Dear Parents

In the course of this week, I had occasion to escort a group of building consultants around the school as part of the planning process for the future building program. One of the young engineers ventured a comment to me that the students were very well behaved. The comment wasn’t a surprise to me and generally speaking, the boys are a credit to the school and their families. However, as you would know, good behaviour and discipline requires constant vigilance.

Recently, I have had occasion to speak to the boys about their on field behaviour in AIC sport. I would appreciate this behaviour being reinforced and modeled by parents. The AIC have a Code of Conduct, but more importantly, Padua College has its own set of expectations. Those expectations from the Student Handbooks are as follows.

Students' behaviour is expected to be of the highest standard at all times. The Players' Code of Behaviour involves:

a) Playing sports for the good health they promote and enjoying being involved in sporting activities with friends, and for the satisfaction that comes from doing your best, which will mean accepting victory and defeat in the same, well balanced manner.

b) Playing by the rules of the sport and accepting the decisions of the officials, umpires, referees and selectors.

c) There is never any excuse for bad language whether at training or when playing. Students using bad language or racial taunts will be removed from the field and will be
suspended from playing sport for 2 weeks.
d) Giving your teachers, coaches, parents, spectators and officials the respect and thanks they deserve for training you, supporting you, transporting you and generally making your sport possible.

Remember that any poor sporting behaviour reflects badly on you, your parents, your coaches and your school.

**Parents** whose behaviour is inconsistent with what is expected of their sons are not welcome at Padua College sporting events.

Additionally, the boys were addressed last week by Mr Paul Stanley from “One Punch Can Kill”. It was a moving and sobering address and I would expect that all of our boys take that message very seriously, even on the sporting field.

Whilst I am on the “harangue”, I would like to reinforce with parents the need to observe the traffic regulations around our schools, especially the drop off zones. At the last P&F Meeting, there was considerable discussion about some people, who park in the drop off zone, thus causing considerable inconvenience to other parents. In my view, the most effective way of dealing with this issue is to put it in the hands of the Council and the Police. However, it would be preferable for the small minority to have more consideration for the majority. In fairness, I will also speak with my counterparts at St Anthony’s and Mt Alvernia to address this issue with their parents.

Also at the last P&F Meeting, I outline the timetable for our addressing the Strategic Proposals that were approved by the Board of Directors late last year. These proposals will form the backbone of the next Strategic Directions 2012-2016 document. If you are at all interested, I will be discussing parent ideas for Padua College at the
next P&F meeting on 12 June. If you have a view, please come. To whet your appetite, on the next page, I have included an image of the new buildings from the current plans under discussion.

During the week we had some great news for eight of our students who have been successful in gaining Defence Technical Scholarships. General D J Hurley AC DSC, announced scholarships to;

David De Innocentis
Michael Hamer
Nicholas Bradbury
David Williams
Joel Downey
Harrison Cahill
Drew Stewart
Joshua Vaughan

Have a great fortnight.
Pace e bene
Robert Out
Rector
Last week I was listening to some Year 10 boys discuss Religious Education as a compulsory subject at Padua. In a world of choices, a fair question. You probably know, even from our new Archbishop that there is much pressure put on Catholic Schools from the hierarchy, that Catholic schools be faith formation centres. I am not certain it is working!

It seems to me that ideally we receive our faith from our families, that it is in the home that faith is caught and faith is taught. Then the school through its Religious Education programme reinforces what happens at home, and then it is all celebrated in the local parish church that gathers believers in a vibrant worshipping community.

While I lament the secular philosophy of some of our families, and the less than exciting sermons from some of our priests, those who have had anything to do with schools know the central importance of the teacher. They are not simply instructors, but the teacher teaches himself or herself first, and the subject second.

When I was Parish Priest at Kedron I was approached by two students from Australian Catholic University and quizzed on my evaluation of the Catholic Education programme of the Archdiocese.

In a few words I said I was indifferent to the programme, but not to the teachers who were to take this into the classroom. I put a few questions to them- "Did they have a relationship with God and Jesus? Were they committed Catholics or Christians? Were they regular in attendance at weekend Mass? Did they involve themselves in any social justice outreach programmes?"

I don’t think we can take seriously the idea that we are teaching
religion unless we have some firm convictions about the material we are teaching. It is one thing to hold a Masters Degree in Religious Education; it can be little more than an academic achievement, unless it is accompanied by deep belief.

I am sure that Padua does an excellent job in teaching the boys about Jesus, but what about the boys knowing Jesus- about moving from an historical figure to a person in whom we have a relationship.

I am pleased to see that among the many secondary boys who attend Friday lunch time Mass here at the College, there is also a good number of staff.

Our staff ultimately are the gatekeepers of the Christian and Catholic identity and authenticity of Padua, and it is they by their example that prevent us from slowly drifting into a mere secular philanthropy.

Fr John
Franciscan Appeal 2012.
Sponsorship has been slowly trickling in these last couple of weeks. Can we all make a big effort to finalise this with in the next couple of weeks so that our representation to the friars can be made? Thank you for your support in our biggest fundraising venture for the year. Last total amount I heard collected was just under $10 000. Is $30 000 possible this year?

Year 12 Camp
Most boys have now been allocated their camp days – a few boys are to finalise this. This camp is an important time for our seniors to be away together for the last time as a year level before graduation. The camp dates again are: Camp 1 = 9 – 11 July; Camp 2 = 11 -13 July.

Mitchell and Odoric Year 12 Students and Families
The request for baby and Year 1 photos has gone out to families. Your cooperation in sending those as soon as you can and before the end of the term would be greatly appreciated.

Grigg House Eucharist
On Tuesday night this week the first of our House Eucharists for 2012 was held. A great number of Grigg families were in attendance. Thank you for making the time to be at this important House Event.

Beirne House Eucharist
Beirne House families are reminded that your House Eucharist has been re-scheduled for Thursday 31 May at 7.00 pm in the Little Flower Church, Kedron. It in expectation that every family be present. Supper afterwards at La Cordelle rounds off what is a wonderful House event. Se you there on the 31st!
Power House of Leaders Student Formation Day

On Monday Student Leaders Lucas Brankovich, Stephen Chinnery and Lewis Wiseman came with me to this annual event organized by Brisbane Catholic Education on behalf of the archdiocese. It was one of the best days of this kind I have attended and thoroughly enjoyed by the boys. Keynote speakers on the day included our new archbishop Mark Coleridge, Kha Do (Young Australian of the Year 2009), Robin Moore (the name may not be familiar but Robin is the voice behind many cartoon and advertising characters like Blinkey Bill). It was a high energy day of sight, sound, music and faith/leadership formation.

‘The Hill’ Franciscan Blog

Don’t forget Br Matt’s weekly Franciscan blog. See the contact details below.

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/
www.facebook.com/bromattisafoth
NAPLAN:

This week all of the Year 9 students (as well as the boys in Years 5 and 7 on the Eastern Campus) have been engaged in the National Assessment Program known as NAPLAN. By the time this Bulletin is published, the boys will have completed the five papers, comprised of three Literacy tasks and two Numeracy tests. These tests reflect the high importance our society attaches to literacy and numeracy skills for all students, and we hope that all of our Year 9s have performed to the best of their abilities. Parents will receive their sons’ individual results in Term 4. We congratulate all the Padua students in Years 5, 7 and 9 for the way in which they approached the tests and for their conduct of themselves during this week.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Jon O’Driscoll for leading and managing the NAPLAN testing procedures on the Western campus. Under his leadership the tests have been organized and conducted in strict accordance with the requirements, after many weeks of thorough preparation for both staff and students. I extend my thanks, also, to the Year 9 English and Maths teachers for all their work with their students to prepare for NAPLAN and their conduct of the tests with their own classes. Additionally, we thank Mrs Janet Jedroszkowiak, Head of Curriculum for Languages, and Mr Paul Mansfield, Head of Curriculum for Mathematics, for leading the program of preparation with the Year 9 teachers and students throughout this term and previously.

Assessment time again:

As always the weeks of the academic year seem to be passing very quickly. This week we have reached the half-way mark in this term and all students should now be engaged in a variety of assessment tasks. I encourage all parents to monitor their sons’ lists of assessment tasks due and to assist the boys to manage their time well to ensure that all assessment tasks are completed by the due dates, without being rushed to completion after being left to the last minute. Students who have difficulty managing their academic commitments are encouraged to seek help with this from one of the Counsellors, Mrs Sally Dwyer, or Mrs Jane Goodwin.
**Senior Study Evenings** are being offered once or twice each week for students in Years 10, 11 and 12. These sessions provide to students the opportunity to stay on at school in the afternoon to spend an extended period of time working quietly or helping each other in study groups. The many boys who took up these opportunities last term found them very valuable.

**Peer tutoring** is also available to all students at lunch time twice a week in Seminar Room 3. These sessions are organized and conducted by the student members of the Academic Committee and their volunteers, led by Stephen Chinnery of Year 12. I commend Stephen and all the students involved in this wonderful initiative. I encourage all students to consider accessing the assistance available during these lunch time peer tutoring sessions.

**Year 10 students are preparing for the future:**

The Year 10 students are about to begin the processes which will lead to their selection of their Senior Pathways and subjects and courses for next semester and next year. All Year 10 students are required to attend the **Information Evening on Tuesday 29 May**, with at least one member of their family. Hot food and tea and coffee will be on sale at the tuckshop during the first part of the Information Evening, from 4.30 to 6.30pm. By now all year 10 families should have received the email notice about the Information Evening on Tuesday 29 May. Please send your son to ask for a print copy of the notice if you cannot access the email.

**Year 9:**

Year 9 students will soon be asked to select their elective subjects for next semester. Their Subject selection Forms will be due for return to Mr Stower soon after they have been distributed.

Parents of Year 9 and Year 10 students are asked to assist their sons to meet the deadlines and due dates for the completion and return of their Subject Selection Forms, please.

**Family holidays and students’ absence during the term:**

Once again this year we are receiving messages from parents who have organized family holidays and similar events which will take their sons out of school during the term. Padua’s statement of our guidelines for parents in this regard is published in the Students’ Handbook. Parents are respectfully requested not to plan family holidays during term time. Students who are absent during the term will miss teaching and learning activities, opportunities to prepare for assessment tasks, and sometimes even the tasks themselves. We cannot re-schedule all assessment tasks which might occur during the days or weeks when students are absent from school for such reasons. Thus, we ask all parents to support their sons by prioritizing their studies when planning family and social activities during term time.

Best wishes to all students for success in their studies and their assessment tasks during the final month of this term.

Trish Dwyer

Vice Rector, Curriculum.
1 HOUR. 2 EASY. 3 LIVES SAVED. DONATE BLOOD.

Padua College
80 Turner Road

Friday 25 May 2012
8.00am – 2.30pm

To book an appointment please contact Mr O’Brien on 3857 9986 prior to the visit or for any medical enquiries phone 13 14 95.

To prepare yourself before donating on the day:

- Drink at least 4 glasses of water or juice, minimize caffeine and avoid alcohol.
- Have a good size meal in the hours before donating.
- Please bring your personal Photo ID ie. Driver’s Licence, Student ID and;
- Underage Consent Form signed by a parent (for 16 and 17 year olds) and if you are a NEW DONOR your Enrolment Form.
One Punch Can Kill

Last week the boys in years 8-12 were privileged to be addressed by Mr Paul Stanley. In September of 2006, Matthew Stanley lost his life after being bashed outside a teenager’s party, aged just 15. Matthew was the son of Paul and Kay Stanley. After an outpouring of community grief, Paul and Kay responded by joining forces with other community members to form the Matthew Stanley Foundation (MSF). The Matthew Stanley Foundation seeks to promote non-violence and mutual respect among young people and responsible behaviour in the adult community.

Mr Stanley conveyed three very clear messages that seemed to resonate with our students.

1. This very circumstance could happen to you.
2. Always ‘Walk Away and Chill Out.’

One punch can kill!

Mr Stanley’s address was highly engaging and it was clear his messages were understood, as the emotion in the room at the time was numbing.

As Mr Out has previously mentioned, it is disappointing that the behavior of some boys did not reflect the messages shared by Mr Stanley, last Saturday at Banyo.

As parents I implore you to discuss this presentation with your son and share the emphasis of ‘One Punch Can Kill!’ It is always better to ‘Walk Away and Chill Out!’
From the Pastoral Care Team continued

Public Transport
A growing number of Padua students commute daily via public transport, to and from the College. Students on public transport are reminded that they should demonstrate courtesy and respect at all times. In particular, students should not block the aisles of buses and trains, should be aware of the tone and volume of their conversations and where applicable, give up their seats for senior community members.

Students should also be reflecting College expectations regarding their appearance and grooming when wearing their College uniform within the wider community. Students caught not adhering to this expectation may receive a relative consequence.

Ben Lowrie
Vice Rector Pastoral Care

Grigg Student Makes U15 QLD School-boys for Volleyball

Young Andrew Bannerman from Yr 10 attended the Volleyball School Titles Competition at Runaway Bay Sports Complex last week. Andrew played in the U15 Met North team and was an integral player helping the team go through undefeated and only dropping one set along the way. The Met North team went on to beat Met East 3 sets to Nil in the grand final. Andrew has been selected in the starting U15 Qld Team to compete at the National Titles at Bendigo later this year in August. Andrew was a member of the 1st VI Padua team this year and is one of our success stories for the Volleyball program here at Padua College. Well done Andrew- another Grigg Student achieving the best he can!
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

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.

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

Major Sponsor:
Harvey Norman

Organise your table now!
RSVP and payment (cash, cheque or credit card) to Sharyn Biddle on 3857 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.

Dress code:
Jacket and tie
The Australian Defence Force Gap Year Program has ceased following the 2012-2013 Federal Budget announcement on Tuesday, 8th May. The decision is part of the reprioritisation of Defence expenditure, which has been carefully designed to protect our service-men and women and our Defence operations and to minimise the impact on core capabilities. Current Gap Year Program applicants will be contacted by Defence Force Recruiting in the near future to discuss other available options. These include a number of jobs requiring only a one year commitment.

What other alternatives are there to Gap Year?

The Army is currently offering the following jobs which have a one year initial minimum period of service:

- Administration Clerk
- Air Dispatcher
- Cargo Specialist
- Cook
- Dental Assistant
- Driver
- Finance Clerk
- Groundcrewman Mission Support
- Military Police
- Operator Movement
- Preventative Medicine
- Supply Coordinator

Other alternatives include the Royal Military College Duntroon, New Entry Naval Officers Course and the Australian Defence Force Academy.

The Air Force Reserve Airfield Defence Guard role offers 11 months full time service followed by four years of part-time service commitment.

The Navy, Army and Air Force Reserves are also an attractive alternative for part-time work, especially considering your salary is tax free. Note: Opportunities for Navy and Air Force Reserves are limited.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Careers Promotion Team by calling (07) 3016 2431 or via email at CPTQLD@dfr.com.au

Jane Goodwin
The primary school has been a hive of activity over the past weeks and this will continue to until the end of term. The Year 5 students have been on their Brisbane City colonial walk. They marvelled at the sights and sounds of the city, admiring our colonial past and observing some of Brisbane’s oldest buildings.

Last Thursday evening also marked the celebration and Mass for the Year 5 Mother/Son night. A wonderful experience for all mothers, Mass celebrated with Fr John and activities and reflections back in the classrooms with their sons’ will be a cherished memory for a long time to come.
The Year 7 students attended Mummy: Secrets of the Tomb at the Brisbane Museum and were exposed to the wonderful histories of the ancient world. They embarked on a groundbreaking journey to ancient Egypt where this spectacular exhibition from the British Museum revealed the life and death of an Egyptian priest and told his story through an extraordinary 3D film and an exhibition showcasing more than 100 ancient objects.

The Year 7 students will host their parents later in the term for “Ancient Egyptian Feast Day”, when the boys will dress in traditional clothes and eat traditional Egyptian foods. Definitely a photo opportunity for parents!!

Enjoyable learning experiences continue to happen as the term rolls on. We are very lucky to have such wonderful teachers who are continually giving of their own time to ensure the learning continues. Could I remind all parents to clearly label and mark their sons clothing, it can become an extremely expensive or cold term for your son if he loses his jumper and other items of clothing. Thanks for your vigilance in regards to this and we look forward to sharing more of what’s happening in the primary school in a few weeks time.

Kind Regards,
Chris Webb
Acting Curriculum/RE Coordinator
Primary Campus
Met North Sport

Congratulations to the following boys who have made Met North Sporting teams this year;

Liam Hart - Hockey
Rhys Kelly - Triathlon
Lawrence Garufi - Triathlon
Mitchell Caulfield - Triathlon
Mitchell Lauchs - Touch Football
Jackson Whicker - AFL
Andrew Bannerman - Volleyball (Andrew was selected in the QLD team)
Rowan Herklots - Water Polo
Jacob Martin - Swimming (Jacob qualified for a State Final)
Riley Allen - Swimming
Harry Jones - Swimming
Paul Comerford - Hockey
Adam Battams - Hockey
Cameron Cole - Tennis
Danny Heenan—Rugby League
Scott Maguire
Using Technology to Promote Reading

The library uses several forms of technology to communicate with students. The longest running one has been my Blog, ‘This is the Best Book Ever’. I have been uploading reviews to the edublogs site since February 2009. Some months I may post 3 or 4 reviews, while others I am not so prolific. I mostly review YA books but sometimes I promote an author interview or the cover of a yet-to-be-released book.

Another more recent place is facebook. The page was created late 2010, and only has about 330 ‘likes’. I do not promote it too loudly since I am aware there are concerns about social networking sites, particularly among younger students. I try to post one link a day, Monday to Thursday, usually about reading. However, I do also refer students to links about information literacy and the impact of technology of our lives. I encourage parents who use facebook to have a look and see the sorts of way I am interacting with your sons.

A much newer technology is QR Codes. I am not sure how many of you are familiar with this way of communicating information. Basically it is a barcode which is able to be read by a smart phone or tablet application. People download the app, take a photo of the code with their camera, and the code will direct them to a website with more information. So, you can see in the photo included, the QR code situated near the books. Students can find out much more about the book from the website. It’s a fun way to let students discover educational and informative ways to use their mobile devices.

Technology continues to impinge on our lives in the most unexpected ways. This term so far for me has been jam-packed full of digital stories and election campaigns, and the Year 9s are about to start using wikis in their poetry unit. Students have been using a range of technologies to produce exciting electronic assessment pieces. We have all learned heaps!

Until next time, keep reading!

Trisha Buckley | Teacher Librarian
History
Incursion

Photo Gallery

Paul Stanley – One Punch Can Kill Campaign

Drum Experience
Football at Banyo 5 May
Rugby at Banyo 5 May
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**Date Claimers**

- Grigg House Eucharist @ 7pm
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On Tuesday 8th May, the P&F held its first general meeting for the year and as expected it was a full and engaging meeting.

All present were fortunate to hear Robert Out give an informative presentation on the direction of the College over the next 5 years.

Topics discussed were:
- Teaching structure & curriculum changes
- Number of Houses increasing to 6 (no names or colours yet)
- The increase in the number of year classes
- Building works

Robert is looking for feedback from as many parents as possible. If you would like to provide comment please do so via the college or P&F. This is your opportunity to offer feedback on these important changes.

Also discussed:
- Parking issues around the school
- Grandstand seating at Banyo fields
- Artscape this year

Full details on these and all items discussed can be found in the minutes.

Future P&F date claimers are:
12th June - General meeting
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.

John Titmarsh
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.

YOU ALONG WITH ALL PARISHIONERS OF THE KEDRON PARISH ARE INVITED TO THE ‘PARISH THINK-TANK’ TO HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 24 MAY.
At 7.30pm
Facilitated by Michele Vuleta (from the ‘Faith and Life Office’)
Some areas of discussion will include: ~ Liturgy/Worship; Faith Education for all; How to involves all ages in the Community?; Outreach; Welcome and Care here at Kedron; Daily or weekly challenges within our Community; Leadership and responsibility – and much much more. All practical ideas are most welcome.

How can we make our Community more vibrant here at Kedron
Franciscans On The Hill
Kedron Catholic Parish,
Padua and Mt Alvernia Colleges

Invites applications for the following full-time position:

Franciscan Youth Ministry Coordinator
Kedron Catholic Parish and FOTH Precinct
(Commencing: July 2012)

Kedron Catholic Parish is a prayerful, caring community living in the spirit of St Francis. Under the care of the Franciscan Friars, Kedron Parish maintains a unique and sustained relationship with the schools that surround it. Together the Parish and School communities provide a unique and integrated faith based learning environment for our youth.

The successful applicant will work across the Parish and School Communities in collaborative partnership to:

- Provide pastoral and spiritual support
- Create opportunities for faith development
  Promote and advance Franciscan values

A commitment to Catholic faith development and a willingness to be involved in the full life of the Parish and School communities is essential.

Applications in writing or via email, including the required Application Form (available from the Parish Office 3357 5540) should be addressed to The Parish Priest, Kedron Catholic Parish, PO Box 111, Kedron 4031 or email pa.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Applications close – 12 noon Friday 15th June 2012.
MOUNT ALVERNIA and PADUA COLLEGES are proud to present the Musical

“DUSTY: the original Pop Diva”

with a student cast of 100s and Orchestra of present and past students

PERFORMANCE DATES

THURSDAY 24 MAY—7.30 PM (special price all tickets $20)
FRIDAY 25 MAY—7.30 PM
SATURDAY 26 MAY—7.30 PM
SUNDAY 27 MAY—6.30 PM (special family time)

ADULTS $25
CONCESSIONS/CHILDREN $20

The Colleges have a wonderful reputation for musical theatre productions. Come along and see the story and hear the fantastic music of pop icon Dusty Springfield.

Tickets on sale soon ... check website for details
www.mta.qld.edu.au
At 13 when Sonny was first diagnosed with cancer his life changed drastically from soccer training, homework and school life, into a fierce battle with disease. When he was first diagnosed he was given a 20% chance of survival. This June marks Sonny’s tenth year of battling this disease.

During the past ten years he’s been through extreme pain, to incredible heartache, to stress, to hope and then repeatedly back to extreme pain again. While most of his friends have now finished their university degrees, Sonny’s degree has been continually put on hold. While other friends have finished their apprenticeships, Sonny has been too sick to work. While some have been able to party through their teenage years, Sonny’s life has been, for the most part, spent in a chemo chair with a drip running through his veins.

As his mother, it has been heartbreaking to watch Sonny go through so much suffering from such a young age and for so long. Yet at the same time he has been a tower of strength and a source of not only admiration to me and those around him, but inspiration also.

He once said to me when he was sick during one of his relapses, “Mum my life hasn’t turned out the way I’d planned.” It’s the most he’s ever said. He has never complained and he has never asked why him. For a young person who has suffered so quietly and courteously for so long, Sonny is a truly exceptional human being and one genuinely loved by so many people.

There is no cure for Sonny but there is always hope. Please help us raise funds to pay for the new drugs and treatments that can help keep Sonny in remission.

Keep it Sonny

CLICK HERE TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

ABN: 52 734 802 942
DGR Approval for Cash Donations
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.
You are invited to
the 20, 30, 40 and 50 year reunion of

Mt Alvernia College
Classes of 1962, 1972, 1982 and 1992

Saturday, 2 June 2012
at Mt Alvernia College - meet in Village Green
from 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Afternoon tea and a guided tour of the school
View Mt A’s history on display in the Delamore Room
Memorabilia will be available for sale

$10 per person
RSVP: 19 May 2012

20, 30, 40 and 50 YEAR REUNION - 2 June 2012

NAME: ___________________________  MAIDEN NAME: ___________________________

YEARS AT MT A: ___________ to ___________

Method of Payment: Cheque [ ]  Cash [ ]  Visa [ ]  Mastercard [ ]
(payable to Mount Alvernia College)

Card Number: ___________ / ___________ / ___________ / ___________  CSC # ___________

Expiry Date: /_____  Amount: $ ___________

Name on Card: ___________________________  Signature: ___________________________

Telephone Number: ___________________________  Email Address: ___________________________

Enquiries can be directed to Kerri Ketelhohn: email: ketek@mta.qld.edu.au
Address: 82 Cremorne Road KEDRON QLD 4031  Telephone: 3357 6000  Fax: 3857 2231
“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.

GETTOGETHER FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED QUEEN OF APOSTLES PRIMARY SCHOOL:
On Sunday night **May 20**th, the **5.30 pm Mass** will focus on the Youth in our Parish, and in particular, Year 12 students. Mass will be followed by supper. If you are a past pupil and know any other people from your Year 7 class at Queen of Apostles, please let them know about this Mass, as there are a few whom we have been unable to contact. I hope you are able to attend the Mass and get together. If so, please phone the Parish Office on 3356 7155 by Wednesday 16th May, 2012.
Q of A Dinner Dance

In celebration of 50 wonderful years of Queen of Apostles School come and join us for a night of good food, great music and fabulous company.

GET THE WORD OUT, all past students (over 18 only please) staff, family, parish members and friends are all very welcome!!!

Saturday 26th May, Kedron Wavell Services Club - Blue Pacific Room
Drinks and Nibbles 6:30pm, Dinner 7:30pm
Tables of 10 $60 per head includes hot platters of savouries on arrival and 2 course meal
Full Bar Available
Fantastic Live Band "THE PARTY CLUB"

Tables have started selling please book now ....Please contact Mandy Grace for bookings. Payment required with booking either by cheque to Queen of Apostles P&F or preferred option direct deposit

Q of A P&F Association
BSB :064786
Account:512050100
Please use your surname as identification
Contact Mandy Grace for any enquiries on 0409044910 or mandygrace@internode.on.net

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 0418741342 for more details.
See you then.
**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings – away from the distractions of everyday living. 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:** 10th – 12th August, 2012

**Venue:** Santa Teresa, Ormiston QLD

**For bookings/details contact:** Terry and Rhonda Boyle tel. 07 3352 3328 or boyle tj@powerup.com.au  Information website: www.wwme.org.au
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL PARENTS

NEW ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES
The Federal Government is providing new cash payments to help families with cost of living pressures.

New schoolkids bonus
- Parents will receive $100 for each child in primary school and $200 for each child in high school.
- Paid automatically in two instalments to families living in the bands 1 or 2 for Term 1 and Term 2.
- It will replace the Education Tax Refund from 1 January 2013.
- The full amount will be paid early in Term 1, 2013.

New $600 increases to family payments
- 18,500 low income families will receive an increase of up to $1,000 a year in their Family Tax Benefits Part A Payments from 1 July 2013.
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- Families receiving the maximum rate or part of the maximum rate of FTB Part A with two or more children will receive an extra $450 a year on each child.

Extra money to help with the bills
- Mobile assistance will be delivered to 17,000 low income parents to help with fuel and electricity, gas and water.
- Singles will receive $120 while couples will receive $240.

The remaining assistance will be paid directly to low income parents through the tax system.
- $120 per Commonwealth Pensioner and child for family payments for each family with a member of a couple.

18 Weeks paid parental leave
- The Federal Government has introduced Australia’s first national Paid Parental Leave scheme.
- Paid Parental Leave will provide parents the financial security to take time off work to spend with their newborns.
- The scheme gives employees working parents up to 18 weeks paid parental leave at the rate of the National Minimum Wage currently about $1,500 per week.

50% Childcare rebate up to $7,500 per child
- The Federal Government has increased the childcare rebate to cover 50% of your costs.
- This is now not means tested.
- You can now receive the rebate year-round when going to nursery or pre-kindergarten.

More support for families with teenagers
- The cost of raising children does not fall as children get older.
- This year, the Federal Government is providing a bonus to low income families with teenagers through the tax system.
- The bonus will help about 250,000 low income families raise their teenagers.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?
Contact your local MP Wayne Swan or visit www.australia.gov.au/householdassistance.