



RECTOR'S REPORT TO P & F Meeting No.2 March 2018

PRAYER

All successful relationships are based on honest communication. Yet communication is a good deal more than words. Moreover, if prayer is communicating with God, there must be more to it than just speaking. We communicate with those we love, with those we are in a relationship with, in a variety of ways.

My relationship with God and how I relate to God *is* my prayer. It becomes an on-going expression of who I am- with all my joy and success, and with all my pain and sorrow. Do I give thanks to God? Do I share my difficulties and concerns with God? Do I commend others and their sorrows to God? Do I have time for God?

In this age of the internet with email, Facebook, twitter and the like, you would think that communication would be easier. Sadly, I think it is not. Contact easily happens in this fast-paced world, but not real communication. If we don't have time for one another- because of money, work, time spent on social media, or other commitments, then relationships suffer, be they be husband-wife, parents-children, friend- friend. Communication essentially requires that we give *time to others*.

Can we make time for God? For He is ready to listen to us! (J Boyd Boland)

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***Look at the humility of God,
and pour out your hearts before him!
Humble yourselves
that you may be exalted by Him!
Hold back nothing of yourselves for yourselves,
that He who gives Himself totally to you
may receive you totally!***
- Saint Francis of Assisi

REPORT

1. Staffing points

- Leanne Linton - LSL – from Term 2 for the remainder of the year.
- Leah Mahoney returns from leave- Will move into Learning Support role on Assisi – replacing Leanne Linton.
- Andrea Murphy will continue as teacher of the 6LM Year 6 class (probably renamed 6AM).

2. Mobile Phone Policy

- Draft mobile phone procedure will be tabled this evening for feedback from parents before going to the College Board.

3. Launch of SchoolTV

Over the last couple of weeks, our Bulletin has included Padua SchoolTV. SchoolTV is a new interactive resource designed to inform and support parents with some of the challenges of raising adolescents. The website is produced by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, who along with contributions from many of Australia's leaders on adolescent issues, provides a series of clear and fact-based informative videos on the major issues of the teenage world. These include topics such as youth anxiety, depression, self-harm, drug and alcohol use and cyberbullying.

4. Refurbishment of Banyo – Canteen, Function Room and Dressing Rooms

At the last Board meeting we received approval to investigate a refurbishment of the Banyo canteen, dressing rooms and the creation of a function room. Draft plans will be presented at the P & F meeting tonight.

5. AIC Review

All member Colleges are currently working through the recommendations of the Dr Cliff Mallet Review. The key focus at the moment is a review of the mission and values of the AIC organisation. There is no strong push to move away from the existing sports we play. There is however, a look at how Rugby League and AFL could be included in the sporting calendar.

6. College Tours

Today we held the first of our Rector's Tour for 2018. This is another way for prospective families to see the great things that are happening at Padua. While we will continue to hold our Open Day in May, the tours provide families the opportunity to see what it is like on a normal school day at Padua.

7. Padua Sport Supporters' Committee

The second meeting of the Padua Supporters group was held last week. The committee has the following goals.

1. To have a range of Supporters' Wear available for parents and supporters to purchase.
2. To assist with the organisation of the 'Back to Banyo Day' – last round of Term 2 Sport Season – against St Patrick's at Banyo
3. To coordinate volunteers for each team to support with the organisation and administration of sports teams.

8. Cheryl Cacciola Retiring from Uniform Store

Cheryl is retiring after 26 years as the College's Uniform Shop Convenor. Cheryl retires Wednesday 28 March. We are currently in the process of organising a morning tea with an invitation to all the volunteer mums and dads.

9. College Healthy Relationships Survey

The College recently undertook a healthy relationships survey of all students from Years 7-12. The Pastoral Care Team are currently in the process of analysing the data. The information is being used to review our current strategies as well as to inform our 2018 goal of 'collaboratively developing a draft whole school framework for positive pastoral interventions that respond to the needs of adolescents with consideration to changes to Senior Secondary'.

10. College Annual Action Plan

At the last College Board meeting, the College's 2018 Annual Action Plan was endorsed by the Board. The Annual Action Plan is the way the College is working towards delivering on the goals of the Strategic Plan. A copy of the Annual Action Plan will be tabled at the meeting tonight.

11. Vice Rector's Summative Reviews

This year, all 4 Vice-Rectors will have their summative reviews. Reviews are a normal part of leadership in schools and the review provides an opportunity for reflection and affirmation. Parents and students will have an opportunity, along with staff, to provide feedback as part of the review process. The reviews will take place next term and the review process will be led by Damien Brennan.

12. Review of some key College events

Year 5 Camp this week

Year 12 Teacher Learning Mentoring interviews have begun

Riley Clark is through to Round 4 of the Lion's Youth of the Year

Rugby Tour is leaving for their tour of the British Isles and France – end of this term

Inaugural Eucharist – Bishop Ken Howell

Academic assembly – 2017 OP 1-5 Students returned – presentation to academic achievers from 2017

International Women's Day celebration

The first House Mass- Kirby -held last week

House Swimming Carnivals held – Mitchell House winner

AIC Swimming – College finished 7th

Preparation starting for winter sport season -trials

Last AIC Term 1 Fixture – St Patrick's this weekend

Success of the College's Space Design team – media coverage.

Peace and all good,

Peter Elmore

