FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Parents,

With only three weeks of school remaining in this term, your sons should be well established in their school routines and in the case of students in Years 8-12, preparing for and completing assessment tasks. It is sometimes easy for adolescents to prioritise differently from adults. Any assistance you can give your son in prioritizing appropriately would be appreciated.

This week the hard work of the CIC & AIC swimming teams came to a culmination. The CIC team came equal fourth in the Green Division (second division) and the AIC team came seventh. Many thanks to the coaches, managers and students for their dedication and guidance in chasing the black line.

Last Tuesday evening, I was privileged to attend the QUT Vice Chancellors Scholarships Presentation Ceremony. Domenico Antonaglia, Joel Fernandez and Liam MacAndrews, from 2010, were recipients of these scholarships. I wished them well in their studies on behalf of the whole Padua Community. Congratulations are also due to Eamon Conway also 1 2010 Senior. He has been accepted into the QUT Dean’s Scholars Science (Accelerated Honours) Maths Program. We wish Eamon well for the challenge of the years ahead.

At the P&F Meeting this week, we addressed the issue of a convenor for the Banyo Canteen during home games. Whilst we may have someone interested in this position, we still need a solid core of people who are willing to help in the canteen to provide hospitality for our guest schools on game day. If you are willing to assist your son/s and the College in this way, please contact the College Office to give your details.

The next P&F Meeting will be in La Cordelle on Tuesday 11 May at 7.30pm. All parents are invited to an address by Mr Mark lee on Cyber Bullying and Cyber Safety. These are vital topics in your son’s lives. Please make the time to be available for this important event. The address will be followed by some refreshments so parents can socialize. Perhaps the new development behind St Francis Hall will be completed for all to see?

Thanks to everyone for their support of Padua. Best wishes for a happy fortnight.
FROM PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Bully Busters Week: March 15-19

In recent times the issue of bullying has become a hot topic in Australian Media. Numerous incidents around the country have afforded the issue of bullying in schools much publicity and comment. One such comment was published in The Education Review (Feb. 2010, pg1-13). The article highlights current research by Dr. Ken Rigby, a leading bullying expert. In the article, Dr. Rigby explores the success of the 'Shared Concern' approach to dealing with bullying when used in conjunction with school intervention and restorative practices.

In the shared concern approach to bullying, the bully is able to understand how and why he or she has bullied and forced to examine how the bullying has affected the victim. It involves one on one interviews followed by group consultation. The strategy assumes that bullying is a result of a breakdown in any relationship between the bully and the victim and works to restore a relationship for a resolution to occur.

At Padua College our Anti Bullying Policy reflects the Shared Concern Approach highlighted by Dr. Rigby. The policy begins with regular and consistent education on bullying for all students. Every student is made aware of what constitutes bullying and that they have the right to feel safe and be respected in the Paduan Community.

In the event an instance of bullying occurs, the College will intervene, working through an individual interview process before a group consultation. The process concluding when the victim feels confident that the bullying will stop and they feel safe in the community knowing at the very least, a working relationship has been re-established with the bully. The bully is then able to rebuild and restore their relationship with the community by completing the repercussions outlined in the bullying policy.

While most bullying tends to cease at the conclusion of this process, repeat offenders find themselves revisiting this process in addition to facing further and more severe repercussions and sanctions by the College. In this circumstance, personal support is offered to both the bully and the victim to try to eliminate any further regression.

Next week is Bully Busters week at Padua. Bully Busters week is about raising awareness of bullying in our community and is part of the continued education on the subject of bullying in the College. Throughout the week, students will participate in activities designed to educate students on a range of topics including:

- Revisiting what is bullying?
- Where can I get help if I am being bullied?
- What to do when I know someone is being bullied.

During this week I encourage you to talk to your sons about bullying. You may be able to offer them some positive advice on the topic or open lines of communication for future reference. In doing so, your son will hopefully get the message we are all working towards a bully free community!

Ben Lowrie
Vice Rector Pastoral Care

Helpers are still needed for some days at Tuckshop.
Please contact Robyn Layton if you can help.
Phone 3359 5000
Is it the correct terminology to call a school like Padua a “catholic school”? Certainly we offer a Religious Education program for all the boys; the school day begins and usually ends with a prayer; on most school camps there is prayer and, reflection. In addition at least three celebrations of the Eucharist for the whole school, as well as evening House Eucharists for boys and their families, Friday lunch time Masses, and at times Mass for class groups. But it is a very small number of boys who belong to a worshipping parish community, and when I ask the boys about why they are at Padua; there is never any response about it providing a catholic education for them. They say their parents are impressed by the school’s academic results, its sporting program, the pastoral care of its teachers, the order and discipline at the school, its proximity to a bus route, a family tradition, and it being recommended to them by very satisfied parents. Many years ago I worked briefly at a Catholic high school in the United States. No government assistance for religious institute schools in that country. There pupils who were affiliated registered members of Catholic parishes paid discounted fees, and the parish priest was asked to sign a form that says, “the Catholic parent(s) and especially the student...attend Sunday Mass weekly and practice stewardship of time, talent and treasure, the latter as evidenced by identifiable financial support.”-that is calling a spade a spade!!!!

Do we really have here just a school for children who for the most part simply have a Baptism Certificate, and who find the “religious” aspects of the school unrelated to any other part of their lives? But for all of that, I do find that the vast majority of the boys do have some vague if unfocused belief in a God- usually “out there somewhere”, and I guess it is up to people like me to help them see that God is also “in here”. I have never experienced hostility from the boys about religion, sometimes indifference, but more often curiosity.

I suppose for most of the boys who live so comfortably, there is no need for God, but in a sense I would like them to stand at the coffin of a seventeen year old, visit a home for physically or mentally impaired children, or take a six month tour of duty in Afghanistan and then come back and tell me the question of God is irrelevant. What is so encouraging at Padua is the moral maturity of most of the boys, their honesty, their generosity and sensitivity to others. They are pleased to take onboard the Franciscan spirit that speaks of gentleness, courtesy and respect. Padua certainly promotes a healthy Christian moral climate, so necessary in a world populated by politicians happy to say “sorry” for actions they didn’t do, and reluctant to offer an apology or take responsibility for actions they did commit.

I was much impressed at our College Eucharist to see the boys participate with reverence, and especially those assisting the Bishop as altar servers and ministers at Holy Communion, their taking on their responsibility with such seriousness and sense of decorum fitting for such a sacred celebration.

Fr John
FROM OUR SPORTS MASTER

Student Discount @ Canterbury, Chermside

- 15% off the rugby range which includes ruggers, boots, headgear, shoulder pads, mouthguards, grip mitts and replacement studs.
- 40% off Baselayer (skins)

To receive this discount all the boys have to do is show their school ID. The offer ends 31st March.

SCOTT MAGUIRE
Head of Sport

FROM ENROLMENTS

SCHOLARSHIPS – STUDENTS IN YEARS 7 AND 10 - 2010

If you wish your son to sit for a scholarship at Padua College, you can apply on the Padua website – [http://www.padua.qld.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships](http://www.padua.qld.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships)

PADUA COLLEGE ENVIRONMENT CLUB

The Environment Club celebrated its 10th Birthday on Thursday 4 March. It was a great celebration, which also gave us an opportunity to reflect on our achievements. The Club has been successful in winning many state and regional awards since 2001. This year, there are over 50 club members. We are looking forward to another busy year. A special thank you to Mrs Anne Pembroke, who supplied the Environment Club with a very delicious birthday cake.

Fifty-three parents and boys of the Environment Club donned their hats and gloves to participate in our 11th year of Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 7 March. Thankfully, we had great sunny weather. Surprisingly, not as much rubbish was found at Grange Forest Park this year, though the boys did find a mangled microwave oven stuck down in a ditch, as well as several shopping trolleys.

Thank you to all those who participated in the clean up and making the day another successful event for the Environment Club.

Mr David Searle
Environment Club Director

FROM THE GRIGG HOUSE VICE CAPTAIN

House Update

Earlier this term, the Year 8 boys set out on their Camp. With the weather threatening to put a dampener on it, the Grigg House boys were determined not to be discouraged. The first day was spent at the beach and thankfully the rain held off until we reached Amaroo. The boys were an enthusiastic bunch of Year 8’s and sang the House war cries with pride and passion. They took this spirit with them to the House Swimming Carnival at the Valley pool. Grigg sat close to last all day, but it was the spirit and determination of the Year 8 boys that led Grigg to a mighty second place at the end of the day. Keep up the spirit boys!

Pat Lally
FROM THE VICE RECTOR - FORMATION

Franciscan Project

Each year Lent offers us the opportunity to share what we have with those who have less. Padua College has embraced this tradition better than most - $325 000 has been raised for Lenten projects in 18 years!!

As St Francis embraced the lepers. Franciscans today are engaged in making the world of the poor more just, and inclusive, and more peaceful. We seek a world where the poor have access to the goods of the earth. We also seek to dialogue with the people of other cultures and other faiths in the spirit of Francis and Clare and to build peace through justice for the poor and those excluded.

For the fifth straight year Padua College is supporting a Franciscan Solidarity Program with the St Francis of Assisi High School in Fatuberliu, Timor-Leste. The Franciscan Friars run this school in an isolated area in the south of Timor-Leste. This is a long term project which requires ongoing support and solidarity as Timor-Leste is one of the poorest countries in the world.

When the Indonesian militia groups were leaving Timor-Leste in September 1999 they were extremely violent to the people and they were also very destructive of property and farms. Almost all church, school and community buildings were damaged in some way or even totally destroyed. This was deliberate, as they did not want the Timorese to be able to start again.

St Francis of Assisi High School had many of its classrooms partially or totally destroyed. The library building and all the books were burnt to the ground. The concrete buildings remain as a reminder to the students and teachers of the violence. However, our support over the past 4 years has enabled the re-building process to begin, bringing hope to the Timorese.

All RE classes at Padua will participate in an awareness campaign, which will focus on our close neighbour Timor-Leste and highlight the work done by the friars there. Each and every student is being called to “Be a Witness” to the people of Timor-Leste as we work together at rebuilding their lives, and in doing so strengthen our own humanity.

There are a number of fundraisers being organised in both the Primary and Secondary sections of the College. However, the main fundraising activity for all students in Years 5 - 12 is sponsorship of the student’s participation in the school cross country carnivals on Friday 23 April (secondary) and Friday 7 May (primary).

Thank you for your wonderful support in the past, and thank you in anticipation for your support of our exciting Lenten Solidarity Program in 2010.

Michael O’Brien & Mark Taylor
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

PHOTO GALLERY

Inaugural Mass 2010

Year 8 Hunger Banquet

Padua Swimming Team 2010

Yr 10 Spirit Days

A Gold Medal! Olympian Kylie Palmer
SECONDARY HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Artscape is Padua’s annual Art show.
It’s to held from the 14th - 16th May and you are all invited.
There are three parts to this event...

**Friday 14th May** - Opening Night: Tickets are $45/head to attend this wonderful grown up night out.
Finger food (from Angel Food), Beer, Wine, and entertainment.

**Saturday 15th** May - Plein Air. All artists are invited to have a go at painting Padua’s buildings and grounds.

**Sunday 16th May** - Padua Open Day. The artshow continues throughout the day and winner of the raffle is drawn.

**How can you be involved? That’s easy.**

1. We are accepting donations for the ticket auction. Something from your family business perhaps?
2. We need people to help sell raffle tickets at sporting events etc leading up to Artscape
3. We need volunteers to help with set up and cleanup and throughout the weekend
4. We would like you to come and have a great time at Artscape. Bring some friends.

Contact Sandra Healy on 3857 9950 or [shealy@padua.qld.edu.au](mailto:shealy@padua.qld.edu.au)
COMMUNITY NEWS

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: A weekend for married couples. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset... Your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!
Weekend date: 04-06 June 2010
Venue: Mercy Place,Bardon,QLD
For bookings/details contact: 07 3352 3328 / Terry and Rhonda Boyle: boyletj@powerup.com.au
Information website: www.wwme.org.au

Easter Passion Play in Brisbane
Discover there is more to Easter than chocolate eggs and bunnies. Bring the whole family to experience The Iona Passion Play.
Iona College, Wynnum West on Good Friday April 2nd at 7pm
Group discounts available
Tickets: Pre-booked $10 At the Gate $15 Child (12 & under) FREE
Bookings: 3333 1993 or online at www.passionplay.org.au

Catholics Returning Home: Were you raised a Catholic but do not come or seldom come to church anymore? Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from your church? Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church as it is today? Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again? No matter how long you have been away or for whatever reason, we invite you to renew your relationship with the Catholic Church. Six-week program commences on Saturday 8 May at Grovely. For more information, please contact Martin on 3351 6152 or St William’s Parish Office on 3355 2667.

ST GERARD MAJELLA. CHERMSIDE WEST PARISH
146 MAUNDRELL TERRACE, CHERMSIDE WEST

JUMBO 2010 Jumble Sale
Saturday 20 March, 2010 6am to 2pm.
Donations of stock can be left at the church from Monday 8 March onwards.
Remember: Stock must be in GOOD SALEABLE CONDITION (that means good working order). No computers, Encyclopaedias, Magazines or Mattresses please.
We will be looking for Books, Clothing, Shoes and Bags, Paintings and Jewellery, Kitchenware, Caneware, Homewares, Manchester, bric-a-brac, DVD’s, Toys, Electrical Goods, China and Glassware, Furniture, Tools, Sporting Goods and Gardening Equipment. Large items can be collected by arrangement with the Parish Office.
ALL PROCEEDS TO THE BUILDING FUND.
ENQUIRIES PHONE KATE 3359 0088 OFFICE HOURS

St Kevin’s Geebung Sacramental Enrolment
Students who are part of St Kevin’s Parish Geebung are advised that the Sacramental enrolments ceremony for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place at the 8:30am mass on Sunday 7th March. Families must attend to collect enrolment forms.
The Next Step survey

The Queensland Government will soon be conducting its annual statewide destination survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2009. The Next Step survey is a brief confidential survey that aims to gain a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers.

Any person who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive a telephone call or a paper-based survey by mail, between March and May 2010. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate in the survey. Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2010.

Dear Parent/Carer,

Pandemic (H1N1) 2009, or human swine flu, is a virus that spreads easily and can lead to critical illness requiring hospitalisation. Sadly, 41 Queenslanders died of this preventable disease last year.

A second wave of human swine flu is anticipated in April/May 2010 and is expected to be similar to the first wave in 2009. The best way to manage the spread of human swine flu is immunisation. Currently 13% of Queensland’s population has been immunised against human swine flu.

As children and adolescents generally spread influenza viruses more rapidly we need to immunise this group to help protect them and the broader community. You can help protect yourself, your family and your local community by taking advantage of the free immunisation clinics being offered at Queensland state high schools.

The first clinics will be held on Saturday 27 February and then progressively across the entire state until the end of term one, 2010. The majority of the immunisation clinics will operate on weekends, with some on weekdays depending upon local circumstances.

On the reverse side of this letter you will find a list of school immunisations clinics that will operate in your local area. However you and your family are able to attend any clinic in the state. All vaccinations will be provided free and be administered by appropriately trained and accredited health care professionals.

Although the clinics are aimed at children and adolescents all members of the community are welcome to attend and be immunised. I strongly encourage you to take action now to protect yourself and your family from needlessly suffering this serious disease.

If you would like further information on the school immunisation clinics please contact 13Health or visit the Queensland Health website at http://www.health.qld.gov.au/swineflu/default.asp.

Yours sincerely

Dr Jeannette Young
Chief Health Officer
17/2/2010

Queensland Health
Enquiries to: Russ Scheidlich
State Health Incident Controller
SPHEOC
Telephone: 3328 9995
Facsimile: 3328 9719
File Ref: CH903886
### School immunisation clinics in your local area

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*Important note:* If your child has a personal health record book please bring it to the clinic so their Panvax® H1N1 immunisation can be recorded. If your child is under the age of 10 and requires a second dose, please contact 13 HEALTH or the Queensland Health website (see below) **in three weeks** for details of second dose availability.

You may also visit your GP to be immunised (note that in these circumstances the vaccine is free but your GP may charge you a consultation fee).

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For updated information please contact **13 HEALTH (13 432584)**

Or visit the Queensland Health website at

Swine Flu. Second Wave.

Protect your family.

Free weekend school immunisation clinics at a local state high school near you.

Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Influenza, or human swine flu, is a serious illness which can cause hospitalisation or death.

A second wave of the virus is expected to hit Queensland in April or May.

Immunisation is the safest way to protect yourself, your family and the entire community.

Queensland Health will be running FREE weekend immunisation clinics at all Queensland state high schools on different dates throughout term one, 2010.

* Some clinics may operate on weekdays.

Information on clinics in your area are listed on the back of the attached letter.

A full list of alternative clinic locations are available by calling 13 HEALTH (13 432584) or visiting our website www.health.qld.gov.au
Frequently asked questions

Q. Isn't swine flu over?
   No. A second wave of Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Influenza is expected to occur as an early winter flu season.

Q. Shouldn't I just wait for the seasonal flu vaccine?
   No. The seasonal flu vaccine will be too late to prevent a second wave of swine flu and is only free for groups identified as at high risk.

Q. Who is eligible for the free vaccine?
   Anyone from six months of age.

Q. Can my whole family be vaccinated at the same time?
   Yes

Q. Is Panvax® H1N1 vaccine safe?
   Yes. Panvax® H1N1 has been tested and is registered by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

Q. How many doses of Panvax® H1N1 vaccine are needed?
   A single dose is required for all people 10 years and older. Children aged from six months to nine years will require a follow up dose four weeks later.

Q. Will I get influenza from the Panvax® H1N1 vaccine?
   No. This vaccine does not contain live virus and cannot give you influenza.

Q. Do I need a referral from my GP?
   No, but immunisation is still available at your local GP.*

For further information visit www.health.qld.gov.au

* Vaccination FREE at all school immunisation clinics, but if administered by a GP in their surgery a consultation fee may be charged.
The Bus Fare Assistance and Students with Disabilities

Transport Assistance Scheme Applications for 2010

For Semester one 2010, the weekly family threshold for Bus Fare Assistance is $30 per week.

Full details of the scheme and who can apply, are available at:
www.schooltransport.com.au
If you need assistance when applying online,

Phone: 07 3336 9192
or
Email: schooltransport@gcec.qld.catholic.edu.au

A Parent or Guardian of the student can apply online from

1 May 2010
to
31st May 2010

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