



St Patrick's College News

CATHOLIC CO-EDUCATION YEARS 7-12



Educating Young Men and Women Since 1873

Thursday 22 August 2019

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of St Patrick's College,
Welcome to Week 5 of Term 3.

Last week brought to a conclusion the 100 year celebrations of the opening of the St Patrick's Christian Brothers' College, and there are so many from our community to thank for their contribution to these wonderful events.

Out of all the celebratory events there was one that provoked the greatest response from Old Collegians. It was the speeches from College Captains, Liam Hollingsworth and Sasha Massey at the centenary dinner held at the Albert Hall on Saturday evening. So for their thoughts on what is to be a St Patrick's College student, I hand over to Liam and Sasha:

LIAM HOLLINGSWORTH

St Patrick's has been an integral part of life so far. I have always been in a St Patrick's family, but to be a student of St Patrick's is quite hard to sum up. We are taught to be respectful, positive learners, and at the end of Year 12, you really see how much you have grown as a young man or woman. We are given many responsibilities as young adults and are expected to be the best versions of ourselves. From here we are able to do our best and prosper in all parts of school life.

College hasn't been easy I can tell you that, but people have always been there for me, whether it was the staff, students or old collegians, St Patrick's College is like a big

family. Personally, St Patrick's has shaped me in a way like no other school would. I have grown great in self-confidence as before this year I honestly couldn't see myself public speaking let alone taking on this incredible role. The strong support as I mentioned before really came when I needed it, teachers throwing themselves at me, asking if there is anything they can do to lighten the load, encouraging me or teach me some skills. That to me really shows the nature of our incredible staff that work tirelessly for their students.

St Patrick's has also opened many opportunities for me in my short school life. The best opportunity for me was school sport, mainly because it has taught me so many necessary life skills like leadership, respect, teamwork, and many others. Sports has always been a major part of our school culture, the competitiveness and the friendships formed made it my favourite part of school life. Plus, it is always fun when we go out and beat the likings of Scotch and Grammar in any sport available. But being a part of a school team is a completely different feeling than that of a club. The strong friendships and culture are something you could never achieve outside of the College, and it can be forever lasting and written in history. Hearing stories from my grandfather about school sport always made me keen to go out and represent the Crest. The stories contained those over-exaggerated tales of rough football matches, of fists thrown and blood everywhere; it also tells the history of the incredible team chemistry, which really is something special and something I will always remember.

As well as sports, there are many other opportunities that make St Patrick's so special. I know Sasha will talk about it next, but the Ascent program was a major part of my senior school experience. It is an outreach program that involves supporting and working with the needy, taking time to realise what is around us and using that time to just kneel down and acknowledge someone else's life. Sasha will talk about that in more detail, but being a part of something so special like that couldn't go unspoken. It has opened my eyes to the world and has really changed how I think and do daily activities. It really is an experience I wish everyone had.

With all these amazing programs, cultures, academic achievements and camps, it is easy to say St Patrick's College goes above and beyond. It is the reason why it is a highly sought after school, and it is why we are here tonight. To celebrate being a part of a large and never-ending family.

SASHA MASSEY

I could never have imagined when I started my journey at St Patrick's College the doors it would open up for me. As students we are provided with more than just academic skills, we are gifted with a holistic education that encourages us to think critically and creatively. We are challenged to be the best versions of ourselves in every aspect of school life, whether that be our involvement in academics, the arts, sport or outreach.

As leaders this year our work within the school has been shaped by what we are passionate about,

meaning that the impact we are making is both meaningful and sincere. In cooperation with members of the Student Executive and leaders from other grades we are able to address issues prevalent in our community, such as promoting positive mental health and providing opportunities for the school to come together. As well as this, we are given the autonomy to shape long-standing traditions like Lap It Up in order to make them our own. By giving us the opportunity to generate our own ideas and initiatives, we are provided with the skills necessary to go out into the world and find innovative solutions to real-world problems.

An integral part of developing these skills for me has been Ascent, a voluntary outreach program offered to senior students that allows us to engage with community organisations and learn more about what disadvantage looks like in our world. While the focus of the program is on giving to others, we receive so much joy in return through being able to connect with members of the community. I don't think I could ever accurately express how transformational this program has been for me, I have learnt so much about myself, about my peers and about the world we live

in. For me, the most beneficial part of the Ascent experience has been connecting with people who are knowledgeable in how to provide assistance to those facing adversity. As many of us involved in the program can see ourselves working in this industry in the future, it has been invaluable to gain such an authentic insight into the work people do in this field. These first-hand experiences have inspired and empowered me, and I'm sure everyone else in the Ascent group, to continue using our time for the benefit of others in the future. Ascent really is one of the most powerful ways we connect to our mission as a college and develop ourselves into compassionate servant leaders.

Of course, alongside our extracurricular commitments, there is a strong focus on bettering us as students and providing us with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed after we graduate. Our learning goes beyond the classroom and allows us to make practical use of our study. In recent years, I've had the opportunity to travel overseas to visit the battlefields of World War 1 War and to Canberra to gain a deeper insight into Australian democracy. These experiences have fostered within me a passion for learning, something all students

at St Patrick's College have a chance to develop through the unique educational opportunities we are provided with.

The defining thing about being a student at St Patrick's College, however, is that we are part of a community. There have been a number of times throughout my years at the College that I have been struck by just how special this community is. From the vulnerability offered through the Rite Journey in Year 9, to the joy experienced during Year 12 retreat, and walking together at Relay For Life, we are taught that being in a community is what allows us to reach our full potential. We learn to celebrate our diversity, recognise the good in everyone and appreciate the inimitable gifts we all have. These values are something I will take with me into 2020 and beyond. As year 12s we are entering a daunting time with final exams looming and our futures fast approaching, but I know we have all been well-equipped to go out into the world and make a positive impact, and I am forever grateful for this.

It is a privilege just to be a student of St Patrick's College, and Liam and I have felt truly honoured to be College Captains in this centenary year.

100 YEAR CELEBRATIONS – 17-19 AUGUST





Our mission is to be a school of faith, learning, respect and service in the Catholic tradition.

Our Values Individuality:

We value a school where each person is accepted and loved and can develop their sense of personal worth.

Reflection

"Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere".
Chinese proverb

Upcoming Events

August

- 23 The Art Show @ Croagh Orana Hall, 4 - 6.30pm
- 27 Rock the Stigma Orana Hall, 6.30 - 9pm
- 29 Year 10 Social, 7pm
- 31 UTas Scholarship Applications close

September

- 2 Outdoor Ed Program 3
- 3 FoM AGM, 7-8pm A2
- 5-6 Lap it Up
- 9-10 Outdoor Ed Program 3
- 11-13 Outdoor Leadership Program 3
- 16-21 Deloraine Youth Drama Festival
- 17 Parents and Friends meeting 7.30 - 8.30pm Edmund Rice Centre
- 22-24 Intermediate Band Tour
- 22-27 Hospitality Strahan Trip 2
- 23-26 Year 10,11,12 Cadet Camp
- 26 Croagh Patrick Social
- 27 Founders' Day
- 27 Online Tertiary Applications close
- 27 **Term 3 Ends**

LAP IT UP XII

Momentum for LAP IT UP 2019 is rapidly building as we approach the 24-hour fundraising event, which will be held on Thursday 5 and Friday 6 September 2019. Funds raised will support The Edmund Rice Network, The Smith Family, The Holman Clinic, Edmund Rice Camps and the LGH Children's Ward.

An email has been sent to Year 12 parents/guardians with details regarding Lap It Up, and we would be grateful for support from businesses or employers who can sponsor one hour of Lap It Up for \$100 or are able to assist with donations for prizes during the event. Parents/guardians may also wish to officiate for one hour of Lap It Up!



TOGETHER WE'LL
RIGHT
INJUSTICES

Please contact Mrs Sharon Woolridge on 6341 9988 or e-mail swoolridge@stpatricks.tas.edu.au if you are able to assist with sponsorship, donations or to officiate.

EDMUND RICE FOUNDATION

60% of the money raised.

The Edmund Rice Foundation works in developing countries and disadvantaged Australian communities to provide sustainable education programs. In the past our money has supported the Edmund Rice Sinon School in Arusha, Tanzania, which is now self-sufficient.

SO, WHERE WILL YOUR DONATIONS GO?

Money raised in Lap it Up is split between the Edmund Rice Foundation and the four house charities.

THE SMITH FAMILY

10% of the money raised.

The Smith Family aims to assist disadvantaged Australian students to fully participate in their education in order to break the cycle of poverty.

THE HOLMAN CLINIC

10% of the money raised.

The W.P. Holman Clinic is part of the Launceston General Hospital and provides specialist cancer treatments to individuals in the Launceston area.

EDMUND RICE CAMPS TAS

10% of the money raised.

Edmund Rice Camps Tasmania runs holiday programs that allow local kids to have fun and develop positive relationships. They also provide opportunities for leaders to develop their skills while volunteering.

LGH CHILDREN'S WARD

10% of the money raised.

The Launceston General Hospital Children's Ward supports children in Launceston who are undergoing medical treatment.

2020 TERM DATES

TERM 1

Tuesday 4 February – Years 7 and 12 students commence
Wednesday 5 February – Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 students commence
Thursday 9 April – Term 1 concludes

TERM 2

Tuesday 28 April – Students commence
Friday 3 July – Term 2 concludes

TERM 3

Tuesday 21 July – Students commence
Friday 25 September – Term 3 concludes

TERM 4

Monday 12 October – Term 4 commences
Wednesday 9 December Term 4 concludes

CELEBRATING BOOK WEEK, SPC STYLE!

It has been such a fun and fantastic week so far celebrating all things books and reading at St Patrick's College. So many students and staff have really got on board with the annual Children's Book Council of Australia event sharing so many fabulous and creative images of 'extreme reading' and 'paws to read' photos.

Some tough decisions will be made early next week to award prizes of book vouchers, stationery packs and chocolate for the best of the best submissions.

What is most important in Book Week is the message echoed in the theme of this year's event: reading is my

secret power. Reading is indeed a secret power that has so many benefits, from enhancing literacy, vocabulary and knowledge, through to developing empathy and mindfulness, concentration, memory and imagination.

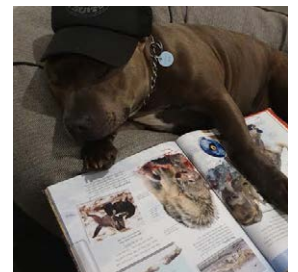
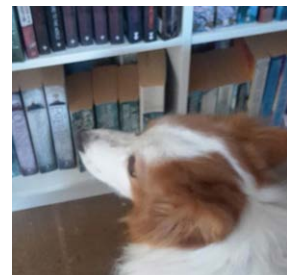
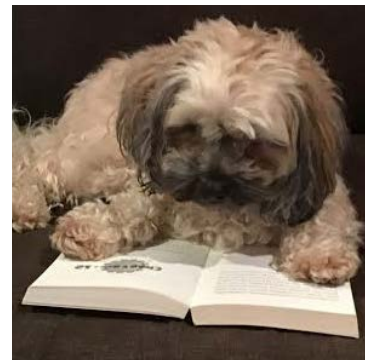
The week will culminate with a Book Swap Stall on Friday at lunchtime outside the Uniform Shop. We hope to see many exciting exchanges to wrap up a fabulous week of books and reading.

Next year, we promise to include a dress up event which so many people (both young and young at heart) have pleaded for!

Thank you so much to all the teachers, library staff and students who have been so enthusiastic and creative in engaging with a wonderful week of books.

Happy reading!

by Mrs Gina Slevac



IKEDA VISIT

by Mrs Danika Leatherbarrow

On Wednesday 31 July, we were lucky enough to have Koichi Iwase and Tmomi Shimoyama from Ikeda City in Japan visit us. Launceston has had a long-standing relationship with Ikeda; we have gifted them wombats, they have seven in total in all of Japan, and they have gifted us the monkeys found in City Park. Koichi and Tmomi joined our Year 7 and 8 Japanese classes for the day, sharing their beautiful city with us and playing Japanese games. This provided the students with a rich, authentic learning opportunity. When learning another language it is important to offer students real-life learning experiences where possible. Students were engaged, lively, and enjoyed learning a bit about Japan from Koichi and Tmomi.



NIHON CAFE

On Friday 2 August, I was lucky enough to accompany a group of my Year 8 students to the Nihon Cafe, a Japanese cafe created by some of our senior students. We were seated at beautifully decorated tables and given a delicious lunch of sushi, an iced matcha tea, and chocolate rolls and ice cream

for dessert. This was a great opportunity for our students studying Japanese to experience Japanese food together. Credit goes to Sophie Cashion in Year 12, and Maria Basset and her team for creating a wonderful dining experience.

MTB SEASON SPORTS REPORT

St Patrick's College mountain bike team has had an extremely successful 2018/19 season. Locally, students have participated in the weekly cross country series, Sprung Twilight gravity enduro, two-hour, four-hour, and six-hour races, the Tas Gravity Enduro series, and the State Championships. Athletes have also traveled intrastate and internationally, including rounds of the National Enduro series, the Asia-Pacific Gravity Enduro series rounds in Nelson and Derby, and the Enduro World Series in Rotorua, New Zealand and in Derby, Tasmania. Hamish

Mackenzie and Tayla Sherrif also competed at the 2019 MTBA National Championships at the Gold Coast.

On the 10 April, 35 students traveled down to Glenorchy to compete in the 2019 Tasmanian All Schools Championships. Overall, there were over 500 competitors from around the state, from those who had never raced before to athletes that travel internationally to races. A fun day was had by all and we were very well represented on the podium, with top-three finishes in nearly every category. In the U/15 boys, Riley Smith and Lockie

Presnell finished 2nd and 3rd respectively. In the U/17 boys, Hamish Mackenzie finished 2nd. In the U/17 girls, we had a clean sweep of the podium with Tayla Sherrif, Naomie Harris, and Zoe Richardson finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd. We also won the U/15 male, and the U/17 male and female category pennants. Connor Dobson, Brayden Scarrat, Sam Brooks, Hallie Triffitt and Eleanor March all received top-ten finishes in their respective categories. Going on to the overall school's points score, St Patrick's College edged out Fahan by just over 70 points to

win the Tasmanian All schools Cross country championships, remaining undefeated for the five years it has been running.

A special thank you must be made to Mr Cooper for his commitment to after school training, coaching and skills development within the team; the Launceston Mountain Bike Club for hosting its many races and events throughout the year; the parents/guardians; and finally the students for coming to training every Tuesday after school.

by Sam Brooks

ART SHOW @ CROAGH

All Welcome to the Art Exhibition and Auction

Friday 23 August, 4 - 6.30pm

Entry by gold coin donation. We are raising money in support of St Vincent de Paul; in particular the Year 9 Soup Van Outreach Program.

LIDS 4 KIDS

Please don't throw away those plastic lids! They can be recycled to be used in 3D printing, and a great initiative has seen this technology used to create prosthetic limbs for children. The collection point for the lids is in the Edmund Rice Centre.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations Isabella Wyley (Year 9), who is part of a team that won State Championships in cheer leading and will represent Australia in New Zealand.



We wish Isabella Davie (Year 8) all the best as she competes at the National Cross Country Championships in Wollongong.

YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE OUR

125TH BIRTHDAY AND FEAST OF ST FINN BARR

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
SCHOOL TOURS
10:30 AM
CELEBRATORY ASSEMBLY IN THE HALL
12:00 MIDDAY
MASS IN ST FINN BARR'S CHURCH
1:00 PM
BBQ LUNCH AND BIRTHDAY CAKE

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ST. FINN BARR'S
THY KINGDOM COME
CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

ROCK THE STIGMA

CROAGH PATRICK, ORANA HALL, SPC

GOLD COIN DONATION ENTRY

TUESDAY - WEEK 6 - TERM 3

AUGUST 27TH • 6:30 PM

FEATURING SPC BANDS INCLUDING:

FULL COLLAPSE

NEW MIDLAND

RADIOTRAP

& MANY MORE!

A YEAR 12 INITIATIVE, RAISING FUNDS FOR
"HEADSPACE" AND REDUCING THE STIGMA
SURROUNDING MENTAL HEALTH THROUGH
POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS.

