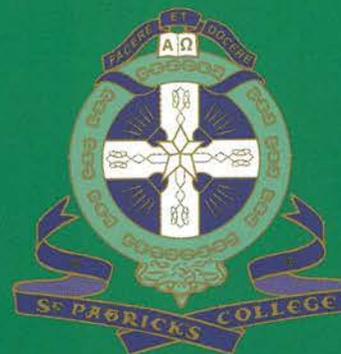


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WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF THE SHAMROCK FOR 2004.

What an exciting term it has been for students, staff and old boys. It has literally flown by, punctuated by some outstanding student achievements in a broad range of individual and team pursuits. The following pages recognise some of these achievements and preview some of the exciting events planned at the College in 2004.

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Welcome to the St Patrick's College of 2004. I have high hopes as we move forward together: students, parents, staff, Old Collegians, clergy and Congregation.

Culture

Much of our educational focus at the College in 2004 focuses on Revolution through Innovation based on International Research. As we redevelop our learning environment much of our work is applying research to our emerging structures and courses. Our interest in 'Boys education' has led us to become members of the International Boys Schools Coalition, a leading source of research and best practice in the education of boys, particularly in a single-sex school setting.

Schools

We have been commended for our innovative Middle School Programme which is built around the four themes of Water, City Life, The Power of One and the Bush. Our Junior School has been modelling shared leadership practices and shared understandings of teaching and learning. We have reduced our class sizes and limited the number of teachers each boy encounters. Our Senior School has been vertically aligned to free up the timetable for student choice. We have become a Registered Training Organisation in our own right to provide technical and further education within the VCE. We have introduced new subjects including Environmental and Outdoor Education, Certificate II Sport & Recreation, and a number of Histories.

Staff

The teachers are learning too. Staff this year commence the implementation of the Board's new Professional Development policy which is based on the belief that teachers are our greatest resource. The processes revolve around personal professional learning programmes, and feedback from students, colleagues and line management. We believe that the rigour required to implement this programme effectively will lead to positive outcomes for all in a professional and non-threatening way.

Boarding

One of the concerns in the debate about the future of boarding at St Pat's was the lack of availability of Christian Brothers to carry on that work. Accordingly I would like to share with you a recent letter from Br Peter Dowling, former Deputy Headmaster of the College and now Province Leader: *"For the first time since the Christian Brothers took over management of the College there is no Christian Brother involved in the boarding service provided by the College. After over 100 years that is a big change from our perspective as Brothers, and yet we know that the boarding service provided at St Patrick's will continue and hopefully will thrive into the future in new ways."*

I believe that Br Dowling's letter confirms that the Battle for Boarding has been fought and won. The debate clarified what was important about boarding as well as the deficiencies in its old model. We now have boarding continuing healthily in the Sturt Street houses, under the aegis of the College, fully staffed by laymen and women, and financially independent of the College's recurrent budgets.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those Brothers still resident at the College who have contributed as Boarding Masters: Br Evan Zoch, Br Bernie Scott, Br Brian Davis, Br John De Bock, Br Theo Breach, Br Ormie Wynne, Br Reg Long and acknowledge the support of Br George Hewitt in Buildings and Maintenance. I also thank those of you who entered the fray, recognising the contribution that Boarding always has and will continue to bring to the College.

Sport

On the sporting front, it was pleasing to note our return to the winners' circle in Football as Premiers in 2003. I am told that 2001-2 were the first years in the 100 year history of the competition that we were not either premiers or runners up. We have made impressive progress in cricket on our new turf wicket with in-ground sprinkler system and treed surrounds. We even moved the goal posts and the boundary fence to ensure student safety.

Our rowers under Rob Richards as Director of Rowing were successful at the Head of the Lake. We have recorded a remarkable 25th consecutive win in Swimming with our College Captain, Cameron Brown, feeling the pressure as Captain of Swimming. Our athletics team is shaping up well but Grammar are taking running very seriously. In all there is a very positive air in the sporting arena.

Sports Pavilion

Combining these aspects of learning culture, three schools model, research, sport, and complementary facilities, and tapping into a great deal of goodwill evident in our College community, the Old Collegians under President Andrew Watson have proposed a fundraising appeal: a pavilion which would cater for our Middle School, for functions, a viewing space and a treasure trove of Old Collegians memorabilia, including the display of photographs of our 82 VFL/AFL players currently being developed by Jarrod Waight and Br Brian Davis, our archivist. Tristan Cartledge became No.82 when he represented Essendon in the opening round of the Wizard Cup.

With the support of the College Foundation chaired by Dennis Foley, this fundraiser was approved by the Board in March. Old Collegian Cardinal George Pell, our keynote speaker for Legends Dinner 2005 has agreed to be the Appeal Patron. Mr Peter Howley, former President of the Old Collegians and Chair of the College Centenary Committee has accepted the position of Appeal Chair. The plans are on display at the College and your Committee members will be in touch with all our readers to enlist your support.

Building Programme

In Stage 1 of our Building Master Plan we have completed the staff dining and social area, the Junior School Staffroom, the first of the new classrooms, two Maths/ICT laboratories and Landscaping is underway. We moved into the new Br W.J. Wilding Senior School at the commencement of Term 2.

Student Services

We have extended the scope of works of the Senior School Project to include the refurbishment of the staff area into a one-stop-shop for student services: These include student reception, sick bay, pastoral care, counselling, careers, social justice network, Edmund Rice network, and will now be adjacent to the offices of the Director of Studies, Director of Administration, Director of Boarding, Deputy Headmaster, and the Headmaster. Thus goes the first six million dollars of capital development.

Our Shared Future

I would like to draw on my thoughts from this term's Academic Assembly based on Edmund Burke's warning that all that is needed for the forces of evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing. At St Patrick's College, the will to do well is evident in many ways, possibly no more obviously than in our sporting teams. The commitment to training, the personal cost, the support of staff and parents, the kudos associated with success are all self-evident around here. What are our current students prepared to do to have that same aura surround our academic pursuits, our pastoral care, and our facilities?

Ballarat is well served by great schools. We believe that as a Catholic school for boys in the Edmund Rice tradition, we are unique. However, as I noted at this term's Academic Assembly, unless we are careful, we will, in the company of our friends, wallow in the mire of mediocrity, realising too late what might have been. We need good men working actively and collaboratively to challenge those who would hold us back. We need the courage to lead.

At St Patrick's College we are moving forward deliberately at a measured pace to reclaim our tradition of excellence in all fields. We are first and foremost a school and should be judged by the outcomes of our students in all regards.

Peter M Casey

ST PAT'S ON THE MOVE - THE OLD BOYS PAVILION

Over the past months the St Patrick's College Old Collegians Association (OCA) and the College Foundation have been developing plans to raise funds to enable the construction of a Main Oval pavilion. The construction of a pavilion will ensure that the days of standing on the handball court seats desperately seeking refuge from the elements will soon be over – supporters of the mighty Green, White and Blue will soon be able to cheer the boys from the terraced seating made from handballcourt bricks or from behind the glass inside the Old Boys pavilion. Over the next 12 months the OCA will be contacting past and current students and families and friends of the College to raise the \$500,000 required to construct the pavilion.

OCA President Mr Andrew Watson is excited about the project, particularly its strong educational focus. "The Old Boys pavilion will become a vibrant hub for learning within the College's innovative Middle School programme.



Old Boys Pavilion design plans.

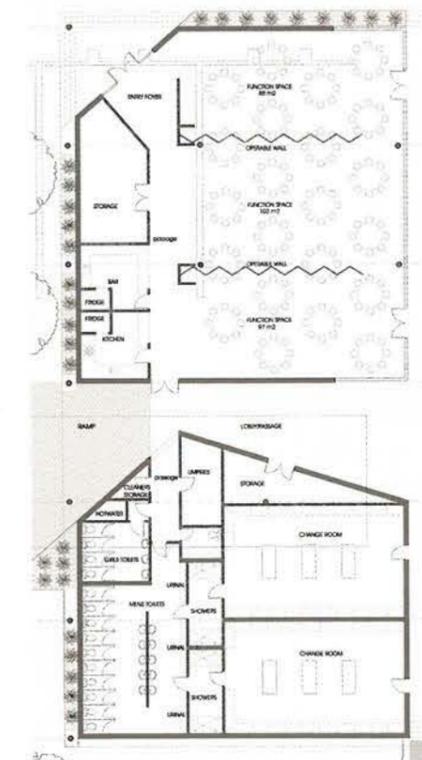
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"It will provide the College with a flexible open learning space that will be invaluable within the College's expanding range of curricular and co-curricular programmes"

The pavilion will also have a variety of social and sporting uses. It has been designed to cater for sit down functions for up to 240 people, has two modern change rooms and will incorporate major toilet facilities for the school. The pavilion will become a home for old boy functions such as year level reunions, sporting events and musical events.

More details of the pavilion project and how families can support the project will be contained in the next edition of The Shamrock.



Old Boys Pavilion internal design plans.

BUILDING UPDATE

All students and staff at the College are eagerly looking forward to the opening of the Senior School Complex at the commencement of Term 2. The Senior School Building will comprise 24 classrooms, locker areas and a range of informal gathering spaces. The building makes wonderful use of light and has panoramic outlooks onto the College's playing fields and Mt Buninyong. It will be a wonderful teaching and learning space and a most welcome addition to the College's facilities. The opening of the building marks the completion of Stage 1 of the College's Building Master Plan with work on the development of specialist science facilities and the refurbishment of the O'Malley Wing set to commence in the not too distant future.



The Senior School takes shape.

BOAT RACE DAY 2004: A DAY TO SAVOUR!

Despite being three hours from the familiar surrounds of Lake Wendouree (rendered incapable of hosting rowing due to five years of drought conditions), the St Patrick's College rowers triumphed on that 'one day in March', cheered on by a legion of colourfully decorated Patties Cheer Squad members who had faithfully made the trip to Lake Nagambie for the Head of the Lake Regatta. Under the leadership of Director of Rowing Mr Rob Richards the club has the potential to enjoy a period of great success with participation levels at a record high. The College swept all before it in the senior ranks winning the 1st, 2nd and 3rd crew races.

The performance of the 1st crew in winning the Head of the Lake for the first time since 1997 was particularly impressive with the crew led by stroke Sam Jess coasting to a one length victory. Congratulations to other members of the 1st crew: Stephen Coghlan, Blair Brown, Paul Hamm and cox Anthony Torpy on a job well done – a fitting reward for all the hard work and sacrifices put in by all crews and coaches.



1st crew with Cup

Congratulations to long serving coach Terry Austin who tasted success in his first year coaching the 1st crew. The depth of the senior rowing programme was evidenced by the performance of the 1st and 2nd crew in finishing 3rd and 5th respectively at the National championships one week after the Head of the Lake.

With wins to two Year 10 crews and one Year 9 crew and a number of other strong performances, all associated with rowing hope that this will be the start of another golden era for the boys who proudly wear the Shamrock on their chest.

CARDINAL GEORGE PELL: A RETURN TO WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

Cardinal George Pell will return to Ballarat in May to celebrate Mass with current students and Old Boys as well as participate in a range of receptions recognising his achievements since leaving St Patrick's College. Cardinal Pell will visit Ballarat on May 18 and 19 and will be involved in the following activities:

May 18

- Launch of the history of Catholic education in the diocese of Ballarat (am)
- Civic reception at the Ballarat Town Hall (3 pm)
- Launch of the OCA Pavilion Project (5pm)
- Mass for the St Patrick's College OCA in the College Chapel (7:30 pm)

May 19

- Mass with St Patrick's College in the O'Malley Sports Centre (9:30 am)
- Public Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral (7:30pm)

Past and current students and staff and other friends of the College wishing to attend any of these events should contact Sharyn Kennedy on 53 311688 or skennedy@stpats.vic.edu.au for more details. Old boys are particularly urged to attend Mass in the Chapel on Tuesday May 18.

LEADERSHIP 2004

The College Captain for 2004 is Cameron Brown. Cameron is supported by Vice Captains Stephen Coghlan and James Holmes. Other positions of leadership awarded so far include:

Student Councillors

Nathan Anderson, Chris Banwell, Robert Boadle, James Dickinson, Paul Hamm, Sam Jess, Josh Kannourakis, Tom Madden and Colm Trusler.

Music

Captain: Josh Hyde
Vice Captains: James Hughes, Cameron Brown
Band Leader: Will Smith

Athletics

Captain: Robert Boadle
Vice Captains: Dane Bergman, Tom Madden

Rowing

Captain: Sam Jess
Vice Captain: Stephen Coghlan, Paul Hamm, Richard Maher

Lawn Bowls

Captain: Andrew Kenna

Sailing

Captain: Michael Tolhurst

Cricket

Captain: Chris Banwell
Vice Captain: Ashley George

Swimming

Captain: Cameron Brown
Vice Captain: James Dickinson

Tennis

Captain: Carl Jolly
Vice Captain: Matt Canny

St Vincent de Paul

President: Brenton Eastwood
Vice President: James Mason
Secretary: Andrew Jan
Executive: Paul Hamm, Stephen Hamm, Kieran Torpy

Volleyball

Captain: Warren Finlayson
Vice Captain: Philip D'Auvergne

Rugby Union

Captain: Alex Cobden
Vice Captains: Brennan Walsh, Richard Rebus

Public Speaking

Captain: Colin Trusler
Vice Captains: Josh Kannourakis, Ben Shepherd

Debating

Captain: Tom Andrews

Other sports and cultural activity leaders will be announced in Term 2.



College Captain Cameron Brown and 2004 Student Councillors

VCE RESULTS 2003

Damien Barnett was the College Dux for 2003 achieving an ENTER score of 98.05.



Headmaster Dr Peter Casey and 2003 Dux of St Patrick's College, Damien Barnett and mother Debbie Barnett.

Seven percent of the study scores were over 40. All staff and students are working diligently to rebuild the culture of academic excellence that has long been a hallmark of St Pat's. The Dux of the College and other students who achieved an ENTER score of over 90 were recognised at an Academic Assembly at the College on Thursday February 19. Guest speaker at the Assembly was Professor Lawrie Angus, Head of the School of Education of the University of Ballarat. Professor Angus has taken up a position on the St Patrick's College Board in 2004.

The VCE Unit 3/4 academic prizes for 2003 were awarded to the student who achieved the highest study score in each VCE subject, provided the study score exceeded 40 after taking into consideration the effects of scaling for tertiary entry.

VCE Unit 3/4 Academic Prize Winners

SUBJECT	NAME	STUDY SCORE
Accounting	Chris Ives	40
Biology	Josh Kannourakis	45
Business Management	Nick Whitefield	41
Economics	Chris Ives	41
English	Lachlan Keen	42
Literature	Thomas Andrews	47

SUBJECT NAME STUDY SCORE

Food Technology	Brendan Tudor	40
History	Robert Boadle	40
Information Technology	Kai Morganti	47
French (VSL)	David Lambert	40
Japanese	Damien Barnett Ashley Britt	43* 43*
Legal Studies	Chris Ives	41
Further Maths	Brendan Tudor	46
Maths Methods	Kai Morganti	41*
Specialist Maths	Damien Barnett	40
Media	Joshua Hyde	42
Physical Education	Ashley Britt	43
Physics	James Gargan	42

* scaled scores

CURRICULUM INITIATIVES: OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Emanating from a detailed curriculum review, in particular the key outcomes of the Middle School Programme, has been the introduction of Outdoor Education at Year 10 and VCE Unit 1 and 2 level. The subject has been enthusiastically embraced by boys in the Senior School; no wonder given the amazing array of activities that boys have been able to participate in.

Surf, sun, kayaks, night walks, trangia cooking, minimal impact camping, waterfalls, coastal rock pools: all these things and more are experiences during practical components of Outdoor and Environmental Studies at St Patrick's College.



SPC Legend John James



2003 College Dux Damien Barnett addresses the Academic Assembly



VCE Subject Prize Winners at the 2004 Academic Assembly



The SPC victorious Year 10 Division 2 Crew



SPC Sailing team sailing at the State Championships at Southbank



The Head of the Lake Leprechaun, Chris Anderson



Michael Kearney and John Larkins at the 2004 Legends Dinner



Paul Bongiorno with Jan Elder and Stephen Elder at the 2004 Legends Dinner.



Chris Harwood, Michael Salter, Michael Glenane, Dennis Foley, and Paul Jolly at the 2004 Legends Dinner



The victorious SPC 6th Crew



Paul Armstrong and Peter Todd reminisce at the 2004 Legends Dinner

PHOTO GALLERY

This course allows the boys to undertake a subject that explores the human and nature relationships, sustainable resource practices and gain a larger body of knowledge on different environmental types and how to interact with them with a greater ecological focus.

The coastal experience to Annanvale Mill camp site in the Angahook State Park was the catalyst to begin this new direction. From this camp site boys were able to put into practice skills and knowledge learnt in the classroom. Skills included cooking on trangias (small camp stoves), food packaging and choice, packing back packs, adjusting packs, erecting tents for differing environmental conditions, problem solving, team development and maintenance, leadership skills, logistics and the list goes on.

Boys also put into practice their theoretical knowledge with observations of coastal movements and long shore drift, intertidal ecosystems, dune development and protection practices and views of varying coastal user groups.

All these tasks were taken on by the boys with enthusiasm and respect for the surrounding flora and fauna. Students in other year levels have also been very busy experiencing a great range of outdoor and environmental experiences. Year 7 students have been to Creswick for an induction camp, Year 8 has been to Apollo Bay and Year 9 boys have honed their surfing and kayaking skills at Barwon Heads whilst reinforcing key learnings from their Term 1 Immersion Unit- Water.



Nature's classroom!

VISITORS FROM JAPAN

The College hosted 20 boys from the Shibuya Junior High School in Tokyo as part of the College's commitment to providing students with a broad range of cultural experiences. Our visitors from Japan fitted in a huge amount during their time in Ballarat and departed somewhat reluctantly after an exciting and rewarding ten days as part of our College community. The boys enjoyed diverse experiences whilst in Ballarat, ranging from a footy clinic with the North Ballarat Roosters to the excitement of boat race assembly - a highlight for all the boys, even if some of the humour was lost in the translation!



Cooking on trangias in a designated cooking area reduces overall impact on the environment and creates a safety zone away from other camp activities.



Visitors from Shibuya JHS and host students panning for gold at Sovereign Hill.

Thank you very much to our host families who opened their hearts and homes to our visitors. Many wonderful friendships have been formed and the horizons of our students greatly expanded from spending time with boys from another culture. With many of our Old Boys now spending time abroad as a rite of passage beyond SPC it is more than likely that some of our boys will cross paths with their friends from Shibuya in the future. We look forward to the opportunity to host other groups from Shibuya in the future.

NEW FACES AT SPC 2004

Welcome to the following staff who have joined the College in 2004 to take up the challenge inherent in the College's Motto: *Facere et Docere* - 'To do and to teach'. We wish all new staff well as they take on the sometimes onerous, yet always exciting and rewarding task of educating St Pat's boys and inspiring them to be the best that they can be in a broad range of curricular and co-curricular endeavours.

- Mr Warrick Bottrall, B.Ed.(PE) (UB), from Sebastopol College, now Head of Health&PE, teaching in the Senior School.

- Ms Sharon Cody has joined the College from Damascus College as an Integration Aide.
- Mr Simon Fuller, B.Bus.Admin.(RMIT), Grad.Dip.Ed.(ACU), last year at Yomei Junior High School, Japan, teaching RE and SOSE in the Senior School, McCann House Supervisor.
- Mr Michael Goss, B.Ed.(ACU), Dip.Teach.(ACU), M.Ed.Leadership(ACU), teaching RE, English and SOSE in the Junior School.
- Mrs Christine Hall, B.A.(UWA), Dip.Ed.(UWA), Grad. Dip.R.E.(YTU), B.Theology (YTU), last taught at Genazzano College, Kew, teaching RE in the Senior School.
- Mr Scott Kruger, B.Ed.(PE) (UB), from Trinity College, Colac, teaching Maths & Science in the Junior School.
- Mrs Carol Roberts, B.Music(Uni.Melb), B.Teach.(Honours) (Uni.Melb), Patrician Brothers College, Sydney, teaching Music and SOSE, in the Junior School, conducting the Junior Band.
- Mr Jamie Lynn, B.Ed.(PE), from the University of Ballarat, teaching PE and SOSE in the Junior School, coach of four winning SPC crews in the last four years at the Head of the Lake Regatta, including the 2nd IV this year.
- Mr Barry Schuurs, B.Sc.(RMIT), Grad.Dip.Ed.(Oakleigh), M.Ed.(UB), Grad.Dip.Ed.(ACU), Grad.Dip.Comp.Sc.(UB), from Loreto College, teaching Maths and Information Technology in the Senior School.

- Mr Anthony Stephens, B.A.(Uni.Melb), Dip.Ed.(ACU), Australian Catholic University, teaching SOSE in the Senior and Middle Schools, Housemaster of McCann House.
- Mr Michael Taylor, B.A.(La Trobe), Grad.Dip.Ed.(ACU), B.Theology(MCD), last taught at Xavier College, Head of RE, and teaching RE and SOSE in the Senior and Middle Schools.
- Mr Gavin Webb, B.Ed.(UB), from the University of Ballarat, teaching PE and SOSE in the Junior School.

Three of last year's Year 12 students join us on staff having successfully completed Year 12 and deferring major studies in 2004: Mr Peter Blanchfield and Mr Daniel Parkin as sports trainees in the Sports, Health & PE areas, and Mr Clinton Young who will work with the boarders as a supervisor in Nangle House.



Swimmers left to right: Luke Wirges, Dylan Rodger, Jeremy Wirges, Matt Leonard, Michael Keem, Tim Rodger.

SUMMER SPORT

Swimming - 25 Years on Top!

In 1980 Richmond destroyed Collingwood to win their last VFL/AFL Grand Final, the Moscow Olympic Games were disrupted by boycotts by the US and the Australian spin king was Ashley Mallet! It also was the start of one of the most amazing winning sequences in school sport. On Wednesday, March 10 at Eureka Swimming Pool the St Patrick's College swimming team extended its unbeaten record in the boys' competition in the Ballarat Associated Schools (formerly CHISSA) swimming to an incredible 25 years.

This is an amazing achievement on a number of fronts - the College does not have its own swimming pool: such records have not even been approached in sports such as athletics and rowing: and swimming is a sport that is difficult to dominate over a long period of time - the fortunes of the Australian swim team over the period 1980-2004 clearly demonstrate this. Such a record is unique to Ballarat school sport - it has not been replicated in major Melbourne sporting associations such as the APS, AGS or VSSSA.

The record is testament to the commitment and dedication of St Patrick's students and coaches over the years and in particular Br Brian Davis, Head Coach of the team from 1985 to 1990 and 1993 to 2004. He has been the architect of the College's highly successful swimming programme that has promoted excellence in swimming and raised the profile of the sport both within the College and in the wider community. Brian has been ably supported by coaches Br Bernie Scott, Mr Morgan Murphy and Mr Tom Jobling who have worked tirelessly to improve technique and promote a genuine love for the sport amongst team members.

Green White & Blue

St Patrick's College Old Collegians Association Inc.



At the 2004 carnival the team won the Senior and Intermediate (U/15 & 16) Pennants and finished a close third behind Ballarat Grammar and Ballarat and Clarendon College in the Junior Pennant. They won the Boys Aggregate Shield by 46 points from Ballarat Grammar.

The strength of the team was most evident in its performance in winning five relays and coming 2nd in the other three. Individually Jeremy and Luke Wirges won three events; Cameron Brown, Leigh Weber, Aidan Kennedy, and Grant Bell won two events; whilst Nathan Waight, Tim Rodgers and Julian Atwood each won an event.

Cricket

The 1st XI recorded a remarkable victory against Ballarat and Clarendon College to regain the George Kennedy/Ron Horner Cricket Challenge Cup for the Premier 1st XI team. On a two-paced wicket SPC won the toss and batted, crashing to 4-16 before a rescue mission led by Andrew Blake and Matthew Turner. Andrew batted superbly to make a stylish 49. A fighting 24 n.o. from tail end batsman Chris Ford saw St Pat's post a respectable 142.

To be victorious St Pat's needed early wickets and this was exactly what transpired with wickets to Andrew Cook, James Dickinson and Andrew Blake. Andrew Porter also chimed in with three late order wickets to have Ballarat and Clarendon reeling at 7-78. Some late order resistance kept everybody on their toes, but at 5:44 pm, the last wicket fell with the score on 122 to give SPC a memorable victory in what has been one of the most closely contested seasons in many years. Special mention to Captain Chris Banwell who led inspirationally opening the batting with a severely injured collarbone. Congratulations to Coach Peter Brady, Director of Cricket Damian McKee and Specialist Coach Michael Marshall who orchestrated a memorable season for the 1st XI.

Lawn Bowls

St Patrick's College regained its title as Ballarat's Premier Lawn Bowls school with a one shot win over Ballarat Grammar School in the final of the BAS Competition.

Players found it difficult adjusting to the conditions and the synthetic green but, to their credit, they persevered to the end and were able to hang on to score one-up on the final end. Congratulations must go to both skippers - Abe Montano and Matt Polmear for their leadership and the encouragement they gave their teams: Sean Murrhiy, Clayton Harding, James Lillie, Andrew Kenna, Tom Ryan and Luke Englefield.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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

- Lachlan Gordon and Chris Roache for being accepted into the Ballarat Light Opera Company's production of Jesus Christ Superstar.
- Jason Dyer is the current State Champion in the Under 18 black belt division of Olympic sparring in Taekwondo. He is ranked nationally at Number 2. Jason has been selected to attend the Australian Institute of Sport and will contest the Australian Junior Open Championships. This event is part of the three stage process for selecting the Australian team to travel to Korea for the World Taekwondo Championships in June.
- Colm Trusler won the Zone 4 Final of the Lions Youth of the Year Competition.
- Gareth Prosser for being accepted into the Ballarat Lyric Theatre's production of Chicago.
- John McDaid, Daniel Ryan, Matthew Turner, James Hughes, Charles Cree and Stephen Clifton were awarded first prize in the Central Highlands Road Safety Council's "Looking After Our Mates" Competition. The boys with the assistance of Media teacher Mr Peter Hutchins made a 30 second television advertisement about drinking and driving for the competition. The ad will feature on regional television later in the year.
- Luke Jones for being selected in the Victorian Track Cycling Team for the National Championships in Hobart.
- Tyson Armstrong has been selected in the Victorian Junior Polocrosse team.

- Carl Jolly was featured in a Senior Premiership photo in The Courier as part of the winning team in the Mt Prospect Tennis Association's Arthur Cosgrove Trophy competition.

FOUNDATION 2004 DINNER WITH THE LEGENDS

On Saturday February 21, 200 old boys, partners, current and former staff and friends of the College gathered for the third annual 'Dinner with the Legends' held in the old assembly area at the College. Keynote speaker for the evening was Channel 10 political correspondent Paul Bongiorno (SPC 1957-62) who told some wonderful tales of life at St Pat's in the 60s and some of the key figures that had made a lasting impression upon him and who in different ways helped to shape his successful career. Other speakers on the night included Brownlow Medallist John James, former VRC Chairman David Bourke, dual AFL Premiership player Mario Bortolotto and Lawyer John Larkins. All speakers reflected on some of the characters and life shaping events from their time in the College's famous Halls of History with all in attendance enjoying a great night.

The hardest job for the night was undoubtedly that of MC Peter Wilson who had the unenviable task of trying to maintain order while many of our guests got caught up reminiscing with old boys from across the country. In the true spirit of SPC (and the law) Peter used his finely honed public speaking and legal skills to keep the night on track.

The Foundation eagerly looks forward to the 2005 'Dinner with the Legends' which will feature Cardinal George Pell as keynote speaker. Full details of the dinner will be in The Shamrock of September 2004.



Paul Bongiorno - keynote speaker at the 2004 Legends Dinner.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

2004 is shaping up to be a big year for the Old Collegians Association. At the end of last year the Association decided to undertake a major fundraising project for the College. With the College's Master Plan being implemented, the Old Collegians Association identified the opportunity to assist in a very practical way by raising the necessary funds to build the "Old Boys Main Oval Pavilion, - A place to call our own." While the Pavilion will provide the Old Boys with a fantastic space to gather and celebrate the many achievements of Old Boys we are also very pleased that the facility will serve the needs of the innovative Middle School programme and provide the College with a wonderful multi-purpose space. I commend the appeal to all Old Collegians and encourage you to support the project in whatever way is possible. More details will be provided in this and later editions of The Shamrock.

This year also promises to provide many opportunities for Old Boys to get together and catch up on what has been happening since leaving St Pats. To date we have had the Pakenham Races, the Legends Dinner and the 1920's - 1960's reunion luncheon. Again we will be visiting many parts of Victoria hosting our regional dinners. I would encourage as many members as possible to get along to a regional dinner. The regional dinners have proved to be a great night out. As is always the case there will be great celebration at our 10, 20, 30 and 40 year reunions. Details relating to all these functions can be found on the mailer sleeve of this edition of The Shamrock.

In May this year the Old Collegians Association and the College are delighted to be able to welcome back and honour Cardinal George Pell. Cardinal Pell will celebrate Mass for the Old Collegians in the College Chapel on Tuesday May 18 at 7.30pm followed by supper in the College Dining Room.

The visit by Cardinal Pell will be an historic event in the life of the College and all Old Collegians are invited to be a part this occasion.

I look forward to the opportunity of meeting many Old Boys during the course of the year and thank you for your continued support of the Association.

Andrew Watson
President, OCA

1920-1969 REUNION LUNCHEON

On St Patrick's Day over 130 old boys and their partners gathered for a St Patrick's Day Reunion at the College. Attendees travelled from all over Victoria and interstate to attend and it was pleasing to see old boys from all eras in attendance. Many wonderful stories were exchanged during the day, particularly from old boys from the 1930s, some of whom joined the College as young as nine years of age! David Bourke (SPC 1944-48), former VRC Chairman, gave a wonderful address sharing some of his memories of boarding life and sporting conquests at St Pat's.

Many old boys joined our current students and families for St Patrick's Day Mass in the O'Malley Centre. It was great to be part of the link between generations of St Pat's boys, further adding to the significance of the ceremony recognising our 2004 College leaders. Many of the old boys in attendance commented upon how impressed they were with our current generation of College leaders and the public speaking skills of our College Captain and other boys involved in the Mass.

This year for the first time the College will stage a 40-year reunion, providing old boys from the Class of 64' with an opportunity to get together and reminisce about their glory days. The reunion Dinner will be held in the College Dining Room on Saturday September 11. Invitations have been mailed and efforts are being made to track down some of our old boys 'missing in action'.



Br Theo Breach presenting the trophy for the W.T. O'Malley Handicap.

If you are in the Class of 1964 and do not receive an invitation please contact Sharyn Kennedy on 53 311688 or skennedy@stpats.vic.edu.au

PAKENHAM RACES: JANUARY 2004

David Bourke (SPC 1944-48) once again organised another memorable Pakenham Race Day for old boys on Sunday January 25, 2004 - the 26th anniversary of Old Boys first congregating at the course. Around 30 old boys and their partners gathered for the day. Br Theo Breach presented the trophy for the W.T. O'Malley Handicap to winner Jughead Jed. David and other regular attendees would love to see more old boys at the course so please try to keep the weekend free in 2005 and look for details in the December edition of The Shamrock.

ANZAC SERVICE: BLESSING OF THE CHAPEL HONOUR BOARDS, APRIL 2005

The College Chapel was officially opened by Bishop J.P. O'Collins in 1949. The Chapel was constructed as a memorial to all old boys who served their country during times of war. The Chapel has a number of honour boards that recognise old boys who have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the freedoms we can sometimes take for granted. On Friday 22nd, 2005 at 11am in the Chapel, The Chapel's Honour Boards will officially be blessed during the College's Anzac Day Service. If you served your country in any of the forces we would be delighted if you could join us for this significant event. Please use the next 12 months to track down other old boys who served in any of the forces. An Anzac Day OCA luncheon will be held for all old boys in attendance. Further details will appear in coming editions of The Shamrock. If you are able to attend please RSVP to Sharyn Kennedy on 53 311 688 or skennedy@stpats.vic.edu.au

BOARDERS REUNION DINNER

A reunion dinner for boarding students from all eras will be held at the College on Saturday July 24 commencing at 5:30 pm with Tours of the College. Any old boy who boarded at SPC is encouraged to attend to reminisce about days spent in the dorms, catch up with former Housemasters and House mates and to learn about the re-birth of boarding at St Pat's.

Tickets are \$30 per person which includes a 3 course meal, beer, wine and soft drink. Partners are most welcome to attend – many are probably very keen to find out where their loved one got some of those strange habits from! Tickets can be organised by contacting Sharyn Kennedy on (03) 53 311 688 or skennedy@stpats.vic.edu.au

Please round up all your boarding mates and make this a night to remember. Please note 'day rats' and 'bus boys' are strictly forbidden from attending this function!

ARCHIVES

Do you have old trophies 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@stpats.vic.edu.au

OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

David Buckle (SPC 1989-90) is living in Warrnambool with wife Leah and is a veterinarian at the Allansford Veterinary Clinic.

Cardinal George Pell (SPC 1949-59) has received his titular church in Italy. Cardinal Pell took possession of the parish church on the outskirts of Rome, Santa Maria Domenica Mazzarello during a Mass attended by 36 Australian Bishops in Rome on an ad limina visit. The Church is named after the founder of the Salesian Order

of Sisters.

Green, White and Blue is truly reaching all parts of the globe. Brian Hogan (SPC 1944-49) received a congratulatory letter from Father Leo Donnelly (SPC 1940-50) who read about Brian and Barbara's Golden Wedding Anniversary in the last edition. Fr Leo is resident at Columban Mission in Peru. Brian shared his joy at receiving his letter at the recent 1920-60s reunion luncheon.

Peter Cartledge (SPC 1981-86) recently tied for the prestigious E.J. Cleary medal for the best player in the Ballarat Cricket Association. Another old boy Robert Delmenico (SPC 1979-84) was Captain-Coach of the Wendouree Cricket Club team that won the BCA Premiership. Other old boys in the team included Liam Brady (SPC 1997-2002) and Tim McCrae (SPC 1984-89) and current staff member Gavin Webb.

Dr Mark O'Brien (SPC 1927-31) is living in Horsham and was an apology for the recent reunion luncheon. He was a medical practitioner for 48 years having retired 17 years ago. He was Dux of the College and College Captain in 1930. Mark is inconvenienced by spiral stenosis but remains active and involved in a range of family activities. He has nine children, one of whom has followed his footsteps in medicine with others enjoying successful careers in law, business, education, journalism and health.

Sean Duke (SPC 1978-80) has returned from Adelaide and is now living in Drysdale. He is the proprietor of Bellarine Pre-Mix and comments in his letter, 'you don't realise the benefits of a good education until you've run your own business'. With the building boom on the Bellarine Peninsula, Sean is sure to cross paths with other Old Boys in the trades in that region.

Allan Boadle (SPC 1967-70) has recently retired after 30 years teaching in Catholic Primary Schools around Central Victoria and Darwin. He is currently enjoying a well earned break in Bendigo.

James Hannah (SPC 1993-96) is teaching at an Aboriginal artists' community 400 km south of Broome.

Brendan Whitty (SPC 1976-81) is working in Brisbane for Carlton & United Breweries, in the role of Production Facilitator. In his spare time he is a Trainer for the all conquering Brisbane Lions. Brendan was kind enough to share some memories of the late Br R.M. Miller – "He was my maths teacher and always gave the impression of being quite a gruff and stern man. Outside of class, tutoring one on one, you would never meet a more gentle and helpful man. I do believe that once or twice he actually rode his bike out to our farm outside Ballarat to help me". Brendan is happy to hear from any old boys in the South East of Queensland.

Michael Janes (SPC 1955-56) received an Order of Australia Medal in the 2004 Australia Day Honours.

Judge Frank Walsh (SPC 1947-48) received an Order of Australia medal in the 2004 Australia Day Honours.

Josh Quinlan (SPC 1997-02) was featured in an advertising supplement for FMP, Ballarat. Josh is a second year electrical apprentice.

Captain Jason Hayes (SPC 1982-87) is currently serving with the Australian contingent in East Timor. Jason is deployed in the South Western corner of the emerging country Timor Leste and provides communications and information systems for peacekeeping forces.

Vincent Hodder (SPC 1983-87) bumped into our North East correspondent David Walker at a recent wedding. He is currently living in El Salvador where he is Vice President of Strategic Development for TACA International Airlines. He assured David that travelling and living in the region is quite safe. TAC Airlines operate in El Salvador, Nicaragua and Puerto Rico.

David Vanderkley (SPC 1992-95) was featured in the promotion for the opening of the Sturt Street McCafe. David is Manager of McDonalds in Sturt Street and employs several current SPC students.

Kieran Prendegast (SPC 1978-82) is the current manager of the internationally renowned Hepburn Spa Resort.

Weddings, Engagements, Births, Bereavements

Robert Arnts (SPC 1983-88) was the baritone singer in the Ballarat Choral Society's 'A German Requiem' as part of Eureka Week. Robert studied at the Victorian College of the Arts and has appeared in many local and Melbourne productions.

Paul McCuskey (SPC 1980-85) is currently working with Ballarat firm Roadcon and was featured in People and Places at the farewell function for Ballarat CEO John McLean.

Paul Madden (SPC 1990-95) and Luke Jarvis (SPC 1993-98) were identified as sprinters to watch in professional ranks having joined the Ballarat stable of Ian Anderson and Mick Poulton. Both boys competed in regional gifts at Maryborough, Ballarat and Stawell in 2004.

Frank Segrave (SPC 1962-67) has been awarded Life Membership of the Ballarat Football League in recognition of his outstanding contribution to football in the local community. Frank had a distinguished playing career with Ballarat and served on the BFL Board and Tribunal.

Jon Kanoa (SPC 1995-2000) was part of the combined Ballarat Police Force and Ballarat Aboriginal Community team that completed the 2003 Murray River Canoe Marathon. The Blues & Brothers Team also comprised current parent and SPC Rowing Club President Steve Howard.

Glen James (SPC 1980-83) was featured in an article highlighting the philanthropic spirit of Barry James Smash Repairs in fixing the motor vehicle of a mother of a disabled child. Glen is a director of the business, founded by father Barry (SPC 1948-50) who is an icon in the Ballarat business world for his work in the smash repairs and heavy cranes industries.

David Canny (SPC 1980-85) received a People's Gong in the Ballarat Courier for winning a Tattersall's Award for the fifth year in a row. David manages the Red Lion Bar and Bistro. Brother, Peter (SPC 1969-74) manages the Sovereign Park Motor Inn, both parts of the successful entertainment complex established by father Leo.

Nathan Smerdon (SPC 2000-03) rode the winner of the Burrumbeet Cup at the 2004 New Years Day meeting. Nathan became the fourth generation and fifth member of the Smerdon family to win the Cup, bringing home galloper More Business. He rode a treble on the day to start the new year in fine style. Nathan's uncle Robert Smerdon (SPC 1967-72) and father John (SPC 1975-77) also rode winners of the Cup.

Shane Molloy (SPC 1962-67) is currently CEO of McCallum Disability Services having worked in the Health sector in St Arnaud.

Jack Cramer (SPC 1939-44) was honoured at the Knights of the Southern Cross Annual Christmas Dinner for 50 years of membership of the Ballarat club. Former Ballarat MLC Murray Byrne (SPC 1937-74) was on hand to honour Jack's achievement.

Trevor Birks (SPC 1989-93) was part of the team that won a National Volunteer Award for his role in establishing 'Ballarat Like Minds', a business networking group for Under 35s. Trevor was the initiator of the group and has continued to serve on the committee to ensure its future success.

Ken Pike (SPC 1948-54) recently wrote to the College with a few names for the College's VFL/AFL photo gallery. He did identify a few 'couldabeen's including Bill Drake, Ray Tatchell, John Deany and George Pell who could have made the list had it not been for other callings.

Nicholas Place (SPC 1980) adopted a son, Isaac Woldu, from Ethiopia in April 2003. Isaac is a brother for Madeline. Nicholas is a manager of a Mental Health Programme for South West Health Care in Warrnambool.

Chris O'Brien (SPC 1980-85) continues to add to his already impressive coaching CV. He has been appointed coach of the men's pair of James Tomkins and Drew Ginn for the Athens Olympics. Both Tomkins and Ginn are former 'Oarsome Foursome' team members. Chris's crew has been named the 'Australia Crew of the Year' for 2003.

WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS, BIRTHS, BEREAVEMENTS

SPC Weddings

Wilkins (SPC 1990-95) – Shannon and Suzanne Jacks were married in the College Chapel on Saturday March 13 by Father Kevin Lenehan.

Martin (SPC 1991-97) – Simon and Lanie Williamson were married in the College Chapel on February 28 by Father Kevin Lenehan.

McIlwaine (SPC 1990-95) – Anthony and Fleur Stewart were married in the College Chapel on Saturday February 21 by Father Brian Glasheen.

SPC Engagements

Brennan (SPC 1981-86) – David to Erin Leishman on November 19, 2003.

Heagney (SPC 1987-92) – Simon to Kate Wilson, (daughter of Peter (SPC 1960-65) and Thea), February, 2004.

Greene (SPC 1985-89) – Lincoln to Rhiannon Young on December 19, 2003.

Hubble (SPC 1977-82) – David to Louise Griffin on November 19, 2003

Manley (SPC 1994-99) – Jed and Renee Cleary announced their engagement on March 2, 2004.

Mihaljevic (SPC 1978-82) – John to Annette Burns on November 29, 2003.

Romeril (SPC 1992-93) – Dean to Helen Perry, March 2004.

Romeril (SPC 1991-93) – Scott to Danielle Button on December 23, 2003.

Vanderkley (SPC 1992-95) – David to Kylie Turkenburg on November 20, 2003.

SPC Births

Bisinella – Paul (1986) and Paula welcome Charlie James, a brother for Archie and Annie. Born March 3, 2004 in Hong Kong.

SPC Births (Cont)

Buckle –David (SPC 1989-90) and Leah were thrilled with the arrival of first daughter Georgia Kate on March 7, 2004. Georgia weighed 9 lb.

Caine – John (SPC 1979-84) and Kim are happy to announce the arrival of Sarah Emma on November 18, 2003. Sister for Meagan and Matthew.

Clark - Howard (SPC Staff) and Jane welcome James Anthony, a brother for William and Thomas

Corbett – Rick (SPC 1975-78) and April welcome Patrick John, brother of Siobhan, born November 17, 2003.

Every – Des (SPC 1984-89) and Kate welcomed Charlie Des on December 12, 2003.

Greene – Jeremy (SPC 1986-91) and Narelle were thrilled with the arrival of Angus Patrick on November 19, 2003.

Jirik – Andrew (SPC 1980-85), Sue Ellen and big brother William proudly welcomed the safe arrival of twins Adam and Tess on January 12, 2004.

McFarlane – Peter (SPC 1984-88) and Greer welcome Thomas James born February 10.

Walsh – Jamie (SPC 1986-91) and Danielle were thrilled with the arrival of Jack Thomas on December 18, 2003. A brother for Molly.

Sosinski – Kurt (SPC 1986-91) and Shannon welcomed the arrival of Tara Ellen on December 11, 2003.

Tuddenham – Daryl (SPC Staff) and Marianne welcome twin boys Nathan and Riley.

SPC Deaths

Father Patrick Francis Farell (SPC 1940-43) died on January 9, 2004. His obituary was printed in The Herald-Sun on February 17 and in the Shepparton Adviser on January 28. Pat dedicated 52 years of his life to the service of God and his fellow man. Pat was born at home in Moyhu and later won a Government Scholarship at Moyhu PS, enabling him to board at St Pat's. He studied at Corpus Christi, Werribee and worked in a number of parishes including Benalla, Pyramid Hill, Nathalia, Kennington, Beechworth and Nagambie. He served until March 2003, retiring to St Brendan's in Shepparton.

Mrs Mavis Scott, mother of Br Bernie Scott, former House Master of McCann House and long serving-staff member.

Anthony (Tony) O'Connor (SPC 1994-96) on December 12, 2003. Tony was a boarder from Ouyen, following in the footsteps of father Phil (SPC 1969-70). Tony was living and working in Geelong in real estate.

Les Bell, father of Grant Bell (Year 9).

Laurie Larmer (SPC 1935-40) wrote to advise of the passing of 'one of the great old boys' George Wilkinson (SPC 1937-40). George came from Chillengollah East (near Swan Hill) and died on September 15, 2003. At SPC he was affectionately known as 'Foxy'. After leaving Ballarat he saw duty in Borneo, worked for the Tax Office, completed an Accounting degree and operated his own practice in Sydney Road, Moreland. He had a great love of racing and acquired a bookmaker's license operating mainly at country meetings. His Requiem Mass was held at St Fidelis in Moreland and was attended by many of his Old Boy mates who will remember him for his dry sense of humour, loyalty and love of his old school.

Ben Ward (SPC 1945), brother of Br Jim Ward, died on December 12, 2003 in Wangaratta after an extended illness.

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

Next Edition

The deadline for the next edition of The Shamrock is Friday May 21, 2004.

All contributions from members of the SPC community are gratefully received. Contributions can be mailed, faxed, carrier pigeoned or emailed to the editor.



The Champions - 2004 BAS Premiers 1st XI Cricket

