From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends of St Patrick’s College

Over the past few weeks I have been visiting the Catholic primary schools to speak to Year 5 and 6 girls about St Patrick’s College as an option for their high school. I am very grateful to the principals for allowing me entry and to the hospitality of each of the schools. We offer a unique learning environment and we believe it is important that the girls are aware of this as they make their decision on their future high school. At each visit I ask the girls to imagine their current classroom without the boys and invariably I will hear sighs of relief or delight. It is clearly evident that for many girls, boys are a distraction in their learning environment. Sad to say this can continue as the boys grow older. We will have a workshop day on Friday 1 April for all Year 5 girls in the area. If you know of any girls who are in Year 5, from Department or Catholic primary schools, could you inform them of our Year 5 workshops as this day will give them a good insight into the world of St Patrick’s. Alternatively they may like to visit us on Open Day on Saturday 27 February 10am to 2pm. Everyone is more than welcome.

Sadly we will farewell two of our staff next week. Ms Georgiou our College Counsellor will begin her maternity leave and return in 2017. We wish her and her husband the best with the imminent arrival of their first baby. We will also farewell Mrs Tesoriero. ‘Miss Tes’ has been at the College for over 20 years. She has held several roles in that time from Year Coordinator to Administration Coordinator. She is highly efficient and has always been a loyal St Pat’s staff member. She will be sorely missed and we wish her the very best in her new school. At the same time,
Mrs Glynn will step down from Performing Arts coordinating as our new Coordinator, Mr Joshua Combes, will join us on Monday 22 February. Mrs Glynn has held this role for over 20 years in addition to coordinating performances and musical events. Mrs Glynn’s calm and methodical method has always resulted in high quality performances which were very entertaining. We are very fortunate that Mrs Glynn will continue to share her talents in the College in a part time music teaching role.

Last weekend the leadership team, board directors and board committee members spent time reviewing the College Strategic Plan. The conversation and discussion was very fruitful and we came away with a clear outline of where we need to work over the coming years. We are very fortunate to have the services, offered voluntarily, from these professional and dedicated men and women. Our Governance structures at St Patrick’s under the auspices of Good Samaritan Education, are very strong and compliant so that our community can be confident the College is in very secure hands. My thanks in particular to Dr Michael McDonald who continues to lead with experience and wisdom.

We will be hosting the Middle School Parent Forum on 8 March and the Senior School Parent Forum on 15 March. Both days have a 9am forum and at later forum at 7pm. We will go through our HSC results at both of these forums in addition to discussion around the Camden bus situation. We have also started our own private bus route and this will be outlined at both forums. In addition to this, the Middle School Parent forum will view the building plans for the Middle school, inclusive of the locker locations. I hope you will be able to join us.

In four weeks we will have our Gala Ball. I do hope you will be able to join us on the night. We have entertainment, all food and refreshments included in the cost of the ticket. The money raised goes directly to the scholarship fund for students and families.

We have just heard that Fr Tony Daley is gravely ill. Fr Tony is parish priest of St Thomas More, Ruse. He is also a very strong advocate of the Aboriginal community in Campbelltown and a long time friend of St Patrick’s College. Please keep Fr Tony in your prayers as he as he manages this ill health he is facing.

As we move further into the season of Lent I will leave you with a reflection of this period.
“To be in union with God we must first be at peace with one another. We must see the other, too, as beloved of God, do them no harm, care for their cares as well as our own.”

Blessings
Sue Lennox
Teaching & Learning

From The Maths Faculty - Pi Club, Maths Help, Puzzle Corner

The Maths faculty is starting up The Pi Club, which will be offered each Friday at lunch time in Room 33.

Pi Club
The Pi Club will be setting up a number of games that can be played by 1, 2 or more people. There will be an opportunity to learn new card games such as 500, Euchre, Rummy and more. If there is a game you would like to play, please feel free to bring it along.

Maths Help
A reminder that Maths Help runs each Monday at lunch time in Room 33. All students from Years 7 to 12 are welcome to come along with any Maths problems and to bring their lunch. In Week 5, Year 11 have their first Maths task and in Week 6 Year 12 Maths General are due to hand in their assignment. If your daughter is having difficulties, please encourage her to come along to Maths Help and work on the concepts covered in these assessment tasks. All students are welcome.

Puzzle Corner
1) I am a two digit number. The sum of my digits is twelve. The difference between my digits is 4. Who am I?
2) I am a two digit square number. The difference between my digits is 5. Which two numbers could I be?
3) I am a number greater than 300. The sum of my digits is twelve. My first digit is a fifth of five squared. My middle digit is an even number. My first and second digits add to give a prime number less than 10. Who am I?

Answers: 1) 48. 2) 16 and 49. 3) 525
**Literature Club**

Come along to Room LH1 on Wednesdays at lunch time. If you love reading and are ready for a challenge, launch into the world of the classics and join the Literature Club. All students from Years 7 to 12 are welcome to join. Drop in next Wednesday and ask our mentors for a starter pack.

**Language Lifeboat**

English help is available every Wednesday at lunch time in Room LH1.

Bring your assessment tasks, homework, class notes or questions. Dedicated English teachers are available to help. All students from Years 7 to 12 are welcome.

**Middle School**

**Year 7 Make a Great Start in Science**

*Phillipa, Kassandra and Sarah worked out the structure of glucose*

Year 7 are currently studying the topic Water in both Science and Science Integration. During their Science Integration lessons they are looking at the value of water as a resource, whilst in Science they will use the context of water to develop their understanding of states of matter and changes of state. They will also learn
about techniques involved in purifying water by looking at different techniques used to separate mixtures.

The girls began their year by looking at the properties of water. This included creating models of water molecules using molymod kits. They then used the bonding rules to try and figure out the shape of other molecules including nitrogen, oxygen, carbon dioxide and glucose.

A huge congratulations to Sarah, Kassandra and Phillipa who used their problem solving skills to figure out the shape of glucose.

Kate Lefever, Science Coordinator

**Carnevale! Year 8 Italian**

Year 8 Italian – Carnevale Masks

In Year 8 Italian, students have been learning about Carnevale. Carnevale is a religious-based festival that occurs on Shrove Tuesday before Lent. The Carnevale in Venezia is the most famous and is attended every year by thousands of people who come from around the world. They come to see the masked performers and
costumes, and the famous Commedia dell’Arte characters. The girls have had fun making these masks and learning about Italian traditions in the process.

Annalisa Winarczyk - Italian Teacher

Sport

Term 1 MISA Teams 2016

Congratulations to the following girls that were selected for Term 1 MISA Teams.

**Year 10 / 11 / 12 Oz Tag**

**Open Cricket**

**Year 7 / 8 / 9 Softball**

**Year 8 / 9 Basketball**

**Year 7 / 8 / 9 Volleyball**
Co-curricular

Chess Club

Do You Know How to Play Chess?
Would you like to play chess at school?
Or would you like to learn to play chess?

The St Patrick's Chess Club is for you!
Chess Club meets in the library during lunch on Mondays.
We look forward to seeing you at chess club during 2016.

Please see Mrs Stalker-Booth in the library to express your
interest in taking part or to find out more.

St Pat's Ensemble - Calling new members!

The St Pat's Ensemble has begun rehearsing for 2016. Rehearsals are
on Wednesday mornings at 7:45am in the MSC.

All students are welcome to join as long as you have at least one year's experience
on an instrument. If you would like to join, email Mrs Samyia at
esamyia@stpatricks.nsw.edu.au for more details.

Elizabeth Samyia - Music Teacher
Mission Team

Opening of the School Year Mass

Parents, Guardians and Friends of St Patrick’s College,

We extend a warm invitation to the Opening of the School Year Mass on St Patrick’s Day, 17 March.

The mass will commence at 10.30am in St Paul’s Parish Church,
26 John Street, Camden
Community News

Open Day - All Welcome

Will your daughter's school deliver the education you want her to have?
Consider St Patrick's College with your daughter.

OPEN DAY
Saturday 27th February
10am - 2pm
4 St John’s Rd Campbelltown
Phone 4629 2999
Online bookings welcome:

Macarthur’s only all girls College

Gala Ball - Tickets Available Now

2016 GALA BALL
Jersey to Motown

12 March 2016
Campbelltown Catholic Club

Featuring: Live Entertainment, Silent Auction, Raffle, Photo Booth, Gourmet Dinner and Drinks.
The ONLY St Patrick's College Scholarship Fundraiser

Tickets will be limited. Booking Available Now.
International Women’s Day Breakfast

4 March 2016 Friday
7 - 8:15 am Guest Speakers, Buffet
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Invitation
St Patrick’s College
9th Annual
International Women’s
Day Breakfast
Friday 4 March 2016

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Support the Kids of Macarthur

This is the eighth year that my family, friends and I have participated in the DA Global and Royal Hotel Camden CF Swim Macarthur. The swimathon raises money for the Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick and the Children's hospital at Westmead Clinics for children that live with Cystic Fibrosis.

Cystic Fibrosis is a genetic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system and is a life threatening disease that has no cure. The money that is raised, will help fund vital equipment and also funds specialist researchers to help care for, and improve the quality of life for children living with Cystic Fibrosis. Please support the kids of Macarthur by following this link: https://macarthurswim.everydayhero.com/au/team-julz-1

The Cystic Fibrosis (CF) DA Global & Royal Hotel Camden Swimathon will be held on Saturday the 20th February 2016 from 9am at Wollondilly Leisure Centre, Picton.

Julia F - Year 11 Student
Important Dates

What's On.......