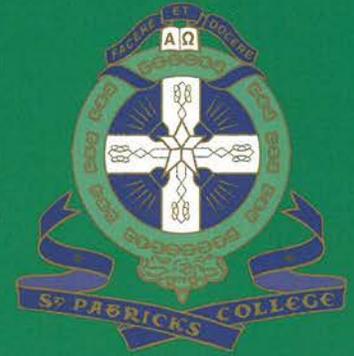


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FROM ST PAT'S TO THE VATICAN: BE NOT AFRAID

WELCOME TO THE FINAL EDITION OF THE SHAMROCK FOR 2003.

What a busy and exciting year it has been for all associated with the St Patrick's College community. Our students have triumphed in a variety of arenas, new buildings are springing up before our eyes and the achievements of our old boys continue to inspire our current generation of students.

The achievements of Cardinal George Pell since leaving St Patrick's College are testament to his unshakeable faith in God and his own innate abilities. His courage in upholding what he believes is right and in speaking out against what he believes is unjust, even at the risk of commendation, provides a valuable lesson for our current students. The St Patrick's College community is justifiably proud of the achievements of one of its most famous sons – a true 'Pattie's boy'.

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Those of us who are new to the tradition of the College marvel at the legacy we have been left and ponder how we are adding to it: how is what we have attempted in 2003 preparing our young men to serve society in the diverse ways their predecessors in the famous Green, White and Blue have done and are doing? A key aspect of our tradition is training for leadership. Our walls are crowded with photographs of Old Collegians who have gone on to be leaders in whatever they have taken on.

At State level we have three who have served as Premiers in Steve Bracks, Murray Byrne and Albert Ogilvie, KC; at Church level we have Bishops and Archbishops in Brian Finnigan, Joseph Oudemans, Sir Frank Little and Cardinal George Pell; in the arts of music and literature we have the likes of Sir Bernard Heinze and Raimond Gaita; in the professions we have surgeons like Sir Hugh Devine and lawyers like WT (Tom) Doyle, KC; in the military we have our

exemplars like Major General Jack Locke, MC; in public service Noel Flanagan, AO, curator of the National War Museum; and when it comes to sport we have all manner of Olympians, Medallists, captains, coaches and presidents.

We have taken seriously the grooming of young men to continue to add to this record of leadership. Opportunities abound for them to develop through formal appointments to leadership positions in all sports, social justice groups, cultural pursuits like band, choir and drama, in our houses, and our homerooms. Other activities which foster leadership include our involvement in the United Nations Youth Conferences, public speaking and debating programmes at local and state level, and induction as Ministers of the Eucharist.

To structure the development of leadership skills we have introduced Junior School and Middle School class leaders, and a voluntary Peer Support training in Year 9 for those who will act in a big brother programme in Year 10 with our Year 7s: more than half the Year 9 cohort volunteered to participate. Our Year 10 Leadership Programme was trialled in 2002 and adopted for all Year 10 students in 2003. It involves exposure to expert speakers and high impact activities leading to a public presentation by each boy of the inspirational aspects of one leader they have researched.

The Student Congress introduced in 2002 calls for House elections conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission. Representatives from each House at each Year level 7-11 meet in Westminster style with our traditional Year 12 Council which acts as the executive group of the Congress. The Congress works on a committee model so it has the capacity to gather opinion and suggestions from the entire student body. In my eyes, the Year 12 Council is the icing on the cake for it brings together our finest senior students. They are inducted through the National Young Leaders Day and a beachside planning forum, this year in Point Lonsdale in November.

The breadth of our leadership programmes is an indication of the value we see in developing self-confidence in our young men; the inclusiveness of our programmes is an indication of our belief that all young people have the capacity to shine, to excel. The capacity to follow your dreams and develop your talents in the service of others is exemplified in our Old Collegian, George Pell, to whom we dedicate this edition of *The Shamrock*. Ad multos annos: long life to him.

Peter M Casey

THE JOURNEY FROM STURT STREET TO CARDINAL

Br Brian Davis, College Archivist



Cardinal George Pell rucking for SPC.

Cardinal George Pell (SPC 1949-59).

Archbishop George Pell's recent installation by Pope John Paul II as Cardinal is just the latest in a long line of leadership positions exercised by him throughout his life.

George Pell was born in Ballarat on June 8, 1941 and commenced at St Patrick's College in 1949 in Grade Three. He was consistently among the class prize winners and achieved academic excellence as Dux in First Year and Sub Intermediate and sporting excellence as College champion athlete in the Under 14 and 15 age groups. He represented the College in athletics beginning in 1952 and finishing in 1958 as Vice Captain.

George Pell dominated College life in his final two years. In 1958 he won the F.Gwyn Cup for being the best player in defence, ruck and attack in the 1st XVIII. In 1959, Br O'Malley's twenty fifth year as coach, the team lost only once going down by a point to Parade College in a social game. George, in his fourth year in the 1st XVIII, won the Brian Gleeson Cup for best player in ruck and attack.

Other involvement in his time at St Pat's included rowing in the third and fourth crews, the St. Vincent De Paul Society and leading roles in the College Gilbert and Sullivan operas of the period as Pooh Bah in *The Mikado*, Sergeant of Police in the *Pirates of Penzance* and Sir Despard Murgatroyd in *Ruddigore*.

In Public Speaking he won consecutive Purton Oratory Awards, the Sir Hugh Devine Impromptu Speaking Award as well as a string of public speaking contests from Royal South Street, where he won the Oratorical Display and the Under 18 Impromptu Award, to the Catholic Speechcraft Festival's team and individual awards for two years in succession.

His other leadership positions ranged from Cadet Under Officer to President of the Holy Name Society and Our Lady's Sodality. In 1958 he was Senior Day Boy Prefect and in 1959 the College Captain and he won a Commonwealth Scholarship in his final year. He could arguably lay claim to being the quintessential St Patrick's College student.

His decision to join the priesthood rather than the Richmond Football Club at the finish of his secondary education led to a licentiate in theology after studying at Propaganda College in Rome from 1960 to 1967 and a doctorate in philosophy in studies at Oxford University, England from 1967 to 1971.

Upon returning to the Ballarat diocese he worked in the Parishes of Swan Hill and Ballarat East and as Parish Priest of Bungaree. During the period 1973-1984 he was Episcopal Vicar of Education, Director of the Aquinas Campus of the Institute of Catholic Education and Principal of the Institute from 1974-1984.

In this role he helped to shape the lives of a number of St Pat's educators. During this period he maintained close links with St Patrick's College with regular talks to the senior students and through the coaching of rowing crews.

George served as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Melbourne Archdiocese from 1987 until his appointment as Archbishop of Melbourne in 1996. From 1988 to 1997 he was Chairman of Caritas Australia and in 1989 he became Chairman of the committee that established the Australian Catholic University and was the foundation pro-chancellor from 1990 to 1995. He was a member of the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith from 1990 to 2000. In March, 2001 he was appointed Archbishop of Sydney. He has been a member of the Vatican Council for Justice and Peace since 2002 and the Council Synod since 2001. His achievements are almost too numerous to list but are characterised by a commitment to education and to serving communities.

George Pell has developed during his life the intellectual capacity to discern the truth and the moral courage to proclaim it. He has certainly taken to heart the central message of Jesus: "I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth will listen to my voice." John 18:37. Fittingly the motto on his coat of arms is, "Be Not Afraid".

2004 COLLEGE LEADERS

Congratulations to Cameron Brown who has been named College Captain for 2004. Cameron, a day student has already been named Captain of Swimming and is also a talented member of the College's Senior Band. Cameron will be supported by Stephen Coghlan and James Holmes who have been appointed Vice Captains.

Supporting these leaders will be other appointed members of the Student Council: Nathan Anderson, Chris Banwell, Robert Boadle, James Dickinson, Paul Hamm, Sam Jess, Josh Kannourakis, Tom Madden and Colm Trusler.

We look forward to another year of inspired leadership at the College from these leaders and from other students in leadership positions.

PURTON ORATORY, 2003

The College staged the annual Purton Oratory Public Speaking Competitions in the last week of Term 3. The prestige of the event was further enhanced with the addition of two new annual competitions to the programme – the Br H.T. Breach Oratory Award for the most accomplished Junior Public Speaker and the Mary Purcell Debating Trophy for Junior and Middle School teams.

Winner of the Purton Oratory Award for 2003 was Colm Trusler who gave an inspired speech entitled, 'Ambition'. Simon Harwood won the award for the most entertaining speech speaking on the subject, 'When Wine came to Oz'. Tom Andrews won the Sir Hugh Devine Award for Impromptu Speaking. The winners of the W.T. Doyle Debating Competition were Tom Andrews, Brett McLoughlin and Andrew Cook.

Winner of the inaugural Br H.T. Breach Oratory was Year 9 student James Harrison. The inaugural Purcell Debate Final was contested by the two Year 9 teams that competed at the Royal South Street festival. In a close contest the winning team was James Harrison, Brenton Carey and Brendan Harding.

The Purton Oratory Event capped off a highly successful year for the College's Public Speakers. The tradition of excellence in Public Speaking fostered by Headmaster Br Purton continues to grow from strength to strength at St Pat's.

OLIVER

Oliver, perhaps the most loved of all family musicals was performed by the students of St Pat's and Loreto College in October. Over 70 students performed on stage with many others filling invaluable backstage and front of house roles. Oliver was performed in the College Theatre which was transformed into a modern industrial set for the production. Oliver was first performed on the West End in 1960 featuring well known entertainer Barry Humphries.

Under the Direction of James Maddocks, Tim Ryan and Nick Williamson, the cast and crew came together wonderfully to provide all who attended with an entertaining night out. The quality of the performance highlights the talent within both schools and is a credit to all staff and students involved. Some of the leading actors in the production included Phillip Madigan (Fagin), Shawn Finlayson (Bill Sykes), Peter Toohey (Oliver), Gareth Prosser (Dodger), Chris Roache (Mr Bumble), Jessikah Rau (Nancy), David McDonald (Mr Sowerberry) and Kathleen Casey (Mrs Sowerberry).

Well done to all students and staff involved in this major production.



Members of the cast from the highly acclaimed SPC-Loreto production of Oliver.

YEAR 8 MEDIEVAL DAY

Year 8 students concluded their Medieval studies this year with a day filled with celebrations. Students and staff came dressed as peasants, monks, knights, jugglers, villains, lords and ladies. Master of Ceremonies Mr Martin Montgomery took students through a range of games, activities and performances which kept all students enthralled. A highlight of the day was the presentation of student work in a range of media. The quality of work presented by students was outstanding.

All students and staff packed into the College Dining Room for a traditional Medieval Feast, overseen by His Lordship King Casey, who honoured his loyal subjects with his presence.

YEAR 12 FAREWELL

Typical of the leadership and spirit displayed by our Year 12 students throughout the year the boys completed their Year 12 year in fine style. Students and their families enjoyed a BBQ on the Thursday evening organised by the Parents and Friends Association. Over 350 crammed into the Old Assembly area for an evening of celebration and reflection. The next day families gathered for the Year 12 Mass, an event that once again showcased the breadth of talent within the Class of 2003.

All boys are to be commended on their behaviour and their respect for the College and other students through avoiding the temptation to 'muck up'. The College community looks forward to sharing the fruits of the boy's labour when results are released in mid December.



Speech Night Masters of Ceremony
Simon Harwood and Eamon Zelenich

2003 VALEDICTORY DINNER

Simon Harwood's Toast to the Parents

I would like to begin tonight by reading to you a poem that was written by one of our Year Twelve students, Justin Cowan, depicting our time at St Pat's.

*The first day as a Patty Boy is a proud moment at that,
As you walk through the metal gates
Your life as a Patty boy has finally begun
You in your tie, and your blue suit and bag
Walking proudly with the future at hand.*

*As you enter your class of '98
Year 7 what a thrill,
With new faces looking at you as you sit in your place
Who may have now become mates.*

*We learnt that to be a Patty Boy you must have honour within.
You must stand by your mates and be part of the Patty spirit,
Which is expressed when the echo's of the school song and war cry sound throughout the school, off every wall and historical building.*

*History is written for another year.
As the new generation of Year 12s in 2003
Sound their voices for all to hear
To pass down the spirit of St Patrick's College within
To educate our new leaders from Years Seven to Eleven.*

Well from now on Patty's the rest of our lives will not be lived out in the open world as boys, but young men.

*So farewell St Patrick's College we thank you for your fighting values,
Our honour and our spirit.
And we will not forget those good times when Patty boys roared,
When we were cheering each other on
So see ya later for life must now go on.*

From our timid beginnings in '98 to our graceful presence among you here tonight, there has been a significant group of people who have diligently attended to our needs and that is our guardians and parents.



The Hon. Catherine King with Br Clem Barrett and Bishop Peter Connors at the 2003 Speech Night.

They have stood by us in times good and bad, been a source of comfort for us all at different stages when things in our lives seemed too much for us.

So to every mum and every dad, you have been a pillar that has supported us in our times of despair and have always taken the time to love and care for us, even when we thought we didn't need it. Well tonight establishes somewhat the end of your nurturing as we complete our secondary education and progress to a period in our lives where we seek our own individual meaning.

We are thankful that you sent us to such a fantastic College, which has taught us to make value judgements on confronting issues and helped us to create unbelievable relationships with both staff and students, I think this is depicted by the celebrations witnessed last night and tonight.

We are proud to be your sons and we have no doubt that you are proud to be our parents. As Justin stated in his poem, "see ya later, for life must now go on." As we now follow our separate paths and pursue our individual goals, we will always remember the love, care and guidance you gave to us over our time at St Pat's and we will continue to seek your guidance in the future.

Chris Harwood's Response

Ladies and gentlemen, class of 2003 I would like to begin by thanking Mr Watson and Dr Casey for the opportunity tonight to thank the boys for the last six years on behalf of all the parents.

Cast your minds back six years. Do you remember the first day your son headed off to school at St Patrick's? Maybe you delivered him to the front gate, maybe he walked to school with his mates or maybe he hopped on a bus at 7 o'clock and made the long trip from a distant country town or Melbourne suburb.

Well, now it's all over. Everyone has survived the dreaded VCE exams and I bet there's not a parent here that isn't glad to see the end of the study time. Well congratulations parents, you have also survived the VCE year. And now our boys are now ready to leave the nest.

Our boys are now men and ready to start their own independent journey through life. There is a touch of sadness with this evening, much like the sadness that was felt at the final Mass in October, when the boys progressed to the exit doors to the haunting tunes of the Celtic music.

Well men, the journey is just beginning. You will face many difficulties and you will be able to draw on your experiences from St Patrick's to get through. Some of you will travel to other states and other lands, following your own paths and beginning your own families. I assure you that the world will be a better place just because of your presence.

You have all made us very proud of your achievements, the companionships you have made, the fun times, BUT about all the memories that we will keep forever of your time here.

It's a big world outside the steel gates at the front of the College, so go out there and find your place.

2003 SPEECH NIGHT



Members of the St Patrick's College Choir performing at the 2003 Speech Night.

Speech Night was a wonderful occasion with the event for the first time being held at Her Majesty's Theatre. The Theatre was full to capacity for an entertaining night of music, speeches, drama performances and awards. Masters of Ceremony Eamon Zelenich and Simon Harwood did a wonderful job keeping proceedings moving and providing impromptu entertainment during some unscheduled breaks.

Some of the highlights of the night included Lachlan Keen's Valedictory, excerpts from Oliver, the performance of the College choir and musical pieces from the Senior and Junior bands.

The wonderful spirit of the Class of 2003 shone through during the traditional Year 12 Musical items. As we have come to expect this year the items were well rehearsed, well presented and spiced up with just a hint of mischief! Speech night was just a warm up for the Year 12s who also participated in the College Valedictory Dinner the next evening in fine style.

A major focus of Speech Night is to recognise students who have achieved excellence throughout the year in a range of endeavours. Space does not permit all winners of awards to be recognised here, but please visit the College website, www.stpatsblrt.vic.edu.au and refer to newsletter 4/8 (November 28) for a full list of prize winners. Congratulations to all boys who won prizes on the night.



Captains Graham Wilkie (Ballarat Old Grammarians) and Gerard FitzGerald toss the coin watched on by SPC cricket patriarch Br Theo Breach.



Life in the 'mosh pit' at SPC-Loreto 2003 Year 10 Social



Year 12 departing boarders Clinton Young, Dean Chester, Daniel Parkin, and Ryan Shinn with Boarding tutors Leon Nolen and Nick Williamson.



Glen Phelps and Erwin Bleskadit enjoying the SPC-Loreto Year 10 Social.



Josh Hyde playing a saxophone solo at the College's 2004 Speech Night.



SPC and Loreto students rock the night away in Chapel Court at the 2003. Year 10 Social.



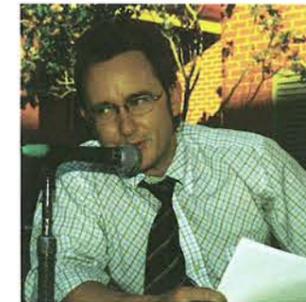
Members of the Class of 1973 at the OCA 30 year reunion dinner.



A Year 8 construction project as part of Medieval Day Celebrations.



Dr John Stecklenberg enjoying the OCA Geelong Regional Dinner with Norm and John Houghton.



Nick Williamson announces the winner of the 'Battle of the Bands' competition held as part of the SPC-Loreto Year 10 Social.



Director of Pastoral Care Howard Clark dishing up for members of the Breakfast Club

MAJOR PRIZE WINNERS FOR 2003 WERE:

Headmaster's Award for Leadership
Lachlan Keen

Howard Award for Excellence
Simon Harwood

Little Family Award for School Spirit
Eamon Zelencich

Dorothy Irene Ellis-Thomas Scholarship
Kai Morganti

De Coubertin Award for Sportsmanship
Peter Blanchfield

Unit 1&2 Awards in Maths Methods,
Chemistry and General Mathematics
Vincent Boon

Prowse, Perrins and Twomey Accounting
Prize
Brent Olszewski

Year 10 Dux – University of Ballarat Prize
David Hall

Dr Frank McArdle Year 10 Science Prize
Alexander Joosten

Bandsmen of the Year and Sir Bernard
Heinz Award for Music Excellence
Mark Bothe

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following boys or their outstanding achievements in recent times:

- Matt Doolan obtained Honours in his Grade 3 AMEB piano exam.

- Michael Tolhurst and David Lambert have been selected to participate in the prestigious National Youth Science Forum to be held in Canberra in January, 2004.

- Eamon Coughlan continues to fill the trophy cabinet winning a National Title at the Australian Irish Dancing Championships held in Perth in October. Eamon captivated the audience at Oliver and at Speech Night with his dance skills.

- Jason Dyer has been selected in the Victorian Taekwondo team after outstanding performances at the Australian Open Taekwondo Championships.

- Ethan Tibbles has been selected in the Victorian Under 14 team for the National Championships to be played at Mt Gambier in January, 2004.

- David Ranger and Tim Stevenson won selection in the Victorian Team for the National Junior Athletics Championships in Brisbane with wins in the Under 15 and Under 17, 3 km walk event.

- Eddie Prato has been selected in the Under 14 Victorian Country Basketball team to compete at the National Titles at Port Macquarie.

- Simon Lane was selected to play in the Under 18 Victorian Country team at the Australian Championships.

- Matt Polmear finished third in the State Under 18 Triples title at the State Titles held at Sunbury Bowling Club in April.

FOUNDATION 2004 DINNER WITH THE LEGENDS

Keep Saturday February 21, 2004 free for the third annual 'Dinner with the Legends' to be held in the O'Malley Centre at the College. Included with *The Shamrock* is a Booking form. Key note speaker for 2004 is high profile political correspondent Paul Bongiorno (SPC 1957-62) who will recount many an amusing anecdote about the famous halls of the College – and no doubt a few about the famous halls of Parliament House as well!

Other speakers on the night include Brownlow medallist John James, former VRC Chairman David Bourke, author Raimond Gaita, dual AFL Premiership player Mario Bortolotto and John Larkins. This is a not to be missed night on the St Patrick's College calendar so get a table together and enjoy a great night out.

BEQUESTS

Have you ever considered a bequest to St Patrick's College? A gift in your will ensures the traditions of St Pat's will continue and that the College can continue to upgrade facilities, implement innovative educational programmes, support families in need via bursaries and reduce the pressure to increase fees.

Whether your donation is in the form of money or through the donation of assets, your generosity will be perpetually acknowledged within the College community. If you believe that your time at St Patrick's College contributed to your position in life today, please consider a bequest to help us prepare the St Pat's boys of tomorrow.

All enquiries will be treated with the strictest confidence and should be directed to the Development Manager, Mark Waddington – Locked Bag 31, Ballarat, 3350. (03) 53 311688 or mwaddington@stpatsblrt.vic.edu.au

SPORT

Cricket
The 1st XI recently completed its biennial tour of Tasmania, playing against three major Launceston schools and successfully defending the Br H.T. Breach Cup.



The squad was:
Chris Banwell (Captain), Ashley George (Vice-Captain), James Dickinson, Andrew Blake, James Brick, Andrew Cook, Chris Ford, Ryan Herring, Andrew Kenna, Jake Longhurst, Andrew Porter, Anthony Smith, Matthew Turner and Brennan Walsh.

Game One– Monday December 1 Versus Scotch Oakburn.
Scotch College won the toss and batted on an excellent pitch and fast outfield. Scotch was all out for 147 in the 49th over. Andrew Porter 2/28 and Andrew Blake 2/10 were the multiple wicket takers for the innings.

Batting in the afternoon SPC compiled a confident 6/204 to win comfortably by 57 runs. Ryan Herring top scored with 42 and Andrew Blake swung the game with a quick 33 not out. James Dickinson and James Brick both made 21.

Game Two– Tuesday December 2 Versus Launceston Church Grammar School
After winning the toss we were sent into bat on a slow wicket. Chris Banwell and Matthew Turner opened the innings and both boys ran brilliantly between the wickets setting up an unbroken partnership of 149. The star of the innings was Matthew Turner with 110 retired Matthew pulverised any short bowling, and with Chris, put the opposition fielders under extreme pressure. Both boys were retired with Chris making 54. James Dickinson batted well for 57 retired.

Launceston Grammar was never given a chance to score as freely as their opposition following a tight opening spell of bowling from James Dickinson (3/17 off 9.1 overs) and Andrew Blake (3/18 off 10 overs). They were eventually bowled out for 162 in the 47th over.



SPC 1stXI celebrate retaining the Br H.T. Breach Cup.

Game Three – Wednesday December 3 Versus St Patrick's College Launceston
The heavy storm that Melbourne experienced the night before reached out as far as Launceston as torrential rain fell early in the morning. Unfortunately the wicket was left uncovered and this meant that play was delayed until 2pm.

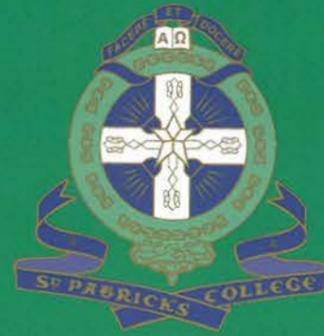
It was decided that the game would be restricted to a 30 over match to decide the Br H.T. Breach Cup. SPC Launceston won the toss and not surprisingly sent us in to bat. Skipper Chris Banwell opened with Matthew Turner and the two put on an opening partnership of 20 in difficult conditions. Banwell played exceptionally well with 'soft hands' on the wet pitch until he was unlucky run out for 42. Ryan Herring and James Dickinson batted confidently for 24 and 41 not out respectively. Ashley George batted brilliantly at the end of the innings with 33 not out. A formidable total of 3/168 was set for Launceston to chase on a wicket that was becoming more difficult to play.

SPC Launceston started its innings slowly without losing a wicket until the 11th over. Tasmanian Under 17 and SPC Launceston Captain, Liam Reynolds took the game up to our team with a quick fire 23 before Andrew Kenna took a brilliant outfield catch to turn the game. Beyond this point, the game was never in doubt and our Launceston cousins were left on 9/113 at the close of innings. The most successful of the bowlers were James Dickinson with 3/31 from 6 overs, Andrew Cook with 2/2 and Anthony Smith with 2/14.

PHOTO GALLERY

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GREEN, WHITE AND BLUE

Official Publication of the OCA

There has been a changing of the guard with current Head of Senior School Andrew Watson taking over the reins as President of the OCA from Chris Conway. Chris has done an outstanding job in overseeing a period of growth within the OCA. He leaves with the OCA in a sound financial position, with increased membership and a renewed presence in communities around Victoria and NSW thanks to a number of successful reunions and regional dinners.

Chris and his wife Daphne are taking the time to stop and smell the roses. Chris has had a successful career as a physiotherapist and has operated practices at Hamilton, Ballarat and Portland. He is leaving the day to day pressures of private practice to travel the globe and pass on his expertise to up and coming physios as a sessional lecturer.

All members of the OCA thank Chris for his leadership and his contribution to the College community. We look forward to hearing news from him as he journeys around the globe, all of which will be printed in Green, White and Blue, and to seeing him at functions in the future – a London reunion dinner may not be too far away!

REUNION AND REGIONAL DINNERS

We enjoyed a great finish to the year with the last of the reunion dinners, the Class of 1973, held on Saturday November 8 in the College Dining Room. All in attendance had a great night and were most interested to see the new building works starting to take shape. For former boarders it is amazing to see Healy House converted into two mathematics laboratories and to see the new double storey senior school rising up from St Roch's Oval.

The last of the regional dinners was at the home of the Cats, Kardinia Park in Geelong. 25 old boys and their partners gathered for what was a great night of socialising and story telling. In the week prior over 20 people gathered in Bendigo for the regional dinner. It was particularly pleasing at this dinner to catch up with old boy John Halpin, his wife Carmel and son Tim who will commence as a boarder at St Pat's in 2005.

On the mailer sleeve with this edition of *The Shamrock* please find dates for 2004 reunion and regional dinners. Please put them in your diary straight away and most importantly start rounding up your mates to come along. Please remember that unless they are OCA members or they have changed their address in recent times and have not notified the Development Office they will not receive this publication and invitations to reunion functions.



John Gregory and Ted Rankins at the 2003 OCA Bendigo Regional Dinner.

FOUNDATION GOLF DAY

What a contrast in weather conditions over the Golf Day weekend! 36 degrees on Saturday and 16 degrees Sunday with drizzling rain for most of the morning. These were the conditions that greeted the 104 players in the 2nd annual Foundation Golf Day played on Sunday November 16 at the Ballarat Golf Club. Despite the tough windy conditions some exceptional golf was played with the winning team recording an astounding 60 (10 under par), off the stick.

It was great to see the mix of players within the field - old boys, current students and staff, fathers and sons and a couple of teams comprising three generations of family. The day is a four person ambrose event ensuring that the talented and the challenged golfer will have moments of pure inspiration during the day. For example the highly skilled James Holmes (Year 11) will long remember his near hole in one on the 5th that won him a night's accommodation at the Hotel Saville in Carlton. Please consider getting a team together for next year's event to be played on Sunday November 21, 2004 – mark this date in your diary now as the field will fill quickly.

Results

Handicap Section

1st - Tony Trevenen, Matthew Hills, Phil Trevenen, Steve Bryant - Net 53
2nd - Dan Dwyer, Jim Dwyer, John Dwyer, Dan Robertson - Net 54
3rd - Michael Kearney, Bill Walsh, Kevin Walsh, James Coghlan - Net 57.5

Non Handicap Section

1st - Jonathon Holmes, James Holmes, Sam Bowman, Peter Bowman - 63
2nd - Rob Brennan, Anthony Gale, Chris Gray, Cameron Syme - 64
3rd - Leon Nolen, Tom Molan, David Loader, Damien Neal - 65

Thank you sincerely to the sponsors of the day: Barker and Jennings, Chartered Accountants, JN Cooke and Foley, Laurence Atley Architects, Kearney and Crowe, Foley Wilson and Co., The Courier, Dolls Cleaning Service, Red Lion Bar and Bistro, Ballarat Trotting Association, North Ballarat Football Club, North Ballarat Sports Club, Men Only and Lifestyle Travel Ballarat



Dr Gavin Salvador, Fr Don O'Neill, Frank and Harry Verbeek at the 2003 OCA Bendigo Regional Dinner.

PAKENHAM RACES – JANUARY 2004

David Bourke (SPC 1944-48) has once again taken on the responsibility of organising another memorable Pakenham Race Day for all old boys – the 26th anniversary of old boys first congregating at the course. Many old boys and former staff members will have vivid memories of these wonderful days with all in attendance sure to enjoy a great day of racing, reminiscing and a few cleansing ales as well. A feature of the day will be the Br O'Malley Handicap – a real challenge for any old boy worth his salt to select a winner!

The OCA Race Day will be held at Pakenham Race Club on Sunday January 25. David has organised entry into the Committee Room as well as a finger food lunch, race entry, members access and a race book. Tickets are just \$25 and can be organised by contacting David Bourke on (03) 59 411075 or djbourke@nex.net.au

OCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The OCA held its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday November 19 at the College. As noted earlier Andrew Watson was elected to the position of President. Other new faces on the Committee include Leon Nolen (SPC1985-87) who has taken on the role of Treasurer, John Richards (SPC1983-88) is the new Secretary and Don Flynn (SPC1975-77) who will become the OCA representative on the College Foundation. Peter Zala will remain on the committee as will Mark Waddington, the OCA's Executive Officer.

Following the AGM, the OCA conducted a Remembrance Service to celebrate the lives of all old boys who have passed away in the past 12 months. The service was a moving experience and took time to reflect on the lives of all deceased old boys featured in the pages of Green, White and Blue in 2003. It is anticipated that this will become an annual event on the OCA Calendar.

ARCHIVES

Do you have old SPC trophies, annuals, books or clothing laying around in the cupboard? Why not lend them to the College to be put on display. The College Archives also requires copies of the 1959, 1974 and 1978 College Annuals. If you can assist with any of these matters contact the College Archivist, Br Brian Davis on 5331 1688, 0409 162 497 or email: bdavis@stpatblrt.vic.edu.au

OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

Justin Fay (SPC 1990-91) has just celebrated the birth of his first son and has worked in the agricultural industry since leaving St Pat's. He is currently responsible for the business of CCD Animal Health and Nutrition and living in Melbourne.

In late November Cardinal George Pell (SPC 1949-59) was named as a member of the Pontifical Council for the Family and the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace.

John McLaughlin (SPC 1957) has been an employee of the Holden Motor Company since 1965. He is currently Business Fleet Manager, Northern and Global. He has been married to wife Trish for 37 years and has three children. Despite only being at SPC for a year he greatly values the life-long friends he made in his year with the College.

Local rock outfit 'Epicure' was featured in an article in *The Courier* on November 12. The band has been selected to support US band 'Live' on its tour of Australia which kicks off on December 3 in Perth. The band has risen to prominence in recent times with regular appearances on National radio station JJJ. Epicure features former SPC students Juan Alban (SPC 1991-96) and Tim Bignell (SPC 1991-96) as well as other local musicians Dean Shannon, Dom Santamaria and Dan Houlihan. Epicure will also release its new album 'Goodbye Girl' in February, capping off a huge few months for the band who are favourites with current College musos.

Chris Fugel (SPC 1981-86) was featured in *The Courier's* 'My Life' column. Chris has been working for Australia Post for 16 years, delivering mail – and hopefully those copies of *The Shamrock* to local families. Chris was married in April and spent his honeymoon in the Cook Islands.

A basketball team consisting predominantly of members of the all conquering SPC team of 2002 have won the Ballarat Basketball Association 2003 Under 21 Premiership. Michael Turkenburg, Chris Boadle, Josh Gilbert, Matthew Richardson, Gerard Brick, Steve Allen, Brenton Richmond and Matthew Pay were all members of the victorious Team Mitsy that won the Grand Final 55-31. Matthew Richardson, the College's current Sport Trainee was voted MVP on the night.

Nick Cooper (SPC 1995-2000) began training as a Specialist Service Officer-Pilot in the Australian Regular Army in May 2003. He is posted at the Army Aviation Centre in Oakey, Queensland and is looking forward to graduating as a helicopter pilot.

Good to hear from Kevin Casey who has lent his support to Noelle Oke's project on Boarding Life featured in *The Shamrock* Vol. 2, No. 3. Kevin has also done a considerable amount of research in his lifetime having undertaken a thesis, 'SPC- Ballarat, 1893-1993- Growth and Change 1950-70'. Kevin Completed the thesis as part of his Master of Educational Studies at Monash University. Kevin has recently retired having worked in education as a Principal, teacher and tutor. He is enjoying retirement and is keeping busy playing golf at Rosedale Golf Club, working as a presenter for Radio 3RPH and tutoring students undertaking scholarship exams.

Congratulations to Paul Tudorovic (SPC 1983-88) who has been appointed the new coach of the Ballarat Miners Basketball Club. Paul has been a long serving assistant and is eagerly looking forward to stepping up to the next level in coaching. All at St Pat's wish him well and will look forward to following the team's progress in 2004.

Brian Hogan (SPC 1944-49) and his wife Barbara were featured in a newspaper article to mark their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Brian was a boarder at the College, Captain of the 1st XI, 1st XVIII and Athletics team, Athletics Champion and College Captain. Brian and Barbara were introduced by John James and married in Ararat in 1953. Brian worked in the field of mental health, working in a variety of roles including Manager of the Dandenong Psychiatric Centre prior to his retirement in 1984.

Thank you to those people who have contacted Jarrod Waight to update our list of St Pat's AFL players. Since the last edition of *The Shamrock* we have been able to add Nick Hider (SPC 1988-89), Brian Carroll (SPC 1959), Robert Vagg (SPC 1954-57), John Bell (SPC 1965-66), Frank McGrath (SPC 1939-41), Michael Pickering (SPC 1956-59), Frank Howard (SPC 1935-37) and John Sheehan (SPC 1955-60) to the list of old boys who have gone on to play VFL/AFL football. If you know of other players not mentioned in this list (refer to the previous edition of *The Shamrock*) or can assist with a photo of one of our VFL/AFL players could you please contact Jarrod on 0438 393266. Currently the list stands at 80 old boys who have gone to the highest level of the sport – a remarkable achievement indeed.

On an AFL theme the College community was excited to hear that Drew Petrie (SPC 1995-2000) has been made Deputy Vice Captain of the North Melbourne Football Club. The honour is a great testament to Drew's leadership abilities and is recognition of an outstanding season 2003. The honour came just two weeks after Drew's 21st birthday.

Winis Imbi (SPC 1996-97) has had another outstanding football season being named Portland's Best and Fairest Player in 2003. The Portland Tigers went on to win the 2003 Premiership in the Western Border League. In addition Winis also won the League Best and Fairest Player Award capping off a remarkable year for the 1997 College Vice Captain.

2002 College Dux Chris McBrearty (SPC 1997-2002) has been awarded the Myers Family Scholarship at Newman College. The award is given to an outstanding first year student and recognises Chris' application to study and contribution to the life of Newman College.

Great to hear from the team of 52' legend John Deany (SPC 1949-53) who contacted the College to state how impressed he was by the College's commitment to social justice and the work of our boys in helping a broad range of people in need. John is a volunteer with the St Vincent de Paul Conference in Croydon and has been a volunteer at a men's shelter in Fitzroy operated by Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity Sisters. John has done this work since retiring from teaching in 1992. John and his wife Pam had the honour of attending Mother Teresa's Beatification in Rome on October 19, 2003. Over half a million pilgrims squeezed into St Peter's Square for the event. In a wonderful week for John and Pam they also attended the Pope's 25th anniversary Mass and were most pleased to witness the elevation of George Pell to the College of cardinals. John was a true legend of SPC himself captaining the 1st XVIII (having played with Brownlow medallists John James and Brian Gleeson), won the Barbetta Cup as Open Handball Champion in 1952 and 1953 and went on to play reserves football at North Melbourne winning a Best and Fairest ahead of John Dugdale. But for a bit of luck he might have been our VFL/AFL player number 81!

Luke Guthrie (SPC 1973) was an attendee at the class of 73 reunion held at the College on November 8. Luke was in fine form and entertained all in attendance. He is currently living in Mildura with this family and continues to work in education.

Anthony McDonnell (SPC 1975-79) recently called into the College and enjoyed a wonderful morning reminiscing with College archivist Br Brian Davis. He attended the College as a boarder from Cheywynd and was heavily involved in music, cadets and football. He is currently Manager of Shaw's Transport, Darwin.

Michael Minchinton (SPC 1974) moved to WA in 1975 and went on to play three seasons for the Perth Football Club in the WAFL. He is married and has 3 children and works as a self employed concreter. His brothers Chris and Kevin also attended SPC.

Tristan McArdle (SPC 1996-2001) has been inducted into the Golden Key International Society, an International Alumni for students with outstanding tertiary academic results. He is currently completing his second year of study at the University of Ballarat.

Dr Michael Bourke (SPC 1950-54) has been in General Practice in Leongatha since 1964. He semi retired in 2002 but still continues to do locum work throughout East Gippsland. His son Peter Bourke (SPC 1983-87) was married in October. Peter is an accountant with Link Recruitment Agency as a Senior Recruitment Consultant. Peter's brother David (SPC 1981-84) is Director of Fitzroy's Commercial Real Estate in Melbourne. David and his wife Sally have two children Patrick (4) and Olivia (1). The strength of the St Pat's ties was evidenced by Mark Gray (SPC 1985-87) returning from New York, where he works for ABN-Amro, to be Peter's Best Man. There were according to Michael many other SPC old boys in attendance at what was a great day.

Happy 90th Birthday to one of the College's finest sons Dr Mark O'Brien (SPC 1930-31) who celebrated his birthday in November. A special event at the Horsham Golf Club was staged to celebrate the milestone and pay tribute to Mark who has practiced medicine in the Wimmera region for almost 50 years. It is thought that he delivered approximately 3,000 babies during his stellar career. Mark retired from medicine in 1987, but remained active serving on hospital boards and in other community groups.

Pat Arnts (SPC 1982-88) is a policeman with the Victoria Police. He was featured in a newspaper article celebrating National Police Remembrance Day at a service at the Police Academy, led by Police Chaplain Monsignor Peter Jeffreys (SPC 1953-55).

Weddings, Engagements, Births, Bereavements

James Doyle (SPC 1974-78) from Bunnaloo made the trip down for the OCA 25 year reunion dinner. He followed up his visit with a letter saying how much he had enjoyed his time at the College and the influence that people such as Br Herb Breach had upon his life. He is eagerly looking forward to his 30 year reunion.

Scott Rea (SPC 1990-95) has successfully completed his professional year in accounting. He is working at Price Waterhouse as an auditor.

SPC ENGAGEMENTS

Darroch – Shane (SPC 1986-90) to Sharyn Vorstenbosch.

McLean – Mark (SPC 1985-90) to Kate Brown on October 4, 2003

Wealands – Matthew (SPC 1994-99) to Tara Duke on November 8, 2003.

SPC WEDDINGS

Myers – Daunt – Paul (SPC 1990-95) and Sarah were married in the College Chapel on Saturday November 29 by Monsignor Henry Nolan.

Rea- Harris – Scott (SPC 1990-95) married Melissa at St Peter's Clayton on October 25, 2003.

Torpy-Miller – Chris Torpy (SPC 1989-94) to Julie Miller on November 22 at Loreto Chapel, Ballarat.

Bourke-Hinds - Peter (SPC 1983-87) to Virginia at the Bourke Hall Chapel, Kew. Peter's best man was Mark Gray (SPC 1985-87)

SPC BIRTHS

Darbin – Stephen (SPC 1984-89) and Jodie were thrilled with the arrival of first son Joe Thomas on October 11, 2003.

Fay – Justin (SPC 1990-91) and wife Kate have welcomed the arrival of son Edward (Ned) Croyden on November 8, weighing in at 8 lb. 7 oz.

Hutt – Michael (SPC 1980-85) and Maree welcomed Libby Mae on October 2, 2003, a sister for Toby and Ben. Libby weighed 7 lb. 7 oz.

Lynch – Sean (1982-87) and Corryn welcomed the arrival of their first son Patrick Sean on October 3, 2003. Patrick weighed 7lb. 12 oz.

McGoldrick – Tim (SPC 1978-83) and Yupin celebrated the birth of their first child, Theresa Nichaya, born October 16, 2003 and weighing in at 6 lb. 6 oz.

Pierce – to Michael (SPC 1983-88) and Paula, a daughter Ella Rose, born November 1, 2003. Ella weighed 9 lb.

SPC DEATHS

Fr William (Bill) Gerard Bainbridge (SPC 1952-54) passed away on November 6, 2003. His funeral was held at St John the Baptist, Ferntree Gully and was attended by many members of the SPC community. The following article titled 'Gifts well Used' was kindly provided by Gerard Torpy (SPC 1961-66):
Bill Bainbridge came to St Pat's as a young man in 1952. Friends from the time remember the twinkle in his eye, his mischievous sense of fun and the warm friendly disposition that were to be hallmarks of his latter life. Bill had completed his merit certificate in the early 1940's and then worked for 7 years in retailing and youth work. But his calling was to the Priesthood and so at age 21 he came to St Patrick's College and set about learning Latin and undertaking the rigours of school work.

Ten years later on July 21, 1962 Bill was ordained. He had a fine mind, great skill as an organiser and administrator and delegated well. Things happened because Father Bill was around! Bill served a number of Parishes including South Melbourne, West Heidelberg, Dandenong, and Collingwood. He moved to Ferntree Gully in 1981 and spent 19 fruitful years with parishioners. In 2000 he moved to Murrumbidgee and Ormond Parishes to assist the parishes with an amalgamation process.

'Father Bill's ministry was characterised by his preaching on love; his love of God, his love for people and the love which we should express to each other in our marriage, in our family and in our lives in the community. The young man on a mission who had spent time at St Pat's many years ago had used his gifts well'.

Wilkinson – George Wilkinson (SPC 1937-40) passed away in September, 2003.

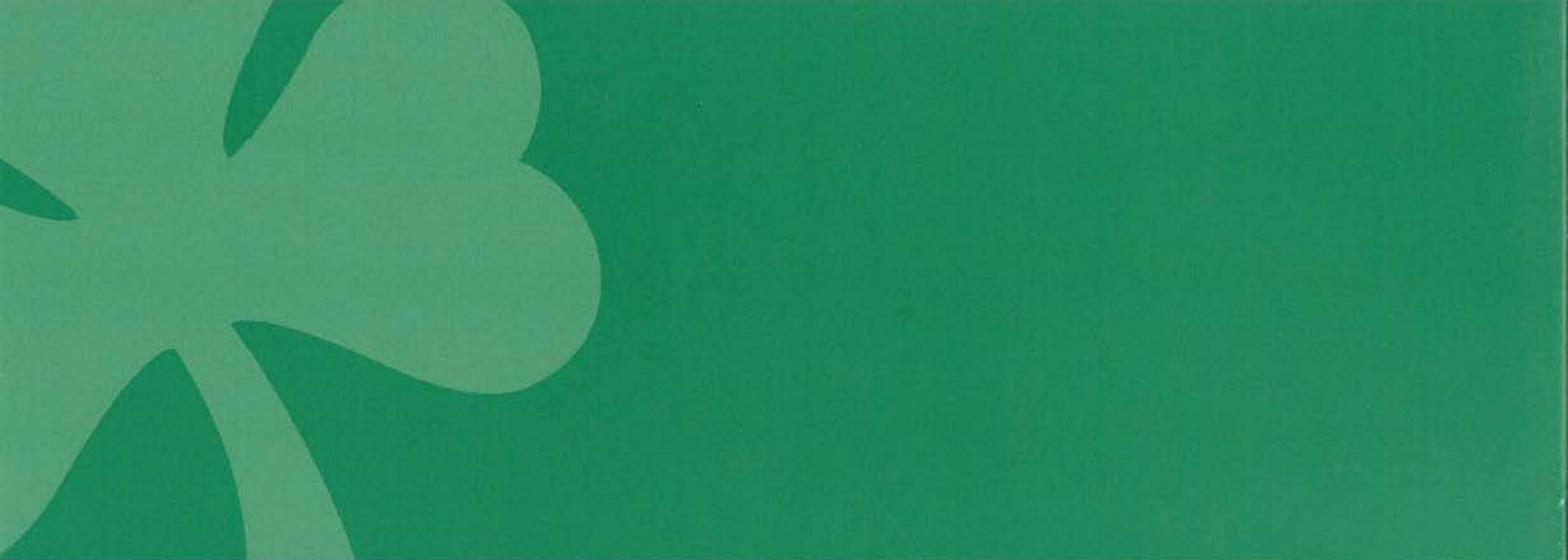
Br Denis Edmonds (SPC Staff 1970-72 and 1989-91) died suddenly whilst involved in a study course in Sydney. He is remembered particularly for his fine work with junior students.

Gregory- Frank Gregory (SPC 1931-34) died after a long illness on April 9, 2003. Frank was a member of the 1st XVIII in 1933 and 1934 and a member of the Champion Athletics Team. He joined the RAAF in 1941 serving in Darwin and numerous bases in Victoria. He later went on to study accounting and operated his own business in St Kilda, later moving to Moorabbin. Frank was the son of Bert Gregory (SPC 1904-1905) and brother of John (SPC 1946-49) and Noel (SPC 1953).

Toohey- Troy – the College community was greatly saddened by the death of Troy (St Patrick's College, Gordon) in a motor vehicle accident. The Tooheys have had a long association with the College – Jim (Dec) (SPC 1969-70), Aaron (SPC 1994-99), Jarrod (1995-98), Damian (SPC 1999-2002) and Travis (SPC 1997-2002). Condolences to Maree and all the family.

All members of the St Patrick's College community were deeply saddened by the tragic death of Chris Williams (St Bernard's College) who died from injuries sustained in a senseless street attack. Dr Peter Casey represented the College at the funeral.

The College and Old Collegians Association extend its deepest sympathies to all family and friends of departed Old Boys and friends of the College. We ask that you remember these Old Collegians and their families in your prayers.



CLASS OF 2003

The Old Collegians Association welcomes the Class of 2003 into its ranks as Old Boys of St Patrick's College and congratulates all students upon their rich and diverse contributions to the College. Cheers, Cheers for old SPC !

NEXT EDITION

All contributions from members of the SPC community are gratefully received. The deadline for the next edition of *The Shamrock* is Friday March 26, 2004.

