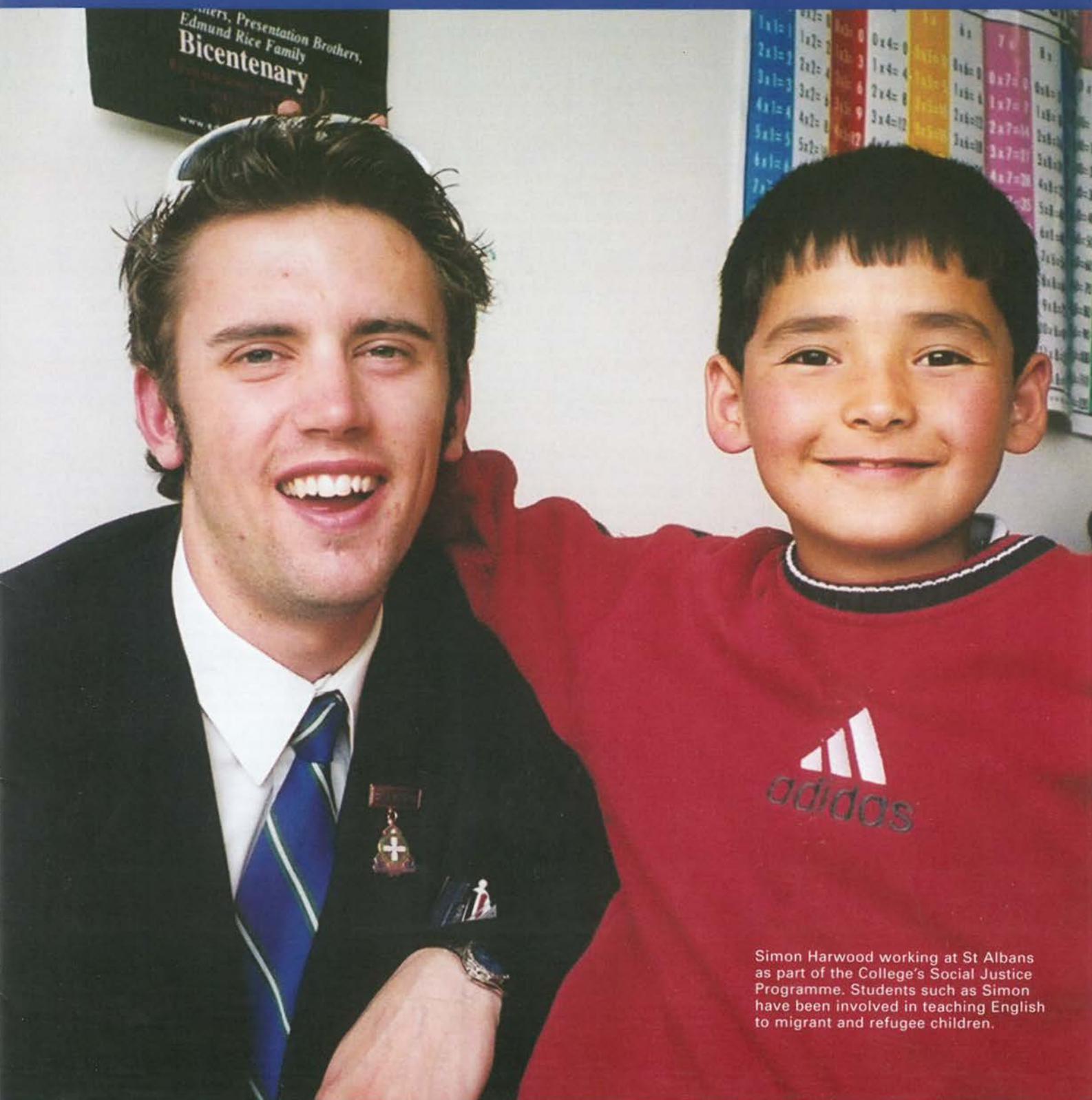
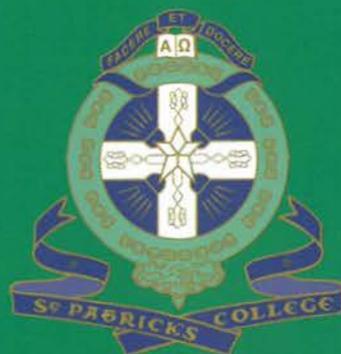


The Shamrock

VOLUME 02 EDITION 03
OCTOBER 2003

St Patrick's College
1431 Sturt Street
BALLARAT VIC 3350
Phone (03) 5331 1688
www.stpatsblrt.vic.edu.au



Simon Harwood working at St Albans as part of the College's Social Justice Programme. Students such as Simon have been involved in teaching English to migrant and refugee children.

WELCOME TO EDITION 3 OF THE SHAMROCK FOR 2003.

Term Three has been an extremely busy one at the College highlighted by the success of the College bands, the achievements of our public speakers, another 1st XVIII Premiership and the dedication of young performers from St Pat's and Loreto preparing for performances of the much loved musical 'Oliver' in Term 4.

Whilst these events will be given due recognition in the following pages, the focus of this edition of *The Shamrock* will be upon a key value that underpins the day to day life of the College.

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE'S COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL JUSTICE.

St Patrick's College proudly recognises and celebrates four pillars: Faith, Tradition, Excellence and Joy which are entrenched in the life of the College. They are at the heart of the College's very existence. All are reflected within the notion of our students and staff striving to lead lives that are socially just.

Our Catholic faith and commitment to following Gospel teachings, our traditions of helping the underprivileged and disenfranchised, our striving for excellence in all facets of life and the joy we share with others inside and outside of our community are all inextricably linked to our belief in social justice for all.

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Being socially justice.

One of the hallmarks of the schools that follow in the footsteps and spirit of Edmund Rice is the development of an awareness in its students of the need to be socially just.

At St Patrick's College we are fortunate to have a tradition and a staff that support a variety of programmes and activities aimed at educating for and enacting good deeds. Most obviously our conference of St Vincent de Paul and the Social Justice Group are two continuing groups that challenge our young men to think and act. The Edmund Rice Day Committee with its walkathon and fundraising activities gives us a whole school focus on the plight of those served by Edmund Rice ministries from St Albans to East Africa.

Tutoring migrant and refugee children after school in St Albans gives our boys an opportunity to learn and to serve. Our Street Retreats in Melbourne open the eyes of many Year 12s as they work with the homeless and derelict of society. St Pat's has an enviable reputation for the quality and quantity of leaders it contributes to the Edmund Rice Camps for the disadvantaged. The involvement of students and staff in Caritas, Amnesty International, public speaking and debating are other avenues for speaking out on matters of importance and forming public opinion, especially opinion within our own College community.

Do we ever ask why St Patrick's College promotes, supports and facilitates such programmes and to the extent that we do? I believe that there are two reasons why we as a College do this: because we can and because we must.

If we are to evidence the spirit of Jesus in all we do and all we teach, we have to listen to him as he sets about fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah.

We have to make the words of the prophet our own, just as Jesus did: 'the Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.'

At St Patrick's we are in the privileged position of being able to speak for those who have no voice and to act for those who are powerless. We are called to serve visibly and volubly; we are to be the hands of Jesus at work in the world today. It starts in our classrooms, down our corridors and on our playing fields and is carried to the world by men educated to make a difference.

SOCIAL JUSTICE:

A Student Perspective

If I asked how many of you would like to be rich I daresay most of you would respond with a resounding 'Yes'. Big houses, fast cars, designer clothes, exotic holidays – life would be wonderful. But a world can't have rich people, without poor people - and a lot of them.

The mathematics is quite simple. The more we have, the less others can have. Would you be prepared to become rich at the cost of making others poor? Some of us may still answer yes but I would hope that such a devastating consequence would make some of us at least, think again.

Social Justice has long been central to St Patrick's through its Catholic and Edmund Rice traditions. The gospels show us time and time again that Jesus challenged rules aimed to keep people in positions without power. Edmund Rice turned away from a life of wealth and title to help those who were poor and considered insignificant. This is our heritage and we are called to continue it.

Being socially just means more than being good and doing good. Being socially just requires us to take the time to think things through – look at what the consequences of our thoughts and actions will be.

It is much easier to be concerned only for ourselves and only in the present time. This is why justice requires vision and determination. Making sure our governments govern for all people, respecting the values of the indigenous peoples of Australia, protecting the environment, its flora and fauna now so it will be there for generations to come, defending the rights of the powerless, ensuring our laws allow equal opportunity for all, exposing rules and expectations that prevent people from living life to the full. These are all issues of justice.

Who makes up the social justice group here at St Pat's? The College Captain, two of our vice captains, three members of our student Council, our Captain of Boats and Athletics, the Captains of Hockey, Soccer and Volleyball, several of our House Captains and, complementing these high profile individuals, a fantastic group of Year 11 and 12 students. We even had the pleasure of a Year 7 student joining us at our most recent meeting. Our aim in naming these is not to boast - but to suggest, as a College, we should be very proud that so many of our school leaders are committed to seeking justice.

In the September holidays our school will play host to a soccer team from Sydney, the Sydney Eagles. The team is made up of boys, each of whom arrived by boat in Australia, alone, without parents. Playing sport has helped them work through the trauma of life in their homelands, the trauma of fleeing and now the trauma of being unwanted in our country of Australia.

Reaching out to these boys is linked to our ongoing involvement in a programme run by the Christian Brothers where our senior students join with other students from Melbourne schools to tutor refugee children in the St Albans area. The experience has enabled us to grow beyond ourselves, to recognise that dignity exists in all people and indeed to come to a closer understanding of the gospel message that is so important to our school.

We hope that here in Australia fear doesn't dominate the way we relate to each other, that we live up to our reputation of giving all a fair go and that we look for the good in people before judging them as bad.

Social Justice doesn't begin with the disarmament of nations and terrorists. It begins with the disarmament of the human heart. So on behalf of the social justice group of our College, I ask you to look to your own hearts and try your best to disarm the fear that prevents you from recognising the dignity in all other people. Do this and we are well on the way to a peace filled world.

Extracts from College Captain Lachlan Keen's speech, Social Justice Assembly

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP REFLECTION EXPERIENCE

During the semester holidays in July, 19 members of the Social Justice Group spent three days at Apollo Bay reflecting on our call to uphold the dignity of individuals, groups and indeed, all aspects of God's creation.

The St Patrick's Province Youth Development Officer, Br Gerry Brady, facilitated the experience for the group. Aside from the serious exploration of justice issues, the beautiful setting allowed for many games of beach gridiron, night walks to the pier, and a highly anticipated visit to view the glow worms.



Br Gerry Brady and Danny Moore with students on the social justice group reflection experience

WEST PAPUAN STUDENTS TO CALL SPC HOME FOR NEXT TWO YEARS

As part of the College's commitment to social justice it has accepted the responsibility of sponsoring two students from West Papua, Ricardo Rumbiak and Erwin Bleskadit, who will complete their VCE in 2004-2005. The boys have been brought to Ballarat by the Ballarat branch of the Australia West Papua Association with the tireless support of Sr Therese Power and Sr Rita Hayes from the Sisters of Mercy.

West Papua is currently a part of Indonesia despite the fact that its indigenous people are Melanesians. Papua was divided into two during the colonial era. In recent times indigenous West Papuans have led a campaign for self-determination which has brought them into conflict with the Indonesian Government that views West Papua as a resource rich region. The College shares the views of the United Nations in supporting indigenous people to retain their cultural identity whilst participating in political, economic and social life.

The St Patrick's College community welcomes Ricardo and Erwin and looks forward to a wonderful cultural exchange between the boys and our own students who will greatly benefit from an enhanced understanding of some of the issues that face indigenous people in other regions of the world.



Ricardo Rumbiak and Erwin Bleskadit on their first day at St Pat's

YEAR 8 STUDENTS WORKING ON LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

In conjunction with staff from the City of Ballarat Year 8 students have been working diligently to complete environmental works at the Yarrowee River precinct in Brown Hill. This is the third year that Year 8 classes have been involved in tree planting, preparation and maintenance works as well as waterwatch activities. The success of the programme has been evident with the project winning a major Landcare Australia Award in August 2003.

BUILDING UPDATE

The photo below (courtesy of The Courier) clearly shows that work is well underway on the College's new Senior School, staff amenities and Mathematics Labs. The photo shows the major change to the College's landscape and the magnitude of new teaching and learning facilities being made available to students.

It is still 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 are cause for great excitement amongst all students in the College.



The College Senior School Taking Shape

FATHER'S DAY MASS

On Friday September 5 the College held its second annual Father's Day Mass and Breakfast. Over 150 attended the Mass led by Fr Gary Jones and organised by our Director of Faith Development Gina Bernasconi. All in attendance later enjoyed a sumptuous breakfast expertly prepared by new Catering Manager Tracey Downes and her team.



Andrew Kenna, Bernie Kenna and Rex Harrison enjoying breakfast following the 2003 Father's Day Mass

INAUGURAL COLLEGE CAPTAIN'S REUNION DINNER

On Saturday August 16, thirty-four College Captains gathered for a reunion dinner in the College's Dining Room. The College Captains spanned a 72-year period in the College's history – from 1930 Captain Dr Mark O'Brien through to 2003 Captain Lachlan Keen.

Despite differences in generations all former captains had much in common, in particular an appreciation of the role that staff and their predecessors had played in shaping their own ideas on leadership. Former College Headmaster Br Bill Wilding spoke of the wonderful initiative shown by leaders during his time, such as Damian Gleeson and Michael Baddeley who played integral roles in commencing fundraising for the O'Malley Sports Centre by planning and staging the inaugural Edmund Rice Day Walkathon.

It was wonderful to welcome back 1985 Captain Chris Nolan, his parents John and Mary and 1985 Vice-Captain Richard Riley. Chris was tragically struck down by a mystery ailment that has left him in a wheelchair and with acquired brain injuries but still he continues to keep in touch with news from SPC and still remains in contact with many of his alma mater.

Other guests on the night included Headmasters Br Laurie Collins, Br Ron Stewart and Br Michael Stallard and past captains such as Barry Richardson (who generously donated his 1965 1st XVIII jumper), Brian Brown, Andrew and Simon Powell, Tony, Bill and Adrian Joyce and Michael Ranger.



College Captains from 1931 –2003 pose for the camera at the inaugural College Captains Dinner

A CELEBRATION OF DNA – FIFTY YEARS ON!

Year 11 student Josh Kannourakis was selected to represent the College at a DNA Course organised by the Gene Technology Access Centre (GTAC) which is based at the University High School, Parkville. The course was designed to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the discovery of the structure DNA by James Watson and Francis Crick. 26 biology students from across Victoria were afforded the honour of being involved in the programme.

Josh noted that the three-day programme was hectic but highly informative and enjoyable. There were several laboratory sessions as well as some fascinating lectures from scientists from the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute and the University of Melbourne.

Other highlights of the course included meeting and learning from Nobel Prize winners, the keynote lecture from Professor Sydney Brenner, 2002 Nobel Laureate entitled, 'Think Small, Talk Big: Molecular Biology, Past, Present and Future' and the opportunity to create a genetically modified organism, transplanted into a gene to make it resistant to a number of harmful drugs.

The programme ended with a dinner in Carlton and presentation of certificates and a copy of Professor James Watson's latest book. This is a great achievement by Josh and should inspire other students to consider being involved in this programme in the future.

SPC MUSIC – HITTING THE RIGHT NOTE!

Mr Jamie Ransome, Director of Music

The past months have been extremely busy for the SPC Instrumental ensembles having competed in a number of Eisteddfods around Victoria. The Senior Concert Band, conducted by Mr Jamie Ransome, has built upon the success of the last three years by receiving a number of awards against outstanding opposition. The band achieved an outstanding 92 points and was awarded first place at the Geelong Eisteddfod. The band then received a Silver Shield from the Melbourne School Bands Festival where they competed against 60 bands from across the State. The ensemble also achieved third place at the Royal South Street Competitions, in a very closely contested finish with two highly ranked Melbourne music schools.

The Senior Band continues to produce outstanding performances and reflects the high standard of music performance that has been developed over the last few years.

The Stage Band, directed by Mr Jamie Ransome, is the jazz ensemble at the College and plays a wide array of styles. It participated in both the Geelong and Royal South Street Eisteddfods and was unlucky to miss out on finishing in the final placings, playing at a high standard and giving an entertaining performance.

The Junior Concert Band, conducted by Mr Tim Ryan, has put in a busy year and has worked hard to produce some very good performances. The development of musicians in the junior band augurs well for the future of the College's music programme.

Regardless of where the boys finish, they all commit an enormous amount of time and energy to the music programme and they must be commended on their efforts. The culmination of the year's work for all musicians will be at the Speech Night to be held at Her Majesty's Theatre on Thursday November 20. All members of the College community are most welcome and encouraged to attend.



The successful Senior Concert Band with their awards from the recent Geelong, Melbourne and Royal South Street Competitions.

SPORT – SUCCESS THROUGH PROCESS

Football – BPSA Premiers 2003

The previous edition of The Shamrock highlighted some of the wonderful innovations introduced into the football programme in 2003 by 1st XVIII Coach Howard Clark and Director of Football Gerard FitzGerald. In particular the inaugural football camp set the stage for a successful year and was no doubt responsible for the wonderful spirit showed by all players in season 2003 – the pride has been well and truly restored in the SPC jumper (for the first time available in the modern light weight style).

The 1st XVIII won two out of three Herald Shield Games and with a bit more poise against Assumption could have been right in the mix to contest the Herald Shield Grand Final. The Assumption match was played under lights at North Ballarat in front of a great crowd, reminding all of the significance of this annual match between the two footballing schools.

Through some excellent performances throughout the year SPC won the right to host the BPSA Grand Final against Ballarat High School. The BPSA Grand Final was played in extremely challenging conditions – all seasons were experienced in the first quarter including a torrential hailstorm. The teamwork displayed by the boys was outstanding in these conditions and meant that victory was never seriously in doubt. The manner in which the team played is a credit to coach Howard Clark who worked tirelessly with all players to develop individual skills and team plays. The leadership of Captain Matthew Doyle also played a major part in the team's success.



Chris Banwell and Ash George promoting the TAC "Are you Roadworthy" Campaign. Photo courtesy of The Courier



Our oldest living College Captain (1930) Dr Mark O'Brien (SPC 1927-31) with 2003 Captain Lachlan Keen



Michael James presents the inaugural John James Medal and trophy to Matthew Doyle watched by Brian Gleeson, Robert Walls and Gerard FitzGerald.



Mary Nolan enjoying the Captains Dinner with son Chris the 1985 College Captain.



Year 12 Food Technology creations



Action on the dance floor at the 2003 SPC-Loreto Year 9 Social



Dominic Morrison makes his way down the slopes on the 2003 year 9 ski trip



Steve Moneghetti joins Kane Bowden (left) and Peter Caccaviello for a leisurely run through Ballarat as part of the pair's run from Melbourne to Adelaide.



Matthew Doyle gets a clearing kick away during the BPSA Grand Final

PHOTO GALLERY

GRAND FINAL DETAILS

SPC 6.9:45 defeated Ballarat HS 3.2:20

Goals: Chester, Anderson 2, Trigg, Gilbert 1
Best Players: Doyle, Banwell, Jennings, Dickinson, Parkin, Blanchfield

JOHN JAMES MEDAL PRESENTATION NIGHT

To recognise and celebrate the achievements of our football players, coaches and support staff it was decided to conduct a football presentation night in 2003. In celebrating the present season it was also important to recognise the past and so for this reason it was decided to name the night in honour of SPC's most famous footballing son, John James, who is widely regarded as the best school boy sportsman to have graced our famous Main Oval. A number of presentations were made on the night including the inaugural John James Medal, awarded to the best player on Grand Final day, the W.T. O'Malley Best and Fairest Player Trophy and the North Ballarat Rebels Most Valuable Player. The effort of the Year 7&8 SPC Blues coached by Mr Nick Williamson in winning the BPSA Junior Grand Final was also recognised.

Unfortunately John James could not be in attendance due to ill health but the College was honoured to have his son Michael, a two times W.T O'Malley Trophy winner and Carlton AFL Player in attendance as well as SPC Football Statesman Brian Gleeson (1957 Brownlow Medallist) and guest speaker Robert Walls. It is anticipated that the John James Medal Night will grow into a major event on the College calendar, a fitting tribute to John who remains a great supporter of the College.

AWARD WINNERS

W.T. O'Malley Trophy
Adam Jennings

John James Medal
Matthew Doyle

North Ballarat Rebels MVP
Daniel Parkin

Greg Dowd Memorial Trophy
(2nd XVIII Best and Fairest)
Brent Olszewski

Jim Toohey Memorial Trophy
(Year 10 Best and Fairest)
David Ronan

CROSS COUNTRY

What an interesting season- one of interrupted training, depleted teams due to injury and illness and disruptions to the staging of some events due to the weather. Despite some setbacks, the SPC Cross Country team displayed tremendous team efforts to secure two of the three CHISSA Cross Country titles. Many thanks to Mr Geoff Crawford and Mr David Baxter for their assistance in preparing the team.

CHISSA ROAD RELAYS

After sharing the boy's aggregate with Ballarat Grammar School for the past two years, our boys decided that they would regain the sole title, and did so! A convincing victory in the senior boy's division was a contributing factor to securing the 2003 title.

CHISSA CROSS COUNTRY

Despite an interrupted training preparation, the postponement of the CHISSA Lap of the Lake (which has always proven a valuable starting point for the season) and many omissions from the team due to injury, the SPC CHISSA Cross Country Squad snared their 15th consecutive victory in the annual Cross Country event.

In the Senior Division, Captain Peter Blanchfield led by example to completely outclass his opposition with a 30 second victory. The senior team once again showed their dominance of this event, with five top ten placings!

CHISSA LAP OF THE LAKE

Despite the original meet being postponed due to ominous weather conditions, the annual CHISSA Lap of the Lake event was conducted on September 2 in fine weather conditions. Unfortunately being later in the cross-country season, our intermediate team was crippled with injury and illness with many runners unable to compete. Although all competitors battled hard, SPC relinquished a clean sweep of the cross country Boy's aggregate events by 11 points to finish in 2nd place behind Ballarat Grammar School.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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

- Michael Keem received a high distinction in the Australasian Schools Writing Competition.
- Sam Donegan, Thomas Arthurson, Edmund Denton and Edwin Jobling received distinctions in the Australasian Schools Writing Competition.
- Josh Kannourakis received a Swannie Award for being the best public speaker in his division of the Debating Association of Victoria competition.
- Michael Ferguson, James Harrison, James Kerr and Chris Tolhurst were awarded High Distinctions in the Australian Schools Science Competition.
- Tom Moody won the City of Ballarat, 'The Write Age' Competition. Josh Kannourakis and James Wallace received honourable mentions in the competition.
- Colm Trusler was State Runner Up in the Rostrum Voice of the Year Public Speaking Competition.
- Luke Humphries won the Under 17.5 Central Highlands Football League Goal Kicking Award.
- Sam Garland won the Ballarat Football League's Under 16 _ Best and Fairest Player Award, whilst Year 9 student Simon Ward won the Under 15 BFL Best and Fairest award.

- Year 12 student Brendon Gilbert won the Ballarat Football League Best and Fairest Player Award. Fellow Year 12 student Ryan Waight was runner up. The boys were presented with their awards by current North Melbourne star Drew Petrie (SPC 1995-2000).
- Ryan Marshall gained 1st Place in the Victorian Musical Kata/Advanced Black Belt Karate Event. He will be competing in the World Cup Karate Competition in Sydney in October.

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 (Channel 10 Sunday Programme - "Meet the Press") Paul Bongiorno (SPC 1959-62) 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 wonderful night of entertainment with friends.

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

Green White & Blue

St Patrick's College Old Collegians Association Inc.



GREEN, WHITE AND BLUE

Official Publication of the OCA

The OCA have been busy over the past few months catching up with old boys around the country side and at the class of 78' reunion held at the College recently. Term 4 will be a busy time with 10, 20 and 30 year reunions at the College and dinners in Bendigo and Geelong. Hopefully we will also see old boys at events such as the Foundation Golf Day and the inaugural Remembrance Mass in November.



Keith Jubb visiting the College's stand at Sheepvention 2003

REGIONAL DINNERS

Over the past months the Headmaster, Development Manager and members of the OCA executive have visited a number of regional centres to catch up with old boys and their partners. Highly enjoyable evenings have been held in Horsham, Deniliquin, Mildura and Bendigo in past months. Details of the dinners are contained on the address flyer accompanying The Shamrock. Please get on the phone or computer and tell others in your region about the dinners – the members of the travelling road show would love to see you and share with you news from Ballarat.

BR TOM KEARNEY

The College was pleased to have Br Kearney, Headmaster (1985-88) visit the College in late August. Br Kearney spoke to a number of VCE Religious Education classes during his visits and outlined the invaluable work that he and his colleagues are doing in East Africa, in particular in areas such as health and education with the underprivileged from Kenya and Tanzania.

Br Kearney is based in Nairobi, Kenya and is the Regional Coordinator of East Africa for the Christian Brothers. His work is helping to sustain and enrich the lives of many and tangibly displays the spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice

FOUNDATION GOLF DAY

A reminder to all Old Boys that the second annual Foundation Golf Day will be held on Sunday November 16 at the Midlands Golf Club. The inaugural event was a wonderful day with all in attendance enjoying a great social day – some even enjoyed the golf as well! The event is a four person ambrose event, providing everybody with an opportunity to have at least one moment of inspiration.

In 2002 the event had a full field of 144 players. With some great prizes on offer the field will fill quickly so please return the entry form and your entry fee as soon as possible. Fore!

OCA REMEMBRANCE MASS

On Wednesday November 19 at 7:30 pm the OCA will conduct a Remembrance Mass in the College Chapel. The Mass will be an opportunity to reflect upon the lives of old boys, staff and friends of the College that have died in recent times. It is also an opportunity to give thanks for the special bond that exists between all members of the SPC community and to catch up with present and former staff and students of the College.

Drinks and supper will be provided in the College Dining Room following the Mass. We would love to see old boys, friends of the College and members of the current SPC community and the OCA's inaugural Remembrance Mass. Please RSVP to Sharyn Kennedy on (03) 53 311688 or skennedy@stpatsblrt.vic.edu.au to assist with catering numbers.

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 in!

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 will conduct its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday November 19 at 6 pm in the College Board Room. The OCA is always looking for old boys who would be willing to get involved with the committee and provide input into such issues as reunions, scholarships, building projects and other ways of supporting the College and its past students. The Association meets once a month (usually briefly) and has committee people from a variety of eras.

Please consider being involved with the OCA Committee and supporting the OCA by attendance at the AGM. The AGM precedes the Remembrance Mass which will be a significant spiritual and social occasion in its own right.

For more information or to organise a nomination form please contact Mark Waddington on 53 311688 or mwaddington@stpatsblrt.vic.edu.au

OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

Tony Liston (SPC 1986-90) has been appointed as Grounds Manager at the College. Tony has previously worked at the Beaufort Golf Club. We look forward to seeing the fruits of his labour as he works with other grounds staff on projects such as the Main Oval restoration and ground works associated with the new Senior School complex. Welcome back Tony!

Dr Charlie Flynn (SPC 1971-73) has recently completed his PhD which examined the widespread issue of 'Recurring Back Problems'. Charlie is a partner in Newington Physiotherapy Clinic, Ballarat's foremost sporting and general physiotherapy practice.

Fr Des Brown (SPC 1947-55) has just celebrated 40 years as a Priest being one of eight Redemptorists ordained by Bishop James O'Collins on June 30, 1963 – the same day Pope Paul VI inaugurated his Pontificate. In August 1966 he was sent to the United States to study sociology at the University of San Francisco, a far cry from the Monastery in Wendouree. Over the coming years Fr Des studied and worked across the US including stints in Harlem and the Bronx. In 1973 Fr Des returned to Australia and was stationed in Kew in Melbourne. In 2002 he wrote 'The Redemptorist Connection' which outlined his 30-year involvement with the Australian Huntington's Disease Association and was inspired by Br Justin Linus Kelty, former Headmaster and teacher at St Patrick's College.

The incredible life of John James (SPC 1948-52) was recently featured in the Sunraysia Daily and Robinvale Sentinel. Both articles outlined his amazing sporting achievements at St Pat's as well as his other achievements including his outstanding teaching career, winning the 1963 Brownlow Medal and many community involvements. John's consistency in the Brownlow is astonishing finishing 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th over a seven year period.

Dr Richard Bignell (SPC 1989-94) has been featured in articles in The Age and the Herald Sun in recent times. Richard is a second year resident doctor at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. He was featured in articles concerning the life of a resident doctor and a feature article on Intensive Care titled 'Best of Care'.

Scott Watkins (SPC 1996-2000) is completing his Bachelor of Agriculture at Dookie College. He recently competed in the National Young Farmer Championships held at Marcus Oldham College in Geelong. Scott came second in the State Finals held at the Royal Melbourne Show in 2002.

Ben Lopes SPC (1991-94) was featured in an article in The Courier in August. Ben has battled inspirationally against leukaemia since diagnosed with the illness as a 12 year old. After an initially promising prognosis he suffered a relapse in Year 10, caused by a rare adverse reaction to chemotherapy which forced him to leave school. During this time he was confined to a wheel chair and had to re-learn how to walk and talk. Since then he has studied a variety of courses including motor mechanics, first aid and wool classing. He is currently studying at the University of Ballarat and is following his passion for creative writing. Ben is well and truly looking to the future and is an inspiration to all old boys and current students.

Brendan Stahl (SPC 1960-62) has retired to 14 acres at Deans Marsh after 31 years working with the State Bank of Victoria and Commonwealth Bank. He is married to Maureen and has four children. He is enjoying the challenges associated with being a full-time gardener!



Mark Meade in his old room at Kenny House (now a classroom) at the Class of 78' 25 year reunion dinner

Father Patrick Bohan (SPC 1936-39) has provided details of the wonderful achievements of Father Jack O'Brien (SPC 1931-35). Fr O'Brien celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of his ordination in July, having studied at Corpus Christi College in Werribee. Fr Pat notes: Jack will be remembered by his contemporaries as full forward in the 1st XVIII and holding the BPSA goal kicking record – broken by Jack Hill and subsequently by John James in 1952 – 35 goals. Fr Jack ministered in several parishes in the Ballarat diocese and played in football premierships for Inglewood, Tower Hill and Colac. In one Grand Final for Colac he kicked seven goals in the last quarter to lead his team to victory prompting one supporter to say, 'I never thought I would be barracking for a Catholic Priest, but come on Father O'Brien'. Fr Jack is now living in Preston and is a regular visitor to the College for the 1920-60s reunion day in March.

Fr Bryan Long (SPC 1942-45) has celebrated 50 years as a Priest being ordained by Bishop Bernard Stewart at St Mary's Heathcote on July 26, 1953. Bryan's brother Reg (SPC 1942-45) is a member of the Christian Brothers and currently looks after the Brother's community at the College. Bryan has served as a Priest in the parishes of Tallangatta, Cobram and White Hills. He acted as Administrator of St Killian's Bendigo from 1980-2003, was Vicar-General of the Diocese of Sandhurst from 1980-1995, was Chairman of the Governor's Council at Catholic College Bendigo for 20 years (having helped to set the school up) and oversaw the restoration of St Killian's Church. He is now enjoying a well earned retirement and continues to reside in Bendigo.

Anthony Brooks (SPC 1985-90) has completed a double degree with Honours from the University of Ballarat in Arts/Primary Teaching. Prior to study he spent two years travelling, basing himself in London. He is currently teaching at Coogee in Western Australia and living in Fremantle.

Andrew Westblade (SPC 1985-87) joined the National Bank in 1988 and has moved around the state before settling in Shepparton in 1995. In 2003 he left the bank to become a Partner with a Finance Broking Firm. Andrew and his wife have two children, Oscar and Ella. He is currently President of the Karramomus Cricket Club reigning triple Premiers of the Shepparton Cricket Association.

Peter Caccaviello (SPC 1983-88) was featured in an article detailing a project organised by Kane Bowden (brother of AFL players Joel and Patrick) to raise funds for homeless children. The pair and others will run from Melbourne to Adelaide. Peter is a Project Manager with Australia Post and plays football with Kane for University Blacks.

Shaun Langhorne (SPC 1990-95) has just completed his articles and is working as a solicitor.

Peter O'Donoghue (SPC 1931-36) coached the Latrobe University Football team at the University Games in Adelaide in July 2003. Peter was Captain of the Hawthorn Football Club in 1952 and 53 and coached the club in 1966. Members of the Latrobe University team included Michael Ranger and Jason Hucker from the SPC Class of 2000.

Matt Martino (SPC 1983-88) was featured in the Herald Sun recently. He has opened an innovative cafe 'Lionel's Place' at the Metropole in St Kilda. Customers are served in the kitchen on long shared tables. Matt is operating Lionel's Place, ably supported by mother Liz in the kitchen and dad Tony (SPC 1966-71) who makes the pasta. Lillian Frank raved about the pasta and hospitality. So drop in and have a feed and catch up with two generations of old boys!

Chris Packer (SPC 1978-83) established an accounting practice in Ballarat in 1993, expanding the practice recently to take in partner Paul Elliott (SPC 1982-87). Chris and partner Lindy have three children. Chris is eagerly looking forward to his 20 year reunion in October.

From the files of the amazing Br Breach - Matthew Torney (SPC 1987-92) is completing a PhD at the Economic University in London. The topic of his study is 'IT in Stock Markets'. Edward D'Auvergne (SPC 1995-96) is also completing his doctorate focussing on the replacement of the antibiotic.

David McMahon (SPC 1989-94) was featured in an article in The Courier. This year David again provided protection to the stars at Wimbledon as Operations Manager for Securior Guarding. David was responsible for recruiting and training over 600 security personnel.

Greg Cosgriff (SPC 1984-89) and Damien Stewart (1991-96) were co-coaches of the victorious Newlyn Football Club team that defeated Buninyong to win the 2003 Central Highlands Football League Premiership. Greg, a former College Captain, and Damien helped guide Newlyn to its first flag since 1992.

Patrick Hickey (SPC 1980-83) is a Director of a small building company that specialises in pharmaceutical plant construction. Patrick completed a Bachelor of Building at RMIT and has lived and worked in Sydney before settling in Camberwell. He married Arlene in 2001 and they have a daughter Tess who was born in July 2002.

Great to hear from Maurice Sheahan II (SPC 1951-55) who picked us up on a couple of points from the previous edition of The Shamrock. He points out that his father Maurice Sheahan I attended the College from 1922-25 representing the College in football and cricket. Maurice II was a member of W.T O'Malley's 1952 Inter. A Class and a Purton Oratory Finalist in 1953. Maurice III attended SPC in 1986-87 and was an excellent swimmer and volleyballer. Studies of our records indicate that the Sheahans have the distinction of being the only old boys to have three generations attend SPC with the same Christian and surname – needless to say there is a bit of pressure on Maurice Sheahan III.

Don Moran (SPC 1954-60) has recently retired after working with Telstra for 29 years. In 1964 he joined their IT Group - little could he have even imagined the technological advances he would see in his lifetime! He now enjoys his time visiting golf and race courses. On June 14, 2003 his eldest son Stuart was ordained at St Patrick's Cathedral. Don was thrilled that many of his 'old boy mates' were present to share the occasion.

James Flynn (SPC 1977-78) was an apology for the Class of 78 reunion but sends his regards to his peers. James lives in Perth with wife Robyn and son Brendan. James has worked as a doctor with the Royal Flying Doctor Service for almost 14 years, with most of this time being spent based at Port Headland in North West WA.

WHAT WAS IT LIKE TO BE AT BOARDING SCHOOL BETWEEN 1920 AND 1946?

Were you a boarder at St. Patrick's College, Ballarat between 1920 and 1946? If so Noelle Oke would like to hear about your experiences and learn what every day life was like for boarding school students during a period that included the Depression years and the Second World War.

Noelle is conducting research for her M.A.Thesis in History with La Trobe University, Victoria. Her topic is 'Victorian Country Private Boarding Schools between 1920 and 1945'. The study includes the older established schools at Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Hamilton and Kilmore.

The material collected will be kept confidential and will not identify individuals unless they give express permission to do so. Interviews can be carried out at your home or any other mutually agreed upon location. If you can help, please contact Noelle on (02) 6021 2997 or at nokey@albury.net.au.

BALLARAT AND CLARENDON COLLEGE REUNION DINNER

Ballarat & Clarendon College is conducting a reunion of its 1954 team to coincide with the school celebrating 140 years of education. The 1954 BCC team was the team that ended SPC's incredible run of premierships. The organising committee have had a lot of interest from St Pat's footballers from the 1950's era and would like to extend a warm invite for SPC old boys to attend the dinner. Details are:

Saturday, March 20 - 2004
The Woolshed
Melbourne Highway, Ballarat

Cost: \$100 per person
(includes 3 course meal and drinks)

Contact: Marion Sheldon-Collins,
Community Relations Office
Ph: 03 53 308312

AFL WALK OF FAME

Former College student and Sports Trainee Jarrod Waight (SPC 1996-01) is working with archivist Br Brian Davis to compile an accurate list of SPC students that have gone on to play VFL/AFL football. It is hoped that in time the photographs of all of these old boys will be displayed in an area of the school along with a summary of their playing record. Jarrod has uncovered a number of old boys who were not previously listed in the history of SPC football written by Gerard Ryan, including Peter O'Donoghue, Gerard FitzGerald, Tom Simpson and Barry Kelly.

If you can add to the following list of names please contact Jarrod Waight on 0438 393266.

Paul Armstrong, Charlie Baker, Ray Ball, Thomas Barwick, Mario Bortolotto, Tony Bourke, Brian Brown, Maurice Connell, Gerald Crough, John Cunningham, John Devine, Frank Dimmatina, Sidney Dockendorf, Colin Dodd, Greg Dowd, Frank Drum, John Elder, Gerald FitzGerald, Chris Fogarty, Joe Fogarty, John Fogarty, Matthew Francis, Danny Frawley, Brian Gleeson, Terry Gleeson, Bert Gregory, Frank Halloran, Gerry Hayes, Martin Heffernan, Reg Hickey, Joe Hickey, Dick Hingston, Kevin Hogan, John Hogan, John James, Michael James, Robert Johnson Snr, Barry Kelly, James Keogh, Bryan King, Leo Little, Phil McCumiskey, Alex McDonald, James McDonald, Anthony McDonald, Justin McGrath, Mick McGuane, Les Mogg, Brian Molony, Harry Neate, Basil Nehill, Joe Nunan, Peter O'Donoghue, Mark Orchard, Drew Petrie, Frank Pomeroy, Barry Richardson, Leo Seward, Maurice Sheahan, Joe Shortill, Tom Simpson, Ian Slockwitch, Anthony Smith, Tony Sullivan, Robert Thompson, Terry Walsh, Bill Walsh, Peter Walsh, Vin Williams, Paul Wynd, Marshall Younger.

Weddings, Engagements, Births, Bereavements

SPC WEDDINGS

Byvoet – Paul (SPC 1989-90) married Amy Booth on March 8, 2003. Paul was attended by best man Mark Byvoet (SPC 1990-95), Nick Byvoet, Chris Richards (SPC 1985-90), Jamie Bolt and Baden Reade (SPC 1986-91).

Kennedy – Benson – Mark Kennedy (SPC 1992-97) married Vikki at St Bernard's Church in Bacchus Marsh on April 12, 2003. Mark was attended by best man Stewart Oliver (SPC 1992-97), Simon Powell (SPC 1992-97) and brothers Rod (SPC 1986-88) and Craig (SPC 1994-99).

SPC ENGAGEMENTS

O'Bryan – John (SPC 1997-98) has become engaged to Laura Schouten. John is a payroll officer with the Mayne Group and resides in Hoppers Crossing.

SPC BIRTHS

Barlow – to Ben (SPC 1985-87) and Cate, a daughter Sally born July 2003. The Barlows are off to Sydney in September following a promotion for Ben with the National Australia Bank.

Ewing – Joseph (SPC 1990-92) and wife Gabrielle have welcomed the arrival of their first child, a daughter Sarah Grace born August 1, 2003.

Liston – to Tony (SPC 1986-90) and Lorrie, twins Chelsea and James, born August 15, 2003.

McGrath – Peter (SPC 1986-89) and partner Margaret celebrated the birth of their fourth child Thomas on July 18, 2003. A brother for Patrick, Elizabeth and Rebekah.

McInerney – to Shane (SPC 1983-88) and Deborah, a daughter Tarryn Darcie born July 29, 2003 in Melbourne.

McKoy – Peter (SPC 1983-88) and Kim welcome twins Abbey Lee and Lachlan Douglas, born July 23, 2003.

Willowwhite – to Michael (SPC 1981-86) and Kim (SPC staff) a daughter Amy Christina, born January 21, 2003.

SPC DEATHS

Robert (Bob) Connelly (SPC 1936-38) passed away on May 1, 2003. Robert worked in the UK, Canada and Australia as a University lecturer. He completed letters in Philosophy at Kings College in London. He ended his working life as a Lecturer in Educational Philosophy at Murray Park C.A.E. In retirement he lived in Echuca before moving to Gawler.

Robert Henry Elliott (SPC 1963-72) passed away September 2003.

John Leetham (SPC 1942-47) passed away on May 31, 2003. John was born in Deniliquin. He was a talented sportsman and was a member of the 1st XI and rowed in the 1st crew with Murray Byrne. Upon leaving St Pat's he remained involved in community sport, the local fire brigade and with a variety of community projects including over 20 years on the Council of St Michael's school in Deniliquin. John worked as an accountant and company secretary in a variety of positions in Deniliquin. John was a great supporter of SPC and was sadly missed at this year's OCA Deniliquin Regional Dinner.

Daniel Magree (SPC 1928-32) died May 13, 2003 aged 88. Daniel was a fine athlete and scholar at SPC playing 1st XVIII football at the College and later went on to play for Buninyong, Dunnstown and East Ballarat. Daniel spent 48 years as a sharebroker finally retiring at age 81. Daniel loved the horses and proudly boasted to friends that he attended 43 consecutive Warrnambool Grand Annual Steeplechases.

Rocky Montano (SPC 1969-71) passed away in August 2003. Uncle of current Year 9 student Abraham Montano.

John James O'Connor (SPC 1942-45) on August 1, 2003. Over 600 mourners travelled from all over the Wimmera Mallee and from other parts of the globe to celebrate the life of J.J., as he was affectionately known. The service was held at the Catholic Church of St Michael and St John in Horsham. J.J. and his family operated the farm machinery business J.J. O'Connor and Sons. He was a respected community leader and a passionate family man and race goer. He is survived by wife Pauline and seven children.

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 November 28, 2003. All contributions from members of the SPC community are gratefully received.

