thanks to you all for your generosity and kindness throughout the year.

I am expecting that some Angels families will have sons leaving college, who may wish to retire from the network. Please let me know so I can up-date our lists. Some have said that even with no sons remaining at the college, they would still like to stay on. God bless you!

If you are not already a St Pat's Angel, could I ask you to please consider joining the network. I would like to keep our numbers at the same level at least and preferably to increase them. The more families we have involved, the lighter the load for everyone. On Friday, it was humbling to hear many say how much they enjoyed being able to provide help in this way. You too may find it very rewarding. Please email Anna Kozyniak: prince.kozyniak@xtra.co.nz

NEW UNIFORM SHOP HOURS 2012

Monday 16 January	5 – 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 17 January	5 – 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday 18 January	5 – 7.30 p.m.
Thursday 19 January	5 – 7.30 p.m.
Friday 20 January	5 – 7.30 p.m.
Saturday 21 January	11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Tuesday 24 January	5 – 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday 25 January	5 – 7.30 p.m.
Thursday 26 January	5 – 7.30 p.m.
Friday 27 January	5 – 7.30 p.m.
Saturday 28 January	11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

COLLEGE HOLIDAY TIMETABLE

The College and the school office will close for the summer holidays on Friday 17 December and will reopen on Tuesday 25 January 2011.

PAYMENT OF COLLEGE FEES

If you wish to commence an automatic payment to help budget for the payment of College fees in 2012 an automatic payment form can be obtained from Karen Page, email karen.page@stpats.school.nz or 939-3070 ext 221. Alternatively, payments can be paid via internet banking into the College account – St Patrick's College, account number – 06-0513-0193557-000. Please remember to include your son's surname in the payment details.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

The Cornerstone

In this College newsletter please find your copy of the December issue of the Foundation's 'The Cornerstone'.

We hope that you have the time to catch up with our news and events and welcome your feedback.

Old Boys supporting their College

Have you seen the Fratelli Restaurant leaflet included in this newsletter? It contains three vouchers to be redeemed at the Fratelli Restaurant in Blair St.

Old Boys Ferdi and Carlo Petagna want to give back to their old College and are offering that for each voucher presented at Fratelli, 10% of the table's dinner value is donated back to St Pat's.

This special offer runs through to 30th June 2012 so take this opportunity over the summer season to dine out Italian style with family and friends.

By making use of these special vouchers the College gains financial support so visit Ferdi and Carlo at Fratelli Restaurant and enjoy their dining experience.

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PACIFIC HORIZON - \$100 DONATION FOR EVERY HIRE BOOKED

Pacific Horizon is a Plimmerton-based, family-owned company with a proud 26 year history of providing the best in motorhomes for that great traditional family holiday. As an active community member, Pacific Horizon would like to offer \$100 donation towards St Patrick's College fundraising every time a booking is received.

Simply call 0800 808 881 to make a booking, quote St Patrick's College name and they will send the College a cheque for \$100.

They offer some fantastic offers for those living in the Greater Wellington area with motorhomes to suit all tastes and all budgets. Please call them for the latest information or visit www.pacifichorizon.co.nz



Year 9 Olympics
Left: Entrance of the Redwood team
Top: Entrance of Watters
Second: Entrance of Kennedy
Third: Entrance of Chanel
Bottom: Mascots on the victory dais



YEAR 10 – WOW

Top (from left): Redwood, Kennedy, Chanel

Bottom: Watters

Drama Collective



Calling all students interested in theatre and creative expression.

Drama Collective would like to invite the students of St Patrick's College to drama classes in 2012.

Where:
The Studio,
Evans Bay Intermediate School,
Kilbirnie

When:
Every Monday of the school term

Time:
4.30-5.45pm

Cost:
\$120 per term



For further information please contact:

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