



The Bulletin

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The Rector



Year 12 End of Year Celebrations

At the start of this term I gave my by now well-rehearsed speech to our Year 12 students about the importance of ending the year well. I gave them the usual lines about no 'muck up days', working hard to the end and being mindful to honour those who have supported them during their school years. As parents and teachers we know that the adolescent years can be times of great joy, sometimes broken by periods of despair. We know that teenagers can sometimes appear ungrateful and self-absorbed but we must also remember that it is a period of great change and uncertainty as they develop from child to adult. Ralph Waldo Emerson encapsulated this challenge of the teenage years when he said "To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment". For those who work in schools, this journey of discovery from the awkward adolescent to the day of graduation day is something that defines our work in Catholic schools. So, it is with this context in mind that I write the following article around how we should define the end of the school journey for our boys.

Remembering and honouring the journey is important. We live such busy lives that we often fail to fully embrace and be present in the special moments of life. In a world often described as devoid of ritual we need to be deliberate about taking the time to recognise key moments in life. Like many of my generation, I reflect on past rituals and social etiquettes that seem to have long since disappeared in favour of instant messaging and social media. An RSVP, family gatherings for birthdays, a hand written thank you note, all seem to be things of another generation. More recently, I cringed at a football match when some fans yelled out during the minute silence acknowledging someone's passing. Some would argue that such behaviour is linked to a growing lack of respect of

ceremony and ritual. While I understand that we shouldn't make judgements because of behaviour at one football match, I do believe that we need to be more deliberate about how we educate young people about the importance of traditions and rituals. Undoubtedly, as our Year 12 boys begin to count down their final days at school, media attention will be drawn to 'Schoolies Week' celebrations and the antics of 'school muck up' days. In some quarters, these events are seen as the defining events which mark the end of school life. Many would argue that the rise in popularity of such events has occurred because as a society we have lost our sense of ritual and occasion. Whatever the cause, some in government and the media, have in some ways legitimised the frivolity. The result is that some students have been conditioned to believe that 'Schoolies Week' is the defining event which marks the end of their school life. This makes our work in schools so much more important as we begin to formally farewell our boys and in doing so, celebrate this important transition in their lives.

So, as we begin this time of farewelling our Year 12 students, I have reminded all of our students about the importance of formal celebrations and the risks associated with teenage parties and celebrations. Running alongside our end of year events will be pastoral care activities and guest speakers about not only staying safe, but importantly, also staying true to their values. The graduation of a child and their transition to life outside of school is a highly emotive and joy filled occasion for parents. It is a time when the events organised by families and schools should be the focus of the celebrations.

While I hardly expect this newsletter excerpt to change public opinion, or for a Year 12 student to suddenly ask for a refund on their accommodation bond (is this even possible?), it is important that we remind students that Schoolies Week is not the real celebration. The College goes to considerable lengths to organise events to recognise this important occasion. The events are well planned around the symbols and rituals that have been part of the story of their school life. However, the real celebration should be in families. The place where there has been support, guidance, encouragement and unconditional love. Without these there would be nothing to celebrate. So my message to parents and students is to take the time to

recognise the event as a family and don't allow Schools Week to be the focus. In concert with the events put on by the College, these family events will return the balance back to a more dignified and respectful way to celebrate the end of twelve years of school.

I look forward to joining parents at the Year 12 Graduation and Year 12 Vale Liturgy, as well as our College Prize Giving Evenings. Seeing your son graduate from school is a moving moment for parents. As we get closer to this time, I know that many mums and dads will be reflecting on the journey. A journey that probably began with nerves and excitement on day one of school, through to the confident young man walking out the gate on graduation (probably also with nerves and excitement about the new journey). This journey was so simply put by a Year 12 boy last week when I asked him about his feelings around graduation. He simply said, 'I am glad mum and dad sent me to Padua - it's been a really good experience'. Let's complete the experience with a dignified and meaningful graduation week.

Leaders for 2018



Last week we announced the student leadership team for 2018. I acknowledge all students who put themselves forward as part of our leadership selection process and in doing so recognise that the selection of student leaders in schools is never a precise process. We know that there will be boys who missed out on leadership positions who shrug off the disappointment and go on to be outstanding contributors and leaders in our community in 2018. Well done to the following boys who have been selected for leadership positions. I look forward to our leadership camp this coming weekend.

2018 Student Leaders



College Captain	Joseph Cox
College Vice Captain	Riley Clarke
Beirne House Leader	Rohan Moore
Beirne House Leader	Gareth Mortleman
Boyd-Boland House Leader	Harrison Fox

Boyd-Boland House Leader	Rory Nixon
Grigg House Leader	Max Spokes
Grigg House Leader	George Conlon
Kirby House Leader	Alex Downes
Kirby House Leader	Sean Adams
Mitchell House Leader	Thomas O'Donnell
Mitchell House Leader	Arthur Stower
Odoric House Leader	Karthik Ramasubramani
Odoric House Leader	Connor Smith
Community Leader	James Walker
Co-curricular Leader	Jack Hyland
Academic Leader	Flynn Pearman
Pastoral Leader	James Ross

Prayers Please

Please remember in prayer this week all who are grieving the loss of loved ones. We remember particularly the Jones family, Lachlan and Nathan (Year 10 Odoric House) who are mourning the loss of their sister Madeline. May she rest in peace.

Peace and all good,

**Mr Peter Elmore
Rector**

Padua College Fees Reminder

With the end of year fast approaching, we would like to remind families that all College Fees are to be paid **IN FULL**, no later than the **31st OCTOBER 2017** as per previous advices sent throughout the year to all families.

In order to keep College Fees to a minimum, it is imperative that all Fee accounts be paid on time.

With thanks

The Chaplain



Is it the end of civilised discourse? Passionate, hysterical, aggressive, and violent, seem apt descriptions of the so-called debate among some proponents on either side of the same-sex marriage argument. Free speech and the unfettered ability to debate issues on university campuses seems to be a bygone phenomenon. Where universities were once the arena for the sharing of ideas, they are now the bastions of violent protest, and the shutting down of debate.

It seems to be happening in our church as well. It is salutary that all of us can put forward our views on church matters. I find it disturbing that some are accusing Pope Francis of heresy.

Maybe we should not take the accusers all that seriously- no cardinals, bishops or well-respected theologians among them. But anyone who spends just a short time on social media would note the vitriol and judgmentalism aimed at Pope Francis and his supporters. Here there is anger, arrogance, pride, ridicule and unkindness- not the marks of Christian humility.

The Second Vatican Council reminded all of us that the church is always in need of reform, borrowing from St. Augustine, "Ecclesia semper reformanda est" (the Church is always reforming) Indeed, because there was no reform of the church in the middle ages, the Protestant Reformation resulted. Today, we see a Pope who has a reform agenda. I don't think the Pope is afraid of being challenged and he has shown a refreshing openness to debate and disagreement within the church. That should be welcomed.

Too often in the past, church reform has failed. This because there has been an over-emphasis of defending church dogma, not how it is received by the laity. (*sensus fidelium*)

This "sense of the faithful" concept plays a central role in Catholic Christian theology. It is one way of doing justice to the scriptural theme of the common priesthood of the faithful. In its Dogmatic Constitution of the Church, the Bishops of Vatican II offered a classic formulation of *sensus fidelium*, "the whole body of the faithful who have an anointing that comes from the Holy One cannot err in matters of belief."

We are challenged to look at the signs of the times in the light of the Gospel. The calling of papal synods and the forthcoming 2020 synod of the church in Australia invite all of us to work together, to discuss, listen, learn and discern how the Gospel of the Good News of Jesus is to be authentically lived out in our complex and changing times, that all of us become better witnesses to the gospel. We remember that it is Christ who sends us out as builders of his kingdom in our world, and to free the world from the iron law of exploitation that robs people of their dignity and worth.

Fr John Boyd-Boland ofm

COMPASSION

It is what Jesus felt when he saw the crowds that followed him.

"When he saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity, for they were like sheep without a shepherd" (Mark 6:34)

Without providing solutions or answers, compassion brings healing and health. We reach out to others, endeavouring to understand their sufferings and be with them in their suffering. It is a defining characteristic of a Franciscan way of being with people. It is an ability to be with others, to listen to them in their pain and suffering.

Francis did not live in a monastery waiting for people to come to him for help and understanding, he took the initiative and moved out into the villages of Umbria to offer compassion.

This is especially so with Francis in his encounter with lepers, who were treated with disgust by society, and by the church, as they were seen as riddled with a dreadful and contagious disease.

Most important and central to Francis' own religious experience, was that in meeting the leper and reaching out in compassion, Francis met God - the God of humility and vulnerability!

In the life of Francis, we see a young man grow and mature from a self-absorbed and materialistic young man, to the humble, sensitive and compassionate man whose life inspires all of us at Padua.

Formation

Dear Padua Families

This week we focus our attention on the issue of poverty and hardship. Australia is often called the 'lucky country' because of our access to the many good things of life. However, as a number of Year 12 boys have realised for themselves this year, when volunteering for one of three Rosies Vans we support, (Logan, CBD and Aspley) that poverty and hardship can affect many families and individuals.

The main aims of Anti-Poverty Week are to:

- strengthen public understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship around the world and in Australia; and
- encourage research, discussion and action to address these problems, including action by individuals, communities, organisations and governments.

St Francis devoted his life to serving those in poverty and St Clare insisted that her sisters live lives of poverty so that in doing so one might know God more clearly. Poverty is not just an Australian problem but something that affects more than a billion people worldwide. Giving money is not the only solution to this problem however. Learning about and walking with those in need, bring the face of poverty home to us. Boys who participated in the Winter Sleep Out last term came face to face with a couple who have battled with hardship most of their lives. They shared their story, which profoundly moved everyone and we were encouraged by their strength of determination for a brighter future. Paduan Families, each week, are involved in numerous acts of kindness for others in need. We are a generous community! May we always be that way inclined!

Father/Son Breakfast

As this Bulletin comes to you we will have had our first Padua Father Son Breakfast at the Kedron-Wavell RSL Club. The event was a sell-out. The guest speaker, Mr Robert Falzon, Founder of menAlive, shared some of his insights about fatherhood with the audience. Thank you to all those who bought tickets and accompanied their sons to the event. Next year the breakfast has been included in the calendar for the Friday before Father's Day.

2017 Year 12 Graduation

Thank you to the Year 12 Parents for completing their 'little' task for me in preparation for this year's graduation events. If

you are yet finalise things please do so as soon as you can. Four weeks to go!

2018 Senior Merchandise

This week all Year 11 students and families will have received the letter outlining the payment process for the 2018 Senior Merchandise. Please note the deadline for payments is not negotiable as the order must be sent to Canterbury by November if the boys wish to have their items for the beginning of next year.

Any enquiries can be forwarded to Mrs Farry by telephoning 3857 9982 or emailing her on lfarry@padua.qld.edu.au

Year 11 Semi Formal

This week the Year 11's enjoyed their Semi-Formal. Much work went into the preparations for this event and so I would like to personally acknowledge the great planning and coordination by Mrs Farry. I am sure the boys and their partners will have had a great night.

Inaugural St Bonaventure Lecture

This week also saw the first, of hopefully many, annual lectures dedicated to the memory and love of learning of Franciscan St Bonaventure of Bagnoregio. A great scholar and leader of the early Franciscan Movement, Bonaventure is often credited as being the second founder of the Franciscan Order after St Francis himself.

Br Matthew Beckmann ofm gave this first lecture with an audience of about 50 people. Br Matthew's wisdom and humour shone, led his listeners through an introduction to the man himself and to his understanding of how a life should be led. Keep an eye out in the calendar for next year's event.

Special Prayers and Intentions

There is a time for every season under God. We are all faced with times of grief, sickness, ill health and crisis. Prayer is a powerful thing. Please let us know of anyone you know who is ill, passed away or just needs to know that others are thinking of them. Names can be sent to mobrien@padua.qld.edu.au

Mass is offered every Friday where your prayer intentions can be requested.

During the Month of November – the month of Holy Souls - a Book of Remembrance will be available at the College for anyone to include the names of loved ones you would like prayers or masses to be offered on their behalf.

May the example of Francis, the little man from Assisi, find a place in our lives so that we may continue to be a community of peace, joy, courtesy and respect.

October Lunchtime Rosary

At the end of each lunchtime and by rotation, a different Year Level gathers at the Marian grotto beside the Little Flower to say a decade of the rosary. October is the Month of the Rosary. St Francis, had a great devotion to Our Lady and used the rosary as a meditation practise each day and for many hours during the day. Praying the rosary is not a common household practise in many Catholic households these days for many reasons. But

to stop and pause for a short time in our busy lives and pray can only be a good thing!

**Peace and all good,
Mr Michael O'Brien**



Following Jesus demands a good dose of **courage**, a **readiness** to trade in the sofa for a pair of walking shoes and to **set out** on new and uncharted paths. To **blaze trails** that open up **new horizons** capable of spreading joy, the joy that is born of God's love...

Pope Francis
WYD 2016, Vigil Address

Australian Catholic Youth Festival
SYDNEY 7-9 December 2017

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. It exists to provide young people with opportunities to:

- deepen their relationship with Jesus;
- be empowered to be disciples in the world today, and
- encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia.

For more information go to <http://youth.catholic.org.au/year-of-youth>

Please pray for the sick:

- Mrs Angela Coglan, Mother of Darcy (Year 9); wife of Mr Coglan (staff)

Please pray for those who have died.

- Madeline Jones, sister of Lachlan and Nathan Jones (Year 10)

Teaching and Learning

The Learning Nest –

Is your son maximising his 'Beyond the Bell' Learning Opportunities?

The Learning Nest launched in May of this year for students in Years 7 to 12 with a number of boys using the service, but we are certainly not currently at capacity. The 'Eagle' Bulletin is published every Friday via the College App and College Facebook Page. This bulletin outlines the academic support being offered to students for the following week. This is a great opportunity for students to work collaboratively with their friends in a supported learning environment. Students are supported each afternoon by old boy tutors and teachers. Students attending the Learning Nest are expected to come directly after afternoon PC.

Supporting Your Son with His Learning

At this time of year, we often experience students who need support in subjects and don't know how to seek that support. Simple steps in supporting your son to develop his own self-learning skills are:

1. BLACKBOARD – Ask him if he has checked for a learning resource, task sheet, revision sheet on Blackboard. If not, send him there.

2. EMAILS – Ask him if he has checked his email communication from teachers.
3. CLASS NOTES – Ask him if he has checked his class notes.
4. PEERS – Ask him if he has communicated with his peers.
5. TEACHER – Ask him if he has communicated with his teacher.

This is a sequential list with a deliberate order that will support your son in developing self-help skills that will support him both now and into the future.

College Teaching and Learning Expectations

As exam and assessment creeps up on us, I would like to remind families of where to access information regarding the Teaching and Learning expectations and processes that your sons and teaching staff are expected to comply with. The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) page on the Teaching and Learning section of the College website answers most questions that parents will have regarding assessment dates, non-submission processes, absenteeism on an exam date and much more. The link to the Teaching and Learning FAQ's page is below.

<http://www.padua.qld.edu.au/assets/Teaching-and-Learning/Teaching-and-Learning-General-Documents/Assessment-Documents/Teaching-Learning-FAQs-2016.pdf>

The key to navigating assessment time is always communication and you are always encouraged to contact your son's teacher at any time should you need to. Email is the best mechanism for contacting teachers and the email addresses at Padua all follow the same formula – initial of the teacher's first name followed by their surname and then @padua.qld.edu.au. For example, the email address is jpacey@padua.qld.edu.au

Mr Jason Pacey

JSDC News:

After 6 months of participation in the **Junior Space Design Competition**, Padua's eight **JSDC** teams completed their projects at the end of Term 3. After internal judging to select Padua's best to submit to the National Judging Panel, it gives me great pleasure, on behalf of our coaches, to announce that our top 4 projects for 2017 are:

Padua Team 2: Alex Corrigan, Joseph Druery, Ben Guscott (**Year 6 team**)

Padua Team 4: William O'Driscoll, Dan Oldfield, Rhys Saunders (**Year 6 team**)

Padua Team 6: Luqmaan Baichoo, Kayden Beyer, Gabriele Tantulli, Kieran Tran (**Year 7 team**)

Padua Team 8: Harrison Mitic, Thomas Plackett (**Year 8 team**)

Congratulations to these teams, and to all the boys who have been enthusiastically involved in this year's competition. My sincere thanks go to my fellow coaches Mr Lunn, Ms Gaddes and Ms Mahoney for their ongoing support throughout the long season of competition. We now await news from the Space Design Competitions Australia Judging Panel as to whether any

of our 4 entries are successful in being shortlisted in the top 8 entries across Australia.

ASDC News:

After 8 months of participation in the **Australian Space Design Competition**, Padua's 2017 **ASDC** team completed their project at the start of Term 4 and submitted it to the National Judging Panel. Ms Mathai and I have just today received the exciting news that our team has been shortlisted in the top 8 projects across Australia (for the 8th consecutive year!). This earns us the right to nominate a team of 12 students from our 26 member ASDC team to compete at the ASDC National Finals on 13/14 January at the University of Qld, St Lucia.

Congratulations to all members of our ASDC team, capably lead by Sebastian Waloszek (President) and Juan Joseph (Vice President), on a very successful end to this year's qualifying round. My sincere thanks go to my fellow coach Ms Mathai for her ongoing support throughout the long season of competition.

Regards,

Mr Peter Morris

ASDC & JSDC Head Coach/Coordinator

Greccio and Assisi Libraries

The two libraries are becoming increasingly busy places this term, with both the inclement weather and the approach of assignment due dates and exam blocks. We are also seeing an increase in the number of boys making use of the tutoring opportunities in the Learning Nest, each afternoon.

To better support our students in primary, middle school and senior, we have added several trial databases for specific subjects and aimed at each sector of the school for readability and academic excellence. These can be found on the Padua Libguides pages.



Assisi Library – Reading Forecourt



Greccio Library – Reading Lounge

This term, Greccio library has had a small change to the spaces to better accommodate STEM and Spheros in the primary curriculum. Greccio library has an extended teaching and learning space, and a reading lounge and focused learning space.

Commune 2, on the Assisi campus will have a furniture update by the end of the month, to better facilitate focused learning. Once this is complete, the Assisi library will offer opportunities for leisure reading in the Reading Forecourt; collaborative learning in Seminar Room 1 and Commune 1; and focused learning in Seminar Room 3 and Commune 2.

We are very blessed to be able to offer such a diversity of learning spaces at Padua.

In support of libraries and book stores, our 2017 Year 9/10 book club will be visiting the Chermside Library on Thursday afternoon, October 26; and the senior book club will be enjoying an afternoon tea and book chat with the Mount Alvernia seniors at Avid Reader on October 27. These visits are the culminating event for our Padua/Mount Alvernia secondary readers and we look forward to finding some new and exciting titles for the Christmas break.

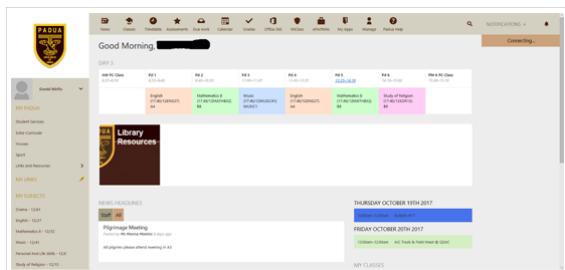
Remember to visit the library for any reading and research needs.

**Yours in books,
Ms Hochstrasser, Mrs O'Driscoll and Mrs Weber**

eLearning

Over the coming weeks your son will be moving over to our new portal for 2018. The current system for notices is not being renewed and Blackboard will no longer be our platform for curriculum delivery from mid term 1, 2018.

As part of the move to a new system, one of the key considerations was to make information easier to find for everyone and provide one place to link to other systems. Over the coming weeks you will hear your son refer to MyPadua which is based on the Schoolbox platform. You will receive more detailed information throughout this term and early next year. So far, the response from staff has been very positive but there is still a large amount of work to do.



1st Prize	\$1500 (\$1000 cash & \$500 travel voucher)	Therese Hamilton
2nd Prize	Retreat Package (\$700)	Tina Devine
3rd Prize	Family Basket (\$700)	Anna Adams
4th Prize	Beauty Basket (\$650)	Laura Martyn
5th Prize	Homewares Basket (\$600)	Shelley Cox
6th Prize	Ladies Basket (\$600)	Jeff Broomfield
7th Prize	Men's Basket (\$550)	Wendy Buchan
8th Prize	Framed, Signed Bullets Jersey	Greg Forbes
9th Prize	Framed, Signed Titans Jersey	Heidi Caruso
10th Prize	Wine & Dine Package (\$300)	Stacy Ridge

Tuckshop

Roster

23 Oct	Jackie McCallum Leanne Heselden
24 Oct	Tina Johnson Donna Syrett
25 Oct	Maideyi Collins Heidi Bedlow
26 Oct	Kristie Harker Tracey Wenke
27 Oct	Trish MacGinley Louise Stone
30 Oct	Carly Smith Kerrie Corbett
31 Oct	Lilly Boccalatte Kathy Moore
01 Nov	Leanne Spring May Grace Cortes
02 Nov	Jodie Frisch Georgia Ryan-Hunter
03 Nov	Monique Troe Lara Ball

Class Act 50 Challenge

This fortnight I have included a link from the Internet Safe Education website. Despite our best efforts as parents to monitor what our children are doing on devices, the reality is they are very good at flicking between sites and finding work arounds for blocks and monitoring. This article talks about the “Dark web” and one way that children can access inappropriate material.

<https://www.internetsafeeducation.com/blog/kids-dark-web/>

Mrs Tanya Anderson

Sport

Padua College

USA Basketball Tour 2017



Mega Raffle Winners

Community

Queen of Apostles Primary School *

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1st Prize - valued at \$500

One nights accommodation at the Brisbane Hilton with Executive Club access including continental breakfast, evening drinks and canapés

2nd Prize - valued at \$500

One-on-one tuition with expert coaches in Math and English at Number Works n Words English to help optimise the academic performance of your child for an entire term.

3rd Prize - valued at \$500

A one hour professional photography experience with Studiostar including pre shoot styling consultation a relaxing makeover and personalised photo shoot, plus one 11"x14" portrait.

4th Prize - valued at \$300

A personalised styling session at Sacha Drake Boutiques and a gift voucher up to the value of \$300 at Westfield Carindale, Paddington and Queens Plaza. Conditions apply.

5th Prize - valued at \$275

Rodan + Fields Anti-Age Redefine regime, includes a four product system to combat the appearance of lines, pores and loss of firmness

6th Prize \$150 Seafood voucher for Franks Seafood West End

7th Prize \$50 voucher for VOGELHAUS specialists in classical & modern furniture, homewares & fashion

To purchase tickets go to



www.rafflelink/queenofapostles2017

TICKETS FROM \$2

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