



VIEWPOINT

‘AS MUCH AS YOU CAN DO, SO MUCH DARE TO DO’

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Modelling Character

FROM THE RECTOR

THESE LAST WEEKS I have enjoyed interviewing prospective students and their families to the College for future Years 5 and 7. I learn a lot in these experiences – especially about the College. There are 200 vacancies for those intakes and there are more than 700 applications. That means, on average, there can be 3 or 4 boys applying for each place. We are in a very privileged position at the moment and that could be attributed to a number of factors.

It would be no surprise to tell you that one of the questions I ask the parents is why they are keen for their son to attend this school and not any other Catholic or independent school. There are many responses to that question: Riverview is Catholic; it offers an outstanding all-round education; the emphasis they see here on social justice and the outreach/immersion and service programmes; the Jesuit connection.

But for one of the many answers I am regularly given, I really have to thank the current students and also our alumni, the Old Boys. They play a real part in promotion, and perhaps unknowingly.

For a start, those families who have been on Open Days invariably praise our boys who have offered to guide visitors around the College. They are impressed. Not only are the boys knowledgeable and articulate, but I am told they exude a great affection for their school and a generosity of spirit to give something back. The parents say they can sense it. These young

ambassadors are a better investment for promoting the school than any glossy booklets or brochures.

And when a prospective boarding family goes to one of the boarding houses, I myself have seen the warm and enthusiastic welcome the current boarders give them. In a new and foreign place, those boys are made to feel quickly at home.

Then many parents will speak in broader terms about current students or Old Boys whom they have observed in different contexts. Ignatians who have made an impression on them in all sorts of ways. This year, I jotted down some of those prospective parents’ observations and I would like to share them with you.



Members of the Cana Community – the lonely, the ill and the homeless – joined us for the Feast of the Sacred Heart this week. Current students and Old Ignatians regularly share the lives of our friends from Cana.

Benji Hught

Firstly a comment from a manager of a large Sydney football club
“Over the years I have seen many Riverview Old Boys joining our club to play. They always impress me by being well-rounded individuals. They always go out to others and think of others. I want my son to be like that.”

From a mother

“I have some workmates with boys at Riverview. They have the ability to show me what’s important – there is a strong element of service there, beyond the usual 3Rs. They are not just interested in themselves, which is unusual.”

From a mother who went to a Catholic girls school which socialised with Riverview boys

“When I was a teenager I used to meet a lot of boys from different schools. The Riverview boys were always impressive – good values and character. I remember saying to myself then, ‘When I get married and if I have sons, I want them to go to school there.’”

From an Old Boy

“I myself had great experiences at ‘View. The Riverview boys I see now have those same values instilled in them. They are invariably polite and helpful. They seem to me to be both men of the world and men for others.”

From another Old Boy

“I didn’t always appreciate or understand all that I was given when I was at school. But as my life unfolds, I value the guidance, the influence, the culture, the stewardship. Riverview boys and graduates I see now have the ability to give something back.”

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Please forward any 'COLLEGE HAPPENINGS' by 8am on Wednesday morning, for each week's edition of *Viewpoint*, to: viewpoint@riverview.nsw.edu.au

7.3 AND 7.4 PARENT DINNER

You are invited to a Curry Night on **Saturday 16 June** at the home of Lucy and Tim Regan. Go to the College portal for further details or book online at <http://www.trybooking.com/26894>. Enquire: Michelle Greenwood email: verdies@bigpond.net.au or ph: 0414 556 828

OPEN DAY AT CANA FARM, PENRITH, 17 JUNE

The Cana Farm is an initiative for homeless and impoverished people from the inner city which has been supported by the Old Ignatians Union. Address is 100 Kingswood Rd, Orchard Hills. For further information contact Julie Sneddon at juliesneddon@live.com.

IGNATIAN CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CAMP COMPANION INFORMATION EVENING

The role is open to Year 11 and 12 boys from Riverview and Year 12 girls from Loreto Kirribilli, Loreto Normanhurst and Monte Sant' Angelo. If you are interested you are required to attend the Information Evening on **Monday 18 June** in the Theatre at Riverview. From 6.30pm you are required to register your interest and contact details with the presentation starting at 7pm sharp concluding around 8.20pm. Parents are more than welcome to attend the evening and find out more out the ICHC experience. If you have any further enquiries, please email Sarah Harrison, ICHC Campanions Co-ordinator on SEHarrison@riverview.nsw.edu.au

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB FORUM: PEOPLE OF VISION

Topic: Dickens: a Prophet of Social Justice. **Speaker:** Jennifer Gribble, Honorary Associate Professor at Sydney University. **Date: Tuesday 19 June** at 7.30–9.30pm at The Union Hotel, Cnr Pacific Hwy & West St, North Sydney. Parking available at surrounding streets or St Mary's Ridge St carpark. No booking needed. No charge but a donation is appreciated. Further enquiries Michelle Kamper 9958 5963

ST ALOYSIUS' COLLEGE 2012 FOOTBALL LUNCH

Invites Parents, Old Boys and Friends on **Wednesday 20 June** 12pm. Doltone House, Pyrmont. Special guests include Ben Buckley, Les Murray, Mark Bosnich, Kyle Patterson and Adam Spencer. Tickets \$125 person. Online booking only: www.trybooking.com/BKPX Riverview families can nominate the tables called Old Boys/Parents/Friends. Ticket sales end on 13 June. Further details please go to: http://www.staloyusius.nsw.edu.au/2012Football_Lunch.pdf

MERCY FOUNDATION 'HOME FOR GOOD' GALA DINNER

You are invited to the Mercy Foundation 'Home for Good' Gala Dinner on **Friday 22 June** at the Westin Hotel. Funds raised will support the Home in a Box project, providing essential household items to formerly homeless individuals and families. Guest of honour is the Hon Virginia Bell AC. Entertainment provided by the John Field Band. Delicious food, terrific wines, great company and a worthy cause guarantees an inspiring and uplifting night. Tickets \$150, or table of 10 for \$1,350. Book your tickets online at www.mercyfoundation.com.au or call 02 9911 7390 for details.

OREMUS PRO INVICEM *Let us pray for each other*



FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

- + Daniel Batty (OR88), in Melbourne, whose life is drawing to a close.
- + David Storr, husband of Belinda and father of Geoff (OR2003), Matthew (OR2006) and Phillip (Year 9) who is in intensive care.
- + Two members of the College community who ask for prayers from the community in their illness.
- + Baby Jack Manarne, four months old and fighting leukaemia, cousin to Jack Horgan (Year 5).

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

- + Bruce Davies, grandfather of Alex (OR2010) and Ben (Year 12) who died last week in Coffs Harbour.
- + Madie Giblin, widow of Dr Eric Giblin (Captain of Riverview 1939) and mother of Peter (OR65), John (OR68), Matthew (OR71), and grandmother to a number of Ignatians. She was also a Past President of the P&F Association.
- + Cathie Oatley, wife of David Gunson (OR71), who died suddenly this week in Dubbo.

'Ask and you shall receive . . . knock and the door will be opened unto you.' (Matthew 7:7)

If you would like someone to be prayed for by the College community (even anonymously), please pass the details to the Rector: rector@riverview.nsw.edu.au

The Mercy Foundation is a work of the North Sydney Sisters of Mercy.

VOLUNTEERS FOR PALMS AUSTRALIA

Palms Australia (www.palms.org.au) is a Catholic organisation that has been sending volunteers to developing countries for 50+ years. Through Palms 'Global Volunteering' program you can fulfil your mission to educate children and secure them a brighter future while exchanging teaching skills to staff to advance local knowledge. Learn more about a 2013 placement on **Thursday 28 June** at the Aquinas Academy, Level 5, 141 Harrington St, The Rocks, Sydney, commencing at 5.45pm. Alternatively, email Sarah Torcasio at sarah@palms.org.au

JRS WINTER SOLSTICE BALL

The Black-Tie event is on Saturday **14 July** with Fr Frank Brennan the Guest of Honour. To be held at The Westin Hotel, Sydney at 6.30pm. Cost is \$160 per ticket. To purchase tickets go to: www.stickytickets.com.au/8359 For further information contact Edward Tarrant 0421 283 229 or Chris Brereton 0413 033 999 or email 2012jrsball@gmail.com.

2012 CITY/COUNTRY MOTHERS' LUNCH

The Parents & Friends Association warmly invites you to our 2012 City/Country Mothers Luncheon on **Friday 27 July** at 12 noon in Ramsay Hall. Special Guest entertainer, Amelia

Farrugia and back by popular demand, "The Riverview Stage Band". To view invitation http://www.riverview.nsw.edu.au/images/stories/development_office/2012/country_mothers_invite.pdf
To pay online <http://www.trybooking.com/27229> Enquires to Deb Henry 0408 607204 or email: debghenry@tpg.com.au

OIU REUNION MASS AND DINNER – MELBOURNE

The Rector, Father Ross Jones SJ and the President of the Old Ignatians' Union, Chris Tait (OR79) invite all Jesuits, Old Boys, Current and Past Parents and their Partners to the OIU Reunion Mass and Dinner in Melbourne on **Saturday 4 August, 2012**. Click here to view invitation:

http://www.riverview.nsw.edu.au/images/stories/development_office/2012/melbourne_invitation_2012_.pdf
or pay online at <http://www.trybooking.com/25278> Enquires: Mark Paul (OR83) 0407 314 532 email: mark.paul@nab.com.au or Chris Tait (OR79) 0410 611 962 email: ctait@christaitandassociates.com.au

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR ST BAKHITA CENTRE, FLEMINGTON

St Bakhita Centre at 2 Hornsey Rd, Flemington (Homebush West) assists newly arrived Sudanese Refugees. We are in great need of help with: **Sewing Teachers** for Thursday morning (if you are a really good seamstress you could help with this – no need to be a qualified teacher as we have teachers available as demonstrators); **English and Tafe Assistance Teachers** each Wednesday and Friday mornings and Thursday evening; **Computer Teachers** for Thursday - morning and evening. **A Computer Technical** person to help with problems when the computers 'play up'. It would be

THE LICONA COLLEGE SHOP

Monday & Tuesday 8.00am–2.00pm; Wednesday – Friday 10.00am–4.00pm
Telephone: 9882 8388; Facsimile: 9882 8478

Blazer Lines Year 12: Licona will be sending senior blazers to the tailor for honour lines and rebraiding over the upcoming holidays. Please have your **blazer dry cleaned now**. Bring your **clean blazer** to the Licona before the College breaks for the holidays. The Licona **will not accept** blazers which have been worn all term. It is a health regulation that garments be in a clean condition before work can be commenced. Thank you.

College Holidays: Licona will close for the holidays at 4pm on Thursday 24 June. Licona will re-open on Monday 16 July from 10am–5pm.

SALE: Winter Bargains: 2 PE Polos for the price of 1. Didrikson waterproof Jackets, prices now reduced. Great for skiing and wet weather.

Riverview Recycled Schoolwear: The recycled shop is open every Thursday from 10am–4pm. There is a good selection of **pre-loved blazers for sale** at present as well as other uniform items.

Please Label Your Uniform Items: Please take the time to do this task. Many items especially blazers and jumpers go missing.

Lost & Found: Located in the Licona. There is a selection of school shoes, runners and footy boots waiting for their owners to come and collect.

ideal if this person were available Thursday morning. This is urgent! **Baby Minders** – We always need more help with the babies and pre-Schoolers. If you are able to help please contact Sr Maria on 0408 615 671 or on mariasull@bigpond.com Classes are held weekdays during school terms from 9.30am til 12.45pm.

COLLEGE TUTORIALS

LEARNING SUPPORT TUTORIALS FOR REGIS CAMPUS

Monday 8.00am – Year 6; **Wednesday 8.00am** – Years 5 & 6; **Thursday 8.00am** – Years 5 & 6
Literacy classes are held every week throughout the academic year with Ms Julia Burfitt at Regis Campus in the Learning Support classroom. It is highly recommended that all students who are referred by their class teachers, specialist teachers and parents attend. If you need to clarify any details, please email or phone Julia Burfitt on 98828307 or jaburfitt@riverview.nsw.edu.au

LEARNING SUPPORT NOTICE: The following classes are being offered for Term 2:

Spelling/Handwriting Tutorials: Each Tuesday morning at 7.45am, in the Therry Lab, starting in Week 2. These classes are for Years 7 and 8. Please contact Mr George Cassar with any queries 9882 8210.

Maths Tutorials: each Wednesday morning at 7.45am, in the Therry Lab, starting in Week 2. These classes are for Years 7 and 8. Please contact Mr George Cassar with any queries 882 8210.

General Tutorials: Each Wednesday at lunch time, in the Therry Lab, starting in Week 2. These classes are to assist Years 7 and 8 boys with any assessments. Please contact Mr George Cassar with any queries 9882 8210.

Reading Comprehension: Each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning at 7.45am, upstairs in St Michael's House. These classes are for boys in Years 7 and 8. Please contact Miss Susan Addinall with any queries.

Writing Skills: Each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning at 7.45am, in TH106. These classes are for boys in Years 7 and 8. Please contact Mr Nick Coplin with any queries.

OTHER TUTORIALS:

English: Tuesday afternoon 3.45–4.30pm – focus on Year 11/12 work. Wednesday morning at 7:45–8:30am and Wednesday afternoon at 3.45–4.30pm. Thursday morning at 7:45–8:30am and Thursday afternoon at 3.45–4.30pm.

Geography: Every Wednesday morning for Year 12 in MA308.

Maths: Maths tutorials are available to all students on Monday afternoon (3.30–4.30pm), as well as Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings (7.30–8.30am) in room VA201. Years 7 and 8 tutorials are on Monday and Friday mornings (7.30–8.30am) also in VA201.

Science: Years 7–10 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings 7.45–8.30am in Lab ON307.

Studies of Religion: A reminder that Studies of Religion tutorials are being held every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 7.45am in MA204.

A father who was educated overseas

“I had heard many positive stories of Riverview boys from friends over the years. The boys whom I have met more recently are characteristically kind and considerate. They are outward looking, not just concerned for themselves. I would like my son to be formed in the same way.”

From the wife of Old Boy

“All the longstanding Riverview school friends of my husband have such good values – values instilled for life. They are core values. I notice they have an ability to grow. That’s what I want for my son.”

A father educated in another Catholic school and his wife

[The Father] “When I was younger, my father had a business in Lane Cove and he employed a number of Riverview schoolboys over the years. They always had an obvious maturity and were quite impressive. Something about the style of human beings they were. Compassionate. Also I have worked with many Riverview Old Boys. They have a strong sense of giving back.”

[The Mother.] “Years ago, I worked for Home Care. In that capacity I helped look after a Riverview boarder living in the Infirmary who had a bone disease. I can’t remember who he was, but I saw the way his friends cared for him and I was so impressed. I thought, ‘that’s the sort of boy I would like my son to be – caring and generous.’ “

I shared these responses with the boys at our last College Assembly. Why do so? Not just so that they will do good things because people are watching them. Or that they will thereby ensure our enrolments continue to be healthy. No. That would be cheap and false. A rather low-grade moral motivation. We strive to live out what is right because it *is* right. We do the right thing because it is at the core of who we are – not for reward or fear of punishment, or for what people will think of us.

I told these anecdotes to the boys also to congratulate and thank them. And I recounted them to remind the boys of what the ideal of a Riverview graduate is. It is an ideal about character and virtue. I put before them the ideal of a young man of integrity. The ideal of a young man who knows what is right, and what is just, and what is good – and will commit himself to those values. The ideal of a young man who understands that to live in a world that is completely self-centred or self-absorbed is ultimately such a shallow existence.

If that way of being attracts others to want to join this community

at enrolment time, well and good – it is a bonus. If it does not, then they will find other schools to meet their needs and aspirations.

As for us – we *know* who we are and we *know* what we want to become.

QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

I am pleased to acknowledge the following who are connected with the Riverview Family and have been awarded Australian Honours for their service to others:

Member of the Order of Australia

Rev Mons Tony Doherty, AM (OR 1950): For service to the Catholic Church in Australia, through adult faith education and pastoral care, and to the Parish of Rose Bay.

Dr Keith Hartman, FRCOG, FRANZCOG, AM [Father of Luke (OR93), Alexander (OR98), Edward (OR99) and John (OR2003)]: For service to medicine in the field of obstetrics and gynaecology as a clinician, and through executive and fundraising roles with the Friends of the Mater Foundation.

Dr Raymond Francis Raper, FRACP, AM [Uncle of Hugh (Year 10) and Lachlan (Year 7) Raper]: For service to medicine in the field of intensive care as a clinician, researcher and educator, and through contributions to professional associations.

Reverend Emeritus Professor Fr Peter Steele, SJ, FAAH, AM (Former Provincial of the Society of Jesus in Australia): For service to literature and higher education as a poet, author, scholar and teacher, and to the Catholic Church.

Medal of the Order of Australia

Mr David Hutton, FACE, FACEL, OAM [Former Jesuit and member of staff at Riverview (1981–1983)]: For service to education in Queensland, and through roles with professional organisations.

Mr Christopher Guy Noel, OAM [Father of Edward (OR2004) and Thomas (OR2006)]: For service to the sport of rowing in New South Wales.

Public Service Medal

Ms Jane Herington, PSM (Sister of Peter Herington, Director of the Foundation): For outstanding public service to the Victorian aged care system, improving the lives of many older Victorians, people with disabilities and vulnerable client groups.

Fr Ross Jones SJ, Rector

The *Magis* asks us to be open to ‘the more’

FROM THE HEADMASTER

I DO HOPE THAT EVERYONE had an enjoyable long weekend, despite the rain. Thank you for your support for our staff professional day held last Friday and led by our Head of Learning and Innovation, Mrs Sally Egan. While the College has had much success in many areas, particularly academically, Sally’s role is to examine our capacity – our *Magis* – to do better. Regardless of how well the College might be doing, we need to continually ask ourselves, is the staff and are the students performing to their God-given ability in all they do?

The energy and creativity generated last Friday suggests that we are capable of and have the desire to challenge our students more through the way in which we teach and more importantly in the way in which we assess our students and provide reports to parents.

I encourage you to read the report presented by Sally Egan on last Friday’s staff development day, in this week’s *Viewpoint*.

ETHNIC DIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS

Earlier this week there was an article in *The Sydney Morning Herald* highly critical of private, independent schools for their seeming lack of ethnic diversity. The article stated that at a number of schools, including Riverview, ‘fewer than 10 per cent of students state that they or their parents speak a language other than English’. The article also said that ‘a number of private schools, catering for specific religious, ethnic or cultural groups, are almost exclusively attended by students from language backgrounds other than English.’

In many ways this article lacked substance and relevance.

It failed to acknowledge that most of the independent schools surveyed were religious schools and therefore had enrolment processes that reflect their religious beliefs. The article also did not acknowledge that religious practices are very different across different ethnic communities and countries throughout the world. The fact that Saint Ignatius’ College, Riverview, requires, as a condition of enrolment, that a student has been baptised a Catholic and has at least received the sacraments of Reconciliation,

Eucharist and Confirmation would certainly restrict the diversity of our enrolment.

That being said, I have endeavoured over the years to ensure that Riverview's enrolment reflects Australian society through the inclusion of our indigenous program, our Bursary program and our program for students with learning disabilities.

Perhaps this is not enough and greater diversity could be a challenge for the next Headmaster.

ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVES

A reminder to all parents that this Sunday the SIC Environment Committee is launching its first ever Sustainable Living Festival to be held at the Regis Campus. From 1–5pm the committee will be holding an E-waste collection. There will also be a number of speakers talking about permaculture and the solar industry as well as a variety of workshops.

One of the most annoying things for families is having old TVs and mobile phones etc gathering dust in the garage. Often it's expensive to take these to the waste transfer station, so on Sunday there's the opportunity to recycle them and help the environment. For more information on the festival please contact Sue Martin, our Environmental Education Officer at smmartin@riverview.nsw.edu.au or 9882-8142.

APOLOGIES

Last year I wrote a note in *Viewpoint* apologising about the clash of Riverview in Concert with the State of Origin game. I cannot believe that this clash has happened again this year and have offered to re-resign over such an error! Please be assured that next year Riverview in Concert will not be held on a Wednesday night to avoid a clash with the State of Origin. I apologise to those families who were not able to use their tickets to the game.

VISIT BY THE PROVINCIAL

This week, the Provincial of the Society of Jesus, Fr Steve Curtin SJ, made his annual visitation to the College. During his visitation, the Provincial specifically meets with the Jesuits who are working in this ministry. He also has the opportunity for broader discussion on the overall success and direction of the College. With just four Jesuits in our community at Riverview, I am amazed at the many different offerings provided to our students, staff, parents and Old Boys by this 'dynamic' group of men. Their diaries are always full, yet when asked, they always seem to find the time to help and be of service to members of the Riverview community.



Tom Cutler (School Captain), Josh de Angelis (Day Boy Vice Captain)
Fr Steve Curtin, SJ and Xavier May (Boarder Vice Captain)

Greg Skeed

Many Old Boys from past decades would have seen Jesuit communities with up to 25 Priests and some Brothers. However, these days, as the Provincial says, we are into quality not quantity! We should always remember how lucky we are to be in a Jesuit school and to have these wonderful men who seem to be always available to those in need. While there are now many parishes that do not even have a priest, we are indeed blessed.

REFLECTION

Blessedness

Claiming our own blessedness always leads to a deep desire to bless others. The characteristic of the blessed ones is that, wherever they go, they always speak words of blessing. It is remarkable how easy it is to bless others, to speak good things to and about them, to call forth their beauty and truth, when you yourself are in touch with your own blessedness. The blessed one always blesses. And people want to be blessed! No one is brought to life through curses, gossip, accusations or blaming. There is so much of that taking place around us all the time. And it calls forth only darkness, destruction and death. As the 'blessed ones', we can walk through this world and offer blessings. It doesn't require much effort. It flows naturally from our hearts. When we hear within ourselves the voice calling us by name and blessing us, the darkness no longer distracts us. The voice that calls us the Beloved will give us words to bless others and reveal to them that they are no less blessed than we. *Reclaiming our Humanity: A retreat with Henri Nouwen*

Mr Shane Hogan, Headmaster

FROM THE HEAD OF LEARNING AND INNOVATION

LEARNING AND INNOVATION 2012 UPDATE

Last Friday, all staff, teaching and administration, engaged in a Professional Learning Day. The intention of the day was to create ownership of the data (survey and focus group findings), which in turn leads to an expectation of responsibility and accountability for us all. During the day, staff referred to current research from Sharratt and Fullan (2012): "To build success in schools, we need to see the data not as numbers but as the names and faces of every single student. If we believe intelligence is changeable, then we are empowered to look for better ways of continually moving students forward on the learning journey."

Staff were reminded to consider their context, be active in their reflections with each other and their students, and maintain the integrity and authenticity of the Ignatian pedagogy.

The findings from the student and parent focus groups were shared and discussed. The strengths and areas for consideration were highlighted. It is clear students and parents appreciate the opportunities the boys receive within the context of the Jesuit tradition. Teaching staff were identified as hard working and committed to student learning. Parents value the service program, the spiritual formation and various learning experiences. Students confidently articulated key highlights of their learning experiences and challenged aspects linked to feedback. Aspects to do with a consistent approach to communication, academic expectations, and feedback to student progress and ensuring we engage in learning conversations with students are some of the challenges ahead.

Staff were actively involved in focus groups in relation to assessment, reporting, care and well being and ICT. Jennifer Richardson, Head of Professional Learning led all teachers in Years 5–12 through various teaching and learning approaches eg Assessment for Learning, Inquiry Based Learning and Differentiation. The conversations have allowed staff to engage in the patterns and work towards establishing goals, timelines, responsibilities within a 12 month action plan. Each Faculty met at the end of the day to establish a College and Faculty goal to work towards achieving over the next 12 months. The goals will guide next steps for each faculty as they plan and develop implementation.

In the meantime, the Learning and Innovation Reference Group (a team of teachers and non-teachers representing all aspects of

College life) will continue to meet and establish goals, strategies, targets and a timeline. This action plan will be developed over the next term to ensure we are doing the very best in what we provide here at Saint Ignatius' College, Riverview.

Mrs Sally Egan, Head of Learning and Innovation

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS

This week we celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart, where we came together as a full College community. It is always a special occasion when this occurs, especially when it is done so to share mass or a liturgy. At the conclusion of mass, I thanked the boys for their attention and articulated to them very briefly and simply the importance of the spiritual dimension of their education. An extended version of the message follows.

Saint Ignatius' College, Riverview is a school committed unreservedly to the education of the whole person, specifically in relation to the academic, co-curricular and spiritual dimensions of our students' development. While this growth can be clearly articulated and demonstrated in terms of the academic and co-curricular realms, this can be somewhat nebulous in regard to the spiritual sphere.

In fact, spirituality is a hard word to define because it refers to something which is intensely personal and deeply intimate. According to the dictionary, spirituality is 'concerned with sacred or religious things; holy, divine, inspired, refined, sensitive, concerned with the soul or spirit, not with external reality'. In my opinion, this is not especially illuminating or accurate as it is one-sided, focusing on the human side of the equation.

To be 'spiritual' we need to be attentive, to listen to the music which plays through our lives. However, to hear it we do not need to necessarily withdraw from the 'external reality'. As Gerard Manley Hopkins SJ wrote: 'There lives the dearest freshness deep down things' and the world and our lives are 'changed with the grandeur of God'. Spirituality involves us in the world around us, since the God we worship is 'the Beyond in the midst of our lives'. The German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who coined this phrase, proved this in his life. He was attuned to the mystery of this Beyond, and to the Word made flesh in Jesus whom he called the 'man for others' - very poignant to our underlying values at Riverview. Bonhoeffer involved himself in the struggle against the



Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass attended by the full College community

evil power of Hitler, risking his life so that other might be free and finally paying the price of his life, being executed for treason in a concentration camp.

There are two sides to spirituality – listening and responding. Listening is essentially what prayer is about, waiting on the God who 'slants a sudden laser through common day', as Australian poet Judith Wright articulates in her poem 'Grace'. Responding means living out the praise evoked by the Spirit within us, which, as Wright continues, 'plunges a sword from a dark star'. It challenges us to live out the divine live, the compassion and generosity, the hunger and thirst for justice. Therein lies the reason for its centrality in the education of our students at Riverview.

BIRTHDAYS	
15 June	Thomas Murdoch, Maxfield Peres, Benjamin Saines
16 June	Samuel Byrne, Nat Glasheen, Luke Griffin, Alex Hutchinson
17 June	Leo Chan
18 June	Bede Carrigan, Will Daly, Oliver Harris, Alex Pierangeli, Anthony Tizzone
19 June	Grayson Grogan, Lachlan O'Hare, Charlie Redden, Thomas Wilson, Michael Yaacoub
20 June	Hugo Cusack, Nicholas Maunsell, Kristopher Silitonga, Zachary Simpson, Sebastian Ward, Harry Zekulich
21 June	Martin Baker, Henri King, Xavier May, Declan Rickard

Mr Adam Lewis, Director of Students

FROM THE ASSOCIATE TO THE HEADMASTER AND RECTOR

1. JACK SHEEKEY (OR28) 100 YEARS OLD.

Last week, Jack Sheekey, Riverview's oldest living old boy turned 100. The day before that, he was our honoured guest at our college assembly. This is what I said in introducing him.

In welcoming Mr Jack Sheekey and his daughter, Jill, and his son in law, Lou, here this morning, we honour a remarkable man. Jack is one of the 15,000 Old Boys of this school still alive. But what singles him out is that he finished his schooling at Riverview 84 years ago and, tomorrow, Jack turns 100.

When Jack was born on Friday, 7 June, 1912 in a small stone cottage in Yass, King George V, the current Queen's grandfather, was on the throne of England. The population of Australia was only 4½ million. Just two months before Jack's birth, the mighty ocean liner, the 'Titanic', sank. Jack was six years old when the guns of World War I finally fell silent. And on the day that Sydney Harbour Bridge opened in March, 1932, 19 year old Jack was one of the first to walk across the bridge.

Jack then lived through all the bewildering technological advances of the 20th and 21st centuries.

He was one of 7 children – he had 6 older sisters – and at the age of 13 he was sent to board at Riverview on a Bursary in February, 1926. He was one of only 150 boys at Riverview but he quickly and consistently established himself as one of the best at his studies. He won prizes for Classics and Maths every year and in 1928, in the Intermediate exams, he was first in Maths, Latin, French and Greek, second in English fourth in History and Dux of his year for the third consecutive year.

He was also good at Rugby, playing in an undefeated side in 1928 as a quick runner who played on the wing and scored plenty of tries.

84 years ago, he finished his schooling at Riverview, aged 16. He then worked for over 50 years in insurance companies and rose from the ground floor to managerial level.

He married Jean Mary Monro in 1939 – a marriage that lasted 60 years until his wife's death in 1999 and they lived at Bondi for most of that time.

But just after his son, Michael, was born in 1942, Jack enlisted in the RAAF and served for four years as a Radio Operator in New

Guinea. Somehow his name was never recorded on Riverview's War Memorial until we noticed it was missing a few weeks ago. Straight after this Assembly, we're going to take Jack up to the Memorial to show him his name, freshly carved, only 70 years overdue!

Jack has remained active all his life, playing competition tennis into his 80s and he has retained a great interest and care for other people, serving for many years with the St Vincent de Paul Society. He has a great sense of humour and he follows Riverview's fortunes keenly in the newspapers and through the 'Ignatian'. Every day is the best day of his life!

Mr Sheekey was one of our three special Old Boy guests in 2005 when the school celebrated our 125th anniversary. Now, when we are 132 years old, Jack is still a vital, sprightly, intrepid, resilient link to a past that is beyond the memory of most Australians today.

Last Week, Luca Pannozzo of Year 5, turned 10 – the youngest boy at Riverview. Tomorrow Jack will be 100. 90 years separates them but Riverview binds them.

Today, they share a link that spans the ages from the early days of the 20th century, perhaps into the 22nd century.

But today, Jack, we welcome you home, to your old school and as a mark of honour and respect and friendship, we want to wish you a happy 100th birthday by singing Happy Birthday to you."

2. THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART AT RIVERVIEW

On Wednesday, we marked the Feast of the Sacred Heart with a Mass for the entire College community enriched by the presence of many of our friends from the Cana Community.

For 134 years at Riverview, this feast day has had special meaning. It was on the feast day in 1878 that Father Joseph Dalton SJ, the first Rector of Riverview, purchased the property that was to become Saint Ignatius' College, Riverview.

The statue of the Sacred Heart has stood at Riverview since 1888 (in the Quadrangle until 1930, and, from then, in the Rose Garden).

Open heartedness, welcome, loving affection for others, through Christ, have been powerful symbols of all that we do at Riverview since the time of Father Dalton.

3. A REFLECTION ON THE STORY OF THE PRODIGAL SON (LUKE 15)

The story of the prodigal son is one which we use on the first night of our Kairos Retreats as it illustrates God's unconditional love for each of us.

Fr Peter Steele SJ, former Provincial of the Society of Jesus in Australia wrote this sonnet on *The Prodigal*. Father Steele was honoured deservedly this week in the Queen's Birthday Honours list, as noted in the Rector's column in this *Viewpoint*.

*Sick of his father and his brothers' claims,
He lit out for the country, walking tall
As though impossible to halt or tame:
Others, he knew, were riding for a fall.
Out there he sluiced money every way,
Good as his word, but only for a while:
Pigs at their pods became his only stay,
Expert in how to slobber and defile.
Back home his father, now a yearner, saw
The white nights through and fed the calf a treat,
Paced at the gate until his feet were raw,
Kept sandals, robe and riding beside his seat,
Hoping, the boy returned, by some wild chance
The brooding heir would join them in the dance.*

Mr James Rodgers, Associate to the Headmaster and Rector

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MIDDLE SCHOOLING

We are what we repeatedly do – Aristotle

'When the going gets tough, the tough get going' and 'practice makes perfect' are but two well-worn clichés that can be used to emphasize the value of perseverance. While often used in relation to sporting efforts or learning musical instruments, perseverance is equally relevant to academic pursuits. The desire to continue working on, for example, a difficult equation or a sophisticated passage of text, does not come naturally to all students. However, while some may abandon the difficult tasks relatively quickly, other students will continue to focus on the difficult work until it is mastered, or at least until they have exhausted various methods of completion. Even if they are unable to solve the equation or decipher the meaning of the passage, students with perseverance will actively seek out help to improve their understanding of the concepts behind the work. Not all academic work is intrinsically "exciting", but teachers rarely have time to waste on "useless information". If the boys are going to be successful learners, they will need to develop the habit of perseverance, of remaining focused when other minds are wandering (but not wondering!) and aiming to master the material that they are learning.



Winners at the Public Speaking Competition held at the Lane Cove Rotary Club

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS FOR YEARS 7 AND 8

Parent/Teacher Interviews for Year 7 Boarders and Year 8 Dayboys and Boarders will take place on Monday 16 July. For further information please see the Prefect of Studies' Report in this issue of *Viewpoint*.

REGIS AND TERRY CURRICULUM OVERVIEWS

In response to feedback gained from the parent focus groups conducted in Term Two, curriculum overviews will be provided twice per term for each Year group across the Middle School. In addition to the subjects and topics being covered, information will also be provided on assessment tasks, excursions and other events. From the start of Semester Two, the information will be posted on the College Portal, with an email alert. The information is designed to keep parents updated on the work that the boys are undertaking, upcoming assessment tasks, and other upcoming events.

ROTARY CLUB LANE COVE PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Last Wednesday evening 6 June, Sean Walton (Year 6) and Dashiell Upton (Year 5) represented the College at the Rotary Club Lane Cove Public Speaking Competition, held at the Lane Cove Council Chambers. Five local schools were represented and all ten students who spoke were most impressive.

Sean spoke eloquently about 'Friendship' while Dashiell impressed the audience with his speech on 'Heroes'.

Thank you to Ms Kaye Walker who provided tremendous advice

and support to our boys. It was clear to all present that this coaching enabled our boys to perform at their best.

The final adjudication placed Sean in First Place with a cheque for the Regis Library to the value of \$500.

Both boys are to be congratulated on the way they prepared and performed on the night.

Mr Martin Collins

REGIS READING CHALLENGE

During Terms 2 and 3 all Regis boys are participating in the Regis Reading Challenge. They each have a reading record booklet with activities for responding to and reflecting on their reading. Reading for pleasure is what we hope for our boys. To achieve this they need to be critical readers who have views on what they are reading. We need to know that they have understood or learned from their reading so that we can move them on to more challenging or interesting books. Ask your son to show you his booklet and his responses to what he is reading.

One of the activities in the booklet is to send a postcard to your teacher. This 'postcard' from Alistair Schillert (6.2) recommends the Charlie Higson *Young Bond* series. "Having reached the last chapter I just wanted to let you know the thrill of reading the book *Blood Fever*, where young James Bond travels to the depths of Sardinia, where one of his enemies will be one of his teachers...He meets the criminal disguised as Count Ugo who will kill anyone who stands in the way of his greed. The book is like a real James Bond movie opening in front of you – a must read for all!"

Mrs Heather Cloudsdale

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Max Moore and William McLennan who have both been selected in the CIS Rugby team for 2012. We know that they will be outstanding ambassadors for the College.

Mr Edward Codsí, Director of Middle Schooling

FROM THE PREFECT OF STUDIES

Parent/Teacher Interviews for the following year groups will take place on:

16 July: Year 8 and 9 (Boarders and Dayboys) in the Ramsay Hall between 12pm–7pm.

16 July: Year 7 and 10 (Boarders) in the Ramsay Hall between 12pm–7pm.

23 July: Year 7 and 10 (Dayboys) in the Ramsay Hall between 4pm–9pm

You should have received information by email about the process to book appointments with teachers. Once you have logged on though the College Portal, please read the first screen carefully for any advice pertaining to your son's year group.

Please direct any questions about logging onto the College Portal to ICT; they can be reached at 9882 8417.

Mr John Gilles, Prefect of Studies

FROM THE CENTRE FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING SUPPORT

DA VINCI DECATHLON REPORT

The following students from Years. 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 represented the College in the Da Vinci Decathlon, at Knox Grammar School on Wednesday 30 May.

Year 5: Mitchell Hope, Patrick Slocombe, Joshua Bunbury, Tomas Riley-Brown, William Jones, Nicholas Jones, Sean Walton and Oliver Bosworth and two supportive Year 5 reserves, Declan Rickard and Myles McLaughlin

Year 7: Jack Herschell, Ben Leotta, Luke Rossie, Blaise Di Mento, Jessie Grey, Nicholas O'Sullivan, Rhys Hope, Jonathan boyd

Year 8: Murray Graeme, Mark Rothery, Joe Clinton, Richard Murray, Teague Mirabelle, Tom Osborne, Robbie Zammit, Oscar Eggleton

Year 9: Matt Horsley, Will Cronin, Sam Eaton, Sam Smith, Xavier Eales, Connor Campbell, Xavier Fitzpatrick, Ben O'Dea

The Students trained twice weekly throughout Term 2 for this competition and it is planned that there be more concerted ongoing involvement for the Da Vinci and like Tournaments in the future. The day was challenging and stimulating for all participating students. Activities involved testing the students ability to infer higher level scientific concepts; Mathematics with an emphasis on problem solving, number patterns and logic puzzles; Philosophy, dealing with evidence based materials; English, spelling, word origins, definitions, scrabble and writing tasks; Creative Producers; involving the development and presentation of a commercial product; Engineering and the challenge of building and designing a glider; Art and Poetry; Games of strategy; General Knowledge and code breaking.

The Da Vinci students deserve commendation for their outstanding efforts, positive attitude and cooperative manner in which they conducted themselves in all the activities. It was great to see them develop as a team prior to and during the tournament.

Thank you to all the teachers involved and for the support of Julia Burfitt, Sally Egan, David Johnston, George Cassar, Rebecca Scardino and Natasha Ainslie

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST WITH SPECIAL PROVISIONS – NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

The College has a number of students in Year 7 – Year 12 that are assisted during examinations. We need the continued generous support of volunteers to ensure that we cater for the needs of these boys. Term 3 and 4 are a particularly busy time with many Year groups having exams

The roles for which we need volunteers are:

- + Reader or writer for a student in examinations
- + Supervisor of exams for students who have special provisions

No experience is necessary so if you would like to be involved please email or call Kim Prodinge, Centre for Teaching & Learning Support, on 9882 8409 or ksprodinge@riverview.nsw.edu.au.

Mr Dom Wilkinson

Head of Centre for Teaching and Learning Support

FROM THE CAREERS ADVISER

For the Careers newsletter, please to the College website:
[Publications > Newsletters > Careers](#)

Mrs Sandra Brackenbury, Careers Counsellor

CHRISTOPHER BRENNAN LIBRARY

'NATIONAL YEAR OF READING' READING QUIZ!

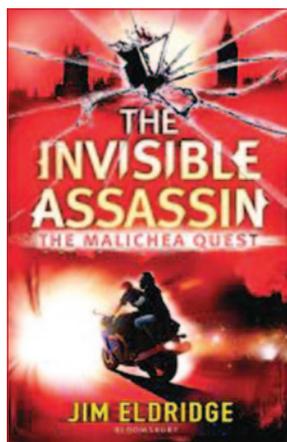
Congratulations to Ryan McAlpine for answering this week's question correctly: The colours of the dominant dragons in the *Dragons of Pern* by Anne McCaffrey are gold and Bronze.

This week's question is:

In what book (and by which author) does a boy become a spy after the death of his uncle?

BOOK REVIEW!

The Invisible Assassin by Jim Eldridge (reviews by Mrs Wall)



This is the first book in the series: *The Malichea Quest*. If you liked Alex Rider books by Anthony Horowitz, you may like this too!

Jake finds himself at the scene of a fairy ring with demonstrators trying to stop construction and wreck the fairy ring. When one of the construction workers goes into the ring to pull out a book and opens the book, green vegetation covers him and he is carted away to a top secret institution. Jake is not sure at first what he believes but

soon comes to realise that whomever is interested in the Order of Malichea is dangerous!

If you want a good quick read and love adventure/thriller stories, then read this! There are dead bodies, an ancient conspiracy, top secret installations, magic, as just one part of the story.

Ms Andrea Hogan, Library Manager

FROM THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

E-Waste collection is this Sunday 1–5pm at the Regis Hall, a chance to recycle your old electrical goods, Saint Ignatius' College, Riverview is working with Lane Cove Council and has invited local residents to participate as well. This week I had the opportunity to participate in the Parramatta Learning Community for Sustainability at Riverstone, they have a wonderful veggie garden. Our Environment debate is gearing up to be a great night we have asked the sustainability award winning Saxon from Pablo & Rusty's to be a guest adjudicator. Come along if you can Wednesday 20 June Theatrette.

Sustainable Living tip: Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle are the sustainable living mantra, taking responsibility of all your goods and services is hard. *'Creating a better View'*

GREEN DATES:

17 June: E waste collection Regis Hall & Sustainable Living Expo

19 June: Sustainable Living workshops Memorial Hall 4–6:30pm

20 June: Environment Debate – 7pm Theatrette

*Mrs Sue Martin smmartin@riverview.nsw.edu.au 9882 8142
Environmental Education Officer (Tuesday & Wednesday)*

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULUM

With the exception of a few Debating, Chess, and AFL teams there was little sport last weekend. I hope that you all had the opportunity to recharge and rest, I know that the staff and coaches did enjoy the extra time with their families and friends. No doubt, for many of our boarders it was an opportunity to travel back home to visit loved ones and for the day boys to also catch up with friends and family, especially those that they may not always have time to schedule with their busy weekend commitments.

As I was reading the sport sections of the papers, I was alarmed at the number of articles and allocated space devoted to the comments from coaches, players and spectators about referees and their disapproval of the many decisions they had made throughout the respective matches. I could not believe that some editors of National newspapers would also vent similarly.

In watching the sport on television from time to time and indeed over the long weekend, it can now be seen that players are also beginning to challenge the decisions made by referees during the games, and in some cases, swearing to achieve an even more emphatic argument. Unfortunately, some of these habits have been filtering into schoolboy competitions and many have been reported in our GPS competitions recently.

Last week a document was sent to the GPS, CIS and ISA schools of NSW, from the NSW Rugby Union, outlining many reported cases of such referee harassment. This document was emailed in response

For Co-Curriculum Fixtures, please click on the link below which will direct you to the College Website:

[Co-Curriculum > Sports at Riverview > Sports Fixtures](#)

For full Co-Curricular sport reports, please click on the link below which will direct you to the College Website:

[Publications > Newsletters > Co-Curriculum Newsletter](#)

(Note: The sport reports listed in Viewpoint are abbreviated)

to a request from the referees association in regard continuing and escalating incidents of crowd, player and in some cases student admonishment. Below is a statement in regard the above:

As was the case last year, coaching staff and team benches will be the focus of the NSW Rugby campaign to eliminate abuse of match officials. We are asking all teams in all competitions to act appropriately to ensure that they do not participate in, encourage or condone poor behaviour directed at a match official. NSW Rugby will take strong action against any individual or group found guilty of such behaviour.

I must point out that the email was not directed at the College, but rather to a number of participating schools, and although it has originated from a Rugby Union context, similar rules, policies and procedures apply across a variety of sports.

In life, we deal with situations where quite often we do not receive the “rub of the green” or the “bounce of the ball”. And, there are instances where there is legitimate cause to ask for clarification and even after this, still feel hard done by. As part of developing resilience and character building, these are lessons in life that will hold us in good stead for the future. Lessons that will ultimately help us to become 'Men for Others'.

Mr John Frare, Director of Co-Curriculum

REGIS SPORT

ROUND 7 REGIS WINTER SPORT

This weekend of 16 June is the last round of Winter Sport this term.

Please note all 11 Years Rugby teams playing Scots have moved venue from Kirkland Oval to Centennial Park, Field 9, which is located on Grand Drive, Centennial Park. A map was given to all boys to locate the venue.

CIS RUGBY SELECTION

Congratulations to William McLennan and Max Moore who have selected in CIS Rugby Team to compete at the PSSA Rugby State Championships next term.

EQUIPMENT CARE

Please pay special attention to your own sports equipment. Each week at Regis Campus after Sport training on Thursdays and match day on Saturdays, a large number of items are left on the fields. Check that all gear is collected and taken home.

REGIS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Regis Campus Athletics Carnival – **Tuesday 19 June** – Rotary Park Athletics Field.

All boys need to be at school by 8.30am in order to catch the bus to and from Rotary Park. Boys will need to wear Riverview PE uniform or Riverview Athletics uniform, tracksuits and Riverview cap and to bring recess, lunch and drinks. No canteen will be available on the day.

If the weather is poor an alternate date of **Monday 30 July** has been booked for next term.

SATURDAY SPORT FIXTURES INFORMATION

Saturday sport is compulsory and all boys must attend each weekend unless special permission is granted from Mr Noud via parent contact.

Many boys were absent last weekend meaning teams were short of players. Boys must also arrive ½ hour prior to game time to allow adequate warm up and match preparation.

Boys need to bring all equipment needed for games including water bottles with name clearly marked on them and safety equipment i.e. shin pads or mouth guards.

Mr Michael Noud, Regis Campus Sportmaster

CROSS COUNTRY

Owing to the fine weather conditions, the Cross Country season for 2012 has started off well with four competition meets already taking place at various venues. The squad has been graced with smaller numbers this year with three junior, seven intermediate runners and five senior competitors. Coming off the back of a grueling Track and Field season for most, the transition into this grueling sport somewhat familiar.

Outstanding performances by the junior team to date have seen them place in the top three GPS positions at every competition. Charlie Doherty has carried over his good form from the Track and Field season finishing in the top five places in GPS schools at every meet. Lachlan Raper, another athlete backing up from the Track and Field season has placed in the top ten in every meet, outstanding results from both these boys. Monte Prendiville has also contributed strongly to this team, finishing well in the top twenty on every occasion.

Ms Kate Hilyard, MIC Cross Country

FOOTBALL

The Kings trial round again produced a wide range of results for the Riverview teams varying from the emphatic victories among the Under 16s to some fairly comprehensive thumpings in other age groups. Goals were shared around, with the under 16s being the point of greatest concentration, with Damien Golja, Will Lenehan and Matt Fearnly contributing a hat trick of hat tricks in that age group (Damien picking up a fourth for good measure when subbing on for the next team). Harry Sullivan proved to be something of a super-sub when he ran on to help in the 7th XI and scored the only goal registered by the team with his first touch. He then scored the only goal in the 6th XI match to win the game for his team. The 1st XI reversed their disappointing loss at the hands of St Joseph's to score 7 goals in a goal fest on the Wanderer's Field at Kings. They carried a three-goal advantage into the second half, which saw 4 goals from each team, in wet conditions, which made life slippery for goalkeepers.

PRE-SEASON TRIAL ROUND WITH TKS – Saturday 2 June			
Team	With	Score	Scorers
1 st XI	TKS 1 st XI	7–4	Caleb Russell 2, Alec Hope, James Grant, Neil McCraith, Daniel Stuart, Hugh Raisin.
2 nd XI	TKS 2 nd XI	1–2	Will Minehan
3 rd XI	TKS 3 rd XI	2–0	Andrew Chudd-Chudzynski, Brandon Ryan.
4 th XI	TKS 4 th XI	1–1	Conor Kelly
5 th XI	TKS 5 th XI	5–0	Liam Hall 2, Jordan Farrell 2, Alex Fornasier.
6 th XI	TKS 6 th XI	1–0	Harry Sullivan
7 th XI	TKS 7 th XI	1–5	Harry Sullivan
8 th XI	TKS 8 th XI	3–4	Liam Ahern 2, James Lewis
16A	TKS 16A	5–0	X. Costa, W. Lenehan 3, J. Staniforth
16B	TKS 16B	1–0	Lachlan Woolley
16C	TKS 16C	7–0	Sam Marshall 2, Hanry Fisher 2, Aiden Van Klavoran, Michael Chau, Damien Golja.
16D	TKS 16D	9–0	Damien Golja 3, Matthew Fearnly 3, Henri King 2 and Angus Raisin
16E	TSC 16E	1–0	Alex Afianos
15A	TKS 15A	0–0	-
15B	TKS 15B	1–3	Peter Marley
15C	TKS 15C	0–6	-
14A	TKS 14A	0–3	-
14B	TKS 14B	0–5	-
13A	TKS 13A	1–0	Dominic O'Brien

13B	TKS 13B	1–1	Charles Robertson
13C	TKS 13C	0–7	-
13D	TKS 13D	1–0	Luke Webber

Mr Peter Steffan, MIC Football

FROM THE PARENTS & FRIENDS

As I was lighting fires at a friend's farm in Crookwell over the long weekend I was reflecting on how different our lives are. Of course we still have the same trials and tribulations over our children but day-to-day lives are really quite different. To celebrate those similarities and differences we have the **Country City Mother's Lunch on 27 July**.

You should have all received your invitations via email but if not you can click on this link <http://www.trybooking.com/27229> to get all the information you need.

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

Mother's and carers will be seated in year groups with **no set** seating. This enables us to have a lovely blend of old, new, city and country families.

We are really excited to have a special guest performance by Riverview parent and world class opera singer Amelia Farrugia.

If you have any questions please contact Deb Henry 0408 607 204 or debhenry@tpg.com.au.

TRIVIA IS NOT TRIVIAL

The Trivia night on **Friday 24 August** is always great fun so start organising your tables now.

If anyone is interested in helping organizing the trivia night please shoot me an email. I'd love to have you on board.

The Solo parents group will be having an initial get together in Term 3 so watch this space and email me if you would like to be included.

As we slowly slide in to the holidays just remember to smell the roses.

DIARY NOTE:

City Country Mother's Lunch – **Friday 27 July**

Trivia Night – **Friday 24 August**

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