Dear Parents

We are obviously approaching the end of term. It seems to have been extraordinarily busy. That business will not cease over the holidays for some of our students are staff. The Open Rugby Squad will be touring parts of France, Ireland and Great Britain. The staff, students and parents have been working very hard for the past two years to make this tour a reality. It is obviously a huge venture taking 37 students to Europe to play rugby union. I must commend the vision and “initiative” of Mr Scott Maguire and the staff, as well as commending the parents for their support. I’m sure the tour will be enjoyable for all.

Not to be outdone, the Open Football Squad are touring Malaysia. Likewise, I commend Mr Dan Cull, the staff and the parents for providing the students with this wonderful opportunity. I am sure that they will all be good ambassadors for Padua College as well as for football.

As you are aware, the Parents and Friends meetings this term have been social as well as life long learning opportunities. As part of the first meeting next term, I will be consulting those parents who attend, about the next phase of Strategic Direction for Padua College. It is your opportunity to learn about the planning that has been happening recently at the College, BUT, more importantly, it is your opportunity to contribute any ideas that you might have for the future development of the College. I would urge you to attend if you are interested in the next five years (and perhaps beyond) at the College.
As the term draws to a close, I would like to thank the staff, students and parents for their contributions thus far in the year. It has been a great start. Congratulations to the First XI Cricket team and their coach Michael Out on their inaugural First XI Cricket Premiership. Congratulations also to the 15C Cricket and 13A and 13B Volleyball on their Premierships. Clearly, first Term sport has been both busy and successful.

Finally, I wish all families a happy and a Holy Easter break. I hope the opportunity to rest and reflect is both welcome and well used. I am sure that Term 2 will have as much energy and vitality about it as Term 1. Best wishes for what remains of Term 1.

Pace e bene

Robert Out
Somewhere in the midst of chocolate eggs, bunny rabbits, first term holidays and hot cross buns there is the solemn feast of Easter. It is the fundamental celebration of the Christian year.

To appreciate the significance of Easter, we need to remind ourselves that Christianity is essentially an historical religion. Our Christianity is not a “once upon a time” story, some swirl of myths, but at an historical time and place Jesus, the Word of God came to live amongst us. It began at a place- ancient Palestine, and at a particular time- the reign of Caesar Augustus.

The first followers of Jesus met each first day of the week- Sunday; this, not just to distinguish themselves from the Jews, who celebrated on the Sabbath, but to remember that Sunday when Jesus was risen from the dead.

Now at this Easter time you will probably read newspaper articles written by so called Christians who endeavour to reinterpret Easter with their myths. Some of these will deny the ancient creeds of the church that clearly state “Jesus rose from the dead.” For them the resurrection of Jesus was nothing more than an evolution of the consciousness of the disciples about the significance of Jesus.

No, the Scriptures are clear!

It was a **bodily resurrection.** It is something that did happen to Jesus, and not just some thought of his disciples.

In the post resurrection appearances, the Gospels speak of Jesus touching, of eating, and of speaking.

Justin Martyr writing in the mid-second century explains that our choice of the first day of the week to celebrate Eucharist was not accidental.
“Sunday is the day on which we hold our common assembly because it is the first day on which God, having wrought a change in darkness and matter, made the world; and Jesus Christ our Saviour on the same day rose from the dead.”

(Apology, chapter 67)

May you all experience that hope and peace that comes from celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus, who has conquered death, who invites us to “life in abundance”, and eventually to “share His glory” in the fullness of God’s love.

Fr John

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SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

I invite boys currently enrolled at Padua College who have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, or Eucharist, to join me for classes in preparation for the celebration of these Sacraments of Initiation.

If you wish to be a part of this program and receive these Sacraments please contact me by THE END OF THIS TERM.

Many thanks,

Fr. John: - ‘phone direct 38579906

my office in the Pastoral Care Centre

email: jboyd-boland@padua.qld.edu.au
Little King’s Collection Record!

Last week the people from the Little King’s Movement phoned me to tell me the amount our Padua boys collected this year for their Appeal. Last year, you may remember, we created a new schools record by bringing in $10,873. That was a great effort. I am pleased to announce that the boys this year have gone one step better! The amount collected for the 2012 Appeal is **$11,500**! With some of the proceeds from last week’s Casual Dress Day we will be able to present the Little King’s Movement with a cheque for $12,000. I am absolutely astounded at the continued generosity of the Paduan community. On behalf of the Little King’s Movement I thank you most sincerely.

Franciscan Appeal Launch 2012 and Timor News

By now every student will have been given his Sponsorship Card and is hopefully out and about collecting sponsorship for the College Cross Country Events that will be held next term. Mr Taylor has been working hard behind the scenes to ensure that this year’s fundraising effort for St Francis of Assisi College will be successful. With the exchange rate from Australian to US Dollars being in our favour at the moment our efforts will be given an extra boost this year.

Mr Taylor will be visiting every Year 8 class during the next week or so to give the boys more background about Timor-Leste and the school we support there.

Please keep Timor-Leste in your thoughts and prayers this week as this newest (and poorest) of the world’s nations celebrates 10 years of independence from Indonesia and elections for a new President.

St Vinnies, Rosies and Good Samaritans

This term has seen a number of boys volunteer to help out in these various forms of outreach. I would like to thank them for their willingness to help serve others in our community which means often having to step out of their own comfort zones for a while. You would be very proud of them if you could see them assisting with the various outreach activities. Last Sunday night, for example, four Year 12 boys experienced a very busy Rosies Street Van where we served
From the Vice Rector Formation

over 100 patrons, had two call outs for paramedic assistance and numerous requests for clothing, bedding and toiletry items.

**Year 12 Camp**

Please note in your diaries that this year’s Year 12 Camp will now be scheduled for the week beginning **Monday 9 July** - Week One of Term Three. Because of the different time of the year with a new range of sporting and cultural events going on, boys will be asked to make a new choice for camp times when they return from the Easter break.

**Beirne and Grigg Year 12 Students**

Thank you to those families who have sent in the Baby and Year 1 photos of their son as requested. I am still waiting for a few families to reply. Next term Mitchell and Odoric Families will be asked to do the same. Why so early? There are many tasks to be done to make the Senior Graduation the significant event that it is. Your assistance and support will achieve this.

**Beirne and Grigg House Eucharists**

Please note in your diaries the dates for this year’s House Eucharists scheduled for Term 2. They are: **Beirne House – Thursday 3 May** and **Grigg House – Tuesday 15 May**. Both Eucharists commence at 7.00 pm in the Kedron Parish Church with a supper to follow outside La Cordelle afterwards. It is an expectation that **ALL students** attend these House events.

Have a great week and Holy Easter everyone!

**Michael O’Brien**

**Vice-Rector, Formation**
Dear Friends at Padua,

On behalf of the people who will be assisted, we who helped to make a HUGE difference to the content and variety of items in our food cupboard... we will now be able offer substantial food parcels to those who request this form of help.

Happy Easter and happy holidays!

Gratefully,

members of St Vincent de Paul, Kedron
Franciscan Pilgrimage Fundraiser 25 March

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Contact Michael O’Brien on
3857 9986 or
From the Pastoral Care Team

9 – 12 College Dance:
This Friday night Padua will host a dance for all years 9-12 students. The dance will be held at Arana Hills PCYC from 7:00-10:00pm.

As with all Padua dances, it is expected that students adhere to the normal rules and expectations for all students of the College. While free dress is permitted, students should not wear thongs or singlets and there will be no cloak/bag room available on the night.

Padua aims to provide a safe, social environment for the students of the College and their invited guests. Included in the security team for the evening will be a guard dog and police representatives who will carry a breath testing device. Students can be expected to be random breath tested by police and the presence of pre-consumed alcohol will not be tolerated.

Parking is always at a premium on this evening and the ensuing traffic delays can be quite daunting. Some parents may like to consider parking in the surrounding streets and walking into the venue with their sons at the start of the evening/to collect their sons at the conclusion of the dance, for a quick departure. Parents should also note that no student will be permitted to leave the dance prior to the 10:00pm finishing time unless they are accompanied by a parent.

Easter Holidays
With the Easter holidays fast approaching, there is every chance that you are going to experience all the excitement of your sons energy concentrated across two weeks. Below is a list of parenting strategies from Michael Gross (parenting expert) on dealing with your boys during holiday times:

- Boys like limits and boundaries. They help them learn. They also like to push against them too so you had better have a backbone if you are raising boys.
- Boys also respond to think language. If you want to know how a boy feels, just ask him how he thinks... and he’ll probably tell you how he feels.
- Boys generally are more impulsive than girls so strategies that help boys think and reflect on their behaviour are really beneficial.

Boys embarrass easily and they generally respond better when they are praised in private, rather than publicly.

Students of the week:
Beirne:
Christopher Knight – Contribution to cricket.
Griig:
Jordan Nagelkerke – demonstrating Francis-can spirit.
Mitchell:
Chris Guerra – great fund-raising effort.
Odoric:
Damien Grasso – demonstrated initiative.
Term 2 Change of Uniform:

The start of Term 2 means the switch to the College winter uniform. The full details of this uniform can be found in your son’s student handbook. It is expected that all students will return to school in Term 2 wearing this winter uniform, including ties and hats. Repercussions will continue to occur for students who choose not to wear the College uniform appropriately.

A full school check of uniform and appearance (hair and grooming) will occur on day 1 of term 2. I urge all parents to ensure all students meet the uniform, hair and grooming expectations upon their return. Sanctions will be imposed for those students who do not meet this expectation.

On behalf of all of the Pastoral Team, I’d like to wish all families a happy and safe Easter break and look forward to seeing you next term.
The recent weeks have been busy ones for the boys and their teachers as they completed many different assessment tasks, in a wide range of ‘modes’.

It has been very gratifying to hear many of the students talking very positively about their studies and their desire to do well in all their work. One of the most important points for all of us to remember is that **effort and application to their studies is the main goal**. Students can be proud of themselves if they have made a sincere effort to do well and applied themselves to all of their school work. High results are always gratifying, but we often learn more from mistakes and disappointments than from immediate success. Thus, I encourage all parents to focus on this aspect with their sons in your discussions about the boys’ school work. Look for and praise the commitment and effort made to complete set work and to achieve success, as well as the improvements or good results achieved.

I look forward to congratulating all the boys who achieve good results as well as all who might obtain an “Eagle Award’ for their efforts even if they do not obtain the highest results.

Next week, in the last week of the term, most of the Year 12 boys will be participating in a three-day program of “QCS Immersion” involving workshops and seminars on aspects of the test, as well as Practice QCS Tests. We wish the senior boys well in those days and hope that the program helps to develop their ‘QCS confidence and readiness’.
As part of the QCS Immersion program we will welcome to Padua an Educational Psychologist, Mr Patrick Sherratt who will be presenting seminars for the seniors on “Exam Excellence”. Students in Year 11 at Padua may also register to attend one of the seminars with the seniors, at a cost of $15.00 each.

Additionally, while he is here Mr Sherratt will be presenting a seminar about “The Psychology of Success” which is available to students in Years 8 to 11 at 11am on Wednesday 28 March. Interested students can register for these seminars through the College Office. Registration Forms are available at the library and electronic copies have been emailed to all families. On Tuesday Evening, 27 March at 7pm in SEMINAR ROOM 4 at Padua Mr Sherratt will present a seminar for parents giving an overview of the student seminars. The cost for each seminar is $15.00 per person- except Year 12s.

We look forward to enjoying this new dimension of education for excellence at Padua.

My best wishes to all Padua students and families for the Holy Season of Easter and for the holidays which are almost here. The Term One Reports should arrive sometime during the holidays together with instructions for booking Parent-Teacher Interviews.

Trish Dwyer
Vice Rector, Curriculum.
943 District Route Changes

Effective Monday 26th March 2012, the following changes to the 943 District Route will take effect:

1: The service will depart Jardine St at 15.17 - 13 minutes earlier

2: The 943 District Route will be rerouted to service the “Enoggera” Outbound Express stop and pick up the students at approximately 15.35. Students that normally have to wait for the 357 or 359 services will now be able to take advantage of this service.

3: The service will also continue from Wruick Crescent on an inbound 359 route through to the “Jinker Track” Inbound Express stop. Students waiting at the Enoggera, Marcellin and Everton Park Express stops who normally wait for the 359 service will be able to utilise this service as well.

4: The service will be due to pass “Marcellin” at 15.36 and “Everton Park” at 15.37. This gives Mt Maria and Hillbrook students an additional option to travel between the Jinker Track and Albany Creek.

5: It will pass though Wruick Crescent at approximately 16.03 and terminate at the “Jinker Track” Inbound express stop at 16.13.

For further information please visit www.bristransport.com.au or call Translink on 13 11 30, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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19/03/2012
Term 1 draws to a close over the next week. I ask you to encourage your sons to continue to complete assessment tasks and tests with enthusiasm. You will receive a report during the holidays that explains your son's behaviour and attitude during Term 1 at Padua.

Many of you have already met your son's teacher or corresponded through email throughout the term. There will be an opportunity available on Friday 20 April, from 8:30am -3:00pm to make arrangements to meet with any of your son's teachers if you wish to discuss any important issues with them. The information regarding how to do this will be posted with your son’s mid-semester report. Mr Ty Casey, Mr Sean Graham and Mr David Wren will be unavailable during this time. If you need to meet with them, please contact them via email to arrange a suitable time with them.

Before your son returns for Term 2, please ensure his hair is of regulation length and that he is in full winter uniform with tie.

I take this opportunity to thank you for supporting your son in his sporting endeavours and his academic pursuits this term along with their coaches, managers and teachers. Please continue to encourage them to do the best they can in all that they undertake as students of Padua College. Keep the lines of communication open with all who take care of your son.

Have a Happy and Holy Easter and enjoy the break with your sons and looking forward to working with you during Term 2.

Regards

Kathy Hodge
Acting Vice Rector Primary
Dear Parents,

I am writing to advise you of an environmental conference which is being planned and hosted at Padua College on the 16th and 17th of August 2012. These dates coincide with the annual Ekka break, as we are using La Cordelle as our venue, as well as classrooms for school presentations.

The Padua College Kids Teaching Kids Conference is based on the model of a similar conference which some boys attended last year in Caloundra. It is a two-day conference for Brisbane only non-government and government school students and teachers. It will give these students an opportunity to learn about environmental issues from other school students.

The first day will commence with registration and a welcome breakfast for all conference delegates, followed by an official opening by some of the boys from the Environment Club Planning Committee. This will be followed by a Q&A session with a selected panel of environmental experts. After lunch, a selected number of schools will present their workshops on their chosen environmental issue to the other student delegates. The first day will then conclude at 4:00pm. At 6:30pm, we will be hosting a gala dinner, with entertainment. It is hoped that we can secure an off-campus venue for the dinner. This will conclude at 8:30pm.

The second day will commence with breakfast. After breakfast, all conference delegates will be transported by buses to various environmental project sites around Brisbane. To date, we have secured the Port of Brisbane and Boondall Wetlands. All buses will return to Padua College by 1:45pm to conclude with a closing ceremony.

To date, we have the support of Sita Environmental Solutions, Keep Australia Beautiful Queensland and our first financial sponsor, the Port of Brisbane. There is still a lot to do. I am presently seeking assistance from you to create a steering committee, which will meet on a regular basis, to plan towards finalising this event. I am also seeking adults to act as volunteers during the conference, particularly on the second day, Friday.

If you feel you can assist, please contact me via email to dsearle@padua.qld.edu.au

Regards,
David Searle
Director of the Padua College Environment Club
From the Sportsmaster

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The Readers Cup competition, hosted by the Children’s Book Council of Australia (Qld, Branch) will recommence in Term 2. The books the boys are required to read this year are:

Divergent Veronica Roth  
The Outcasts John Flanagan  
The Invention of Hugo Cabret Brian Selznick  
The Blade Brief Kate Hunter  
Nanberry: Black Brother White Jackie French

The 2011 Team did win the Brisbane North Regional competition last year, and went onto finish a credible third place at the State Final where they pitted their knowledge against 13 teams from all over Qld, including teams from North Qld, Capricornia and Townsville. Some of the members of the winning 2011 Team will return, joined by two Year 8 boys. The boys involved are:

Jack Dickson  
Ethan Down  
Tom Fall  
Michael Hinds  
Cameron Threw

The Regional Competition will be held at Brisbane Grammar School in June, with the author of The Blade Brief, Kate Hunter, acting as quizmaster. It promises to be a very exciting night, with all participating teams highly competitive. I wish the boys luck as they commence reading.

Trisha Buckley | Teacher Librarian
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P Cogdale
W Down

Tuesday 27th March
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K Donnelly
T Hibbett
E Wawrzyniak
J Downes

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J Wells

Thursday 29th March
G Shoesmith
A Stosis
C Bagdonas
A Brown
RMiranda

Friday 30th March
N Mahoney
L Pitts
J Rolph
D Seminara
C Bishop

Monday 16th April
K Gannon
K Eggar
A Terrible

Tuesday 17th April
A Moesbergen
J Turner
S Pearce
J Calabrese

Wednesday 18th April
J Shabanov
M Bishop
R Donzenac
C Palmer

Thursday 19th April
D Barnes
A Sologinkin
D Brady
K Oudendryn
J dePasquale

Friday 20th April
STUDENT FREE DAY

“Have a lovely Easter everyone. 
Thanks for your help.”
Robyn Layton

Help Needed Please!
We need more Volunteers on Mondays.
Are you available? Contact Robyn!
The last P&F meeting held on 13\textsuperscript{th} March, was a presentation to the FOTH schools of the Triple P Parenting program. Possibly as a sign of the effort required, the “Raising Responsible Teenagers” session was the more popular of the two.

I would like to thank those parents who were able to attend the presentations. The presenters passed on their knowledge, experiences, dispelled some myths and offered tips to help make the task of raising our children just that little easier.

On a sad note the next P&F meeting will not be until next term. However at this meeting, which will process general business, there will be a presentation from the college Rector, Robert Out regarding the direction of the college over future years. This presentation is as a result of Board discussions and Robert is looking for feedback from as many parents as possible. So if you would like to get the inside word on what is planned to happen now & in the near future or you have an opinion you would like to put forward, please attend, what I am sure will be a very informative night.

Future P&F date claimers are:

8\textsuperscript{th} May – General meeting & College Direction Presentation – Robert Out
12\textsuperscript{th} June – General meeting / Guest speaker
10\textsuperscript{th} July – General meeting
11\textsuperscript{th} Sept - General meeting / Guest speaker
9\textsuperscript{th} Oct – General meeting
13\textsuperscript{th} Nov - AGM

Unless otherwise advised the P&F meetings are held in the staff room, located in St Francis Hall and start at 07:30pm.

A light supper is provided afterwards.

John Titmarsh
President
SUPER SALE

PADUA SPRAY JACKETS

(SIZES 12-14-16-XXS-XS-S-3XL)

GREAT FOR THE COOL DAYS
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GRAB A BARGAIN AT
THE UNIFORM SHOP
Inspiring Future Environmental Leaders
Professional Development Workshops & School Visits

You're invited to take part in a FREE professional development opportunity for teachers, local / state government representatives, NGO’s and environmental educators as a part of the FREE Australia Post Kids Teaching Kids In-School Program (Mar - Nov, nation-wide). FREED 2012 Australia Post Kids Teaching Kids Week (27-31 Aug, nation-wide)

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2012 Melbourne Water International Kids Teaching Kids Conference (14-16 Oct, Melbourne)

Details: Teachers, students and interested professionals have the opportunity to take part in a no obligation, professional development workshop to learn more about Kids Teaching Kids. Kids Teaching Kids is a school based learning model and program of events that inspires young people to learn and care for their environment and their community. Kids Teaching Kids uses local environmental issues as a theme for learning and making connections to the wider community. Inspiring young environmental leaders for over a decade, the program has reached more than 25,000 students in every state and territory around Australia, and in 2010 the program received the highly esteemed Bankia People’s Choice Award.

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**Surrounding areas**
- School visits subject to availability, get in early!
- 17th – 20th April 2012

The workshop:
- Refreshments will be provided on arrival
- Explore the concepts behind the very successful Kids Teaching Kids education methodology and prepare teachers for the holistic educational opportunities presented by the program
- Has a strong focus on Middle Years Learners, inquiry based methods and authentic learning outcomes
- Demonstrate how students, universities, government departments, natural resources management agencies and businesses can get involved in the program
- Find out how your school can be eligible for a $650 or $330 grant
- A Kids Teaching Kids staff member will visit your school to meet with students and introduce the Kids Teaching Kids program
- During the session students will discuss local environmental issues, and explore effective research and presentation techniques
- Sessions last approximately 30-40 minutes

Please register early to avoid disappointment – email vanessa@kidsteachingkids.com.au stating your organisation or school name, contact details and that you wish to register for the PD workshop and / or schedule a school visit. Vanessa Hewson will forward further information and confirm your registration.

For further information head to our website www.kidsteachingkids.com.au or phone 03 9326 3736

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For bookings/details contact: Terry and Rhonda Boyle tel. 07 3352 3328 or boyletj@powerup.com.au Information website: www.wwme.org.au
Epilepsy Action Australia will be holding a **FREE Memory Workshop** in **Queensland** on the 31st March 2012. We are trying to raise as much awareness in **Brisbane** as possible to not only people that have been diagnosed with epilepsy but also the general community.