Dear Parents

In recent times there has been some media focus on the topic of school funding and the Government’s adoption of recommendations that were contained in the Gonski Review. Earlier this week the Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, announced that “every independent school in Australia will see their funding increased” under the Government’s new funding model. On the same day, the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) Chair, Mrs Therese Temby welcomed the announcement and promised that the NCEC would continue to work with the government in a bid to secure “proper funding for Catholic Schools into the future”. At present Catholic Schools operate at a funding level lower than State Schools, so it is imperative that no Catholic School loses any funding under the new arrangements. For more information on future funding for Catholic Schools please follow the following link:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xWyO-IaobfA

Last Tuesday night I had the great pleasure of attending the Senior Formal which was held at the Gabba. All the boys and their partners looked fantastic in their formal attire. The boys respectful attitude towards their guests and the manners they displayed were a credit to their families and the College. Well done to all Year 12 boys who attended!

In recent weeks some of our debating teams and our instrumental musicians and AFL teams have achieved success in external competitions. Firstly, I would like to congratulate our Open Debaters and their coaches Mrs Gauld and Ms Asimus on reaching the second round of finals in the QDU Debating Competition. In addition, I would like to thank Mr Lavey and Mr M O’Shea, the coaches of the U16 AFL team on their teams win against
From the Rector

continued

Ashgrove in the AIC final. Finally, congratulations to Mr Dodemont, Mr Beyer, Mr Twedell and Mr Taylor on their recent performances and the five Gold and five Silver awards that our FCIP bands and ensembles received last Sunday at the Catholic Colleges Musical Festival. A great effort!

On a final note, I would like to remind all parents and students that we are entering an important stage of our academic year. Year 11 and 12 Exam Timetables plus all Year level Assessment Calendars have now been distributed to all students. Now, more than ever, all students should be committing themselves to their study, homework and revision and ensuring that all assignments are completed to the best of their ability and submitted to their teachers by the due date.

Thanks

Simon Stower
Acting Rector
One of the most widely read and influential books to appear after the Second Vatican Council was Avery Dulles’ *Models of the Church*. In it, Dulles describes the mystery of the church under five models. Taken in isolation he claims, each model can distort the reality of the church. I wonder if that is not happening now! One of the models is the “institutional” model, and do we now see being played out an emphasis on the importance of structures, of official authority, of obedience to rules, of hierarchy? At its near worst is a level of patronising paternalism that seeks to keep women “in their place”, that forbids dialogue and discussion on the possibility of the ordination of women.

Furthermore, as any student of history would know, it was the institutionalised church that sanctioned slavery; that passively stood by to see the genocide of indigenous peoples; that presided over torture and inquisitions; and concordats with Hitler and Mussolini. In our own day Church hierarchy have so disastrously and criminally mishandled the sexual abuse by clergy and religious. The Pope, a few months ago in Dublin, dismissed the abuse issue with the gratuitous statement, “It remains a mystery.” No it doesn’t, it remains an unreported serious crime!

Over the past few months, the Vatican has been in dialogue with a group of renegade bishops (including one who denies the Holocaust) who refuse to accept the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, and at the same time beginning some sanctioning process against a group of U.S. Sisters who wholeheartedly live out in self-sacrificing service the social Gospel of Jesus Christ! As a friend of mine said recently, “Don’t any of them know how to run the church?”

If “the church” is principally a hierarchical society with the Pope at the top of the pyramid and the Bishops just below him, then the history of the church is a history of the Popes, a history of the Vatican, of heresies and schisms and of contests with secular governments. And it doesn’t know how to run itself.
If “the church” is fundamentally the People of God, (laypeople, religious and clergy alike) then its history includes more than papal directives, missives from the Roman Curia, and struggles for power. History has to take into account the lives and achievements of the vast majority of the church’s membership. The lives of ordinary people, religious working in schools, hospitals and on the streets, and “father” who is over worked ministering to three or four parishes—plainly “being Jesus” wherever they may be. Then give that church a chance.

From this year until 2015 we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, so let the entire people of the church “from the Bishops to the last of the faithful” (Saint Augustine) study afresh the documents of the Council, and expose ourselves to the transforming light and force of the Holy Spirit, as the Council Bishops did. Over these four years, let the cry “Adsumus” resound—“we are present and attentive”—not within the walls of the Vatican, but throughout the face of the earth—with the whole people of God. That may be is how to run the church!

Fr John
From the Vice Rector Formation

**Sacrament Liturgy**
This week a beautiful liturgy of reception was held in the Little Flower Church. Several members of our student body made arguably one of the most important decisions of their young lives thus far. What was that you ask? They chose to put their faith in God and become full members of the Catholic Church. This is a decision, not made lightly, and certainly one out of step with the common thinking of today. As a person born into our faith tradition a decision like this is even more courageous. May those students be filled with every good grace all the days of their lives.

**Poor Clare Sisters**
This week I had the opportunity of visiting Bethlehem Monastery located in Campbelltown in Western Sydney. The purpose of my visit there was to present the sisters with a Papal Blessing and a card signed by the College. The sisters were most grateful of the gift and thrilled that we are thinking of them in this special Year of Clare. Boys travelling on the pilgrimage to Italy in the September holidays will come face to face with the earthly remains of St Clare where she lays in the chapel of repose in the basilica that bears her name.

**Vale Fr Barry Kirby**
It was with a heavy heart that Padua farewelled a former teacher, Vice-Rector and Rector of the College, Fr Barry Kirby. After a long period of illness Fr Barry passed in Sydney. He was instrumental in many innovations at Padua none more so than the establishment of our outdoor education centre at Pomona that we know fondly as Amaroo. Every boy at the College spends some time each year at that facility which is a credit to the foresight of friars like Fr Barry. May he rest in peace.
Red Cross Blood Van
The Blood Van is returning! Well, not until the beginning of November but it is not too soon to begin planning for it. Boys 16 years and over by that time and who are in good health may donate. One donation can save up to three lives! Last year Padua came a very close second in a state wide ‘Club Red’ competition for community donations. I have been informed that we are leading that competition already! Anyone in the community may come along and visit the van when it is here. The dates again - **1 & 2 November.**

*Peace and all good*
*Michael O’Brien*
*Vice Rector - Formation*

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**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/](http://bromattisafoth.wordpress.com/)
[www.facebook.com/bromattisafoth](http://www.facebook.com/bromattisafoth)
From the Pastoral Care Team

Senior Formal

Last week during the Exhibition break, Padua College hosted the Year 12 Senior Formal. An enjoyable night was had by all and the boys and their partners looked very elegant. Photos from the evening can be viewed through the Just Photography website (www.justphotography.com.au) using the event code Padua12.

P&F Presentation

On Tuesday September 11, Wendy Mulchay, from Mulchay Ryan Lawyers will make a special presentation to the parents of students from Padua and Mount Alvernia Colleges. The presentation is a community-based educational information session held to address the issues confronting children and young people in society and using technology.

The presentation will tackle issues of cyber-safety, drugs and alcohol use, the prevention of harm and youth crime. I strongly encourage all parents to consider attending the evening and to stay informed on the issues our students/your sons are facing in the wider community.

Ben Lowrie
Vice Rector Pastoral Care

Andrew Bannerman Yr 10

We wish Andrew of Grigg House all the best this week as he goes into camp for the National Volleyball Titles to be held this weekend in Bendigo Victoria. Andrew will be competing in the U15 QLD side and was a proud member of our 1st VI volleyball squad this year. We wish him and his teammates all the success they deserve. Go Queenslander! Go Grigg spirit!

Kind Regards
Dan Cull
Grigg House Guardian
Young People, Technology and Criminal Law

This is a community-based educational information session held to address the issues confronting children and young people on a proactive basis.

- cyber-safety,
- the Police,
- the Law & Drug usage,
- advice on prevention of harm
- protection of rights.

11 September 2012
7.30pm
Padua Auditorium

RSVP 7th September
Ph 3857 9999 or email admin@padua.qld.edu.au

This is a FOTH special event
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

This week all of the students who received Academic Excellence Awards at the Special Assembly Honouring Academic Excellence on Thursday, 2 August, will receive a badge to wear with their uniforms indicating that they have achieved this honour in 2012. Unfortunately the badges were not available in time for the Assembly three weeks ago, but we trust the boys will still be happy to receive them even if they are a little late. I encourage those boys to wear their badges with pride and I encourage other students who aspire to achieving Academic Excellence to continue working towards that goal.

ASSESSMENT TO BE A PRIORITY NOW:

The remaining weeks of this semester will bring involve many assessment tasks in all year levels. All students are encouraged to use the Assessment Calendars and their Student Handbooks to assist them to ‘keep track’ of all their tasks and tests so that all due dates are met and to ensure that they are prepared for all tests without having to stay up too late working in ‘panic mode’ the night before an assignment is due or a test is to be held. Year 11 students, especially should be preparing for their exams which begin in a week’s time. Parents, please assist your sons by ensuring that school work and school commitments are given priority in planning family activities over the next four weeks.

YEAR 12 QCS TESTS IMMINENT

The very important QCS Tests will occur during the next fortnight, on Tuesday and Wednesday, 4th and 5th of September. We wish the Year 12 boys every success in the Tests and we ask all members of the Padua community to pray that they will remain calm and focused during those two days, able to apply in the tests all the skills and knowledge they have developed over the past two years.
MORE VISITORS FOR CURRICULUM EVENTS

Padua teachers continue to enrich the students’ curriculum experiences through organizing presentations and visits with guest speakers in a range of areas. Last week Mrs Trisha Buckley, Teacher Librarian on the Western Campus, took a group of students from Years 8 to 12 off campus to meet some of their favourite authors as part of our celebration of the Year of Reading. Mrs Buckley herself, a member of the Children’s Book Council, has also spoken to many of our Year 8 and 9 classes this week about the books which were contenders for prizes this year.

Mr Michael O’Rourke, Year 11 and 12 Economics teacher, welcomed Mr Paul Syvret, of The Courier Mail to Padua this week to speak to the students studying Economics in Years 10 and 11. An engaging and knowledgeable speaker, Mr Syvret addressed some of the mysteries of world economics for the students and teachers, as well as sharing his experiences as a journalist. His presentation was another valuable fillip to our curriculum and a very topical one in these times of economic uncertainty.

Thank you, Mr O’Rourke and Mrs Buckley for your contributions to the enrichment of our curriculum during this past fortnight.

YEAR 10 TRANSITION:

This week the Year 10 students begin the final stage of their SET Planning process in PALS lessons with their PALS teachers. Each student will complete his SET Plan booklet and the draft of his Application for the Senior Pathways this week and next. During the first week in September the teachers will meet with each student for a brief interview to check the draft before students receive and complete the Applications for Senior Pathways. Parents, please discuss with your sons the contents of the SET Plan booklet and his responses to the various sections in the booklet.

My best wishes to families and students for the coming weeks.

Trish Dwyer
Vice Rector, Curriculum
At the 2010 AGM, when the CBCA National Executive chose the 2012 Book Week theme, we did take into account that Book Week would almost align with the Summer Olympics. So our theme, ‘Champions Read’ paralleled nicely.

Children who read are champions, and need to be acknowledged as such. There are so many exciting activities vying for their time, it is good to see boys who find time in the day to read. I try to encourage this by making a wide range of texts available to them all, hopefully catering to individual tastes and ability levels.

On Friday, the Book of the Year Award winners were announced, and as the Qld Judge for this process, I am proud of the choices. All these authors and illustrators are great champions themselves, offering a terrific mix of quality books.

Older Readers: Scot Gardner ‘The Dead I Know’
Younger Readers: Kate Constable ‘Crow Country’
Picture Book: Bob Graham ‘A Bus called Heaven’
Early Childhood: Nick Bland & Freya Blackwood ‘The Runaway Hug’

All Short Lists, Notables and honour books are available on the website: [http://cbca.org.au](http://cbca.org.au)

As part of my attempts to further encourage readers, I offered about 25 boys the opportunity to join me at Chermside Library last Monday to hear Irish author Derek Landy. He spoke with great wit and charm, and signed all our books. We had a great time.

(Picture: Boys showing off their signed copies at the library)

I will be celebrating and acknowledging those boys who borrow heavily, and speaking to classes about all the books and their reading. It’s a great to be a library!

Trisha Buckley | Teacher Librarian
Padua AIC u16 AFL Champions

2012
Athletics Carnival 2012
Athletics Carnival 2012
VOCA TIONAL EDUCATION NEWS

Year 11 Certificate in Construction and Year 11 Camps
Due to the creation of the new House groups for 2013, those boys in Mitchell and Boyd-Boland Houses doing the certificate II in Construction will NOT be able to attend the Brendale classes this term.

This is because their camp clashes with the CAIT Brendale booking for Padua.

As there are several more sessions programmed at CAIT, these boys will be able to make up any missed modules at a later time.

These boys will be in no way penalised as a result of the clash of dates.

Yr 10 SkillsTech for 2013
Many boys have returned applications for trade courses at SkillsTech for 2013. If your son has not returned an application, he should do so ASAP.

Yr 10 TAFE courses 2013
TAFE have not yet released their school offerings for 2013. I will notify the boys as soon as I receive news and will copy the booklet onto “Sharepoint “in Vocational Education/Shared Documents for your perusal.

Mark Diviney
38579916
voced@padua.qld.edu.au
From the Vocational Education Coordinator continued

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**Brisbane North Institute of TAFE**

**Schools’ Program Guide 2013**

**INFORMATION EVENINGS**

Brisbane North Institute of TAFE is holding Information Evenings for school students interested in undertaking a Schools Program in 2013. Students, along with parents/guardians, are strongly recommended to attend to learn more about the programs, ask questions and receive important selection criteria applications.

Information sessions commence at **6:00 pm** on the following nights:

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**Programs on offer:**
- Animal Studies
- Horticulture
- Ithaca Campus **Thursday 23 August 2012**
  - Fulcher Road Red Hill
  - Room: 5.1.26

**Programs on offer:**
- Beauty
- Café Magic
- Children’s Services
- Design Fundamentals
- Interior Decoration
- Tourism/Events
- Visual Arts

**Redcliffe Campus** **Monday 27 August 2012**

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**Programs on offer:**
- Beauty
- Children’s Services
- Media

**Bracken Ridge Campus** **Tuesday 21 August 2012**

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**Programs on offer:**
- Business Admin (Legal)
- Design Fundamentals
- Future Business Leaders
- IT Networking
- Media
- Visual Arts

**Bracken Ridge Campus** **Tuesday 28 August 2012**

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**Programs on offer:**
- Children’s Services
- Cook Around the World
- Events/Hospitality
- Fitness
- Hospitality
- Nursing and Aged Care *
- Tourism/Events

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* Year 12 only

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TAFE Queensland
Over the EKKA break our FCIP Music students have been busy performing at the Qld Catholic Schools Music Festival.

The Queensland Catholic Schools and Colleges Music Festival (QCMF) is the premier event on Queensland’s Catholic Schools and Colleges annual music and arts calendar and is coordinated by Villanova College at Coorparoo. The QCMF is a celebration of all things musical covering a diverse range of genres within the classical and contemporary styles. Performers range from six to eighteen years of age and participate in brass, wind, string, percussion, jazz and choral ensembles including a magnificent combination of these in choirs, orchestras and a variety of bands.

The growth and increasing professionalism of the music festival has evolved significantly. The first music festival conducted in 1991 attracted a total of 12 schools and colleges delivering 43 ensembles. By contrast the 2011 festival was run out of four separate venues, it attracted nationally recognised adjudicators, 93 schools and colleges from various locations throughout Queensland, featuring 361 separate ensembles with a total of 11,300 on stage appearances by students, and a large contingent of music teachers.

This year five Ensembles achieved GOLD awards and five Ensembles received SILVER awards for their performances.

**GOLD AWARDS**
- Rock Band
- Jazz Ensemble
- Junior Concert Band
- Intermediate Strings
- Junior Strings

**SILVER AWARDS**
- Senior String Orchestra
- Wind Ensemble
- Intermediate Concert Band
- Junior Chamber Strings
- Percussion Ensemble 1

Trevor Beyer
This offer is available for a limited time only, so don’t miss this fantastic business networking opportunity!

Call PC Graphic Art on 07 3358 4654 for a booking form today.
FOTH Community Business Directory 2013

BOOKING FORM

STEP 1. Print and Online Business Listing Details

These will be the contact details listed in the book and on the website.

- Business Name: ................................................................. Category: .................................................................
- Contact Person: (name displayed in listing): .................................................................
- School Association: □ Mt Advena College □ Padua College □ St Anthony's Primary School
- Relationship: (select no more than two): □ Current Parent □ Past Parent □ Past Pupil □ Friend □ Supporter □ Supplier
- Address: ................................................................. Postcode: .................................................................
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- Facebook: ................................................................. Twitter: .................................................................
- Licence Numbers (eg GBA, ARL) .................................................................

STEP 2. Print Advertisement

Please tick the Print ad size you would prefer:

- Cover Page (140x210mm): $925
- Full Page (120x190mm): $650
- 1/2 Horizontal (120x98mm): $460
- 1/4 Horizontal (120x49mm): $360
- 1/4 Vertical (80x98mm): $350
- 1/8 (50x49mm): $170

Print ad Design

- Run same ad as last year, no changes
- Same ad as last year but with small changes
- I will supply a new ad
- I would like PC Graphic Art to design a new ad for me (this is a FREE design service)

STEP 3. Online Listing

Tick if you would like an image banner ad to visually accentuate your Online Listing:

- Large Banner (540x60px): $170
- Small Banner (225x115px): $120

PC Graphic Art will design all banners for no additional cost.

Please add 5 points to promote your business online:

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STEP 4. Submission

Please supply your completed Booking Form, Advertising Material, Colour Logo, 5 Bullet Points and Online Banner Images/ideas to PC Graphic Art via email: foth@factory@pcgraphicart.com.au, fax: (07) 3359 1351 or post: PO Box 776, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006.

STEP 5. Payment

Upon receiving your submission PC Graphic Art will email you an invoice for the total amount stated above. Payments can be made online or over the phone. PC Graphic Art will then email you a proof of your Business Listing, Print Advertisement and Online Listing for your approval before proceeding with publication.
Padua College
Foundation Race Day

Derby Day
Saturday November 3, 2012
12:00pm
Eagle Farm Race Course

Tickets $140

This includes:
• Entry to the track and ‘Past the Post Marquee’. Positioned right alongside the racing action.
• 5 hour food and beverage package

Dress Code
Gentlemen are required to wear a collared shirt, tailored trousers, covered dress shoes, plus either a tie or a tailored suit-style jacket or blazer.
Ladies are required to be dressed neatly in keeping with contemporary standards; no bare midriffs.

To purchase your tickets, contact Sharyn Biddle on 3857 9907. Tickets are limited so get in early in order to avoid disappointment.
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D Gardiner
L Rizzo

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS
For those of us disappointed there was no P&F meeting in August, cheer up we have another scheduled for September 11th and it will include a presentation from Mulcahy Ryan Lawyers on Young People, Technology and Criminal Law, further information regarding the night will be distributed later.

Also please remember to mark on your calendar the date for the Volunteers Thank You Function, it was a great night last year and I am confident it will be even better this year, so don’t miss out.

Future P&F date claimers are:
11th Sept  - Special Presentation – Mulchay Ryan Lawyers Parent Presentation
9th Oct    - General meeting
16th Oct - Special P&F Event – Volunteers Thank You Function
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
President

President
Come support our school and our local artists while helping to raise funds for the Padua College Parents and Friends Association.

What’s happening:
Saturday morning sneak preview
9am - 1pm followed by the

GALA OPENING NIGHT
Saturday 20 October
Doors open 6.30pm for 7pm start

Tickets $35
Available from August through the Main Office - Ph: 3857 9999

What’s included:
Canapes, complimentary drink on arrival, lucky door prizes, musical entertainment and much more.

What’s happening:
50 artists’ work on display including feature artist Pamela Gough,
two bands from FCIP, announcement of Gala Art Prize winner and the People’s Choice Award.

Sunday morning Craft Market
9am - 1pm

Enquiries
Call Lynda McCormack - 3857 9935
e-mail artscape11@hotmail.com
Find us on Facebook under Art Scape.
The Uniform Shop will be OPEN for a special trading day on October 20 from 9am-12noon.
CSIRO Holiday Science

Something to tell your students about!

A whole day of hands-on science experiments and activities for children aged 7 to 12.

28 September OR 2 October 2012
University of Queensland (St Lucia Campus)
ST LUCIA  QLD  4067

Cost:  $65 Double Helix Member / $75 non member.

Times:  9.00am – 3.00pm. Children need to bring their own food and water for the day.
Please note: nuts and products containing nuts are banned.

Note: Parents do not need to attend. Children will be signed in and out of the care of the CSIRO staff.

Activities during the September-October school holidays include:

- Investigating density and creating a Cartesian diver
- Explore colour, light and make your own kaleidoscope
- Examine energy, create and test a mousetrap racer

Sessions are limited to 30 children so bookings are essential!
For more information and bookings: www.csiro.au/events/SQ10-Holidays
Community News

ONLY CROSS WHERE SAFE & LEGAL

Be Railsmart.
queenslandrail.com.au/railsmart

QueenslandRail
Injury or death at level crossings, or as a result of trespassing in the railway corridor, is very real. Please stay alert near railway tracks, and ONLY cross at designated crossings where it is safe and legal to do so.

Did you know?
- Last year there were 2752 reports of railway trespass on Queensland Rail’s City network including track crossings, children on tracks, objects on tracks, and vandalism.
- There were also 472 near misses at Queensland Rail level crossings last year.
- An unloaded 6-car train weighs 254 tonnes. A freight train can weigh up to 10,000 tonnes.
- A train moving at 60 or 80 km/h can take kilometres to stop. During wet weather stopping distances increase notably.
- Trains can't swerve and by the time the driver can see you, it is already too late for the train to stop. If there's a collision, the vehicle or pedestrian will come off second best.
- Disobeying level crossing signals or trespassing on railway property is not only dangerous, but also illegal and you could receive a fine.
- There are over 8200 CCTV cameras on the network, as well as Railway Squad police officers and mobile security patrolling the network.

Keep yourself safe
- Only cross railway tracks where it is safe and legal—use overhead bridge walkways, subways and marked level crossings.
- At level crossings, obey all signs and signals. Listen for a warning bell or train whistle, watch for flashing lights and always look both ways. Wait for the boom gate to be fully raised before crossing the tracks.
- More than one track means more than one train may be coming. You may not be able to see or hear the second train.
- When you are on the platform, stand behind the yellow line.
- When riding your bike, walk it across the tracks when crossing at a marked level crossing.
- Walking or playing on or near railway tracks is dangerous. Never take shortcuts across tracks or through railway property. It is not worth risking your life.

To report unsafe behaviour on the network call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000