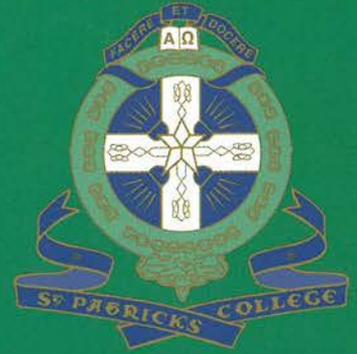


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Rising to the challenge - Scenes from the 2003 1st XV111 Football Camp

Welcome to the second edition of *The Shamrock* for 2003

Learning at St Patrick's College is our *raison d'être* – 'our reason for being'. It occurs in a diverse range of ways and in a range of environments. Learning is a two-way exchange between the student and the teacher, with all at St Patrick's College firmly committed to the concept that learning is indeed a lifelong journey that does not end with the final bell at 3:25 pm each day or when boys graduate at the conclusion of Year 12.

Learning pervades everything that the College does. Programmes such as music, sport and public speaking whilst providing opportunities for fun are all underpinned by a sound rationale and overseen by teachers committed to ensuring that every experience at the College is filled with 'teachable moments' to optimise learning outcomes for all students.

The new Middle School Programme and other developments in the Junior and Senior schools clearly highlights that student learning takes place in a variety of ways and in some remote and remarkable locations.

Student learning is optimised by committed and enthusiastic teachers who are committed to developing positive relationships with boys. Whilst this is a noble aim, we are by nature a human organisation and therefore some things do not always go according to the script. However this just increases the sense of adventure and enjoyment for all associated with the College community!

If the core building blocks for learning are in place the range of learning opportunities is limitless. As you will read in this edition of *The Shamrock*, the benefits accruing to students and staff are considerable and will place boys on the road to becoming life long learners who should thrive in a range of complex environments in a rapidly changing world.

From the Headmaster

In the exciting times of restoration of pride, programme and plant at St Patrick's College, it is always good to reflect on the tradition from which we have come to test our direction towards the future we seek to be.

The 1862 Australian Bishops Provincial Council decreed that:

Catholics do not believe that the education of a child is like a thing of mechanism that can be put together bit by bit. Now a morsel of instruction on religion, and then a bit of instruction on secular learning – separate parcels ... We hold that subjects taught, the teacher and his faith, the rule and practices of the school day, all combine to produce the result which we Catholics consider to be education. Teaching and learning are central to our being and necessarily embrace the synthesis of faith and life often spoken of in Church documents on Catholic education.

This Shamrock reports on aspects of our new directions including our Middle School Programme and the development of facilities to support our teaching and learning.

One thing that we have reintroduced this semester is an Examinations Week. Good schools take examinations seriously. We are fortunate these days to employ a wide variety of methods of assessment that cater for different student needs and capabilities. Examinations grow from the work being undertaken and are not merely tacked on for the sake of meeting a Faculty or VCAA requirement. Any examination at the College is graded and reported on in the overall semester report as a normal part of the teaching and learning process. Ultimately, the capacities to sit still, concentrate without distraction, and work on a task for an extended period are skills well worth developing.

For those participating in the VCE, with its growing reliance on end of unit testing, these are very necessary skills. With this in mind, students in our Junior School and Middle School had end-of-semester examinations in a number of subjects. The Senior School moved into full exam mode with no scheduled classes, but formal tests, VCE Unit 3&4 examinations, the General Aptitude Test (GAT) and our own examination script books mirroring the VCE examination conditions. Overall the week has been well received as one more facet of life in a school that values excellence in learning.

The question of life-long learning, the ability to reflect and discern new directions was evident in the recent ordination of Patrick Myles Smith, former staff member and Deputy Headmaster at the College. After 53 years in the Christian Brothers, Pat left the Congregation to be ordained in Toowoomba to serve the needs of several communities who would otherwise be without an ordained leader for the sacraments. This was not the calling Pat had chosen for himself and a ministry of priestly service was far removed from his previous roles as a classics teacher and school principal.

In our learning, sometimes we can be surprised where our talents and experiences will lead us, where the Spirit moves us, but part of being educated is to be open: to listen, to judge and to act.



Cameron Brown with Dr Peter Casey and the swimming team's bounty of awards.

Life in the Middle School 'Every Day an Adventure'

The underlying philosophy of the Middle School (Year 9) programme is based upon an understanding of the way in which adolescent boys learn, and more importantly, an acceptance that for this time of their schooling boys need an adapted programme to maintain their enthusiasm. Much has been written about boys and the particular ways in which they learn and the Middle School programme is attempting to develop curriculum that builds upon this research.

The programme revolves around four key guiding principles:-

1. engagement
2. building relationships
3. experiential learning, and
4. academic rigour.

These principles manifest themselves in a number of ways both in and out of the classroom. All four principles guide all of the activities that the boys undertake.

Much of what the Year 9 boys do is based on being active. Adolescent boys like to be busy and active and generally learn better when this is the case. A typical week in the Middle School involves 'hands on', active curriculum, fitness and sport sessions, an 'extension program' incorporating a range of activities to provide variety and stimulation and a very strong emphasis on relationship building through the pastoral care system.

Crucial to all of this is the outdoor education programme. The outdoor programme developed by the Middle School Teaching and Learning Team embodies all four of the guiding principles in each term, each with a different focus, but all of which relate to relationships, experiences, engagement and academic rigour.

In Term One the boys participated in a coastal camp at Barwon Heads. For two intensive days the boys were challenged physically with classes in beach safety, body surfing, body boarding, surfing, sea kayaking and snorkelling. Relationships with classmates and teachers were emphasised in this experience, and the whole experience was linked into a curriculum unit on coastlines and waterways.

Term Two has seen the boys venture to Melbourne to undertake the 'Melbourne Experience'. The focus of this experience has been to develop a sense of independence and initiative, and to help equip students with some basic 'city skills' - - what could be called 'breaking the shackles'. Some of the challenges and benefits for students include using public transport, being exposed to different cultures and the myriad of learning experiences that a major city can provide for wide-eyed country boys!

Students have, whenever possible, found accommodation with family or friends in Melbourne for three days. Upon meeting staff each day, boys have undertaken a range of activities devised to achieve the core aims of the programme. Boys have visited such places as Parliament, the Treasury Museum, the Ian Potter Gallery at Federation Square, the Melbourne Museum and Telstradome. As well as this they have taken part in a mock election at the Electoral Education Commission, visited the Victoria Market and importantly used trams and trains to arrive at these locations. All of these activities relate to units of work conducted at school titled 'Civics' and 'The Impact of the Gold Rush'.

Planning is currently underway for a Term Three alpine snow experience and the Term Four Grampians camp. Once again these physical activities will reinforce the school based curriculum whilst building relationships and engaging the boys.

COVER PHOTOS.

1. Steve Alessio, Tristan Cartledge, Peter Walsh, Howard Clark, Simon Kearney, Drew Petrie and Matthew Doyle at the Football Camp Dinner, Melbourne.
2. Adam Jennings on the burst protected by Chris Banwell and Joshua Wright.
3. Billy Driscoll takes on the giant swing.
4. Boat Captain Daniel Parkin leads his team to victory.



Nathan Anderson, Colm Trussler and Josh Kannourakis participate in the CSRIO visiting Science Expo.



College leaders Lachlan Keen (Captain) and Simon Harwood, Josh Jellet and Matthew Doyle (Vice Captains).

Building Update

As the photo shows, work on the College's Senior School and Mathematics Labs is well and truly under way. It is hoped that given good weather and no other unforeseen complications that the two mathematics labs as well as staff offices will be completed in October 2003. This will help to free up other areas of the school to allow for the demolition of a number of classrooms to enable the construction of the Senior School to be completed and integrated with existing buildings.

It is anticipated that the Senior School will be completed by Easter 2004. The 22 new classrooms in the Senior School will be a wonderful addition to the College and firmly reinforces the College's commitment to enhancing excellent teaching and learning outcomes for students and staff.



Demolition of the Healy laundry as part of the construction of the new senior school complex.



Mother's Day Mass

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On Friday May 9 the Chapel was close to full at 7 am for the College's inaugural Mother's Day Mass and breakfast. In previous years the College had conducted a number of year level prayer services, but it was considered important to provide an opportunity for all mothers and sons to gather as one.

The Mass was celebrated by Fr Bill van de Camp (SPC 1962-66). The service was organised by Director of Faith Development Gina Bernasconi who put together a moving Mass that provided both boys and their mothers with opportunities to reflect on the special relationship that exists between mothers and their sons.

Following the Mass boys waited on their mothers with all enjoying a cooked breakfast in the old Assembly area, wonderfully presented by Catering Manager Lynne Greene and her talented team. A large number of Mothers later contacted the College to express their thanks for an opportunity to spend an all too rare time of reflection and celebration with their son.

A Smorgasbord of Sport

Term 1 has been an extremely busy one for students and staff involved in the College's extensive sports programme. The tennis and swimming teams have lead from the front recording some exceptional performances. The swimming team under the astute guidance of Br Brian Davis won its 24th consecutive CHISSA Boys Aggregate Swimming Title. Our tennis teams made a clean sweep of the senior tennis competitions and were well supported by excellent performances in the junior ranks.

There are also some very promising signs within cricket and rowing with participation numbers, participant enjoyment and opportunities for competitive success set to grow in the immediate future.

Swimming

The College continues to enhance its reputation as one of the State's leading swimming schools at carnivals both locally and in Melbourne. In winning its 24th consecutive CHISSA title it clearly underlined its dominance amongst local schools. The success of the team underlines the structure that has been established by Br Davis and Br Scott and the culture of success that pervades the swimming programme. Competition for spots is intense with a large number of boys desperate to don the Shamrock swim cap.

Congratulations to Leigh Weber, Jeremy Wirges and the Under 14 four x 50m Freestyle Relay Team of Bryce Flitcroft, Matt Farnell, James Mayne and Josh Nelson, who were all successful in breaking existing records.

Tennis

The Senior tennis squad under the leadership of Ryan Waight (Captain) and Mark Grigg (Vice Captain) had an outstanding season winning both the 1st IV and 2nd IV competitions. The wins were made sweeter with the outstanding effort of Ryan Waight who won the prestigious McNeil Cup defeating Hugh Millikan of Ballarat Grammar School in a tightly fought contest 7-6 (7-0), 4-6, 6-4.

SPC also won the intermediate and junior competitions which augurs well for the future development of tennis at the College.

Athletics

The spirit of the Shamrock was certainly evident at this years CHISSA Athletics Carnival with many boys putting in herculean efforts to ensure that the College again won the Boys Aggregate Trophy. Prior to the carnival the team was struck by injuries and illness, resulting in many boys having to take on additional events. All answered the call without hesitation, displaying great determination and school spirit.

The junior boys led by the individual efforts of Nathan Barnes, Adam Gilbert, Alec Wiltshire and Daniel Bailey, won the Junior Boys aggregate.

The efforts of other boys deserve recognition. David Ranger on his 115m win in the 800m walk in which he broke the existing record and Robert Boadle, who was the recipient of the Moneghetti Award for the most outstanding athlete at the Carnival. Robert won his 1500m race from Athletics Captain Peter Blanchfield by an impressive distance of 120 metres. The nearest competitor from another school was over 200 metres behind Robert.



The SPC Cheer squad.
2003 Head of the Lake Regatta.

Rowing

Whilst St Pat's was not able to win the Head of the Lake in 2003 the overall performance of the rowing team was very good, with the intermediate rowers turning in some exceptional performances. The dominance of our Year 10 rowers was particularly impressive with the boys wearing the Shamrocks winning all three Year 10 races.

This was on top of the exceptional performance of the Year 10 crew of Sanjay Desilva, Brent Flood, Scott Howard, Daniel Hay and Nathan Hobson who won the Victorian Under 16 Rowing Title raced in March on Lake Wendouree.

Head of the Lake Regatta Results

Boys Aggregate:		2nd place
Boys Year 9	Division 3	3rd Place
Boys Year 9	Division 2	2nd Place
Boys Year 9	Division 1	2nd Place
Boys Year 10	Division 3	1st Place
Boys Year 10	Division 2	1st Place
Boys Year 10	Division 1	1st Place
Boys Open	Division 6	3rd Place
Boys Open	Division 5	3rd Place
Boys Open	Division 4	1st Place
Boys Open	Division 3	3rd Place
Boys Open	Division 2	1st Place
Boys Head of the Lake		4th Place

Congratulations to Director of Rowing Rob Richards, all rowing coaches and members of the Rowing Club under the leadership of Rick Blanchfield on another successful year for St Pat's rowing.



Year 10 Division 1 crew triumphant at the Head of the Lake Regatta.



The 60s are back at the Year 11 SPC/Loreto Social.



Dane Bergman triumphant at the SPC House Athletics carnival.



Year 10 Division 2 greet the judges first at the Head of the Lake Regatta.



Construction starts on the College's Senior School



Giant Boxing - Edmund Rice Day, 2003.



Director of Pastoral Care Howard Clark loses his locks courtesy of James Driscoll at the 2003 Shave for a Cure Day.



The SPC Cheer Squad on the 'Spit' at the Head of the Lake Regatta.



More 'groovers' at the Year 11 SPC/Loreto Social.



Anthony Smith nervously takes on the high ropes at the 2003 Football Camp



Captain Pat (aka Eamon Zelencich) at the 2003 Boat Race Assembly.



David Mulraney, Nelvin Reyes and Sam Jones enjoying the Edmund Rice Day walkathon.



The 1st XI Hockey team listen intently to coach Andrew Watson.



Director of Pastoral Care Howard Clark loses his locks courtesy of James Driscoll at the 2003 Shave for a Cure Day.

PHOTO GALLERY

Cricket

The 1st XI under the guidance of coach Peter Brady had a frustrating season with inconsistent performances preventing the team from achieving its goal of making the Grand Final. The inability of the top order to get the side away to a good start consistently placed a considerable amount of pressure on the late order who on many occasions recorded some outstanding performances. However, against quality teams such as Ballarat Grammar the side too often fell short and were left lamenting lost opportunities, finishing the season in third place.

Summary of Performances

Batting: Ashley George
204 Runs @ 26.5

Adam Jennings
213 Runs @ 20.5

Bowling: James Dickinson
9 Wickets @ 14.3

Leith Pellissier
11 Wickets @ 14.4

The team was well lead by Captain Luke Humphries who was chosen to represent the B.P.S.A. team as wicketkeeper.

The 2nd XI had a very consistent season and were narrowly defeated in the grand final by Ballarat and Clarendon College. The best performer on the day was Jay English who took an exceptional 7/38.

Football

In the first term holidays the 1st XVIII squad of some 30 players and staff attended the inaugural SPC football camp. The camp was the brainchild of coach Howard Clark and was largely funded by the proceeds of the 2002 second-hand book sales that were organised by the football department. The first day and a half of the camp was at the Lady Northcote Camp at Bacchus Marsh. Players and coaches were involved in a range of challenging activities including mountain bike riding, canoeing, high ropes course, initiative activities and the giant rope swing.

The group then ventured to Melbourne where they were able to visit the Melbourne and Richmond Football clubs and enjoyed a team dinner at Mark's Place in Carlton which is owned by Essendon star Steve Alessio who addressed the boys. Old boys currently on AFL lists also attended the dinner to share some thoughts with the players. All in attendance greatly appreciated the opportunity of meeting Peter Walsh, James McDonald, Drew Petrie and Tristan Cartledge as well as Melbourne Conditioning Coach Simon Kearney. If SPC football is to continue to be successful it is essential that current players are aware of the tremendous legacy that they inherit in pulling on the St Pat's jumper from old boys such as these as well as College legends such as John James and Brian Gleeson. The camp culminated with a game against Xavier College on the hallowed Xavier Main Oval.

Xavier had prior to the game only lost two games in the past three years and have developed an imposing reputation in schoolboy football. In a tremendously hard fought and entertaining game, St Pat's emerged victorious 13-11-89 to 12-10-82. The camp was an invaluable learning experience for all involved and has been extensively reviewed and will be further developed for 2004.



'Going in the right direction' - team building at the 2003 Football Camp.

Student Achievements

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

• Colm Trussler won the Western Region final of the Rostrum Voice of Youth public speaking competition defeating competitors from Ballarat and Geelong. He was runner up at the State Championships in Melbourne, an outstanding effort against the states leading orators.

• Shaun Grigg has been selected in the Victorian Under 15 Country Schoolboys football team to compete at the National Championships in Queensland in July, 2003.

• Thomas Burgess was selected as Captain of the Ballarat Under 15 soccer team which will represent Ballarat at the Victorian Country Soccer Championships.

• Eamon Coughlan has recently returned from the World Championships for Irish Dancing held in Killarney, Ireland. In January Eamon was invited to join the Sean Eireann McMahon School, one of the most successful Irish Dancing Schools in the UK. Eamon attended the school for 11 weeks, attending up to 30 hours of lessons every week. He travelled to Killarney for the World Championships in April. His team came second in the World Championships and Eamon was placed 25th in the solo section, 16 places ahead of the next Australian.

• Congratulations to Luke Humphries (cricket), Ryan Waight, Mark Grigg and Matt Canny (Tennis) upon being selected in the BPSA teams to compete in the annual fixture against the AGSV.

• Jeremy Wirges placed 11th in Australia in the Under 16 200 metres butterfly at the National Championships in Brisbane. Jeremy was awarded the perpetual trophy for the best junior male swimmer for the Ballarat YMCA club. At the National Swimming Championships Jeremy also broke a longstanding Midlands District Under 15 year 200m Butterfly record by 9 seconds. This is an outstanding performance given this record has stood for over a decade.

• Jason Dyer finished 6th in the Taekwondo Under 18 Australian Team Selection Championships. Jason still has three years remaining in this age division highlighting the outstanding performance he put in against significantly older competitors.

• David Ranger raised over \$1,200 at the 2003 Edmund Rice Day walkathon. With money going to a variety of charities in Africa and locally his efforts will assist countless people and reinforces that the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice is alive and well at the College.

• Brendan Berlund, Todd Middleton, Dion and Bryce Monkivitch and Nick Rouhan won the Under 11-15 Low Down Pump Event at the recent State Fire Brigade Championships.

• Hayden O'Doherty finished second in the Senior Division of the Victorian Catholic Secondary School Sports Association Clay Shooting Championships at Swan Hill.

• Ashley Jones was the winner of the College OzSpell competition held in Term 1. Sam Donegan was runner up.

• Patrick Nolan won the Privilege Cup at Buninyong Golf Club. An exceptional effort by a Year 8 student to win an open event.

• Colm Trussler, Josh Kannourakis, Josh Hyde and Alex McMahon had two wins in the Debating Association of Victoria competitions held recently.

• David Lambert has been awarded Honours in his Grade 7 Piano exam.

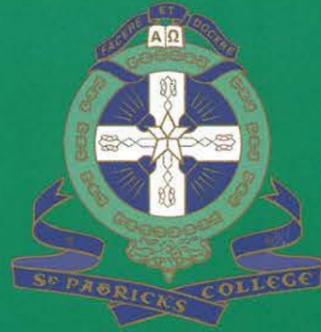
• James Hughes received a credit in his Grade 7 Piano exam.

• Paul Hutton achieved Honours in his Grade 1 Piano exam.

• A further update from French correspondent (Year 11 Exchange Student) Patrick Shaw - Pat has been selected to ride with team 'L'Equipe D'Laisne', a team consisting of the best five riders in the Normandy region of France. He will be riding in the 'Coupe de France' and is hoping that a good performance will see him ride in other tours in France during the year.

Green White & Blue

St Patrick's College Old Collegians Association Inc.



GREEN, WHITE & BLUE

Official Publication of the OCAA

The OCA have been busy organising a range of functions for old boys and their friends and are gearing up for a frenetic second half of the year with 10, 20, 25 and 30 year reunions at the College and regional dinners in locations such as Mildura, Bendigo, Warrnambool, Horsham, Deniliquin and Geelong.

An exciting addition to the OCA calendar was the inaugural 'Friday night drinks' session at the Clyde Hotel in Carlton. The sessions are informal in nature and focussed primarily at younger old boys – the 'under 30 somethings', although all old boys are welcome to attend. Approximately 40 old boys gathered at the Clyde for a few drinks after what had been for many a long hard week.

As always many lamented that they should have emailed or phoned a few of their friends – for all of these functions please open up your address books and invite your old mates along. Many of these old boys are lost to the Development Office at present because we do not have their current address. If they are not financial members of the OCA they will not be receiving The Shamrock, further reducing our ability to spread the news about all things St Pat's!

At the Clyde it was fantastic to catch up with past members of our highly successful rowing programme including Ben and Nigel Sullivan, Christian Ryan and Dan Fahey. For those wanting to know all the AFL gossip Dan is currently working as an editor for the AFL's website: www.afl.com.au It was also great to see recently graduated old boys Chris McBrearty, Mark McKinnon and James Madden who are studying at the University of Melbourne and living at Newman College.

On Friday July 25 from 7 pm the OCA conducted another Friday night drinks session, this time in Ballarat for all those needing a few quiet ales to kick start the weekend. The Friday session was held upstairs at 21 Arms in Armstrong Street North.

The OCA in April conducted its inaugural regional dinner in Terang. With 30 people in attendance it was a wonderful night with the Headmaster Dr Casey outlining the developments to date on the College's new senior school, due for completion around Easter in 2004.

1920-1969 Reunion

On Wednesday March 12 over 140 old boys and their partners from the 1920-69 era gathered in the College Dining Room for a luncheon. Many of the old boys in attendance took up the invitation to tour the College with current students from the senior school.

This was a wonderful learning opportunity for current students who were fascinated to learn that the current Year 12 Common Room was once the infamous red brick shower block where each morning up to 300 boys had to take their showers – needless to say the showers were short and sometimes cold for those boys at the end of the queue! The old boys on the tour were also greatly impressed by the building works currently underway and the sense of tradition that is still apparent in the current crop of College leaders.

Br Bill Wilding

As reported in the last edition of Green, White and Blue, former Headmaster Br Bill Wilding will retire from St Kevin's College at the end of 2003. On Sunday May 11 he accompanied football, soccer and basketball teams from St Kevin's for the annual fixtures against St Pat's. As a farewell gift to Br Wilding, St Kevin's triumphed in all three fixtures! All games were keenly contested and played in an excellent spirit. Both Colleges are once again committed to making the day a highly anticipated and competitive day on each school's calendars.

Br Wilding in a thank you note to Headmaster, Dr Casey noted: "We were delighted to be your guests on this occasion and look forward to returning the hospitality in 2004.

"May I again congratulate your College captain Lachlan Keen for his welcome. I was especially honoured by his words but at the same time distracted from my speech in return. He presented himself in a manner worthy of a Captain of an Edmund Rice School.

"While the annual visits between St Patrick's and St Kevin's, which were commenced in 1927, were sadly interrupted in 1993 it is wonderful that they have recommenced on such a good basis. I speak on behalf of all at St Kevin's who were delighted with the occasion and the quality of competition. Long may it continue and exemplify the spirit of two of the great Edmund Rice Schools of Australia."

As noted in the previous edition of Green, White and Blue all past students would join with the OCA in congratulating Br Wilding upon a stellar career in education and thank him for the indelible mark that he left upon St Patrick's College.

Weddings in the Chapel

Francis Denton (SPC 1994-99) is completing his honours in Art at the University of Melbourne and has been commissioned to repair and repaint the side altars in the College Chapel. The results of his work are truly spectacular and complement the re-painting and restoration works completed in 2002.

The Chapel has been a spectacular venue for a number of recent old boy weddings, including Gerard Faulkner (SPC 1983-88) to Nikki McConville. For all enquiries about using the Chapel for that special day please contact Br Reg Long at the College.

Old Boys in the News

Paul Myers (SPC 1990-95) has been selected to represent Australia at the 2003 World Championships in Milan, Italy in the Men's Eight. This follows on from his outstanding performances in being a member of the victorious Victorian King's Cup crews in 2002 and 2003. A strong performance in Milan should hopefully see Paul selected for the 2004 Olympics in Athens.



Members of the class of '53 at the OCA 1920-69 Reunion Luncheon. Back Row: Tom Cleary, Tom Jess, Gavin Maher, Gavan Walsh, William Schofield, Fr Des Brown and Bill Jones. Front Row: Joe Sang, Laurie Thorp, Brian Costigan, Jim O'Beirne, Terry Brennan, David Hallam, John Deany and Bernie Matthews.

Paul has been working for the MCS Property Group in Melbourne having completed a Business Degree in Property at RMIT. He is engaged to Sarah Daunt and is to be married in November.

Chris O'Brien (SPC 1980-85) is Head Coach of the University of Melbourne Boat Club, a VIS Coach and coach of the Pairs combination of Drew Ginn and James Tomkins (former Oarsome Foursome members) for the world championships at Milan. Chris' profile in Australian rowing is exceptional and a testament to his impressive rowing skills that were first developed at St Pat's under the guidance of his father Kevin.

Don D'Cruz (SPC 1981-86) is currently writing for the Australian Newspaper as Director of NGO Watch at the Institute of Public Affairs in Melbourne.

Winis Imbi (SPC 1996-97) is currently teaching health and physical education at Portland Secondary College. Winis, a former College Vice Captain was recently named RMIT's most outstanding health and physical education graduate for the class of 2002. Winis is Captain of Portland Football Club and continues to play excellent football following stints at Essendon and North Melbourne. Winis received his award at a gala ceremony at the MCG.

Daniel Verbeek (SPC 1981-83) is living in Swan Hill and working for Grainco. Daniel was a member of the 1st XVIII under Bob Aron and has had an outstanding career in country football. He has played in 14 Grand Finals, winning ten Premierships. He is still playing and is in search of premierships number 11! Daniel is married to Deanne and they have five children between one and 12.

Dr Brendan Flynn (SPC 1985-90) graduated from medicine at the University of Newcastle in 1999. He is married to Dr Tanya Hall from Bathurst and is currently living in Newcastle after travelling the world in 2002. Previously Brendan had been working in Wagga.

2002 AFL draftee Tristan Cartledge (SPC 1998-02) is playing for Essendon's VFL team the Bendigo Bombers. He was recently featured in an article in the Herald Sun. Tristan is completing Year 12 at St Bernard's College, Essendon and adapting to the rigours of AFL football, whilst trying to juggle study commitments. An agreement between Essendon and St Bernard's will see Tristan play five games for the school – unfortunately due to SPC's loss to Assumption none of these will be against his old school!

The McDonald brothers of Waubra created AFL history recently by becoming only the third set of brothers to play 100 AFL/VFL games each. The McDonalds have joined elite company, with the other two sets of brothers being the Morwoods of St Kevin's College and the Danihers of Assumption College fame! Alex (SPC 1982-87) the AFL number one draft pick in 1988 played 107 games for Hawthorn and Collingwood. Anthony (SPC 1988-89) who retired at the conclusion of 2002 played 103 games for Melbourne. James (SPC 1989-94) played his 100th game against Richmond – given his current form he may become the first of the brothers to play 200 games. Younger brother Phil (SPC 1995-96) was an outstanding player for North Ballarat in the VFL and for VAFA A Grade club Old Xaverians. Whilst acknowledging the magnitude of their effort the boys were quick to point out that their combined games total was still less than Terry Danihers total of 313 games!



Brother Breach with Michael O'Sullivan and Rita O'Sullivan at the OCA 1920-69 Luncheon Reunion.

Patrick Conway (SPC 1994-97) completed a double degree (Bachelors of Planning and Design and Property and Construction) at the University of Melbourne. He is now working for MCD Australia, a project and development group in Melbourne. Patrick was awarded the Australian Property Institute Prize for the highest aggregate score over the five years of his studies.

Daniel Conway (SPC 1994-97) also completed a double degree in Commerce and Computing at the University of Ballarat after winning an IBM scholarship based upon his Year 12 results. Daniel is now working at RSM Bird Cameron Accountant as an Accountant/Network Administrator.

Our North East Victorian correspondent David Walker (SPC 1978-83), now Deputy Principal at St Mary's of the Angels, Nathalia provided details of an article in the Shepparton Adviser featuring Andrew Westblade (SPC 1985-87) who is the National Australia Bank's Agribusiness Manager for the region. Keep up the good work David!

Nicholas Dowling (SPC 1994-95) completed University in 1999 and headed over to live in the UK. During that time he backpacked around Europe and South East Asia. He has returned to Melbourne and is working in the banking industry for the ANZ Bank.

Patrick Kempton (SPC 1961-65) is a Chartered Accountant and is currently the Manager of Administration and Finance with the Moira Shire Council. He has been married to Maria for 25 years and has four children. Prior to his appointment at the Shire of Moira (and a move to Numurkah) he lived in Hamilton for 24 years.

Paul Costigan (SPC 1982-87) is currently the Business Banking Manager for the National Australia Bank in Bendigo. Paul has worked for the NAB since 1988 and has held positions in Ballarat, Maryborough, Ararat, Kyneton, Rochester and Castlemaine. He is married to Sharon and has a son Harvey, who is two. He is an avid sports participant and has just completed a Level 1 AFL Coaching Accreditation and is looking forward to a coaching role in the near future.

Ron Flynn (SPC 1955-57) was a locomotive driver for the Victorian Railways. Upon leaving that position he commenced employment with the Golden Plains Shire. He is looking forward to retiring on June 26, 2003. Enjoy the rest Ron!

Frank Killeen (SPC 1938-41) has been married for 53 years, has five children and eleven grandchildren. He has a long and distinguished record in education, community service and sport having spent 17 years with the Catholic Parish Schools Association (including a term as President of the Central Council), 25 years with the St Vincent de Paul Society, delegate to the Victorian Junior Football Council and a 4 time Premiership coach of his local parish school football team.

Father Leo Baker (SPC 1939-42) lives with other rectors at St Columban's, Essendon. Leo turned 80 in January and is still keeping extremely busy. He kindly provided details of Father Chris Baker (SPC 1942-44) who in April departed Australia to work in Lima, Peru. On Easter Tuesday a group of friends including Archbishop Sir Frank Little (SPC 1938-42) and Peter Hyland (SPC 1940-42) gathered at the Whitehorse Inn in East Hawthorn to wish Fr Chris 'bon voyage'. Fr Leo also noted the work of Father Pat Baker (SPC 1952-55) who works in the Phillipines. He has just returned to the Phillipines after a month in Burma helping young Burmese priests prepare to work in the region.

On Monday April 7 the Herald Sun ran a full centre page featuring a day in the life of AFL Umpire Shane McInerney (SPC 1983-88). Shane is an experienced AFL umpire having umpired 128 AFL games and is a regular visitor to the College. Shane's effort in reaching the AFL is outstanding and exemplifies the degree of representation the College's old boys have in the AFL.

The hunt for Peter Klopotoski (Vol. 2, Ed. 1, 2003) goes on! Peter Farley wrote to Green, White and Blue asking that if Peter did emerge that he be reminded that he was still waiting for a number of essays that he promised to submit in 1963!

The Courier featured a story on Australian sailors serving in the Persian Gulf during the recent war against Iraq, including a photo and details of Ashleigh Dihm (SPC 1989-94). Ashleigh is an Able Seaman on the HMAS Darwin and is responsible for radar contacts within the Darwin's area of responsibility.

The Courier's Chief of Staff Paul Nolan (SPC 1991-93) was named Employee of the Year at a recent ceremony in Ballarat. Congratulations from the editorial team at The Shamrock and Green, White and Blue.

David McMahon (SPC 1989-94) has returned to England (after attending the 2003 legends Dinner) and is again working as a Security Advisor for the All England Tennis Club at the Wimbledon Championships. We look forward to receiving photos of Dave with Lleyton, Andre and Anna Kournikova for the next edition!

Ted Rankins (SPC 1948-50) retired as Manager of the Bendigo Post Office in 1995 after a distinguished career with the PMG and Australia Post. Since retiring from that role he has been busier than ever having been Chairman of the Bendigo Tourism Board for 5 years and Chairman of Goldfields Tourism. As well as these roles he has also worked as a Training Facilitator.

Father Kevin Sweeney (SPC 1940-43) is retiring after eight years as Parish Priest at St Catherine's in Moorabbin, having recently celebrated 51 years in the Priesthood.

Keith White (SPC 1951-52) retired in 2002 after a long career in a postal agency as well as working as a bookmaker at Melbourne metropolitan race meetings – a sure way to keep in touch with SPC old boys!

Gerhard Jongebloed (SPC 1938-39) was unable to attend the 1920-69 reunion but sent his greetings from Belrose in NSW. He fondly remembers his time at SPC and takes great pride in telling people that he played in the 1st XVIII under Br Bill O'Malley. Br O'Malley also gently reminded him at times, "Why don't you learn your Greek and Roman History?"



Bernie Matthews and Patrick Lannen at the 1920-69 Reunion Luncheon.



Tom Cleary and Laurie Thorp at the OCA 1920-69 Reunion Luncheon.

Weddings, Engagements, Births, Bereavements

SPC Weddings

Tim Delaney (SPC 1984-86) married Julie Trethowan on Sunday May 8 in the College Chapel. The service was conducted by Fr Michael O'Toole.

SPC Engagements

Anthony Riding (SPC 1988-93) to Danielle Adam on May 1, 2003

Luke Jeffrey (SPC 1989-94) to Louise Nolan on April 17, 2003

SPC Births

There must have been some! Please take the time to share your wonderful news with the SPC community.

SPC Deaths

Br Lu Williams (1932-35) passed away on May 21 in Melbourne. His long association with SPC commenced as a student and continued as a staff member from 1946-53, 1957-61 and 1985-90. He lived as a member of the Brother's community at the College from 1990-2000. A requiem Mass for Br Williams was held at St Damian's Church, Bundoora and was attended by the Headmaster and student College leaders.

Br (Jim) Peter James Peart on May 2, 2003 after a short illness. Brother Jim grew up in Footscray, attended Parade College and commenced teaching at St Mary's Cathedral School in Sydney in 1945. He later worked at Chanel College, St Patrick's College, Sutherland and St Patrick's College, Goulburn. In retirement he contributed to the brother's community at St Patrick's and took an active interest in the College.

Leon Heath (SPC 1947-51) on March 10, 2003. A moving obituary to Leon was written in the Shepparton Adviser detailing his wide range of sporting, community and business involvements. Perhaps fittingly he passed away in the company of friends playing golf at Tatura, having been to Mass that morning and attended a St Vincent de Paul meeting.

William Bates (SPC 1934-38) on February 28, 2003. Bill was a playwright, producer, director and performer. His numerous achievements were chronicled in an obituary in the Herald Sun on March 14, 2003. He founded the William Bates Academy of Performing Arts and helped to shape the careers of Denise Drysdale and Maria Mercedes to name but a few of the lives he profoundly influenced.

Benjamin Charles Broadribb (SPC 1982-87) passed away January 1, 2002 after a courageous battle with cancer. Son of former College Registrar, Brian. Ben studied at Monash University, Clayton and was employed in the Federal Public Service at the Oakleigh, Dandenong and Glen Waverley branches of Centrelink His passion was football – Collingwood and the Waverley Blues Football Club.

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

Next Edition

The deadline for the next edition of The Shamrock is Friday August 29, 2003. All contributions from members of the SPC community are gratefully received.

