FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the beginning of a new decade at Padua College. After the celebrations of the 800 years of the Franciscan Order in 2009, it is important for us to recommit to the ethos of our founder as we begin this new decade. This message is certainly one which I will reinforce with your son/s over the coming weeks.

This year we welcome a number of new staff to the College. They are

- Mrs Sally Dwyer  School Counsellor
- Ms Leah Mahoney  Year 7
- Mr Greg Lavey  HPE/Geography
- Mrs Genevieve MacAuley  Head of Learning Support Yrs 8-12
- Mr Sean Purvis  HPE
- Mrs Annabel Poppleton  IT/Maths

We welcome all of these new staff they bring their many and varied talents to Padua to increase the learning opportunities for the students. I also welcome Mr Ben Lowrie to his new position of Vice Rector Pastoral Care and Ms Aimee Asimus to her new position as Odoric House Guardian. I wish them well in their new endeavours.

Over the holidays, Mr Scott Montefiore left Padua to pursue a career in finance. We wish him well.

Whilst the students were on holidays, work continued at Padua. Of the many things that were achieved, the following are the highlights:

- Carpark (ongoing)
- St Francis Hall grounds refurbishment (ongoing)
- Tartan Track/Long Jump Pit (ongoing)
- Conversion of C2 to a computer lab Yr 8-12
- Laptops for teaching staff
- Replacement of front verandah of St Francis Hall
- Upgrade of computer servers
- 23 computers in Music Room
- Commencement of new classrooms on Eastern Campus
- Refurbishment of Eastern Campus entrance (ongoing)
- New access pathway on northern side of Eastern Campus
- Raising of wickets No 2 & 3 at Banyo
- Laser leveling and regressing of eastern end of Banyo

My thanks to all the services staff for their monitoring and work on these projects. In particular, my thanks to Mr Keegan and Mr Franklin for their supervision of the works.

The 2009 Seniors performed well in their OP results. Domenico Antonaglia, Liam MacAndrews, Giuseppe Pastore, and Michael Zappala, all received an OP of 1. Fifty-seven percent of OP eligible students received an OP between 1-10 and eighty-two percent received an OP between 1-15. Further statistics on the outcomes for the vocational course students will be published as they become known.
Over the coming days, important information will be coming home via your son. This includes the College calendars. Please make sure that he makes this information available to you. One change in procedure should be noted. All students will be required to have their hats with them at all times, including to and from school. Please assist us with enforcing this important change.

Clearly, the beginning of school is an important time to introduce and maintain good routines. We will be strongly encouraging the boys participating in the College community. I am sure that we will have your support in this encouragement.

Best wishes for Term1.

Pace e bene
Robert Out
Rector

FROM PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Back to school basics – starting secondary school

The first few weeks back at school after the school holidays can be an exciting time for children: catching up with classmates, swapping holiday stories and finding out what’s on the curriculum for the coming year. But heading back to school can be a little daunting for some children (and parents), who are making the transition from primary school to high school.

After the familiar surroundings of primary school, it can be overwhelming for students to move to a secondary school where there are more teachers, more students and different timetabling arrangements, even if there have been transition activities the previous year.

Remember that your child is moving from being one of the oldest children in the (primary) school to one of the youngest (high school) and they may feel worried or nervous about making the transition.

Don’t wait until school starts to talk to your child about the way they feel about starting back at school. Discuss any concerns they might have, and reassure them that being a little bit nervous is normal.

The more informed you and your child is about their move to high school, the more likely the experience will be an extremely positive one. So, in the beginning of the new school year, make sure that you talk to your child about:

- Feeling worried: If your child is apprehensive about going to high school, get them to write down what it is about school that they are most frightened about. It may not seem so bad when you talk it through together, and chances are that you will be able to identify some strategies for solving the problem before it even happens.
- Being worried about the school work: If your child needs extra help with their literacy or numeracy, speak to your child’s Pastoral Care Teacher as early as possible.
- Transport arrangements: If your child is going to be catching public transport, ensure that they have the correct tickets, bus route and timetable information.
- School lunches: Discuss the types of lunchbox foods your child would like for their school lunches – plan some healthy and nutritious lunch box ideas such as salad wraps, muesli slices, fruit snacks or yogurt. Agree on a budget for tuckshop money in advance and discuss with your child affordable expectations on how often lunch can be bought at school.
- Homework vs. socialising: Talk about your expectations about homework and agree on a school/life/sport balance to ensure your child gets the most out of their time at high school.
- Bullying: Padua has a zero tolerance for bullying in any form – including cyber bullying or bullying via text messages. Bullying is any inappropriate behaviour which intimidates, offends, degrades or humiliates a person. It is usually repeated and there is or is seen to be, an imbalance of power (e.g. authority, physical size) between the alleged bully and the person allegedly being bullied. Some forms of bullying are unlawful. All forms of bullying are undesirable. Encourage your child to talk openly about what happens at school, and to report any bullying behaviour as soon as it occurs.

Making the step to grade 8 is the next stage in a lifelong educational journey leading to new experiences and challenges. Padua has transition activities in place, but it is also important that you and your child are prepared so that the move to high school is a positive and exciting step forward.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact your child’s PC teacher, House Guardian or the Student Counsellor. (article adapted from Department of Education, Tasmania)
FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Last year the Franciscan Secretariat for Evangelization produced a document *Go and Teach: General Guidelines for Franciscan Education*. Included in this publication was a section on the environment. It reminds us that well before climate and the environment became a concern to us all, Saint Francis espoused a vision that can prompt us to practical action.

This document presents courses of action for those in franciscan schools. They include the need to contemplate the physical world from a Christian and franciscan point of view. That is, to see that world not as a reality to be exploited, but as a gift from God to be treasured. Further, to understand the major problems caused by pollution, and all forms the destruction of nature; that is, to promote a lifestyle that is more responsible in the use and consumption of natural resources.

As you may know Padua College has an Environment Club who under the guidance and encouragement of Mr David Searle has done some excellent work in the past few years in educating the younger boys on environmental issues. I think that our challenge at Padua is to continue the excellent work already done- to educate us all, staff and students to live by the vision of Francis, who experienced all of creation as a mirror of God’s goodness, and who praised the Lord by acknowledging that we are all brothers and sisters to one another, and to all that is in our world- that there is a *sacredness* in all matter and in all of life.

Fr John

FROM THE VICE RECTOR - FORMATION

Dear Parents and Students

Welcome back to another bigger, brighter and better school year. I hope this year is all that you can make it to be! In 2009 Padua wholeheartedly celebrated the 800th Anniversary of the founding of the Franciscan Order in 1209. From all accounts around the Franciscan Province we did it in pretty good style too! Who could forget that day on the oval together with students from Mt Alvernia and St Anthony’s forming the sign ‘800 OFM’? This event is captured on the front page of our College Calendars this year. Now the business of being Franciscan continues.

First Term is always a very busy term and this year’s beginning is no exception. Immediately after starting school for the year Year 12 students will go away for first Senior Camp scheduled in a very long time. This year’s camp, at Emu Gully Adventure Camp near Helidon, will test leadership, spirituality and physical prowess. It will be three days of non-stop action. On Thursday 4 February we will have the commissioning of our new College Leaders for 2010. Add to this Rosie Street Van Nights, our Inaugural College Eucharist with Bishop Finnigan (5 March), Yr 10 Spirit Days, Red Cross Blood Van visits and finally our first term Padua Dance and you have one heck of a way to begin a new school year!

I would also like to congratulate and thank those boys who attended the emmanuel worship’s music school held recently. The boys were very excited about what they could bring back to Padua and perform for us at our liturgies during the year.

May we all have a safe, busy and fantastic 2010!

Michael O’Brien
FROM OUR CAREERS ADVISOR

TAX FILE NUMBER APPLICATIONS THROUGH THE SCHOOL

The easiest way to apply for a TFN is while you’re still at school. Obtain a TFN application from the waiting room outside Mrs Goodwin’s office. Take the form home and read the instructions carefully. If you were born in Australia you will need your Australian birth certificate number. If you were born overseas you will need either your citizenship certificate or your overseas passport details. Only use a black pen to carefully fill out the form. Check the details carefully then sign and date and return the form to Mrs Goodwin. The final batch of TFN applications will be posted to the tax office in the last week of school.

PLEASE NOTE:

The TFN application system is a service we provide to our students as a courtesy. We are not obliged to do so. Please understand that the processing of these forms is time consuming and therefore these forms are usually submitted in batches to the tax office ONCE per term. It is therefore important to get a TFN application in BEFORE applying for casual work NOT after having been employed. Once the TFN application has been processed at school, it is posted to the tax office and usually takes about another four weeks to process at that end. Consequently, marking a school TFN application ‘urgent’ is useless. I therefore encourage you to ensure that your son obtain the TFN early in Year 8 or Year 9 in preparation for forthcoming events such as getting a job, opening a bank account, applying to Centrelink or applying for HECS. Students are also provided this opportunity through PALS in Year 9.

Thank you
Mrs Jane Goodwin

ENROLMENTS

We are now accepting enrolments for Year 5 2015 and Year 8 2017. We appreciate applications once your son enters Prep or Year 1. Even if you have a son at Padua, you will still need to enroll early to get a place for other boys in the family. Don’t be disappointed.

Notice from BCC

Please be advised the district route 918 leaving Turner Rd at 15.20 to Brookside will have a minor diversion for safety reasons. Bus will travel usual route to Felstead St right to Dargie left to Sth Pine Rd then usual route. No bus stops are missed on the short omitted section.
Yr 11 2010:
This year all boys who have chosen the Industrial pathway as their Senior option will be involved in one of three choices:
1. A school based apprenticeship
2. TAFE or SkillsTech course
3. Workplacement (weekly)

TAFE or SkillsTech:
Those boys who applied for a TAFE or SkillsTech course should have been notified during the holidays about starting dates, times and other relevant information. If you have specific questions about the course your son has applied for, please contact the provider NOT Padua College.

Workplacement:
Your son made application through me for a particular work placement at the end of 2009. These placements will be given to students early in the term, when they will bring home a form for parents, employer and student to sign. This form is a requirement of the state government for insurance coverage. This form is referred to as a FORM C.

The FORM C must be signed by all parties and RETURNED to me where I will obtain the Rector’s signature and file.

Yr 12 Industrial Pathway students:
All year 12 boys should be involved in one of the following options to be fulfilling their obligations in this course:
1. School based apprenticeship or traineeship
2. Work placement authorized by me and requiring a 2010 Form C.

Note: If you are still attending the same workplace without a 2010 Form C you are NOT covered for insurance and you are putting your employer and yourself in a precarious position. You should have already seen me to update.
3. Attending a SkillsTech or TAFE or other authorized certificate course such as Fitness with the Australian Fitness College.

COMMUNICATION:
Boys need to be vigilant in keeping up with any relevant notices that I put into the daily notices bulletin. I am not able to personally inform every student of issues or information relevant to them, although I do try to do so. I have put some useful information sources onto the Sharepoint website. It can be found under the Vocational Education menu for you to access. I hope you find this helpful. I am keen to put in any other information you might see as useful – just email me your request and I’ll see what I can do.
Certificate II in CONSTRUCTION (Careers Australia):

Yr 12:
Those students who applied for this certificate in 2009 will be attending the Brendale CAIT campus on 8 - 12th February to complete modules required for this certificate.

Yr 11:
Boys completing the SAS Furnishing course will be given the option of also completing the Certificate II in Construction with CAIT. This is NOT compulsory but is strongly advised for those boys wishing to be involved in the building industry.

Boys who choose the Construction option continue to complete the same practical work at Padua in the Furnishing course but will also have to attend the Brendale CAIT site at the end of each term to complete modules Padua cannot deliver such as scaffolding, concrete work and explosive power tools usage.

This option will be discussed with Furnishing students early in the term.

Dates will be advised soon for the Brendale visits.

Mark Diviney
Voced coordinator
voced@padua.qld.edu.au

The Red Cross Blood Donation van will be at Padua College
17 & 18th February. Please give generously.

Youth-led Mass
Little Flower Church
February 7, 5:30pm
All welcome! Stay afterwards to share a meal.

Thank you!

Jessica Woodward
Kedron Parish Youth Ministry Coordinator.
For this Event to proceed the Organisers need to know whether or not the capacity 29 Team Nominations (116 Players) are to be forthcoming.

To date the response for both Corporate Hole Sponsorship and Team Nominations to play on the Day have been disappointing.

If you are intending to Nominate a Team we ask that you do so on the attached Team Nomination Form by Friday January 29, 2010.

A reminder that the Day will commence with a BBQ Breakfast from 8am for a 9am Shotgun Start 4 Ball Ambrose, and will conclude with Burger Buffet Lunch and Presentations in a Private Room in the Keperra Country Golf Club Clubhouse.

In addition to providing the further opportunity for fellowship and networking with fellow College Old Boys whilst commemorating the life of Anthony O’Brien, this is a FUND RAISING Event to support the ongoing endeavours of the College, with the proceeds from this year’s Event assisting 30 Students as they represent the College on a 7 Day Rugby Tour to Japan.

If you are able to further support the Day through Corporate Hole Sponsorship your $1000 Donation will entitle your Group to play as Guests on the Day, you will receive recognition on the Day’s Scorecard and on the College’s Web Site, and of course, be afforded for the Event, exclusive Corporate Signage privileges on an allocated Hole.

If you are able to assist through Corporate Hole Sponsorship we need to know now. Please Register your support by completing the attached “Padua College Old Boys – Anthony O’Brien Memorial Golf Day Corporate Hole Sponsorship Expression of Interest” and email same to either: Ed Manzi: edmanzi@optusnet.com.au
Craig Murray: canddmurray@aol.com or
Scott Maguire: SMaguire@padua.qld.edu.au
YES, I would like to support The Padua College Old Boy’s – “Anthony O’Brien Memorial” Golf Day at Keperra Country Golf Club on February 19, 2010 by Sponsoring an allocated Golf Hole

COMPANY / BUSINESS NAME
:..............................................................

BUSINESS CONTACT
:..............................................................

TELEPHONE NUMBER
:..............................................................

EMAIL ADDRESS
:..............................................................
Friday 26 February
6.00pm – 10.00pm
La Cordelle
(Padua Secondary Campus)

Tables of Ten
BYO Nibblies/Food and Wine Glasses

Great prizes to be won!
Bar Facilities

$100 per table of ten. Bookings can be made through Robyn on 3857 9907 (provide your team name, your own or Business sponsor) or by mailing the tear off slip below and money to:

Trivia Night c/- Padua College, 80 Turner Road, Kedron 4031.

Payments must be made by Friday 19 February (Cash, Cheque or Credit Card)

RETURN SLIP – PADUA TRIVIA NIGHT

Table booking ($100)

Team Name: ____________________________________
(Be creative or have a Business Sponsor your Team)

Credit Card Details: __________________________ Card Expiry Date: __________________________
Interested in playing basketball? Become a Dragon and join a club with a strong association with the PCYC. Catering for players from under 8 through to Seniors, sign on day for North Brisbane Basketball Assn (Dragons) will be at our clubhouse, Hills District PCYC, 30th January, 2010 from 10:00am to 2:00 pm.

For further information, email juniorenquiries@dragonsbasketball.asn.au or visit our website www.dragonsbasketball.asn.au.

Are you aged 6 to 11 and want to learn FUNdamental Basketball skills? Dragons Club is again conducting their highly successful B.L.A.S.T.™ 6even non-competitive skills development program from Saturday February 6. Now in its third year, almost 100 children have participated in B.L.A.S.T.™ since inception.

Numbers are strictly limited. For further information, email blast@dragonsbasketball.asn.au or visit our website www.dragonsbasketball.asn.au.
SATURDAY AFTERNOON JUNIOR TENNIS FIXTURES

SEASON 1 - 27 February 2010 to 5 June 2010
(No play in School Holidays)

FIXTURE LOCATION

Beginner to Intermediate Players – 2pm to 5pm
(Fixtures Played at UQ Tennis Centre – St Lucia)

Intermediate to Advanced Players – 2.30pm to 5.30pm
(Fixtures Played at Queensland Tennis Centre – Tennyson)

Cost $175.00
(This includes $145 for GBJT Fees and the $30 annual affiliation fee to TQ. If already paid TQ Fee for 2010, please deduct this amount)

GRADING DAY FOR NEW PLAYERS
(On-Line Nomination forms available on website or on grading day)

Queensland Tennis Centre
190 King Arthur Terrace
Tennyson, QLD, 4105
Sunday 14 February, 2010
3.00pm – 5.00pm

Contact Details
Mrs Peta Davis 3374 0516

Nomination forms available on-line at:
www.gbjt.org.au