Dear Parents

Next week, on Tuesday evening at 7.30pm, the Padua College Parents and Friends are hosting their regular meeting. On this particular occasion, the meeting has even greater importance if you are interested in the future direction of Padua College. At the meeting, I will be outlining the strategic initiatives that have already been decided by the Board of Directors of Padua College. I will also ask the meeting for their input into the next Strategic directions document for Padua. As you are aware, Achieving the Vision 2011, concluded last year with its evaluation and report at the end of the year.

If your son is attending Padua over the next five year period, the P&F Meeting will be of interest to you and I would urge you to attend.

Last Saturday, we had the first round of football and rugby in the CIC and AIC. Whatever about wins and losses, there was a problem with the attendance of students. It was a wet day. There were some issues with communication, which we will address. However, rugby and football matches are rarely cancelled and if they are cancelled by the official umpire or referee. The general rule is this season of sport is that, if in doubt, turn up. I realize that this could be inconvenient but our performances on Saturday were affected by some students who did not attend. A great deal of effort is put into our sport and a team performance is affected by individuals who do not show up.

The coming weeks will be very busy with excursions, debating, sporting and musical commitment. It is very important that the boys remain focused on their academic
commitments. They may need some assistance with personal organization. Assistance at school is available but some guidance from home would also be equally valuable.

Last Friday evening was the AGM of Padua College Ltd and last Sunday was our Open Day. Both occasions were very successful and the friars and visitors to the College were very impressed. The success of these events was largely due to the staff, parents and students, who volunteered their valuable time in a variety of capacities. Many thanks to all the volunteers. It was a great expression of our Franciscan ethos to see so many involved in hospitality and care for visitors to the College.

Thank you to all for the great start to the term (apart from Saturday). Have a great fortnight.

Pace e bene

Robert Out

Rector
FACEBOOK, that ubiquitous instrument of social “communication” is an instrument designed to put the pursuit of happiness front and centre of our digital life. Its capacity to redefine our very concepts of identity and personal fulfillment is as worrying as the data-mining and privacy practices that have aroused the anxiety of many.

Two of the most compelling critics of Facebook concentrate on exactly his point. Jaron Lanier, the author of *You Are Not a Gadget* believes that social media is leading us to a science-fiction world.

“I fear we are beginning to design ourselves to suit digital models of us, and I worry about a leaching of empathy and humanity in that process.”

Sherry Turkle in her 2011 *Alone Together* speaks of our insecurity in relationships and anxiety in intimacy; that we look to technology for ways to be in relationships and protect ourselves from them at the same time.

“The ties we form through the Internet are not, in the end, the ties that bind. But they are the ties that preoccupy......We don’t want to intrude on each other, so instead, we constantly intrude on each other, but not in ‘real time.’”

Lanier and Turkle are right, at least in their diagnoses. Self-presentation on Facebook is continuous, intensely mediated, and possessed of a phony nonchalance that eliminates even the potential for spontaneity.
A recent Australian study, “Who Uses Facebook” found a significant correlation between Facebook and narcissism, concluding that “Facebook specifically gratifies the narcissistic individual’s need to engage in self-promotion and superficial behaviour.”

What Facebook has revealed about human nature is that a connection is not the same as a bond, and that instant and total connection is no salvation, no ticket to a happier, better world or a more liberated version of humanity.

Of course Facebook’s appeal stems from its miraculous fusion of distance with intimacy, or the illusion of distance with the illusion of intimacy.

The real danger of Facebook is not that it allows us to isolate ourselves, but that by mixing our appetite for isolation with our vanity, it threatens to alter the very nature of solitude and reflection- not such a virtuous phenomenon!

Fr John

Mrs Goodwin – Careers Advisor
Is absent from College at present.
Please contact her via her email
jgoodwin@padua.qld.edu.au
Franciscan Appeal Launch 2012.

The cross country has now been run and now comes the task of collecting the money. This is our primary fundraising event each year and so I ask ALL families to support in any way they can. Each year it is disappointing to note that around 100 students (mainly secondary) raise nothing! I would expect that every student can do SOMETHING to contribute to this worthwhile cause and in their own way be an integral part of the Kedron-Timor relationship.

Year 12 Camp

This week I am sorting out the camp lists for the Senior Camp scheduled for the week beginning 9 July. At this stage competitors in AIC Cross Country will need to go on Camp 1 (Monday to Wednesday) and boys attending the FCIP Music Camp will need to go on Camp 2 (Wednesday to Friday) that week. Boys on the Music Camp will be taken to the camp site on the school mini bus on Wednesday afternoon.

Mitchell and Odoric Year 12 Students and Families

Within the next couple of weeks I will be writing to you requesting your assistance with graduation material relating to your son currently in Year 12. While graduations seem a long way of there is much to be done in preparing for them. Your prompt assistance with any requests relating to this event would be greatly appreciated.

Beirne and Grigg House Eucharists

Returns for both of these House Eucharists are now due to the respective House Guardians. These Eucharists are significant House Events and therefore it is an expectation that all students attend them. Sports training and work commitments are not considered valid excuses for non attendance because the dates are published well in advance. A note to House Guardians explaining an inability to attend is a matter of courtesy and very much appreciated.

2012 Little Kings Collection

At a recent assembly we handed over a cheque for $12 000 to representatives of Little Kings. They were astonished and very grateful and expressed that to the college community. I am pleased to announce in this bulletin the individual House amounts collected for this year’s appeal. Mitchell -$4 072; Grigg - $2 956; Odoric - $2 804 and Beirne - $1 724. A wonderful effort from everyone! Thank you.

‘The Hill’ Franciscan Blog

Each week Br Matt publishes a weekly blog of Franciscan reflections and
prayers. The link for this blog is posted in this bulletin and will be a per-
manent feature of future bulletins. I cannot recommend this site highly
even enough for its reflective content and integration of spirituality and eve-
ryday life. Check it out this week and I know you will want to read it
every week! Add it to your web site favourites!!

Yr 11 SOR Excursion

On Tuesday of this week three classes of Yr 11 SOR students visited the
Buddhist Temple at Priestdale and the mosque at Holland Park as part of
their current studies. From all reports it was a fantastic day where the
boys were given the opportunity to experience and learn more about the
religious culture and beliefs of other religious traditions. Immersion ex-
periences such as these are invaluable ways of learning about other
people and the contribution they make to our community. Congratula-
tions to the boys themselves and their teachers Mrs Gatt, Br Matt and
Mr Butler.

Until next bulletin – peace and all good!

Michael O’Brien

Vice-Rector, Formation

Franciscan Reflections

Franciscan Readings for the Christian Year –
gladly hosted by the Franciscan Friars
(Holy Spirit Province) in Kedron, and written
by Br Matt Hufer OFM.

http://bromattisafoth.wordpress.com/
Year 11 SOR Excursion
Congratulations to Ethan Carey, Callum Brooks, Jackson Hanley, James Lazell, Sebastian Sherry and Mitchell Caulfield who were selected to represent the College at this year’s ANZAC Day dawn service in Canberra. We had a great time in the nation’s capital. The coldest dawn service in more than 50 years was solemn and the national ceremony was outstanding. A spectacular F-18 flyover brought an end to the official ceremony. I tried to find a media crew in the hope of getting us some air time but we were unsuccessful! The afternoon was spent at Questacon where the group experienced many different scientific activities and novelties.

Thursday was another great day that was very busy and fulfilling. An 8am wake-up made up for Wednesday’s early start and our first destination for the day was Parliament House. Our boys stole the limelight at a mock parliamentary sitting where they debated the introduction of a bill in the lower house. We were greeted by two members of Mr Swan’s office who apologized for his absence as he was in Brisbane! The afternoon was spent at the War Memorial. This place never ceases to amaze. We took a short trip up Black Mountain to see the Telstra Tower and take in the panoramic views of the city. Thank you to the Kedron-Wavell RSL sub-branch for sponsoring our students. From all accounts the trip was a great success and we have been humbled to have been given the opportunity to represent the College at such an event.

Ben Sitarz
History Teacher
From the Pastoral Care Team

PRIDE

Each year, a new group of Seniors embarks on their final journey at Padua College. As they begin this journey, they set themselves goals on what they would like to achieve in their last year of schooling. They develop a motto for the year and attempt to achieve their goals in an effort to leave a lasting impression on their time at Padua. In 2012, the motto of the Senior Leaders is "Through unity we foster pride and spirit."

In this motto, two very distinct terms are prevalent, pride and spirit. For the students of Padua College, pride is about demonstrating your enthusiasm for College life. Students can be proud of the outstanding facilities the College offers, the unique learning and co-curricular environment they contribute to, their shared Franciscan values and the mutual respect that is embraced by staff and students.

More often than not, we hear about the pride the boys have in their school. We hear about their success on their last exam, how they enjoy sitting in La Forresta at lunch or about their sporting victory on the weekend. What can be disappointing is how some students choose not to exhibit this pride.

Attending school inappropriately attired does not show pride in Padua College. Having no top button, forgetting your blazer or not wearing your hat, does not show pride in your school. Nor does disassembling your uniform as you leave the sight of the College each day!

Pride is a public emotion. It was outwardly demonstrated by all the student volunteers at Open Day last Sunday. This week the entire College has a chance to support this year’s seniors and foster the pride and spirit of the College with the opening of new grandstands at Banyo. I encourage all boys to head out for our Rugby and Football matches against Iona and show your school pride and school...
spirit. Wear your uniform proudly and show your spirit by cheering throughout the day!

**Uniform Slips**

This Thursday PC teachers will issue a uniform slip to students who regularly fail to meet the uniform expectations of the College. This slip is for students who have worn or damaged uniform or who cannot wear their uniform appropriately (e.g. Cannot do their top button up). If your son receives one of these slips, could you please ensure your son’s uniform is amended or replaced asap.

**Immunisations**

This week the Year 8s will receive the first of their annual immunisations. They will receive a further booster later in the year, as will the Year 10s. Should your son require a booster (Year 8 or Year 10) and you did not receive a consent form earlier in the year, could you please visit:


and complete the required consent forms. These forms can then be returned to your son’s House Guardian at the College.

**Bully Busters Day term 2: One Punch Can Kill and Poster Competition**

As part of the forthcoming Bully Busters day, the boys in Years 8-12 will be visited by Paul Stanley form the Matthew Stanley Foundation. Mr. Stanley’s the father of Matthew Stanley who was tragically killed by a single act of random violence against his teenage son.

The students in Years 5-7 will be exploring the role of the bystander in bullying situations and will be involved in a poster competition to help publicise this.

Watch this space for further updates.

Ben Lowrie
It's nearly May and we all know what that means. The young men in blue are busy organising the traditional breakfast to honour our very special Mothers of Mitchell. Flyers will be distributed next week inviting interested Mothers of Mitchell students to accompany their son to a special breakfast designed and prepared with loving hands by the boys themselves……carefully supervised!

The doors of our pop up restaurant La Cor ready open on Friday May 11 from 7:15am – 8:15am. Please come along and enjoy a light meal with some lighter entertainment and chances to win some special gifts for a modest cost. Numbers are limited and the spots fill quite fast so it's first in best dressed. It beats what they had planned for you!

Craig Nicholson
Mitchell House Guardian
Padua College Foundation

Sportsman's Dinner 2012

Strictly limited seating! Tickets won't last!
This event sold out for three consecutive years! Don't miss out this year!

Friday 8 June 2012
The Grand Ballroom,
Tattersall's Club,
215 Queen St, Brisbane City
7:00pm to 12:00am

This great night includes:

- Including Calcutta for the Group 1 Stradbroke Handicap (raced the next day at Eagle Farm)
- Raffle and Silent Auction Items including Melbourne Cup item, and Viv Richards signed and framed bat

Costs:
$135 per person or
$1300 for a table of 10
includes two course meal &
4 hour drinks package

MC: Justin Karcher
Guest Speaker: Rodney Hogg

Rodney 'Rocket' Hogg, is one of Australia’s great fast bowlers, up there in the pantheon with the likes of Dennis Lillee and Jeff Thompson. Blond, blue-eyed, aggressive and menacingly fast, his test and ODI records speak for themselves. In 38 tests he took 123 wickets at an average of 28.47, and in 71 ODIs he claimed 85 wickets at an average 28.44. For such a quick bowler Hogg was remarkably consistent.

Hogg will also remind you he scored a test 50.
During his career cricket was in turmoil with the advent of World Series Cricket and rebel tours to South Africa. Yet through all this, Hogg was the spearhead of the Australian attack and frightened batsmen across the globe.

Jacket and tie

Organise your table now!
RSVP and payment (cash, cheque or credit card) to Sharyn Biddle on 3957 9907 or by email to sbiddle@padua.qld.edu.au. Tickets will be issued upon payment. Please supply your postal address upon booking. Numbers are strictly limited, so book early – as this event has sold out for the last three years! No tickets sold on the night.
I am arranging a Year 7 father / son fishing trip during the first week of the school holidays. This would be a full day charter leaving at 5.00 am from Scarborough and returning at 3.00 pm.

Interested? Please contact me on paulatwood1@gmail.com


Paul Atwood

Yr 7 Parent
Photo Gallery

Sports Assembly

Cross Country
Malaysian Football Tour
2012 Term Dates

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C Hess

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G Ryan-Hunter

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A MacDonald
G O’Shea
K de Zubicaray
JI recently attended this year’s “Entertainment” Book launch. If you have never purchased a book or maybe have in the past, please take the time to look at the current offering as the savings are many.

The book is a great fund raiser for the college and its details can be viewed on the web at - www.entertainmentbook.com.au. You are able to purchase the books from the office.

Just a reminder the next P&F meeting will be on 8th May and will be the first general meeting for the year, so there will be a number of items to go through.

I would also like to remind parents Robert Out will be giving a presentation on the direction of the college over future years. Robert will be 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 will be a very informative night.

Future P&F date claimers are:
8th May – General meeting & College Direction Presentation – Robert Out
12th June – General meeting / Guest speaker
10th July – General meeting
11th Sept - General meeting / Guest speaker
9th Oct – General meeting
13th 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.
On Tuesday mornings in the Parish Hall, the SAMARITANS hold an ACTIVITIES MORNING for the elderly or anyone else seeking companionship. It’s a fun, social morning. Activities include Bingo, Craft and Games (such as Scrabble and Chess and others). Help is provided by our volunteers when needed. Morning Tea is served at 11.00 am and the Entry Fee is $3.00.

Do you have a parent or grandparent whom you could invite and maybe bring to our Centre? It is school terms only. Bingo commences at 10.00am but people are in the hall early, having a chat and a cuppa so you can arrive anytime after 8.30am.

We also need help with kitchen duties and drivers, and if you wish to volunteer we would welcome you with open arms.

Any profit we arrange to make helps support local charities.

Contact Diana on 33551631 or email ps650197@bigpond.net.au or simply turn up at the Parish Hall.
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6:00pm – 11:00pm
Saturday 5th May 2012
Pre-order $35.00
At Door $40.00

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Finger Food, a Live Band, DJ and entertainment included.
There will be Raffles and Auctions throughout the night.
This is a family friendly and licensed event. No BYO.

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ADULTS $25
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GREAT FOR THE COOL DAYS
LIGHT WEIGHT FABRIC

$20

GRAB A BARGAIN AT
THE UNIFORM SHOP
Sony Foundation/Marist Children’s Holiday Camp

Planning is now under way for the tenth Sony Foundation Marist Children’s Holiday Camp. This means that we are inviting applications from families with children who would benefit from participation. The camp provides four days of care, friendship and entertainment for children with disabilities. It also provides families of these children with some respite as senior students volunteer to take on the role of companions. The camp offers facilities, twenty-four hour medical staff and care of the highest standard. Due to the demand for places, children can attend the camp only once.

As we are supported by the Sony Foundation in this camp there will be no cost to parents.

The camp is held at Marist College Ashgrove from Saturday 22 to Tuesday 25 September, 2012. We are hoping to include children from both city and country areas. If you know of children and their families who may be interested in further information about the camp, please contact:

Luke McMahon
Ph No. 3858 4581
mcmahonl@marash.qld.edu.au

Application/Information Forms are available by phoning Denise on 3858 4534.
or
downloaded from the Marist College website

APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2012 CAMP CLOSE ON FRIDAY 13 JULY 2012.
“Tell Us What You Think About Parenting”

The Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland is conducting research into parents’ thoughts about parenting and parenting programs around the world. If you have a child between 2 and 12 years, we would love to hear your views on your parenting and the services that are available to you as a parent. We are looking for parents with a child aged 2-12 to complete a short survey. To find out more or to participate please visit http://psy.uq.edu.au/ips.
Paduans for Sale...
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Current and previous copies of Paduan are for sale ($60).
Payment required on order, please contact Sharyn Biddle on 3857 9907.

Come join us for

Little Flower Parish Hall
Turner Rd

Date:  Friday 25th May 2011     Time: 8.30am-11.30am
All welcome bring a friend, plate to share and donation

Contact Di Morris 0412535510 or Fiona Cassidy 0416741342 for more details.

See you then.