From The Principal

Dear parents and friends of St Patrick's College,

This week our Year 12 girls begin their HSC. This is a most stressful time for the girls and their families. They will be feeling very nervous and anxious about remembering everything and responding to the questions in the best way.

We are keeping the girls in our prayers as they have worked hard over the years and we hope they have the clarity of mind and stability of temperament to answer the questions to the best of their ability. If your daughter isn’t in Year 12 now I can assure you that her time will come very quickly. My hope is that this cohort achieve the results they deserve and that it enables them to pursue the career of their choice. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Dance
During the holidays we were informed by BOSTES that two of our HSC dancers were nominated for Callback. Vivian was nominated for both core performance and major study performance and Nicole was nominated for core performance. This is an excellent outcome and both girls are to be congratulated for their results. Well done also to Mrs Jarvie for her support and guidance of the girls.

Hats On
At our opening assembly this term I spoke to the girls about the importance of wearing the College hat. As the weather warms up and the risk of skin cancer continues to loom for our girls, we are insisting that girls wear their hats to and from the College for the full term. Each day girls will need to show they have their hat at school and will be expected to wear it whenever they are in the sun.
I ask that you support the staff in this action as it will protect the girls from the harmful rays of the sun and it is an item of the uniform that should be worn. Girls who don't have their hat will receive a uniform detention.

**Attention Parents**
Last term we hosted our first parent forums for the year. Our next forums will be for the Middle School on Tuesday 24 November and then the Senior School on Tuesday 1 December, both in the Benedict Centre. I invite you to attend either the morning session at 9.00am or join us in the evening at 7.30pm. If you have any items that you would like raised, please feel free to send them to me. The agenda will be sent out in the coming weeks.

**Welcome**
We have two new staff joining us for the first few weeks of the term to cover staff on leave. Welcome to Miss Robyn Garlick and Miss Monique Clift, who are both teaching in the Maths faculty. In addition, we welcome Mrs Emma Perry, who will be replacing Ms Glase for the term in Art. I extend a warm welcome to each of them and am confident the girls will be well instructed.

**Leading by Example**
Finally, thank you to the girls who assisted at the Mary Immaculate Primary School fete on Saturday 10 October: Anita, Natalie, Rachel, Mishel, Yazmin, Natasha and Hayley, and another thank you to the girls who assisted at the Mater Dei Country Fair on Sunday 11 October: Rhiannon, Amy, Faith and Sarah. It was very generous of these girls in giving up their personal time over the weekend to assist in these community events and their efforts were very much appreciated by the schools. Thank you also to Ms Dunn and Mrs Henderson who supported them on the day.

**Nominations**
I would like to remind you of nominations for the Spirit of St Patrick awards which are due on Monday 9 November. Please complete your nomination (form attached) and send into the College by 9 November.

I will leave you with a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson for our HSC candidates:
"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

**Blessings**
Sue Lennox, Principal

**Teaching & Learning**

**Real Ancient Artifacts**
On Friday the 9th of October the Year 10 Elective History and Year 11 Ancient History class embarked upon an excursion to the Nicholson Museum, Sydney University.
St Pat's Year 10 Elective History Class and Year 11 Ancient History Class had an excursion last week to Nicholson Museum at Sydney University.

We travelled through the bustling streets of Sydney towards our destination, coming face to face with a wonderfully constructed building which resembled a medieval palace, complete with sandstone and lions at the front. Once we entered the museum, we discovered a world of intricate and fascinating stories of their fist exhibit, "50 Objects 50 Stories." Each of the 50 stories held something strange and interesting. We gazed amongst the artefacts waiting for our guide to show up, and we weren't left disappointed. Our tour guide was an archeologist who was currently working for the Nicholson Museum, and who holds a passion for all things ancient, much to our happiness.

She led us into the bowels of the museum, which was appropriately named "Death Magic," as this particular exhibit showed the methods and beliefs of ancient societies on life after death. She was a wellspring of knowledge, and had much to share on the afterlife of the ancient Egyptians, showing us two sarcophagi, and asking us thought provoking questions, such as, "How do you know if it is a man, without reading the inscriptions?" We continued on, marvelling at the story of the 7 year old boy mummy, who had been mistaken for a young girl until it was cat scanned in 2007. Then who could forget the heart wrenching sight of seeing mummified cats and kittens.

Further along, we were introduced to the Lego centrepiece: a Lego Pompeii, filled to the brim with character and events that have occurred throughout the lifetime of the city. From the filming of 'Rome,' to the Tardis from that one episode of Doctor Who, we were amazed at the level of detail, and even more amazed to find out that the creator was one of 13 licensed Lego builders in the world, and the only one in the Southern Hemisphere.

After a quick lunch break, we all came back in for round two: the handling of primary sources and artefacts. We examined pottery form Sparta, lamps from Greece and Egypt, one of the highlights being the lamp with the Greek letters for Christ, found in an ancient Egyptian tomb, supposedly abandoned after an illegal meeting of Christians. We were allowed the opportunity to handle stone tools and perfume jugs from the Middle East and tiny little pots used for offerings.
This concluded a fantastic firsthand learning experience for both year 10 and 11 students. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity, and something that won't be easily forgotten.

Georgia, Year 10 Student

**Year 8 Technology Class**

Our Year 8 Technology students have been busy last term, creating a book bag. Samantha E from class 8.3 displays her creation.

![Samantha E - Year 8](image)

This term in Textiles, we created a book bag to carry our iPad and diary. We designed an embroidery motif for the front of the bag. This design included backstitch, French knots, cross stitch and lazy daisy stitches, which we had practiced in class. We then sewed the bag together on the sewing machine.

I really enjoyed this task because it gave us a chance to be creative and learn to use the sewing machine. It was satisfying to complete the bag and to be able to use it at school.

Samantha E - Year 8 Student
Imogen A (our Middle School Community Leader) has started to raise awareness with the girls in Year 9 about the Share the Dignity organisation - a group who collect and distribute feminine hygiene products for homeless and at risk women and girls. Year 9 will be collecting these products for the remainder of the Term 4. If you would like to work with the girls to support them, send/bring products to College Reception where you can add your donations. If you would like to know more about this organisation, their website is here [http://www.sharethedignity.com.au/](http://www.sharethedignity.com.au/). Well done to Imogen for having the initiative to work towards this program and getting the support of the girls.

**Sport**

**Mercedes 2nd in All Schools**

Mercedes of Year 9 participated in the All Schools Championships on Sunday, 11th October.
Her specialty is high jump and she successfully jumped 1.63m, which awarded her second position. The College congratulates her on her efforts and wishes her all the best for the Nationals in Melbourne later in the year.

**Co-curricular**

**Celebrate Dance**

St Patrick’s Year 12 Dance included two dancers. That’s it. Full stop. Only two girls. Yet Vivian H and Nicole W made the power of two significant having earned nomination to "Callback 2015."

Vivian And Nicole

Callback is the showcase of exemplary performances and compositions by 2015 HSC Dance students. Vivian was nominated for her Core Performance and Major Study Performance works and Nicole was nominated for her Core Composition work which was performed by year 11 student, Megan Drummond. Both students are to be congratulated for their excellent achievement.
Mission Team

Youth Mass at St Anthony's Church Tahmoor

The next YOUTH MASS at St Anthony’s Church Tahmoor is the 6.00 pm vigil Mass on Saturday October 24.

There will be the usual MIGHTY BAND, Beautiful CHOIR, elegant LITURGICAL DANCERS, and as an EXTRA there will be a DVD of our day at WOOGLEMAI. Come along to see yourself on camera and enjoy sharing the EUCHARIST with all your friends. Refreshments after Mass.