Welcome back to Term 3

Welcome back to Term 3 and I trust that you had the chance to refresh and relax over the holidays. We return to school following the issuing of Semester One reports and begin the term with Parent/Student/Teacher (PST) interviews on Wednesday July 25 and Monday July 30.

I hope that parents have had the opportunity to discuss their son’s report. There has been much written around the ways in which schools communicate achievement to parents and students. Without downplaying the value in our current college report, we know that cannot, by itself, tell the learning story. The report should generate a conversation around learning between the parent and their son. You may like to ask these questions of your son around his report:

1. What specifically did you do to earn the report grade?
2. What do you need to do to earn a higher report grade?

These questions align with the questions staff will be asking as they visit classrooms as part of our professional learning program. The program supports the need for teachers to be clear about their learning goals for each lesson and the need for students to clearly understand how these goals link to the learning and assessment in each subject. As teachers and the College Leadership Team walk classrooms this term, we will be asking students questions about their learning. These questions are:

1. What are you learning?
2. How are you going?
3. How do you know how you are going?
4. How can you improve?

Parent/Student/Teacher interviews are a valuable opportunity for students to be part of the conversation around their learning journey. At these interviews, our boys need to be able to speak to their report grade and they need to leave the meeting understanding what they need to do in order to fully embrace the learning opportunities in each of their subjects.

Welcome to New Staff and Students

This term we welcome new students and staff to the College. We welcome four new students who join the Padua community. We also welcome the following new staff:

- Mr Ian Coles - Mr Coles will be taking a 4-week contract in the Industrial Technology and Design Department. Over the holiday we appointed Ms Evie Skinner to the position of Industrial Technology and Design teacher. Ms Skinner joins us from Villanova College and we look forward to her ongoing work in this department.
- Mr Phil O’Connor - Mr O’Connor replaces Ms Lapworth who is on Long Service Leave this term. Mr O’Connor joins us from Melbourne Grammar School.
- Ms Amal Eskiteh – Amal is part of the College’s commitment to the Work and Welcome Program. Amal will be at the College during Term 3 working on the Greccio Campus, in the library and office.
- Fr Paul Rout ofm – I am pleased to welcome back Fr Paul back to the College. Fr Paul was last at the College in 2016. Fr Paul is a past student of Padua and he will be working with staff and students in areas of Franciscan Spirituality. Fr Paul will also be delivering the St Bonaventure Lecture (details in this Bulletin).

Well done Harry Fox

I congratulate our 2018 1st XV Captain Harry Fox on his selection in the 2018 Australian Schoolboys Extended Rugby Squad. Harry had an outstanding national carnival in Sydney.
over the holidays representing Queensland 2. Harry was an outstanding player at Padua this year during the AIC season and his selection in the Australian team from Padua is pleasing for all those who are involved in our sports program.

Best Wishes to the ISSDC Team

I thank Mr Morris for his work with the International Space Settlement Design Competition and wish our boys the best as they head off on their tour of the United States this Thursday. This competition puts high school students in the shoes of aerospace industry engineers designing a space settlement. Students need to demonstrate creativity, technical competence, management skills, space environment knowledge, teamwork, and presentation techniques to conquer the problems posed by such a task. I congratulate and wish Christo Mohan (Year 11), Jacobson Harris (Year 10), Lachlan Tornabene (Year 10) and Brice Welburn (Year 10) all the best with the challenge.

Thank you to staff

I thank the many staff who were involved in holiday activities. This includes, the Cross-Country training program, Confraternity Rugby League in Charters Towers, the Basketball Clinic as well as the Gold Coast Tournament and the FCIP Music Camp at Lennox Head. I appreciate the commitment demonstrated by our boys and staff to be involved in these holiday programs.

NAIDOC Week.

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC week is not only a time for indigenous Australians to celebrate, but is a time for all Australians to recognise the wonderful contributions made by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to our nation. NAIDOC Week 2018 was held nationally from Sunday 8 July and continue through to Sunday 15 July during our holidays. Our assembly on Thursday was our time to recognise NAIDOC week.

Under the theme – ‘Because of her, we can’ – the week focussed on the importance woman have played in indigenous communities. Like in Western society, sadly, the role of indigenous women in their culture, society and voice has often been invisible, unsung or diminished. The ‘Because of her, we can’ theme recognises that for at least 65,000 years, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have played an integral role in keeping alive the dreaming stories, songs, languages and families of the oldest continuing culture on the planet. As Catholics, we know of the significant role Mary plays in our faith story. I trust that through this lens of the mother in our church, and their love of their own mother, that our boys can better appreciate the significance of the theme of NAIDOC, ‘because of her, we can’.

Peace and all good,
Mr Peter Elmore
Rector

A few weeks ago, teachers gathered from all over Australia for the EduTech conference where the guest speaker was Prof. Guy Claxton, from King’s College, London. Everywhere he goes he has faced questions about the role computers should play in the classroom. In response Claxton says, “they can make you either dumber, or they can make you smarter.” He adds, “I am more interested in how teachers over time shape kids attitudes and their mental habits.”

Warning that the key issue with using any learning apps and keyboards instead of handwriting, was the speed at which technology operates, and not the devices themselves. “I think the medium that you use to write has to match your speed of thought…. And there may be some kind of slippage between the speed you can write and the speed you can type. Your mind needs to be engaged. You can either just spew out the most obvious connections, in which case you are just shooting from the hip, or you can write something thoughtful, and it is probably going to be more thoughtful if your register of speed allows time for your cognitive processes to take place.”

Clearly, in some cases students using a learning app are simply playing games, rather than actual learning. The temptation is to mistake entertainment for student engagement when devices are used. Surely, technology works best when it is blended with old skills, like handwriting and the reading of hand held books.

Some educators speak of ‘digital dementia’, they believe that touch typing circumvents the natural pathways, especially memory that is laid down during the process of handwriting.

I would be curious to know if the art of the written word is in decline in this technological world? It seems to me that the key issue is whether the use of technology in the class room and at home-work time shapes our young people’s attitudes, their mental habits, curiosity, inquiry and rumination. Let’s not use technology as a way of avoiding reflection and time for serious thinking.

With so many more demands today on teachers’ time, it is tempting for teachers to jump on the latest technology and use it as a form of entertainment for their students, rather than seriously combine technology with some of the old skills they acquired when they were at school.

Fr John Boyd-Boland ofm

I think that most of us have learnt that one of the most important ingredients of success, is determination. Clearly, determination in itself is not a virtue; you might be determined to do harm to another person. Then too, you might be determined to raise money for some worthy cause, or become a medical researcher seeking a cure for cancer.
Determination means focusing your energies on accomplishing a particular goal. Hopefully a good goal, one that will bring happiness to others. It requires sacrificing some of the superficial gratifications in life so as to meet that goal. This requires strength of character and will-power. You can see this in those who train for cross-country, those who take up a musical instrument and practise daily, those who are determined to improve their grades, or realise that the team is more important than their personal selfish desires.

It takes ‘guts’ and real moral maturity to be determined to do the right thing at all times.

You have to admire such people - they make our school and our world a better place!

Fr John Boyd-Boland ofm

From the Pastoral Care Team

At Padua, we teach the virtues of courtesy and respect as two key components of a successful relationship. Unfortunately, these values are easy to avoid when you are happily behind a screen communicating or interacting with a digital society that includes people you may or may not know personally. The Pastoral team at Padua frequently notes the correlation between the breakdown of personal friendships and the way boys transfer online communication, to face to face interaction. A fact that is highlighted in the first few weeks of a term, as boys return to school, following increased holiday screen time.

On Monday at our start of term student assembly, we were able to announce to the student body that the new College mobile phone procedures were being enacted. A process that has been well supported by the community and to date, embraced by the student body. It is hoped that this decision will continue to improve the interpersonal development of our young men. More importantly though, Father John spoke at this assembly about the 5 key values represented in our College Mission Statement and how they can be embraced on a daily basis by the good men of our College. Specifically, he addressed the notions of Joy, Courtesy, Simplicity, Humility and Peace.

At Padua, you will often hear the teachers discuss these values with our students. More often than not though, there is a strong focus on the understanding of courtesy and its coupling with the notion of respect. For Paduans, an understanding and application of courtesy and respect should be paramount in our everyday lives.

We share the belief that having courtesy and respect for each other creates a harmonious community, it builds a positive learning environment and it enables us to find the best in an individual. Maintaining courtesy and respect ensures strong interpersonal relationships and appropriate forms of communication. To remain courteous and respectful at all times, whether it be online or when interacting personally with those around, will certainly go a long way to assisting a young man in his ability to build and maintain healthy relationships during his time at Padua and throughout life.

This week, why not start a conversation with your young man around what he knows courtesy and respect to be and see if it can translate into what this looks like at school and in your home.

Contacting Staff at Padua

A reminder that the Pastoral Care teacher is the first point of contact for all matters at the College. The best way to contact a staff member is using their College email address, which is their first initial, followed by their surname @padua.qld.edu.au eg. Ben Lowrie is blowrie@padua.qld.edu.au

However, should you need to contact your son’s Guardian, they can be reached directly on the details below:

Greccio Campus Office: 3857 9933
Assisi Campus Pastoral Care Centre: 38579981

Absentee Email: absent@padua.qld.edu.au
Late Email: late@padua.qld.edu.au

AIC Sport Uniform

This week is the first round of trials for our forthcoming Basketball and Tennis season. Just a reminder that any student participating in Basketball or Tennis for the College this term must be wearing Padua College socks as a part of their uniform. Padua socks can be purchased from the uniform shop on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

All other normal AIC and spectator uniform expectations apply. Students in Years 9-12 who remain behind after their match as spectators, are expected to change into their full College uniform.

Year 10 Camp

Best wishes to all the of the Year 10s who embark on their week-long wilderness expedition in the coming weeks. This camp marks the beginning of their final leadership journey at Padua College, culminating in the nomination of student leaders at the College in 12 months’ time. We look forward to hearing of their adventures upon their return.

Mr Ben Lowrie

Queensland Health - Influenza Prevention Measures

Even healthy kids can get seriously sick from the flu and they can spread it to others. Protect your child and others this flu season by:

- Know the common signs and symptoms of influenza in infants and children
- Keep sick children at home
Dear Families of Padua

This week Padua reflects upon and celebrates our diverse culture in a special way. Over the week through prayer and in community we focus our attention on the legacy, culture and presence of our indigenous Australians. Our past has not always been a happy one and it is right to acknowledge that in a week such as this. But if we are to be a people of hope, as the story of Jesus calls us to be, then we must look to the future ahead. This week at Padua, our daily prayers, the flying of both the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flag under the Australian Flag on the main College flagpole, our fortnightly College Assembly and Friday Mass all seek to focus our attention on the importance and place of NAIDOC Week in our national life.

Let us pray.

God of our past, present, and future, You have been present to this continent from the moment of creation. You gave life to the Indigenous nations that belonged to this land in the beginning. You have been present as cities emerged, populations grew, wars were fought, and a modern nation built. Throughout all this history you have witnessed the good and the bad, the joyous and the painful, the honourable and the shameful.

God of our past, grant us the ability to face up to the painful parts of our history.

God of our present, grant us the compassion and the willingness to learn and change.

God of our future grant us the courage to do what is necessary now to bring healing and reconciliation between Australia’s first nations and its newer arrivals, and the desire to celebrate now the history, culture and achievements of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

NAIDOC Week 2018

Last week Australia observed its annual NAIDOC Week. NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

NAIDOC originally stood for ‘National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee’. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself.

The theme for NAIDOC Week in 2018 is – ‘Because of Her, We Can!’ As pillars of our society, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have played – and continue to play - active and significant roles at the community, local, state and national levels.

As leaders, trailblazers, politicians, activists and social change advocates, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women fought and continue to fight, for justice, equal rights, our rights to country, for law and justice, access to education, employment and to maintain and celebrate our culture, language, music and art.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women – together with all indigenous and non-indigenous women - continue to influence us as doctors, lawyers, teachers, electricians, chefs, nurses, architects, rangers, emergency and defence personnel, writers, volunteers, chief executive officers, actors, singer songwriters, journalists, entrepreneurs, media personalities, board members, accountants, academics, sporting icons and Olympians, the list goes on.

They were pioneering women like Barangaroo, Truganini, Gladys Elphick, Fannie Cochrane-Smith, Evelyn Scott, Pearl Gibbs, Oodgeroo Noonuccal, Celiaua Mapo Salee, Thancoupie, Justine Saunders, Gladys Nicholls, Flo Kennedy, Essie Coffey, Isabel Cole, Emily Kame Kngwarreye, Eleanor Harding, Murn Shirl, Ellie Gaffney and Gladys Tybingoompa.

Today, they are trailblazers like Joyce Clague, Yalmay Yunupingu, Evonne Goolagong Cawley, Nova Peris, Carol Martin, Elizabeth Morgan, Barbara Shaw, Rose Richards, Vonda Malone, Margaret Valadian, Lowitja O’Donoghue, June Oscar, Pat O’Shane, Pat Anderson, Jill Milroy, Banduk Marika, Linda Burney and Rosalie Kunoth-Monks – to name but a few.

Their achievements, their voice, their unwavering passion give us strength and have empowered past generations and paved the way for generations to come.

Because of her, we can!

Our College Assembly this week celebrated NAIDOC Week with song, dance and guest speaker.

Term 2 Mission Focus – Franciscan Appeal: St Francis of Assisi College Timor-Leste.

Thank you to everyone in the Padua community who helped to make another annual Franciscan Appeal so successful. This year we raised over $31 000! A tremendous achievement. St Francis of Assisi College continues to grow and outgrow its current resources – as meagre as they are! This year, at the request of Fr Nico, Rector of St Francis College, we will be attempting to re-furnish up to 11 classrooms with new furniture. This will be no small feat. I will keep you posted as to the progress of this plan.
Timor Student Sponsorship

In my last couple of Bulletins I had made a request for extra sponsors from any Padua Families for a few more Timorese students. Your sponsorship would ensure that all the expenses for the 2018 would be met. Thank you to Grigg House and one Padua Family who have agreed to take on a Timor Student Sponsorship as a result of my request. Can anyone else help?? If you can help with these last few students your support would be wonderful. I appreciate that some of these sponsorships are high and so we would encourage a couple of families to sponsor one together. A payment plan would be easy to arrange. Please contact Lisa Farry or telephone 3857 9982 or email lfarry@padua.qld.edu.au

Ministo de Anan Pinto - Year 9 @ $770 (Boarder)
Alex Sandgre Paicheco - Year 10@ $800 (Boarder)
Tarcisio Doutel Sarmento - Year 12@ $800 (Boarder)
Lella Suryani - Year 10@ $800 (Boarder)

Please seriously think about whether you can help these young Timorese.

Mitchell House Eucharist Date Claimer

9 August - A date claimer for all Mitchell House staff, students and families!

Cosies Outreach Group Wool Appeal

Thank you to all those who sent in wool since my appeal last Bulletin. There are a number of projects on the go at the moment keeping the Cosies Outreach Group very busy. Some of the groups Cosies Outreach Supports are MAD (Make A Difference), Blind Eye Ministries, Micah Projects and Rize-Up.

If you can donate wool at any time (there are regular specials at Spotlight) the group always needs balls of 8 ply acrylic wool in dark colours as well as the Indigenous colours of red, yellow and black and Torres Strait Island colours of dark green, white and blue. Green coloured collection bins are located in the Greccio Office, St Francis Hall reception and the PC Centre.

Catholic Education Week 29 July – 4 August 2018

Once again, this year Catholic Schools across Queensland will celebrate Catholic Education Week (CEW). The theme for this year is ‘Discovering New Horizons’. A number of activities will be organised as part of the week to highlight our part in the Catholic Education of young people on the Northside.

I would encourage Padua families to support the variety of events that have been planned for this week – particularly the 9.30am Sunday Mass in Little Flower Church, Kedron.

A Program has been included in this Bulletin.

- 29 July - 9.30am Kedron Parish Mass
- 30 July - Curry Day (now to be held on Monday 27 August)
- 31 July - 2nd Annual St Bonaventure Lecture (Fr Paul Rout ofm Guest Speaker)
- 2 August - Winter Sleepover (for Years 10 – 12 students only)
- 3 August - T3 Casual Dress Day/Two Can Day

2nd Annual St Bonaventure Lecture

The second annual St Bonaventure Lecture will be held on the Tuesday night (31 July) of Catholic Education Week. Keep this date free. The lecture will be held in the auditorium. All families and friends of Padua are invited to this event.

This year’s lecture will be presented by Fr Paul Rout ofm, Old Boy and Past Dux of Padua. Fr Paul is a member of the Franciscan Order of Friars Minor. He is a Visiting Lecturer to YTU and lectures in Franciscan Spirituality. Fr Paul also lectures in Franciscan Theology and Spirituality at Heythrop College, University of London.

Fr Paul’s main area of interest is the Franciscan spiritual Tradition and its relevance for the contemporary world. He is
the author of the book Francis and Bonaventure. Fr Paul will be on staff at Padua College during Term 3.

The title of this year’s lecture is:

“The Importance Of The Values Of A Franciscan Education For Living Within The Church Of Pope Francis – In November 2013, seven months after his Inauguration, Pope Francis set out his vision for the future life of the Church: “How I long to find the right words to stir up enthusiasm for a new chapter in the story of the Church, one full of fervour, joy, generosity, courage, boundless love and attraction.” Our schools are committed to a Franciscan vision of education. Values that lie at the heart of this vision can play a vital role in the writing of this new story which, when it is written, will be one that the world would long to hear.

Supper will be served afterwards in the MPR.

“Please pray for the sick:
Ruth Webb

Please pray for those who have died:
Fr Jordie Warburton ofm (Kedron Friary)
Mrs Lisa Tonino
Maria, sister of Mr Paul Garuffi (Padua Teacher)

Term 3 Casual Dress Day – Friday 3 August

Our Term 3 Casual Dress Day will take place on Friday of Catholic Education Week. It is traditionally known as ‘2 Can Day’. Boys are asked to bring in either non-perishable food items or a gold coin (details about what to bring will be sent out via email to families) to help a variety of organisations re-stock their larders for the coming winter months. This is our designated ‘Act of Kindness’ event for Catholic Education Week.

Prayers and Intentions

Thank you to those families who have requested prayers for the loss of loved ones, for ill health making life tough for others. As a Franciscan Community we are always happy to include the prayers and intentions for people who need them. If you know someone who is ill, has died, or simply needs the strength of the power of prayer, please contact me mobrien@padua.qld.edu.au or lgardiner@padua.qld.edu.au so that we can include them in our Bulletin and pray for them at Friday Mass.

Peace and all good

Mr Michael O’Brien

Year 11 into Year 12 Information Evening – August 20

The Year 11 into Year 12 Parent and Student Information Evening for both OP and Non-OP will take place on Monday August 20 in La Cordelle. This is an important information session for Year 11 students and their families.

- Non-OP Pathway – 6:00pm to 7:00pm
- OP Pathway – 7:00pm to 8:30pm

It is expected that all Year 11 students on a Non-OP Pathway will attend with at least one family member.

Semester 1 Reports

Reports were published to My.Padua in Mi Class on Friday June 28. Students and parents have access to reports in the Document Manager section Mi Class which is accessed via their My.Padua account. The semester report format has changed this year with comments being replaced by indications on students work habits under the headings of: Effort in Class, Behaviour in Class and Self-Directed Learning. Each of these
headings will be given the indicators Always, Mostly, Sometimes, Rarely and Never. In addition to this change, the numbers of each grade in a cohort will also appear on the report, thus giving parents an indication of where their son sits relative to the whole year level for a particular subject.

Parent Student Teacher Interviews – Term 3

Parent Student Teacher Interviews will occur in Weeks 2 and 3 of Term 3. These provide the opportunity to you and your son to speak with his teachers about his learning. If you have urgent questions regarding your son’s learning that you would like to address before Parent Student Teacher Interviews, please email his class teachers directly.

PLEASE NOTE: Bookings for Parent Teacher Interviews will occur via My.Padua in the Mi Class section and will be available from Wednesday July 18.

The New Senior Secondary System in Queensland

With the New Senior System being introduced in Queensland for the 2019 Year 11 Cohort, the College has been planning for the changes at faculty and College level and has run parent information sessions for parents of students currently in Years 8, 9 and 10. In addition to this, the QCAA has a range of resources designed for families and students. Their Frequently Asked Questions page for the New Senior System provides a clear overview to the changes and addresses some of the common questions that stakeholders have. The link to this page is listed below:


Mr Jason Pacey

Padua Library

Happy Term 3, everyone! We hope that you all had a wonderful, restful, and story-filled break. School holidays are an opportunity to rest and rejuvenate in preparation for the new term; allowing us the opportunity to reflect on what we accomplished, what is still to be done and what we could do better. Padua library does this every term and it is helping us achieve great things.

This term we look forward to:

- The arrival of our new individual style furniture for Silent Study in the Assisi Library, the one space in the school where we can go to clear our minds or quietly focus on a task, outside of class time.
- Book Week is coming, and we will celebrate throughout August, to focus on promoting reading, with our annual Book Week parade on the Greccio campus on Friday, August 24. This year’s theme is ‘To Find Your Treasure’, and we will be encouraging the Greccio boys (and staff) to dress up as a favourite book character and bring either the book, or a print of the front cover with them.
- We also have a few surprise events in the works and hope to be able to confirm these soon.

We are very blessed at Padua, with a school that values libraries and specialist library trained staff. While some countries are doing incredible things with their libraries (Norway, Finland and China), others are closing their libraries or cutting their specialist staff.

Here are some very clever and creative library events that have happened in the world:


Finland is building the world’s largest library.

Troy Library: Book Burning Party The Book-burning party.

Padua College continues to promote the improvement of literacy through the provision of wonderful specialist library staff, who continuously:

- build collections of books that boys enjoy reading;
- create vibrant and creative displays to promote great literature;
- and are happy to talk books with anyone, who will stop long enough to ask a question about what to read for themselves or their classes.

We need libraries and library specialists to help us navigate the information jungle that exists, now more than ever. For those wondering exactly how much information is created every minute, this infographic is interesting:


And there are hundreds of thousands of books published around the world each year:

https://ebookfriendly.com/countries-publish-most-books-infographic/

With so much information being created every day, our skilled library staff ensure that we have professionally curated collections of books, databases, videos and Libguides to make reading, learning and research so much easier to access.
If you would like us to provide any additional services or support around reading and research, please contact the Head of Library.

Wishing everyone another great term of reading and research.

Yours in books,
Ms Hochstrasser and the Library Team

Digital Integrations

Access to Term 3 Units

Your son will now have access to all his Term 3 Units through My.Padua. All assessment dates for the coming term will be available through the Due Work icon on both your son’s and your dashboard – an image of where to find this information on your view is below.

Safe Gaming – 5 tips

As the hype around online games such as Fortnite continues, here is a link to information from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner with tips for parents.


Also have a look at the PaduaTV link in My.Padua for information on Fortnite

http://padua.qld.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/online-game-fortnite-special-report

Mrs Tanya Anderson

School Snapshots

Our Cross-Country team and coaches headed off for an invigorating run up Mt Coot-tha on their last day of Cross Country Camp. Well done everyone!

Congratulations to Year 6 student, James Tisdell who recently competed in the Gold Coast Marathon 10km run placing 14th from 71 competitors in the 12-14 years age group. James enjoyed meeting up afterwards with some Padua Old Boys who also ran in the Marathon. A fantastic effort James!

Congratulations to 2018 1st XV Captain Harry Fox on his selection in the 2018 Australian Schoolboys Extended Rugby Squad. Harry had an outstanding national carnival at St Ignatius last week representing Queensland 2 playing maximum minutes in each game. Padua proud!
The FCIP Senior Music Camp enjoyed beautiful weather at Lennox Heads this week, with students managing to balance rehearsals and various activities.

Congratulations to Charles Barbour, Marcus Buchanan, Flynn Collett and Chris Buchanan who represented Queensland at the Pan Pacific Youth Water Polo Festival. All boys competed strongly with Marcus and Flynn coming away with a silver medal and Chris winning a bronze.

Community

James Bond Games Night – Saturday 1 September

Come along and support our UK 2019 Football Tour at our James Bond Games Night. Tickets $35.00 per person. RSVP before Friday, 24th August via the following link

https://payit.nelnet.net/form/xQRe1gEE
Stafford Police will again be baking for an amazing paws – RSPCA Cup Cake Day!

Our famous community cupcake stall will be open on:
Thursday 9th August
From 7.00am – 4.00pm or until the goodies are gone.
Right out front of the foyer at Stafford Police Station
If you can’t join us on the 9th August – you can still make a much needed donation via the link below and click on the green Give Now button.


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 reconnect, rekindle and refresh your relationship.

Our next weekend will held 3 to 5 August 2018.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-EXg5wPahFc

Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston QLD (on Brisbane’s bayside)