1 June 2018

The Rector

Musical - Thank You and Well Done

Last Friday I had the pleasure of attending the performance of ‘The Wiz’. What a marvellous showcase of the talent we have at Padua and Mount Alvernia Colleges. Everything from the costumes, scenery, live music and singing, lighting, choreography, makeup, was truly outstanding. Congratulations and thank you also to all the students who made it all happen from behind the scenes. It was such a joy to watch the professionalism and the commitment of all our talented students and staff. My thanks to Mrs Coe, Ms Crawford, Mr Dodemont, Mr Tweddell and Mr Allen and the staff from Mount Alvernia. In particular, I recognise the work of Ms Bopf and Mr Crump from Mount Alvernia. I also thank the many parents who have supported their sons with the many hours of preparation leading up to the performances.

Open Day Thank You

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the many staff, students and parents for their fine work in supporting our College Open Day on Sunday May 20. The day was an outstanding success, and it was truly a great display of the Padua spirit and community. So many of the visitors spoke well of their experience of Padua as they left the day.

A highlight for many of our visitors was the fine work of student guides. We had nearly 100 boys volunteer their time to act as tour guides on the day. In particular, their comments were about the informative and proud way their student guide spoke about their experience at Padua. This makes our day a truly authentic experience and this I believe not only espouses our College values, but it also separates our Open Day from the many other schools that run such events.

My thanks to the many parents who supported the day. In particular, I acknowledge the Parents and Friends, the FCIP parents for the cake stall, Padua Swimming and Sebastian & Carmelina Vitale who raised over $1400 for the Franciscan Appeal with their Italian sweet stall.

Enrolments

On the back of Open Day, the College continues to receive strong enrolment enquiry for future years. As a College we are always mindful of the important role that our current families play in promoting Padua to other families in the wider community.

On the back of our continued strong enrolment demand, we made the decision in 2017 to increase the number of classes in the Primary School from five to six classes. This means that as of 2019, we will take six classes into Year 5 each year. The decision is in line with the ‘Padua as One’ Strategic
Plan from 2012 to 2017. The Plan saw the adoption of ‘a whole school approach’ to the operation of the College. This approach was about the seamless transition of students from Year 5 to Year 12 in teaching and learning, pastoral care, co-curricular activities and administration.

The decision means that there will only be a limited number of places for Year 7 entry going forward. Please contact our enrolment officer, Ms Trish Watkins enrolments@padua.qld.edu.au if you require any information about future enrolments at Padua.

Teaching and Learning

Last week I spoke at the start of the Year 8/9 Curriculum evening. It was an evening designed to assist parents and their son’s make sense of their son’s first attempt at choosing elective subjects. In schools we sometimes lose sight of how important making choices about learning plays in ensuring our learners are engaged in the learning process. We have only just completed a more detailed process with our Year 10 students as they have completed their Senior Education Training Plans. In my introduction to the evening, I reminded parents that the school experience for their son’s will be very different from their own school experience. Their son will be part of the most formally educated generation in history. They have started education younger and they are projected to stay in education for longer. When this current generation leave education, they are predicted to have seventeen employers across five separate careers, working in jobs that probably don’t currently exist. These are sobering facts and they highlight that world beyond school has changed.

Giving boys more choice around their learning pathway is a focus as we move forward with the College’s Learning Framework. The introduction of new subjects as part of the New Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) system reforms, along with our Senior Curriculum partnership with Mount Alvernia College, will provide greater choice for our boys during their Senior years. Furthermore, our decision to include an independent study line for our boys in Years 11 and 12 recognises the assessment load around self-directed learning which will only increase with the New Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) system in 2019.

Beyond subject selection, the real changes in schools are around how students learn today. At Padua, we are conscious that learning needs to be student centred and we need to look beyond just teaching and focus more on the learning. This generation of learner has greater access to information than any other and therefore, learning how to learn, is far more important than the simple dissemination of information. Our College Learning Framework is designed with this focus on learning in mind. Over the course of this term, our teachers are visiting the classrooms of their colleagues and asking students to explain what they are learning. Classroom walkthroughs provide teachers with the opportunity to see how the focus on student learning is taking place across the College.

Peace and all good,

Mr Peter Elmore
Rector

The Chaplain

Father John Boyd-Boland is currently on leave.

COLLABORATION

Collaboration implies the existence of a healthy team. This is where the members of the team work together for a common purpose to achieve certain benefits. It relies on an openness, honesty, and trust between individual members of the group. The overarching goal is to make sure everyone involved understands what the goal is and believes that the goal is worthwhile. The individual members of the group must have faith in each other, and must feel they are respected.

It is important that each member of the team knows clearly what his/her role is in the task that needs to be carried out. The opposite of collaboration is a form of dictatorship, where one person tells everyone else what to do, and nothing is open for discussion. Dictatorship is ego-driven; collaboration thrives on the quelling of egos. People involved in collaboration accept that while their ideas might be good, someone else’s ideas might be just as good, if not, even better! Without that Franciscan value of humility, collaboration is dead.

Fr John Boyd-Boland OFM

From the Pastoral Care Team

In 2017, Mr Elmore shared information through the College Bulletin regarding his concern around the popular Netflix Series 13 Reasons Why. This concern has again become an issue with the release of Series 2 of the same show in recent weeks. As many would know, Padua collaboratively produces, a pastoral resource for families within the community. Padua SchoolTV.me provides insight
from leading psychologists, counsellors, researchers and educators on issues that are prevalent for our young men.

http://padua.qld.schooltv.me

This week’s schooltv.me episode features a review by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg on the ‘must knows’ and potential dangers associated with the second series of 13 Reasons Why. Should your young men have ready and free access to Netflix or have expressed an interest in watching this series, I urge all families to consider watching this info video.

Please head to the link below for the direct link.
http://padua.qld.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news

Save The Date

In the coming weeks our preparation for the Year 12 Senior Formal will begin. All Year 12 families are asked to please save the following date:

What: Year 12 Senior Formal
Who: Padua Invited Guests Only (students and their partners)
Where: The Legends Room – The Gabba
When: Tuesday August 14

More specific details will be distributed to families as they are confirmed.

Year 6 Camp – Student Perspective:

Well done to all of our boys in Year 6 who are currently completing the Year 6 camp. The boys appear to be having a great time. Thanks to Kevin Kingsmill for sharing the sentiments below on behalf of all the students.

“The amazing Padua camp ground at Pomona (Amaroo) is a site where all Padua boys (Year Six boys in the last few days) make many, many memories. The chef is amazing and cooks almost as well as my Dad. We have all had an exhilarating time, zip lining across the ‘crocodile’ infested creek, and climbing the cargo net (it was pretty high!). For me though, I think the event that I learned the most from was the shelter building. We learned how to use natural resources to build shelter and how to survive in the wild using the sun and stars. Mrs Murphy’s brain teasers were a little tricky but fun to solve (even though she stole them off the internet). We had many other great activities, but too many to recall. Overall camp was amazing, and I think all the boys are looking forward to Year Seven camp next year.”

Arrival Times at Padua College

Over the last few weeks there have been a number of students arriving to the Greccio Campus prior to 8am. Supervision for students begins at this time. Any family needing to drop their young man off before 8am is asked to please contact Little Flower Junior Outside School Hours Care (phone 1300236822) to assist. Students who are participating in organised before school activities such as sports training or academic clubs with a teacher or coach may be on site at a time agreed by their coach.

Mr Ben Lowrie

Formation

Dear Families of Padua

“God does not love us because we are that good: God loves us because God is good.”

This quote comes from a recent book written by Franciscan Friar Richard Rohr. This week one persistent theme has come to me time and time again, albeit from very different sources. That is the theme of ‘love’. “There’s power in love.” Richard Rohr’s book – Eager to Love – The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi talks about the power of love as defined by St Francis. A new style of relating to others that doesn’t count the cost and is neither enough nor too much.

Last week’s presentation of the School Musical ‘The Wiz’ shined a light on the importance of love and relationships as seen through the tinman, lion, scarecrow and Dorothy. A production I saw on Saturday night called ‘Bare’ at the Brisbane Powerhouse looked at love from a modern perspective. And finally, who could forget Bishop Michael Curry’s Sermon at Prince Harry and Meghan Markle’s wedding recently?!?! Quoting scripture, Jesuit theologian Teilhard de Chardin and Martin Luther King, Bishop Michael moved us with his treatise on the power of love as a sacrament between two people. Last week’s Liturgical Feast of the Blessed Trinity demonstrated theologically the great mystery of love as a way of understanding of God.

How do all these things say the same thing? They all speak of ‘love’.

In reading Richard Rohr’s book Francis championed a new way to love. It was a love - the kind of which the church had never seen before in practise even though Jesus had modelled this more than 1000 years before. For Francis love was something that needed no accountability, no rules, no justification on any grounds. Two plus two = 100 for Francis. A Franciscan worldview challenges all others and always begins from a positive beginning. Nothing humans can do will inhibit, direct, decrease, or increase God’s love.

Modern American poet Christian Wiman wrote:

“I did not know what love was until I encountered one that kept opening, and opening, and opening.”

This week make your prayer a random act of kindness. This is Francis’ way of demonstrating love, one that is open to all of us. And remember whatever it is – ‘love is love’.

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

There have been loads of activity in the last couple of weeks with many classes running activities to fundraise for St Francis of Assisi College. There have been bake Stalls, coin lines, raffles and sausage sizzles. A big thank you to the Vitale family (Joseph Year 7) who made and sold some beautiful Italian cannoli on Open Day. After the remains were sold off on Monday at school, the Vitales made $1339.70! Another young man in Year 8, Tan Hohnik, handed in his Sponsorship Card with $1518.50. These are outstanding efforts, I am sure you will
agree. Have a look at our progressive total on the thermometer on this page. Can we make $40 000 by the end of the Term?

Important Dates for the Franciscan Appeal Fundraising:

- 31 May – House Battle of the Bands Competition
- 8 June – Term 2 Casual Dress Day

**Mitchell House Eucharist Date Claimer**

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

**Cosies Outreach Group Wool Appeal**

We’ve run out of wool! Can you help us re-stock our stores of wool to continue making goods that will go to such groups as MAD, Blind Eye Ministries, Micah Projects and Rize-Up to name a few. The group 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.

**Battle of the Bands**

This week saw the staging of our annual House Battle of the Bands Competition. What was lacking in talent(!) was certainly made up for with enthusiasm! Thanks to all the House Guardians and their bands for some great fun. Most importantly, thank you to all who contributed to the coin collection.

**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

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**Padua Library**

Weeks 6 and 7 have been incredibly eventful for the Padua Library.

1. Our people counter showed almost 500 visitors through the Assisi Library on Open Day and our ladies on the Greccio Campus were equally inundated with bright, happy faces and lots of questions.

2. The Greccio Library is having two more couches delivered today, to expand our reading lounge. The boys are looking forward to the additional seating and the extra cushions that we have ordered, as the current couches are too deep for their wee legs. Reading for pleasure demands comfortable seating and we are blessed to be able to continue to improve our space.

3. Mrs O’Driscoll and the Greccio boys participated in National Simultaneous Storytime day and the primary boys were subsequently visited by none other than the mysterious Geronimo Stilton.

4. And...Book Fair arrived in the Greccio Library last week! Please visit us and support our Scholastic Book Fair. It is in its final days.

5. As we approach that time of the term when assignments and exams are looming, the Assisi Library is becoming busier, with daily numbers exceeding 900. It is wonderful to see that those who are attending are increasingly focused on their learning, setting goals and striving to improve. We remind everyone that the Libguides and Databases are an ideal starting point. These can be found in My.Padua/LibraryResources.

6. For our Years 10-12 students, we have commenced a 30-day trial of Bloomsbury text, script, audio and video Drama and Shakespeare databases. These can be found under My.Padua/LibraryResources/English. Please let us know what you think.

7. We are delighted to congratulate Thomas Good, Year 11, on being selected as one of 8 INKYs judges for 2018. Thomas and his fellow judges, from around Australia, are tasked with reading 20 Young Adult novels over the next 3 months and then voting on the short list. We look forward to reading Tom’s reviews of these books in our Oliver Library Management System. The INKYs list can be found here.
Dear Parents and Friends,

8. And finally, yesterday the Library and IT staff all participated in an Oliver training session. We are looking forward to sharing what we have learned and continuing to improve our Library services.

Somehow, in amongst the busyness of life, we encourage everyone to always make time to read, be it novel, non-fiction, magazine, graphic novel, manga, ebook or online.

Escape for a few minutes a day… into another world or walk in the shoes of another.

Yours in books,

Ms H and the Library Team

Digital Integrations

Parent Information Sessions – My.Padua

Thank you to those parents who attended sessions on both Open Day and before the Year 8 into 9 Subject Selection Evening. These sessions were designed to allow you to find the relevant information you need to support your son’s learning and it was great to be able to answer some of the questions from parents. For your information, you should be able to find the following information regarding your son’s assessment:

1. All assessment will appear in the DUE WORK calendar on the top menu.

2. Due work minimum expectations from the start of the unit (most commonly the start of the term):
   a. A description of task to be completed – where this is an exam, the conditions for the exam should be visible.
   b. Criteria for assessment - what will your son be assessed on in this exam/assignment/task?

3. Where there are common exam times – these will appear in the due work calendar. The due date will be the Monday or first day of the common exam time, for example, the first day of the Year 10 exam block. Students will still receive an exam timetable with details as to what day and time the exam is on.

   In some cases, assessment may be due during class time during the week. If this is the case, you should see a statement indicating that this will be completed as part of a common exam time or in class and details will be communicated to students in the description. Your son will be able to confirm the date that this work will be due.

My.Padua Notifications

My.Padua is designed to provide all users with notifications for a range of different elements. While we have tailored some of these from a system level, users are able to manage these themselves based on their needs. I have included the link to show how to change notifications, so they better suit your needs as a parent

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7vZFzh5hPw

Please be aware that any notifications regarding student work not being submitted are system generated and may not be a true indication of non-submission of work. The College policy regarding non-submission remains the same – classroom teachers will contact parents if a student has failed to submit an assessment piece.

7 Ways to Manage Web Connected Devices in the Home

One of the conversations we often have as parents is the frustration around managing the use of devices in the home. Often the most reliable way of managing devices (removal) is not practical in a connected world. This link provides 7 ways that parents can manage these devices with links to further information on the parental controls.


If you are yet to subscribe to iParent, it is certainly worthwhile to keep up with information on the latest games, fads and technologies.

Mrs Tanya Anderson

Sport

Inside Sport

Photo Schedule this Saturday, 2 June - Football & Rugby Teams Years 5-8

Years 5-8 Football and Rugby players are having their team photos taken at our Banyo playing fields this Saturday, 2nd June. All players are to wear their respective team uniform. Photos are being taken on the far side of Soccer Field 1 with each photo planned 45 mins - 1 hour ahead of each game scheduled.

Please download the attached schedule to confirm the time of your son’s photograph.

P&F

Dear Parents and Friends

The Open Day was held last Sunday, and due to other commitments, I didn’t run the sausage sizzle, however the rest of the P&F Committee under the exceptional direction of Mrs Megan Bergman, the Vice President for the P&F Committee, did an amazing job. I popped in for a couple of hours later during Open Day due to my daughter performing as part of the FCIP, and once again, I was reminded of why my son goes to Padua College, and how much I appreciate the beautiful community we are part of.

I attended one of Mr Elmore’s addresses, and as I watched Mr Elmore go through what Padua College has to offer new
boys and parents, I was incredibly proud to be a part of Padua – it offers so much more than we show on Open Day, I wish we could show the prospective parents and families how connected all Padua College parents are, how amazing the teachers are, and the beautiful values and attitudes that our boys learn at Padua College.

I would not have had the opportunity to watch my child perform at Open Day or to see Mr Elmore’s presentation if it was not for Megan’s willingness to step in on short notice and look after the sausage sizzle and the canteen for the day – another perfect example of the community we are a part of.

Over the next few weeks the P&F Committee will be continuing their work on the changes to the constitution, and I invite any parents who would like to contribute to the changes to the constitution of the P&F, to please get in contact with me via email on pandfpresident@padua.qld.edu.au as soon as possible, so that we can incorporate your suggestions.

The next P&F Meeting will be held on 12 June, and the proposed changes to the constitution will be discussed in more detail at this meeting, so if you are able to, please attend the meeting at 7pm on 12 June. If you can’t attend, but would like to contribute anything to the meeting, please send any contributions or topics for discussion through to me by Friday, 8 June 2018.

Kind regards

Mrs Pascale Weir
P&F President

Entertainment Book 2018-2019 - Now available

Support our Padua P&F and order your copy of this year’s 2018/2019 Entertainment Book. View the flyer below for all information or contact Bronwyn Crisp, entertainmentbook@padua.qld.edu.au

To order your Entertainment Book or Digital Membership securely online please visit the link below

School Snapshots

This week Mr Elmore thanked staff and students who were involved in our recent production of ‘The Wiz’ musical.

6KA and 6AM braved the showers and cool weather this week to experience their first day of camp. Tons of fun and learning experiences to be had!

Model United Nations Win for Padua College! Congratulations to students James Walker, Tim Snape and Joe Sims who won the Best Delegation 2018 at last week’s Model United Nations
Forum at the Bond University two day event on the Gold Coast. Fantastic effort gents.

Congratulations to Ben Osborne who recently competed in the National Schoolboys Water Polo Competition in Perth. Ben and his Queensland team made it through to the final and finished with a silver medal. Fantastic effort Ben and well done on this great achievement.

Four of our Paduans joined students from other local schools this week in commemorating National Sorry Day at Kalinga Park. The morning was filled with song, reflection and story-telling. Congratulations Jacob Grant, Jarah Chaseling, Brooklyn Faalafi and Rhyce Dowling who proudly represented their school and their families. Padua continues to make small steps on its own journey of reconciliation by attending events such as Sorry Day.

Last Friday Odoric House ran a coin trail to raise money for the Franciscan Appeal. Congratulations to Mr Davissen’s PC as they created a 54.5 m long line of coins. Fantastic effort!

Our Musical ‘The Wiz’ ran over a very successful four evenings last week. Congratulations to all involved from both Padua College and Mt Alvernia on a highly successful production.

Congratulations to our Year 6 Debating Teams who had a win and a narrow defeat last week against Ambrose Treacy College. Speaker of the night was George Mitchell. Well done boys.

A beautiful Year 6 Grandparents’ Day was recently enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to all Grandparents and guests who were able to join us in celebrating this annual event.

Well done to our FCIP Rock Band playing at Blues on Broadbeach under a blue canvas sky last week!

All in a day’s work for a friar! Fr Harry enjoying shooting some baskets at lunch with our Year 11 boys after he said mass recently.

Our House Tabloid Sports Day was a big success this year.
**Community**

Sponsor Peter (our ICT Systems Manager at Padua College) to support people living with MS and fund research to find a cure. He is taking part in the 2018 MS Brissie to the Bay bike ride to join the fight against multiple sclerosis by raising funds to show his support. Your donation will make an impact to change the lives of people living with MS.

Did you know:

- Between one and two Australians are diagnosed with MS every day
- The average age of diagnosis is just 30 years of age
- Three out of four Australians with MS are women.

Your support will provide vital services and support to assist all those affected by MS to live life to their fullest and reach their true potential.

Please DONATE to support his ride and make your impact on the lives of Australians living with MS.

SPECIAL DISCO
Come dressed as your favourite sports team or sports person!

FRIDAY 22ND JUNE
ST ANTHONY’S SCHOOL HALL
Prep-Year 3 5.00pm-6.15pm
Year 4-6 (Padua included) 6.30pm-8.00pm
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DISCO SESSION TIMES
PRIZES for best dressed and lucky door!!
Pizza and refreshments for sale on the night.
Glow products for sale at disco.
Opportunities for parents to socialise in the Quadrangle.
Wristbands ($5 each) for sale in the Quadrangle before AND after school Thurs 21st and Friday 22nd

Gala Theatre Night to Celebrate Villanova College’s 70th Anniversary

Father and Son to play Augustine and his son
Steven Hyland (Villanova Old Boys 1995) and son Steven Hyland, will perform their re-creation of their role in "Antigone" this Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd at the Country Club. Steven will play the role of Antigone, and Steven Jr. will play the role of his father, an original member of the Villanova Drama Society who died on April 25, 1945. Steven and Steven Jr. will be joined by other members of the Villanova Drama Society, including former members of the Villanova Drama Society who will re-create their roles from the past.

Old Boy and Oboe return to the Hannan Theatre

Michael O’Grady, an Old Boy of Villanova, will return to the Hannan Theatre to perform as the Oboe in a recreation of "The Importance of Being Earnest". This will be a special performance for the Villanova community, as Michael has been a long-standing supporter of the Villanova Drama Society and has performed in many productions across the years.

Current Villanova Parent to take the role of Ambrose

Paul Van Heerden, a Current Villanova Student, will take the role of Ambrose in "Antigone". Paul has been a member of the Villanova Drama Society for several years and has performed in many productions, including "The Importance of Being Earnest" and "The Mousetrap".

Villanova Parent and Teacher returns as accompanist

Megan Heery has been a member of the Villanova Drama Society for many years and has performed in many productions over the years. She will return to perform as the accompanist for the performance on Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd.

London West End Singer returns to perform the role of Monica

Sophie Woodward, a London West End Singer, will take the role of Monica in "Antigone". Sophie has performed in many productions in London, including "The Mousetrap" and "The Importance of Being Earnest".

Classical Aussie Singer is back as Augustine’s sassy friend

Catherine Welsh, a Classical Singer, will perform as the sassy friend of Augustine in "Antigone". Catherine has performed in many productions across the years and has a strong connection with the Villanova community.

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Planning for success

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