FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2011 at Padua College. I hope the year will be enjoyable for you and your son, as his journey through Padua begins or continues. Obviously, January has been an interesting month for Brisbane. Thanks to the foresight of Archbishop Duhig, Padua was spared any ill effects from the flood. In fact, the College played host to about 50 or 60 marked and unmarked police cars from Roma Street headquarters. For a time, the parish church and the school were very safe precincts. I hope that all Padua families fared as well in the floods as Padua did.

The results from our Senior students in 2010 were very good. I do not have the statistics yet for the VET students, but anecdotally, they have done well. The OP eligible students achieved great results. There were 5 OP 1’s. Congratulations to Lachlan Fitzpatrick, Sherman Leung, Michael McGarry, Liam Travers and Sam Weston. The other significant statistics are:

- OP 1-5 25%
- OP 1-10 56%
- OP 1-15 90%

As I said, these are very good results and all of our Seniors deserve to be congratulated.
Over the holidays, Eliseo Rossi contested the National Titles for Track and Field in the Shot Put. He came a very creditable third in that event. Congratulations to Eliseo.

This year, we welcome two new staff members to Padua College. Mrs Samantha Crowe has joined the Learning Enrichment Centre on the Western Campus and Mr Daniel Rush is the inaugural Outdoor Education Coordinator. Dan will work with all the students on camps, as well as organizing them and developing further the opportunities available at Amaroo.

Over the holidays, Padua has two staff resignations. Mr David Heness resigned before Christmas and Mr Mark Rosenthal resigned before school started. The College has employed Ms Meriet Mikhal for 2011 and we have yet to fill the Industrial Skills position.

The first P & F Meeting is on Tuesday 8 February 2011. I have discussed with the President, Mr John Titmarsh, the idea of making this meeting a welcome to all new parents. It will be a social gathering. No business will be transacted. No positions need to be filled. All parents will be invited by email with an RSVP required for catering purposes. Please come if you can to welcome in the new year at Padua and especially to welcome new parents.

There will be a number of other opportunities early this term to meet the staff and gather information relevant to the smooth running of 2011. I would urge all parents to attend these relevant occasions. Best wishes for the first fortnight.
I would like to join others in welcoming all the boys back to Padua, and especially to those who are new to the College. We are all privileged to be part of a Franciscan community, where the spirit of Saint Francis and Saint Clare permeates all that we do.

To new parents, may I welcome you and congratulate you on selecting Padua as a school for your son - although it may be a little time before your son graduates, be assured that our graduates are young men – mature, responsible, with a strong sense of service to others, and a compassion for those who, on the margins of society, struggle in life.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION.
I invite any student enrolled at Padua who wishes to be Baptised and/or receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist to contact me within the next month. I will check with parents that they will support their son in his wishes. Then I will begin a program with such boys to prepare them to celebrate these Sacraments. Please contact me: jboyd-boland@padua.qld.edu.au or directly on (07) 38579906.

FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE.
In response to some requests there will be in 2012 a pilgrimage of Padua boys to the Franciscan holy places of Italy. We will be holding an Information Evening later in the term with further details. You might like to read my account of our 2010 very successful pilgrimage in THE PADUAN 2010 (pp.74-75).

Boys currently in years 9-12 are invited to join the pilgrimage in late September 2012.

Please contact Mr. Michael O’Brien: mobrien@padua.qld.edu.au to express your interest.

I pray a blessing on all of us here at Padua - the boys and their families, the staff and their families. May 2011 be a year of peace, joy and laughter for all of us.

Fr. John Boyd-Boland O.F.M
College Chaplain
Welcome back to all the families and friends of Padua. I trust you had an enjoyable and safe break and hopefully were not affected by the floods. I think we can count our blessings that most of us live on the North side and I pray that any of your family and friends who may have been affected are now safe and recovering.

Welcome:
This year the Pastoral team has a new member, Mr Daniel Rush. Daniel has joined us to fill a new position within the College as the Outdoor Education Coordinator. Daniel has a wealth of experience and was previously on the Outdoor Education Team at St Joseph’s Gregory Terrace. We welcome Daniel and look forward to his input and creativity with the Padua Outdoor Education program.

Also, a huge welcome to all our new Year 8’s. It’s great to see you enjoyed your first few days at the College and wish you luck on your ‘Get To Know You’ camp next week. Should parents have any questions regarding the logistics, packing or timing of the camp, please contact Daniel Rush at the College on 3857 9999 or drush@padua.qld.edu.au. For any personal matters relating to your son and camp, please contact your sons House Guardian.

Hair and Uniform:
Over the holidays, all families were sent an email reminder regarding the College’s hair and uniform policy. On Tuesday of this week, a number of students were sent home at the end of the school day and asked to have their hair or uniform adjusted before returning. Could all parents please ensure this occurs as a matter of urgency. Hair and uniform checks will be conducted systematically throughout the year and all students are asked to ensure they met these standards.

Foth Expectations:
Amongst the following pages of this bulletin, you will find a copy of the FOTH (Franciscans On The Hill) expectations for all students of Padua, MT Alvernia and St Anthony’s school. These expectations apply to all students when using shared space in and around the 3 College Campuses. In particular, reference is made to the fact that students may only wait in designated waiting areas before and after school. Could parents please ensure that they discuss these expectations with their sons and make appropriate arrangements for their pick up and drop off from the College.

The PC Teacher:
Finally I’d like to remind all parents that the first point of contact for issues at the College relating to your son’s general school life is his Pastoral Care Teacher. Your son's Pastoral Care teacher greets your son every morning and farewells him of an afternoon. It is most likely that your son’s PC teacher knows him as well as any other teacher in the school and is the best person to help out when difficulties arise or ‘sto’ - ‘spread the word’ when they have achieved success. You can contact your son's PC teacher through the College office on 3857 9999 or by adding their first initial to their surname@padua.qld.edu.au. Example – Ryan Hanly is rhanly@padua.qld.edu.au

Best wishes to all families for the beginning of 2011. I am sure it will be a successful and prosperous year.

Ben Lowrie
FROM OUR VICE RECTOR FORMATION

Red Cross Blood Van
The mobile Blood Van will be at Padua from 17th to 18th February. Anyone who is sixteen years of age and above and in good health are invited to donate. Boys who wish to donate are provided with an Enrolment Form (if they are a first time donor) and a Parent Consent Form (if under sixteen years). They should return the forms to me for safekeeping until their appointment. If any parents of friends of the college would like make a donation on those days you can do one of two things. Firstly, you could ring me, Michael O’Brien, on 3857 9986 and make an appointment time; or secondly, you could arrive at the van on one of the two days and you will be fitted in between appointment times. The van returns for three days again in October.

Little King’s Movement Collection Appeal
It is time again for Padua to support this worthy cause. We have had a long tradition of supporting this organization that receives no government assistance for doing their fine work they do for people with disability. This collection is their main fundraiser for the year. Last year Padua raised nearly $10 000 which was a Brisbane schools record! Boys are asked to collect from their immediate neighbourhood (a few streets around your home). Let’s make their work easier by easing the financial burden they face!

Flood Disaster Casual Dress Day
On Tuesday 1 February all three Kedron Franciscan schools will hold a casual dress in support of fundraising efforts for people who have been hit hard by the recent flooding and associated traumas. A gold coin donation is normally requested for these events, however if your family could be a little more generous on this occasion it would be very much appreciated.

Year 12 Camp – New Date: 28 March to 1 April
All Yr 12 families should have received an email from me announcing the postponement of the camp – due to recent wet weather and flooding - until the week beginning 28 March. All Medical Forms for this event are now due. It is expected that all students attend the camp.

Peace and all good to everyone in 2011!

Michael O’Brien
"Where there is love and wisdom there is neither fear nor ignorance."
St Francis of Assisi

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - TUCKSHOP MENU 2011

The prices have increased on most items on the 2011 Tuckshop Menu. The printed copy you have may be incorrect. Please check the College Website for the correct prices.
BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION

All parents please be aware that students on school property are supervised in both the Primary & Secondary from 8.00am only.

ABSENTEE/SPORTING FIXTURE PHONE NUMBER

When advising of absences from school PLEASE phone the absentee line 3857 9900 & leave a message. This number is also to be used for info on school activities and sporting fixtures.

If weather is uncertain, by ringing this number after 7.30am on Saturday morning. You will be advised if sporting fixtures will be on or not. Also check the College Website.

Please collect a fridge magnet from the office if your family does not have one.

FROM OUR PRIMARY

Welcome to Padua College for 2011. The building program of the last two years is just about complete. All classrooms are either new or have been completely refurbished. The boys should find the new features and colours exciting. Also, the new JAM area is ready for action. It has a dedicated area for Art and a separate class area for Music and Japanese. I am certain that Mr Oike will appreciate the new surroundings.

The business of the year has already started. Cricket teams and Swimming squads are in the process of being organised. It is very important for Parents to expect communication from Mr David Wren (ph 3857 9932) with regards to sport on a regular basis. Year Five will continue their cricket trials on Saturday 29th January at Padua Primary oval from 8am to 10am. Parental assistance on the morning will be appreciated. Mr Wren is holding a Cricket Parent Information evening on Monday 31st January in La Cordelle from 7:00pm.

Other important dates for the coming weeks are:

- Friday 4th February – Class Photographs (Ties are required)
- Monday 7th February – Primary Parent Information Evening
  This will start in La Cordelle at 7pm and then proceed to your son’s classroom to meet his Teacher.

There are many other important events for February and I ask that you check the college calendar, your son’s diary and notices that may be buried at the bottom of your son’s school bag. If there are any concerns please make contact with your son’s class teacher or myself asap.

Phillip Dobson
Vice Rector – Primary

FROM OUR VICE RECTOR ADMINISTRATION

The Padua College Trivia Night

The Padua College Trivia Night will be held in La Cordelle on Friday February 25 at 6pm. The night is the first social occasion in the calendar and was very popular last year. Form a table with parents from your son’s class and come along for a great night of trivia and prizes. Please see the attached booking form or ring Robyn on 38579907 to book your table. Get in early as tickets are limited!!!

Simon Stower
Have you ever considered volunteering to help at our Tuckshop?
Or maybe you used to and stopped?

Robyn Layton, our new Tuckshop Convenor would love to welcome you to join her and her fabulous band of helpers next year.
Please contact Robyn on Ph 3857 9974 or 0430 431 198 if you can help.

Primary LAP
If any parent would like to assist in the Primary Learning Assistance Program could you please email treggi@padua.qld.edu.au or phone Jane Higgins on 38579933.
A training session will be held on the 9th February 9-10am in the Primary. Please come to the office.
The LAP runs each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning 9-10am, starting the 22nd February. You do not have to attend each day but an hour of your time would be great.

Thank you
Tina Reggi
Learning Support Teacher
"Where there is love and wisdom there is neither fear nor ignorance."
St Francis of Assisi
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Help your children make sense of natural disasters

As adults we all want our children to live carefree lives and keep them from the pain and even horror of tragedies such as natural disasters. In reality we can’t do this.

The Queensland floods and the Victorian bushfires continue to wreak incredible havoc on so many people’s lives and will no doubt leave an indelible imprint on our collective psyches. These two natural disasters will be brought into our living rooms via the media over the coming days and weeks.

As adults we all want our children to live carefree lives and keep them from the pain and even horror of tragedies such as natural disasters. In reality we can’t do this.

So what is a parent, teacher, or other caring adult to do when the natural disasters fill the airwaves and the consciousness of society? Here are some ideas:

1. **Reassure children that they are safe.** The consistency of the images can be frightening for young children who don’t understand the notion of distance and have difficulty distinguishing between reality and fiction. Let them know that while the event is indeed happening it will not affect them directly.
2. **Be available.** Let kids know that it is okay to talk about the unpleasant events. Listen to what they think and feel. By listening, you can find out if they have misunderstandings, and you can learn more about the support that they need. You do not need to explain more than they are ready to hear, but be willing to answer their questions.
3. **Help children process what they see and hear, particularly through television.** Children are good observers, but can be poor interpreters of events that are out of their level of understanding.
4. **Support children’s concerns for others.** They may have genuine concerns for the suffering that will occur and they may need an outlet for those concerns. It is heart-warming to see this empathy in children for the concerns of others.
5. **Let them explore feelings beyond fear.** Many children may feel sad or even angry with these events so let them express the full range of emotions. They may feel sadder for the loss of wildlife, than for loss of human life, which is impersonal for them.
6. **Help children and young people find a legitimate course of action if they wish.** Action is a great antidote to stress and anxiety so finding simple ways to help, including donating some pocket money can assist kids to cope and teach them to contribute.
7. **Avoid keeping the television on all the time.** The visual nature of the media means that images are repeated over and over, which can be both distressing to some and desensitizing to others.
8. **Be aware of your own actions.** Children will take their cues from you and if they see you focusing on it in an unhealthy way then they will focus on it too. Let them know that it is happening but it should not dominate their lives.
9. **Take action yourself.** Children who know their parents, teachers, or other significant caregivers are working to make a difference feel hope. They feel safer and more positive about the future. So do something. It will make you feel more hopeful, too. And hope is one of the most valuable gifts we can give children and ourselves.

Children’s worlds can be affected in ways that we can’t even conceive of so adults need to be both sensitive to children’s needs and mindful of what they say and how they act in front of children.

In difficult times, it is worth remembering what adults and children need most are each other.

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Michael Grose is one of Australia’s leading parenting educators. For more parenting information and resources visit

www.parentingideas.com.au
FOTH Common Student Expectations

All students are expected to adhere to the following expectations when sharing common areas between Padua College, Mt Alvernia College and St Anthony’s Primary School. Students are also expected to meet these expectations when travelling to and from their respective schools.

General:
Students must adhere to all normal College/School rules and expectations at all times. Specifically, students should adhere to the following:

Acceptable Behaviour:
- Students are expected to show courtesy and respect at all times
- Students must wait for buses and other forms of transport in school designated waiting areas
- Students must only use designated pedestrian crossings when attempting to cross the road
- Overt displays of affection are not permitted

Uniform:
- Students must meet all of their respective College/School’s uniform and grooming expectations at all times
- All students must wear their hats to and from school

Bus Etiquette:
- Students must only move to enter a bus at the direction of the teacher on duty
- Students must wait to enter buses in an orderly and respectful fashion
- Student conduct on buses and other forms of public transport must meet the expectations and guidelines of acceptable behaviour, as outlined by their respective College/School

Students may be asked by any teacher from a FOTH School to change their behaviour when necessary.
Availability of new Triple P program for families concerned about bullying

When children are bullied by their peers, parents desperately want to be able to help but are often unsure of what to do. *Resilience Triple P* is designed to help families support their children when they are experiencing problems with peers. The program teaches children how to handle difficult situations with peers and gives parents strategies to improve child resilience and to communicate effectively with the child’s school to resolve problems. This new program is being trialled by the Parenting and Family Support Centre (University of Queensland). Families interested in participating in the program are, for a limited time, offered free program participation in exchange for participation in the associated research.

If you have a child aged between 7 and 11 years who you believe may be experiencing bullying from peers and you would like to find out more, please call Karyn Healy on 3346 7814 or email k.healy@psy.uq.edu.au.
New District Route 939 to assist the 941 Route

Commencing Monday 24th January 2010, a new District Route 939 will depart from Turner Rd at 15.20 on school days.

The 939 service will travel express to Chermside and then all stops to Geebung Railway Station Cityxpress stop on Newman Rd.

The 941 District Route through to Boondall Railway Station will now depart 5 minutes later at 15.25

Students travelling to Chermside should catch the new 939 Route.
**PADUA COLLEGE TENNIS PROGRAM**

At the Padua Junior school courts!

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

**Bonus FREE t-shirt for all NEW students!**

**HOT SHOTS GROUP TENNIS**

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 also 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.

**Tennis Program Fees**

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Program fees are based on one program per week. Tuition fees are charged fortnightly and paid in advance via direct debit from your nominated bank account or credit card. Casual lost due to wet weather can be made-up at the wet weather make-up drop at Everton Tennis Centre and Shaw Park Tennis Centre at the end of each term. Makeup lessons will only be offered due to wet weather, low team lines or inclement. Students must give 30 days notice in writing if they wish to discontinue the program. We maintain small class sizes; hot shots classes have an average class size of seven students per class.

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

**Padua College Tennis Program**

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**Payment Details:**

Direct Debit: Tuition fees are paid fortnightly via Direct Debit from your choice of bank account or credit card. After receiving your enrollment, we will post or email you a payment authority form, we ask you to complete the form and return it to us as soon as possible.

The Direct Debit system is a new payment procedure introduced to provide a convenient and easy way for parents to pay tennis tuition fees. This system allows you to cancel payments at any time by providing 10 days written notice. Of course, no payments are charged and no lessons are held during your school holidays, student free days and public holidays.
Friday 25 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 18 February (Cash, Cheque or Credit Card)

Table booking ($100)

Team Name: ___________________________________

(Be creative or have a Business Sponsor your Team)

Credit Card Details: ___________________________ Card Expiry Date: ____________________