FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Parents,

We are now in Week 3 and the school is settling into some very good routines. I hope that the same is happening at home with your son and his personal study program.

Some parents may be aware through their sons that we are very serious about the boys having their hats with them at all times and that the hats are on their heads when outside. Over the last few years, we have tried variations of the hat policy, but this one works best and minimizes the loss of hats.

The other area of concern is punctuality. The Year 8-12 boys need to be in class at 8.30am. I would ask you to assist us if you drive your son to school by making sure that he is here by 8.25am. A related issue is punctuality is absenteeism. Clearly the boys cannot learn if they are not at school. I have instituted a policy that allows the boys to have 10 days absence (with notes from parents). If this is exhausted, we reserve the right to speak with parents about the educational direction of their son. Clearly, extenuating circumstances especially in relation to health will be taken into account. Similarly, the boys can have the grace of 10 days late. Once again, we may wish to speak with parents if lateness becomes chronic. Apart from the importance of their education, the boys need to learn the value of commitment, routine and a strong work ethic. I am sure that I will have your support on this issue.

Parents would also be aware that Mr Lowrie and the House Guardians have been closely monitoring hairstyles of the boys in Years 8-12. Padua has clearly stated expectations in this regard and our goal is to make sure that all students are treated consistently. Once again, your support is appreciated.

Many people would be aware of the outstanding work Bernie and Brad Skyring did as convenors of the canteen during Rugby/Football season at Banyo. We need to provide a similar service this season and Bernie and Brad are no longer available. If you would like to volunteer for this service to our community, please contact the Office. We have four or five home games and the convenors are well supported by the College staff and other parents.

At last Tuesday night’s Parents & Friends Meeting, the date for the Parents and Friends Thank You Function was set on Friday 12 November 2010. Please put this date claimer in your calendar.

Some further good news for the last years Seniors was received this week. The following students have received these scholarships:

- Domenico Antonaglia  QUT Vice Chancellor’s Scholarship
- Anthony Cau  UQ Merit Scholarship
- Joel Fernandes  QUT Vice Chancellor’s Scholarship
- Liam MacAndrews  QUT Vice Chancellor’s Scholarship
- Giuseppe Pastore  UQ Excellence Scholarship

Congratulations to these boys on their wonderful achievement.

My thanks to all parents for their support in the very smooth start to the school year. Best wishes to all for the rest of the term.

Pace e bene
Robert Out
Rector
The 2010 school year is well and truly underway. Classes are in full swing, the Year 12 boys have been on camp and the first round of AIC sport has been and gone.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Ms Aimee Asimus (Odoric House Guardian) and Mrs Sally Dwyer (College Counsellor) to the Pastoral Care team. We look forward to working with them in the future.

Pastoral Care at Padua College did not stop over the holidays with a number of staff and students involving themselves in community activities and courses. Most recently our 10 leaders completed a two day conference at the University of Queensland with numerous other student leaders from around the state. As part of the ‘Y Lead’ program, our leaders strengthened their leadership skills, shared ideas and fostered friendships. We look forward to seeing all their new found skills and initiatives in action throughout the year.

As this is only the second article from the Pastoral Care team this year, I would like to take the opportunity to remind families of the role of the Pastoral Care Teacher at Padua College.

**The Pastoral Care Teacher**

The primary role of the PC teacher at Padua College is to act as the main facilitator in the holistic development of their students. This includes overseeing areas of:

- academic, spiritual and personal development.
- general growth and development.

Your son’s Pastoral Care Teacher is therefore your first point of contact for all matters at Padua College. Pastoral Care teachers can be contacted via email at the College by inserting their first initial before their surname at the College email address.

eg. Daniel Cull is dcull@padua.qld.edu.au.

You may also contact the Pastoral Care teacher by phoning the College office or via the student handbook.

Ben Lowrie

*Vice Rector Pastoral Care*

**Mitchell House Update**

Mitchell House has undergone some soul searching after their narrow 4 point loss to Odoric last year and has emerged from their metamorphosis stronger, more united and more powerful than ever. Mitchell is no longer a House, they are an ‘M-pire.’ Under the leadership of ‘M-Peror Nicotine’ and their new mascot “Mikey Mitchell”, who looks suspiciously like the blue M&M, the ‘M-Pire’ is set to strike back. This year, Captains Joe Gurowski and Aaron Bergstrum spearhead a passionate group of Seniors who won’t melt under pressure. They have already implemented some innovative initiatives to inspire each Mitchellite to reach their full potential. Videos, songs, bbq’s and our world famous Mother’s Day Breaky are just some of the exciting events Mitchell has install. So get on board and make this year the year of the Swan!
If you want to get an adolescent boy to read, give him a copy of “The Catcher in the Rye”. And after he has read it he will exclaim, “That’s exactly how it is.”

The author died two weeks ago at the age of 91, and the book was probably written for my generation. But not much has changed in the trials and tribulations of enduring adolescence since Socrates sat around the agora in Athens, fathering adolescent boys, luring each of them to evolve an adult self.

Yes, the surfaces change from one generation to another, but the essential conflicts remain the same.

From that nice healthy little boy in primary school- comfortable with his peers and his parents. Then literally overnight it is a confusing and dizzying experience- the boy as edgy and prickly as a porcupine, and it is a sure bet that like Holden Caulfield in “Catcher..”, he is trying to find his way through the maze on his own.

Every father knows that; he was there himself. It is a fortunate young man who can find in their father the guide for these turbulent years.

For a boy’s real guide ought to be his own father, but fathers are not only busy, but shy. And nobody trained a boy to be a good little daddy, just a good little competitor and breadwinner.

Yet if Holden Caufield’s experience sixty years ago can still speak to a boy’s inner needs, surely so could his father’s experience, if his father could find the time to reflect on it, and put it into words the boy can relate to, and then be vulnerable enough to share his own adolescence with his son.

Perhaps the perfect example of a perfect father is where it has always been. The good father is the man who patterns his life on God the Father before whom all of us are children. Our Father doesn’t fight our battles for us, but he is always there urging us on, if we allow him to. And he never tires of listening to us; and he rarely interrupts. And if we make ourselves vulnerable to him, we hear what every son- and father- yearns to hear: “You are my son, in whom- no matter what- I am well pleased.”

Congratulations to the following Year 12 students who have been chosen to be Ministers of the Liturgy for this year.

These young men will assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at our College and House Eucharists during the year 2010.

John Bell
Alex Borg
Scott Hambleton
Daniel Lavrencic
Nathan Ketelhohn
Brandon Mitchell
Myron Monteiro
Christopher Reardon
Ian Taatu
Mitchell Thomson
Sam Weston
Please note: Tuckshop Convenor Dianne Wilson will be on long service leave Term 1. Robyn Layton will act in her position. Please contact Robyn if necessary ph 3359 5000

FROM OUR SPORTS MASTER

AIC Sport - What's coming up!

AIC Invitational Swim Meet @ Padua 12/2
AIC Cricket and Volleyball RD 2 V Ashgrove 13/2
ST Francis Swim Champs @ Padua 18/2
AIC Cricket and Volleyball RD 3 V SEC 20/2
Padua Swim Camp Amaroo 21/2 - 22/2
House Swim Carnival @ Valley Pool 26/2

How to find AIC Sports Information

Go to Padua Website/Co Curricular/Sport/Sport News. You will find upcoming fixture list (by Wed) on Inside Padua Sport, training schedules, results, and AIC College locations and venues.

Cancellation of Saturday morning fixtures can be found on web site before 7am while afternoon matches will be posted by 11am

On the College Share Point site you will find as well as the above information team lists, match results, swimming carnival results and the latest Sports News.

Information Sports Line - 38579900

SCOTT MAGUIRE
Head of Sport

FROM 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.
FROM THE VICE RECTOR - FORMATION

Year 12 Camp
On the weekend of 30, 31 January and 1 February Padua Seniors travelling to Emu Gully Education Centre at Helidon for camp/retreat. The camp was six months in the planning – a collaborative effort between Padua, Emu Gully and menAlive (an archdiocesan Men’s spirituality group. As the pictures below attest it was a rugged time in parts, using both brain and brawn! Wet weather didn’t dampen our spirits or the camp’s programme only making it more challenging! The menAlive team worked with the boys to develop the idea that a masculine and spiritual relationship with God was possible for everyone at any stage in life. All in all, it was a great three days away at the beginning of the year. A great way for the senior class to bond before getting down to the nitty gritty of study for the year.

Little Kings Movement
From the Sunday 7 February to Sunday 14 February is the time given to the annual Little Kings Movement Collection Appeal. Padua has supported this worthy cause for many years. Each year we manage to raise about $5000. There has been an enormous request for collector’s kits this year which is very pleasing. The Little Kings Movement based at Buranda receives no government funding so every cent collected by the boys is money needed to run the many activities of the Movement. What do they do? In a nutshell the Little Kings Movement provides respite for families living with people who have disabilities. A worthwhile organization I think you’ll agree. Once again, thank you everyone for your support.

Disabled Surfers
Once a month an organization called Disabled Surfers Association of Australia provides an opportunity for people with disability to have some fun in the surf. The activity is very well supervised. I am inviting members of the Padua community to join us on Sunday 21 February from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm at Flat Rock Beach, Currumbin. For more details you can go to their website www.surfershelpingsurfers.com

Ash Wednesday
Next Wednesday will be Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Church’s Season of Lent. There will Liturgies of the Ashes for all students during the day where we will pray together and receive the ashes. It should be noted that there will be no meat products sold in the tuckshop that day. Fish burgers will be on sale then and on every Friday during Lent.

Pancake Tuesday
Pancakes will be on sale during morning tea next Tuesday. All monies raised will be given to charity.
PHOTO GALLERY YEAR 12 CAMP
SECOND HAND CLOTHING

Second hand clothing submitted for sale must be in good condition – clean and wearable order. Blazers are to be dry cleaned and on hangers with tags attached.

Name and address should be on tags with all garments.

Clothing is kept for 12 months only and is then automatically given to the Missions.

Second hand clothing is only acceptable for sale once, and cannot be resold. Only Blazers are accepted for resale.

Items brought for resale will be given to the Missions and not sold via the Uniform Shop.

Track pants & spray jackets are no longer accepted for sale as second hand.

Cheryl Cacciola
Uniform Shop

Presentations – Formal Assembly

First Volleyball Team

Li Cuxin Author of Mao’s Last Dancer, gave a presentation at La Cordelle
PADUA COLLEGE OLD BOYS’ ASSOCIATION’S - “ANTHONY O’BRIEN MEMORIAL”

GOLF DAY

is postponed

Australian Red Cross
BLOOD SERVICE

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

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!
11-13 MARCH 2010
WORLDCRTESTSHAVE.COM 1800 500 008
Friday 26 February
6.00pm – 10.00pm
La Cordelle
(Padua Secondary Campus)

Tables of Ten
BYO Nibbles/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: ____________________
Padua College Tennis Program

Learn 2 Play... and have fun doing it!

Bonus Free Racquet valued at $40 to all new students!!!!!!

Total Tennis Group

A weekly skill based tennis coaching program that uses modified equipment, games, teaching aids and activities with the aim of introducing children to tennis. This is a popular lesson program that specialises in teaching students the technical aspects of tennis. These lessons teach students the fundamentals of tennis such as the various strokes, grips, rules of tennis and scoring. Lessons are conducted weekly on the Padua Junior school tennis courts.

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Program fees are based on one program per week. Program fee discounts are available to continuing students only. The free racquet offer is available to new students only on payment of term fees. Classes lost due to wet weather will be made-up in the final week of term. Makeup lessons will only be granted due to wet weather, long term illness or injury and not for casual absence. Program fees are paid by the term and can be paid by credit card, direct credit or cheque payable to Everton Tennis 65 Russell St Everton Park Qld 4053.

Enquiries call 3353 2018 or visit www.tennisgear.com.au

Padua College Tennis Program Enrolment Form

Students Name:........................................................................................................
Parents Names:........................................................................................................
Address:.....................................................................................................................
Birth Date:......................./......../........ Home Ph:....... Work Ph:............... Mobile: ........................................
Email Address:...........................................................................................................

Please tick the appropriate box:

Preferred Program: Monday: 7.30-8.15am; Tuesday: 7.30-8.15am; Wednesday: 7.30-8.15am; Thursday: 7.30-8.15am; Friday: 7.30-8.15am

Payment Options

☐ CHEQUE – I enclose a cheque for $............... for the above program/s. Everton Tennis 65 Russell St Everton Park Q 4053.
☐ CREDIT CARD – Charge my card as follows: Visa Card / Master Card

Number:.......................................................... Exp Date:........................ Name on Card: ........................................

☐ DIRECT DEBIT – Everton Tennis, nab BSB 684009 Account 491 632 028. Please include Students Name as reference.