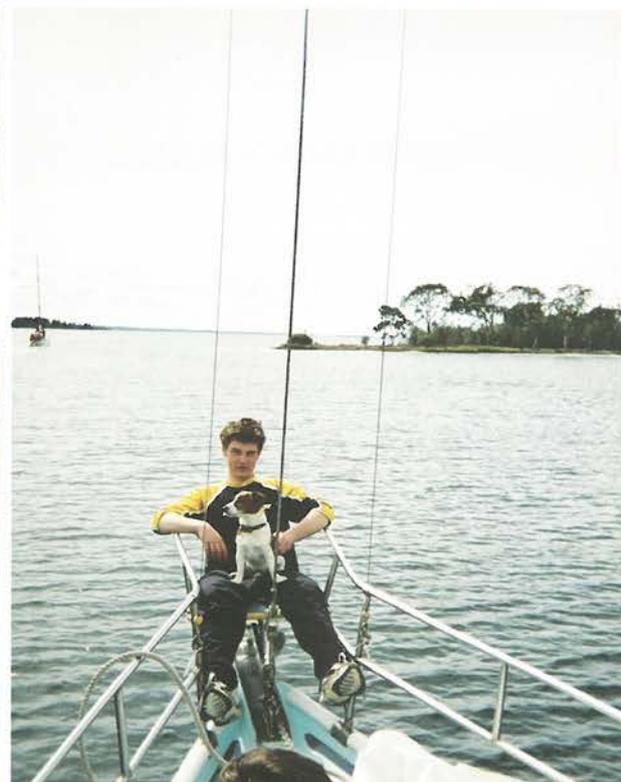
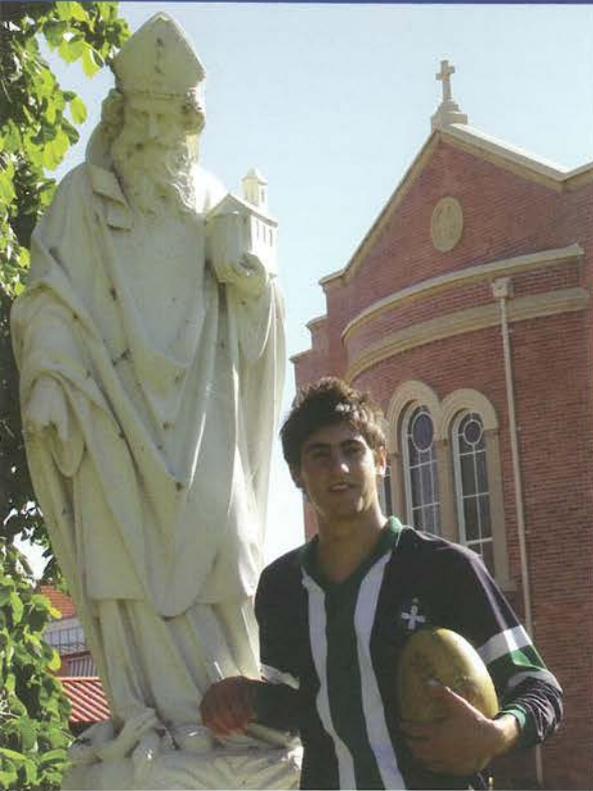
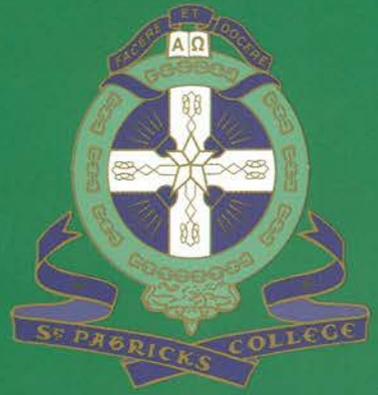


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WELCOME TO THE FINAL EDITION OF THE SHAMROCK FOR 2004.

It has been an incredibly exciting and busy year in the life of the College, highlighted by the opening of the Br W.J. Wilding Senior School, the launch of the Old Collegians Pavilion Appeal by Cardinal George Pell and outstanding achievements in academic, sporting and cultural pursuits by St Pat's students. This edition of The Shamrock featuring the OCAs Green, White and Blue chronicles many of these triumphs as well as some wonderful photos and stories of students and old boys at work and play.

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Greetings in this Advent season, a time when we anxiously anticipate the bringing to birth of Jesus into our world once more. The Church asks us to smooth the way for Jesus' entry through our own reflection and action. This Advent season takes up the theme of St Paul when he writes that from the beginning until now, all of creation has been groaning in one great act of giving birth to the fullness of God made present in the world in Jesus and now, in us.

Our lives at St Patrick's College have taken on that Advent spirit as we work on our student programmes, curriculum delivery, professional development and facilities. We are endeavouring to bring the world closer to its potential glory. At times we have had glimpses of future glory: our singers at Cardinal Pell's Masses, the opening of the Wilding Wing, St Patrick's Day Mass, our musicians on Speech Night, the response to the Old Collegians' Pavilion, sporting wins in Cricket, Football, Swimming and Rowing to name a few. In our classrooms there have been significant changes climaxing in whole of year level celebrations based on the themes of the term and semester. Our students' use of technology and media for educational and artistic purposes is exploding, limited only by access and speed.

We are three years down the track since a significant change in leadership in the College and I believe that while, some aspects of change are just beginning, across the board we are at the end of the beginning. Stage I of many dimensions of our published change agenda has been accomplished. Many of these relate to expectations and outcomes but their full fruit will take years to come to fruition. Physical changes like buildings and student numbers are easily observed but they are symptomatic of deeper change in our College as a school.

Stage II will be harder to achieve. It will be illuminated by a better understanding of the complexities of St Patrick's College, its history, tradition, people, facilities and finances. The next phase calls for embedding all the good directions of Stage I but calling now for a deepening of the Spirit. Grace builds on nature and so, if we are to be an effective Catholic school, we must be a good school first and that has been at the heart of Stage I. To be an effective Catholic school, I believe that we need a much clearer demonstration of our motivation for the things we do as a staff, as a student body and as a College community. We need staff who are capable and willing to put our belief framework and our values system before our students in a captivating manner, thus making our motivating Spirit explicit.

I ask for your continued support and prayerful remembrance as we journey through our Advent. I conclude by wishing Mr Andrew Watson all the very best as he leaves us to take on the principalship of Mercy Regional College in Camperdown. Andrew has been a great contributor to St Patrick's as a teacher, Year Level Coordinator and inaugural Head of the Senior School. He has also shouldered responsibility for the Old Collegians and is continuing as President. Andrew has brought great skills to all his roles and I know that he will be sorely missed. Vaya con dios.

Kind Regards
Peter M Casey

OLD BOY STEVE BRACKS OPENS THE BR W.J. WILDING SENIOR SCHOOL

On Friday October 8 Premier Steve Bracks (SPC 1968-71) officially opened the Br W.J. Wilding Senior School in front of over 100 invited guests and members of the Student Congress. The Br W.J. Wilding Senior School was opened in symbolic style with Premier Bracks unveiling the sculpture 'Aspiration', a three metre sculpture depicting the pillars of the College: Faith, Tradition, Excellence and Joy. 'Aspiration' was commissioned by the 2003 College Student Council and was crafted by renowned local artist Peter Blizzard who recently designed the highly acclaimed Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial in the Botanic Gardens, Ballarat.

Prior to the official opening the building was blessed by College Patron, Bishop Peter Connors (Bishop of Ballarat) in a moving and symbolic ceremony. The man after whom the building is named, Br Bill Wilding, Headmaster of the College from 1979 to 1984 spoke passionately about his days at St Pat's, in particular the single minded approach displayed by students and staff in pursuing academic excellence. In opening the Senior School Br Wilding thanked the College for bestowing such an honour upon him and implored all students and staff to strive for excellence in academic pursuits and reclaim St Pat's position as one of the leading boy's schools in Australia.

Br Wilding also unveiled a portrait of himself painted by renowned artist Dudley Drew which will be on permanent display in the Senior School. All sections of the media were out in full force to cover the Premier's visit to his alma mater and to recognise a significant addition to the educational landscape of the College, and to Ballarat.

The opening of the Br W.J. Wilding Wing marks the completion of Stage 1 of the College's Building Master Plan. Other works completed in this stage include the refurbishment of the Edmund Rice Student Services Centre, construction of

the Little Wing, incorporating a staff lounge, staff work areas and four classrooms, refurbishment of the Healy Wing to provide two computer laboratories, extension works to the Hill Oval and construction of a new car park on the Sturt Street side of St Roch's Oval. All students and staff are enjoying a well earned rest from construction work as the College takes a break from development work in preparation for Stage two of the Master Plan.

MATT ROSA On the Wings of an Eagle!



Matthew Rosa. 2004 AFL Draftee (West Coast Eagles)

A regularly played song during 2004 at times of prayer and reflection at the College has been the Steve Bell song, 'On the Wings of an Eagle'. It has proved to be a good omen for Year 12 student Matt Rosa who on Saturday November 20 was drafted by the West Coast Eagles being picked at number 29 in the highly competitive National draft. Matt was the Eagle's first selection in the draft and impressed scouts from the club during the season with his impressive aerobic endurance, silky skills and sure-handed ball handling skills.

Matt was one of the College's best players during the BAS season, coming third in the prestigious Br WT O'Malley Best and Fairest Award. He was also runner up in the Rebels Best and Fairest and a member of the TAC Cup Team of the Year.

Matt lived in Warracknabeal prior to joining the College's Boarding community in 2004 to further his studies and football.

He is an exceptional leader and an inspiring role model who has impressed all at the College with his quiet determination and maturity. The College community is extremely proud of Matt and will closely follow his progress in years to come - well done Matt!

MUSIC BY THE HARBOUR BRIDGE Sydney Tour 2004

As many members of the St Pat's community were relaxing and enjoying the first week of Term 3 holidays, the Senior Concert Band and Stage Band were undertaking a music tour around Sydney. The bonus was that whilst it was raining and cold in Ballarat, they were experiencing beautiful, sunny 23-degree weather each day! The tour lasted for six days, involving 35 boys from Years 8-12 and three staff members Mr Anthony Stephens, Mr Martin Montgomery and Mr Jamie Ransome. The boys had a very busy performance schedule as they played a number of public performances at shopping centres, retirement homes and primary schools. The highlight of the schedule was performing in front of a very large and appreciative crowd at Darling Harbour. The boys performed extremely well and there could be no better promotional advertisement for the College than this performance.

As well as a hectic playing schedule, students experienced a number of enjoyable activities. The boys participated in a Rocks Nightwalk tour, which told the sometimes gruesome history of the Rocks area; a tour of the Sydney Opera House and a visit to the Centrepoint Tower. The group spent the last night attending a performance of the highly acclaimed musical The Lion King.

A lot of hard work, preparation, dedication and time goes into organising a trip such as this which makes it valuable for the boys and provides them with life-long memories and experiences. All people who attended this tour benefited greatly from the experience through making new friends and improving their

FRONT COVER (Clockwise)

Br Bill Wilding, Steve Bracks and Headmaster Dr Peter Casey at the opening of the Br W.J. Wilding Senior School.

Year 10 Camp, "Sailing the Gippsland Lakes."

Cameron Brown, Premier Steve Bracks (SPC 1968-71), Stephen Coghlan, James Holmes and Br Bill Wilding at the opening of the Br W.J. Wilding Senior School.

AFL draftee Matt Rosa.

understanding of music. These tours are of great value to the growth of music at St Patrick's College and should be fully supported by the College community in the future.

INSPIRING THE CHEFS OF TOMORROW

St Patrick's College VCE Units 1 and 2 Food and Technology students were treated to some professional tuition when Peter Ford and Head Chef Marreck Cleve Loren from Peter Ford Catering and the recently opened Café Companis at the Ballarat Fine Art Gallery, took a break from their busy schedule to workshop with students in the preparation for a catered dinner for parents.

The students were shown a range of complex processes and ideas for presentation techniques. The menu for the dinner consisted of a chicken fillet filled with pesto, wrapped in prosciutto and served on a bed of chargrilled seasonal vegetables. Dessert combined profiteroles filled with crème patisserie and a chocolate or caramel sauce.

Peter and Marreck shared with the boys their own experiences and gave an insight into the hospitality industry. This workshop was useful to many of the boys who will be continuing with studies in Food and Technology in Year 12.



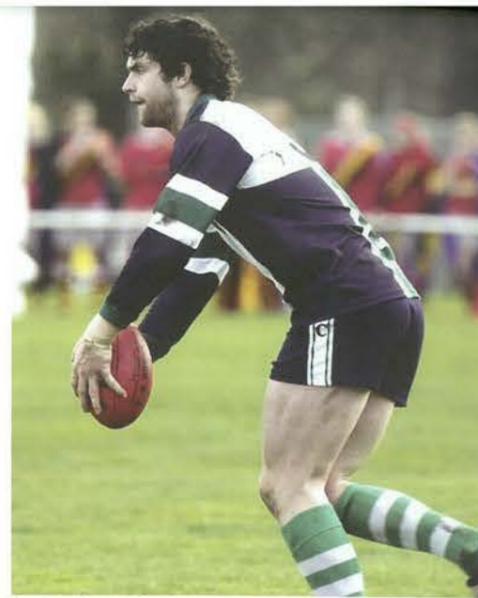
Café Companis Chef Peter Ford works with Year 11 Food Technology Students



Br Bill Wilding admiring his portrait – a great likeness!



Celebrated boys author Scott Gardner discusses his latest book with Year 12 student Anthony Smith



Howard Award for Excellence winner Nathan Anderson



Year 10 Leadership Camps – Sea Kayaking at Barwon Heads



Year 8 Medieval Day – Daniel Ellis and Sam Craven



Cartoonist Terry Denton with staff member Les Lindorff at the Year 7 cartooning workshop



Bishop Peter Connors, College Patron, blesses the Br W.J. Wilding Senior School



College Captain Cameron Brown contemplating a career in politics!



Sam Garland, Sam Jess and Chris Banwell entertain the College at the Winter Sports Assembly



Staff member Chris Radcliffe takes on the Pagans as part of Year 8 Medieval Day

SPEECH NIGHT AND VALEDICTORY DINNER 2004

Speech Night and the Valedictory Dinner were very memorable occasions, enjoyed in great spirits and a fitting way to bid farewell to the Class of 2004. This cohort of boys led admirably by Cameron Brown has shown great spirit and a diverse range of talents in a number of areas. The quality of the musical talent in the year was evident in the stirring performance of the Speech Night Band comprised of Nathan Anderson, James Hughes, Joshua Hyde and Jon Finch. 2004 has also seen the College win BAS titles in football, cricket, swimming and rowing – a rare feat in the history of Ballarat school sport. The boys have also been dedicated to their studies and we look forward to some excellent results in December.

Other highlights of Speech Night were the musical performances, the speeches from College Captain Cameron Brown, Purton Orator Tom Andrews, the visual presentations and the breadth of outstanding student performances in 2004 as recognised by the many awards handed out on the night. Thanks must go to Masters of Ceremonies Stephen Coghlan and James Holmes for keeping the function moving and entertaining the audience during breaks in proceedings. Mr Andrew Watson and Mr Glenn Fisher were keys to the organisation and production of both events, Andrew departing the College community on a particularly high note.

AWARDS 2004

At Speech Night Headmaster Dr Peter Casey presented the following awards to senior students. These are prestigious awards, keenly contested and each has a long and distinguished tradition.

Headmaster's Award for Leadership
Cameron Brown
For outstanding leadership of the SPC student community and the pursuit of excellence in all facets of College life.

Howard Award for Excellence

Nathan Anderson
First presented in 1955, this award is the gift of the Howard Family in gratitude for all St Patrick's did for the four sons who attended SPC from 1923 through to 1937. It is given for All Round Excellence, Character, Leadership, Participation, Academic Pursuits, Culture or Sports.

Little Family Award for School Spirit

Tom Madden
This award is presented in honour of the Little Family whose five sons attended SPC between 1904 and 1924. It is presented to a senior student who has displayed and developed school spirit among the students through his dedication and general service to the College.

De Coubertin Award for Sportsmanship

Brennan Walsh
The Award recognises students who demonstrate consistent participation and commendable sporting behaviour in line with the Olympic ideals of participation.

ST PAT'S STUDENT LEAD BLOOD DRIVE



Stephen Coghlan, James Holmes and Chris Banwell promoting the giving of blood.

Members of the St Patrick's College Student Council Stephen Coghlan, James Holmes and Chris Banwell led by example in September when they gave blood to the Australian Red Cross. With blood donation levels at critical levels it was a wonderful gesture which will hopefully inspire other students and

staff in the College to follow their lead. The boy's achievement was recognised in The Courier with Chris noting, 'we want to raise community awareness about the issue and continue to give something back to the community. Giving blood is really not a hard thing to do'. The effort of the boys again highlights the College's role in the wider community and its commitment to social justice issues.

LEADERSHIP 2005

After an extensive selection process that involved feedback from students and staff the College's Leaders for 2005 have been announced. Congratulations to the following students:

- College Captain**
Michael Huckstepp
- College Vice-Captains**
James Kerr and David Ronan
- President of the Student Congress**
Hayden O'Doherty
- Secretary of the Student Congress**
David Hall

- Members of the 2005 Student Council**
Thomas Arthurson, Matthew Canny, Edmund Denton, Matthew Dunne, Brent Flood, Chris Ford, James Purtell, Bernard Wilson and Alexander Young.

St Patrick's College has the longest continually operating school based St Vincent de Paul Conference in Australia. The leadership for 2005 of this conference is:

- President**
Andrew Carey
- Vice-President**
Bernard Wilson
- Secretary**
James Kerr
- Executive Members**
Alex Joosten, Matthew Carey and Joel Banks.

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2005

RYAN HOUSE
Captain: Nathan Hobson
Vice Captains: Jimmy Purtell, Cameron Rowe

MCCARTHY HOUSE
Captain: Ash Collins
Vice Captains: Justin Sculley, David Treppo

GALVIN HOUSE
Captain: David Ronan
Vice Captains: Simon Spencer, Tim Stevenson

KENIRY HOUSE
Captain: Bernard Wilson
Vice Captains: Sam Caldwell, Ben Dean

TREACY HOUSE
Captain: Jeremy Wirges
Vice Captains: Justin Hardy, Anthony Torpy

NUNAN HOUSE
Captain: Danny Hay
Vice Captains: Chris Beggs, Scott Howard

2005 BOARDING LEADERS

MCCANN HOUSE
Captain: Luke Englefield
Vice Captain: Jude Cook

NANGLE HOUSE
Captain: Jidah Clark
Vice Captain: Matthew Tyler

Congratulations to all boys who have been elected to positions of leadership for 2005. The College community looks forward to these boys displaying leadership through words and deed in an honest, compassionate and just manner.

STAFF FAREWELLS

At the conclusion of 2004 we will say farewell to a number of staff who are moving on to pursue other vocational and lifestyle opportunities.

- Mr Denis Bateman will be retiring after 14 years of service to the College as Bursar and Business Manager. Denis has overseen the growth of the College and the development of supporting infrastructure as St Pat's has grown from 700 to over 1000 students.

- As noted in the Headmaster's column Andrew Watson will take up the exciting role of Principal at Mercy Regional College, Camperdown in 2005.

- Mrs Pat Lloyd is retiring after 19 outstanding years of service to the Boarding community. Pat has worked as House Keeper for the past four years and has spoilt the boys no end, particularly during periods where boys have been unwell. Pat has developed a wonderful relationship with the students and staff in boarding and will be greatly missed.

- Dr Mark Padgham will be returning to the tertiary sector to take up a Lecturing/Research role at Monash University.

- Mrs Carol Roberts is moving to Adelaide due to her husband's appointment in a leading Chiropractic clinic in the City of Churches.

- Mr Geoff Crawford is moving across the Lake to Ballarat Grammar to take up the position of VCE Co-ordinator.

- Mr Chris Radcliffe has been appointed to the position of Teacher and Sports and Recreation Co-ordinator at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Thamarrur College, Wadeye, Northern Territory.

- Mrs Christine Hall is leaving after 12 months due to a change in her husband's employment situation.

- Mr Michael Taylor will have 12 months study leave in 2005.

We thank all these staff members for their contribution to the education of boys at St Pat's and wish them well with their future endeavours. Profiles of new staff will be included in the first edition of The Shamrock in 2005.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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

- Thomas Bardwell for his involvement in the Ballarat City Council Youth Advisory Board which involves being selected as the Ballarat representative for the Eureka 150th celebrations in December.

- Aaron Ryan for competing in the Australian Taekwondo Championships in Perth.

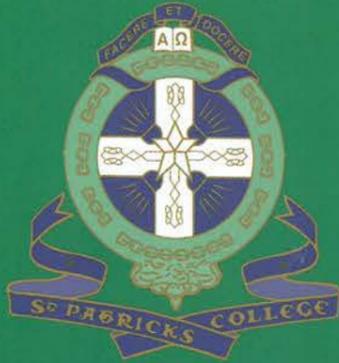
- Peter Toohey for winning the Open Division in Piano at the Royal South Street Competition as well as the Under 14 Division for Modern Piano.

- Congratulations to Marcus Jolly, who competed in the Ballarat-Sebastopol Cycling Club Championships and won the following events: Junior Under 15 Road and Individual Time Trial Champion, Buninyong Hill Climb and Junior A Aggregate First Place.

- Ethan Tibbles was selected in the Under 14 State Provincial Baseball team to contest the National Youth Championships in Perth.

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Pavilion Appeal Update

Under the astute leadership of Appeal Chairman Peter Howley the OCA's dream of constructing a Main Oval pavilion as a place for old boy sporting and social functions and an educational area for the College's Middle School is coming closer to fruition. To date we have raised approximately \$340,000 and hope that a series of dinners and reunions over coming months will assist the hard working fundraising committee in realising its target of raising \$500,000.

The Melbourne OCA Committee led by Tony Joyce, John Larkins, David Bourke and Noel Moore has organised a Pavilion Appeal Dinner to be held at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club on Friday March 4, 2005. Guest speaker at the dinner will be St Kilda Football Club Legend and past Richmond Coach Danny Frawley (SPC 1973-76). Old boys from all eras will be in attendance so it will be a great social night for old boys and partners. It will also be the first major function in Melbourne since the legendary Centenary Dinner in 1993, an event that is still discussed in reverent tones. With your support we should be able to make this an event talked about in the same vein for years to come. Full details of the dinner can be found with this edition of The Shamrock or through contacting the Development Office.

Reunion Dinners

The 20 year reunion was a wonderful night with over 80 old boys, partners, current and former staff in attendance. The organising committee, led by Julian Prendegast and Anthony Carmody, did a wonderful job in tracking down old boys literally from all parts of the globe. A highlight of the evening was the keynote address delivered by Br Bill Wilding, Headmaster from 1979-84, who was the only person on the night who was able to command silence, such was the enthusiasm of old boys in attendance. It was a sobering thought for old boys in attendance that in 1979 when Br Wilding

commenced his Headmastership he was two years younger than the members of the Class of 1984 now are! It was extremely difficult to break up the festivities with many old boys making the most of the occasion and kicking on to the wee small hours.

The Class of 1994 held a memorable reunion in October with 100 old boys, partners and staff in attendance. Current Year 9 Co-ordinator Damian McKee did a stellar job in informing those in attendance of the whereabouts of some of the teachers at St Pat's in the early 90s as well as recounting some amusing stories from the era. The noise level throughout the evening was incredible as old boys swapped yarns; many of the boys not having seen each other since they left the College. It was wonderful to see old boys such as David McMahon who had flown in from the UK for the occasion.

The final reunion for the year was held in November and was a 30-year dinner for the Class of 1974. This year level had not had a formal reunion since leaving the College and certainly made up for lost time! 1974 College Captain Kevin Minchinton flew in from Perth and was overwhelmed by the changes at the College and the look of some of his peers. Michael Sargeant many believed had discovered the fountain of youth whilst others had aged gracefully to say the least. Nobody in attendance wanted the evening to end with the last guests being walked out to waiting taxis by the indefatigable Br Zoch at 1:30 am!

Photos from all reunions can be found in the Green, White and Blue Photo Gallery.

SPC FOUNDATION Dinner with the Legends' 2005.

The fourth annual Foundation 'Halls of History -Dinner with the Legends' will be held at the College's O'Malley Sports Centre on Saturday February 19, 2005. The Dinner will feature arguably St Pat's most famous son, George Cardinal Pell (SPC 1949-59) as well as College 'Legends' Raimond Gaita (celebrated author) and Mick McGuane (Collingwood Premiership player 1990).

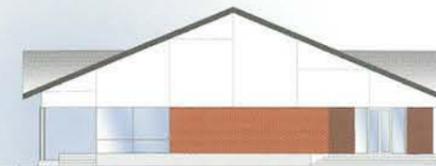
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Class of 1974 Reunion



Class of 1994 Reunion Dinner



OCA President (and 2005 Principal of Mercy College Camperdown) addresses the audience at the opening of the Br W.J. Wilding Senior School.



Albert George Ogilvie Premier of Tasmania 1934 - 1939



Murray Lewis Byrne CMG, QM, SMOM, Barrister and Solicitor, MLC Deputy Leader Victorian Government 1970 -1976



Class of 1994 Reunion Dinner

As with past Legend's Dinners the night is sure to be a wonderfully entertaining night and a great opportunity to catch up with old boys and friends from all eras. A booking form and further information about the Dinner are included with this edition of The Shamrock or can be obtained by contacting the Development Office.

FOUNDATION GOLF DAY 2004



Best Dressed Team: David Blanchfield, Jason Barnett, Justin Sculley and Will Cook.

108 players greeted the starter for the 3rd Annual Foundation Golf Day played at the Ballarat Golf Club on Sunday November 14. Played in cold and windy conditions the scoring on the day was exceptional with a number of very low scores recorded. A highlight of the day was the cross section of players in the field, from extravagantly dressed current students to old boys, fathers and sons and friends of the College. It was an excellent celebration of the strength of the St Patrick's College community and was played in great spirit.

Winner of the Handicap section was Team Haase, taking out the event on its third try. They had a sizzling 57 off the stick for a net score of 54. Just .125 off the pace was the team led by Robert Rosenow who had 54.125 closely followed by team Mathews with 54.875, boasting two generations of St Pat's, (Dad Peter having boarded from 1957 to 1962) and son Sean currently boarding in Year 10.

The Non-Handicap event was won by Tony Leonard, Steve Booker, Matt and Callum Leonard with a score of 62. They narrowly defeated Deputy Headmaster Rob Brennan's team (63) and Ron Jennings team who recorded an impressive score of 65.

Nearest the Pin winners were Robert Rosenow, Steve Booker, Neil Haase and Sam Bowman.

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**POLITICAL LEADERSHIP
A Rich SPC Tradition**

The recent visit to the College by Victorian Premier Steve Bracks (SPC 1968-71) has prompted College archivist Br Brian Davis to research the rich contribution that St Pat's students have made to political leadership in Australia.

Albert George Ogilvie

Premier of Tasmania 1934 - 1939. Albert George Ogilvie was born on March 10, 1890 in Hobart, Tasmania. He attended St Patrick's College from 1904 to 1906. His brother Eric James Ogilvie attended the College in 1908 and 1909. Br John Francis Kenny writes:

"In his last year at the College he went up for the Junior University Exam with the result that he procured the subjects of Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Physics, English, Geography (credit) and French (credit). I noticed that he associated with the best boys in the College. In all my dealing with Albert I do not recollect a single trace of insincerity on his part. Without taking upon himself the role of a corrector or teacher he exercised a most salutary influence on the many who came within his circle."

Br James Alexis Macken, the Sportsmaster of St Patrick's College, writes:

" He was noted as an all round athlete and distinguished himself as a representative of his school in many athletic contests. Some fine performances in this most useful art can be placed to his credit. In football, too, he was prominent and during his time in the College took an active part in this invigorating game. In boat racing events he also took part and was stroke of the College crew. In 1905 at the College Annual Sports he won the Junior 220 yards and in 1906 he annexed the Senior 440 yards handicap and was Champion Handballer of the College. He was a noted swimmer and excelled chiefly in the longer distances. He was Captain of the Swimming Club and Champion Swimmer of the College."

After leaving St Patrick's College Albert attended the University of Tasmania, where he won the Backhouse-Walker Prize for Final Honours in his Law course. He was elected a Member of the House of Assembly on May 31, 1919 and after serving as Attorney General, Minister for Mines, Fisheries and Game, Forestry and Education in the Lyon's Government, he became Tasmanian Opposition Leader in October 1928.

On June 22 1934 he was elected Premier of Tasmania. In 1939 he was in Warburton, Victoria indulging his passion for golf on his way to a Premier's Conference when he suffered a heart attack and died all too prematurely on June 10, 1939.

Murray Lewis Byrne

CMG, QM, SMOM, Barrister and Solicitor, MLC. Deputy Leader Victorian Government 1970 -1976. Murray was born in Ballarat on August 29, 1928 and attended St Patrick's College from 1937 to 1947, representing the College in the two seat of the 1st Rowing IV.

In 1952 he graduated with Honours in Law and Political Science from Melbourne University. He became the senior partner in one of the largest

country law firms in Victoria and was elected to the Victorian Legislative Council in 1958, at that time being the youngest member ever to be elected to an Upper House in Australia. As a backbencher, Murray was the Government Whip in the Legislative Council and was actively involved in Social Welfare, Law Reform and Housing. He was Chairman of the Parliamentary Subordinate Legislation Committee from 1961 to 1962. He was elected to State Cabinet in June 1970 and at the age of 41 was the youngest member to be appointed Minister for Public Works. He was elected Deputy Leader of the Government in the Upper House in 1970. On 23 August 1973 he was appointed Minister for State Development & Decentralization and Minister for Tourism and Minister for Immigration. He was one of the youngest Upper House Leaders for the Government ever in Australia. He was Acting Premier of the State of Victoria on a number of occasions.

Murray was very active and influential with the community. He was founder of the Wendouree Youth Club and the Ballarat Caledonian Housing Societies and as well as a foundation member of the Ballarat Junior Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Australian Advisory Board of the National Insurance Company of New Zealand.

He was patron of the Skipton Youth Club, the Ballarat Athletic Youth Club and the Ballarat Aged and Needy Relief Association. He was President of the Ballarat Law Association and Director of the Victorian Savings and Loans Society, Burns Philp Trustee Company and Chairman & Director of Victorian Securities Corporation Limited. Such was the breadth of his involvement that it comes as no surprise that in 1974 he was awarded the Total Community Development Award. The extent of his achievements and standing in the community can be gauged by the fact that he was made a Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George and the Sovereign Military Order of Malta and awarded the Queen's Medal.

The feats of Albert Ogilvie, Murray Byrne and Premier Steve Bracks as well as other old boys who have taken on public office at National, State and Local level provide a great framework for leadership for our current students to aspire to. Building leadership amongst all students is central to the notion of the College reclaiming its patrimony as one of the nation's leading boys schools.

**ANZAC SERVICE
Blessing of the Chapel
Honour Boards.**

The College Chapel's Honour Boards will be blessed at an Anzac Service to be held at the College on Friday April 22. The Chapel is a Memorial Chapel built in recognition of old boys who paid the ultimate sacrifice in serving their country in times of conflict. The Mass will commence at 11:00 am and will feature a number of prominent old boys who have served in the armed forces. All old boys are welcome to attend the service. For more details please contact the Development Office.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The College is indebted to the late Robert Connelly (SPC 1943-45) whose bequest has made it possible for two regional students to attend the College on part Boarding/Tuition fees scholarships. Robert's brother Des has kindly coordinated the bequest on the family's behalf.

In 2005 the Robert Connelly Scholarship recipients are:
• Matthew Austin - Stawell
• Nicholas Liston - Beaufort

If you are interested in making a bequest or donation to the College's Scholarship and Bursary Programme please contact Mark Waddington on 53 311688 or 0429 990 980. Such donations can provide access to a St Patrick's College education that may have been beyond the means of some families in regional Victoria.

PAKENHAM RACES 2005

David Bourke (SPC 1944-48) is again organising the OCA's traditional Race Day at Pakenham on Sunday January 23, 2005. The day features the prestigious Br O'Malley Welter and is a great opportunity to catch up with former SPC students and staff as well as enjoying fine food, wine and the odd flutter. Please put the date in your diary now, start getting your mates together and let's make the 2005 Race Day a huge success. To arrange tickets please phone David on (03) 59 411 075.

ARCHIVES

Brother Brian Davis has had a tremendous response from old boys wishing to donate memorabilia to the College. In November we received a welcome visit from Mrs Moira Labb, the widow of Fred Labb (SPC 1931 -1939), who won the U/14 Handball in 1934, the U/16 in 1935 and 1936 and the College Open Championship in 1937,1938 and 1939. Moira had the six trophies refurbished and donated them to the College.



Mrs Moira Labb with the trophies she kindly donated to the College.

Another welcome visitor to the College was Ray Clarke, who donated his football and cricket trophies to the College. Ray won the 1st XVIII W.T.O'Malley Best and Fairest Trophy for 1976, his second year in the team. Coach, Br Peter Dowling wrote of Ray's contribution:

"Ray Clarke, as first rover, was one of the really brilliant players with magnificent ball control and a fierce desire to win possession of the ball. Ray won the best and fairest award after a great season as team Vice-Captain."

Ray played for four years in the 1st XI cricket team, winning the cricket trophy in 1973 and 1976, when, in the words of coach Br H. T. Breach:

"The team, a little unsure in the beginning, went from strength to strength and under the inspirational leadership of Ray Clarke emerged undefeated premiers."

Another fine acquisition was the Old Collegians Cup for 1910 won by Bert Gregory, donated by son John at the Bendigo Regional Dinner. Bert was Captain of the SPC 1st XV111 and 1st XI in 1905 and was eulogised in verse:

The Greg'ry Bert,
Tho' cool, alert
In dodging six, or more!
For white-and-blue,
He charges through,
Nor cares who stands before!

We continue to be delighted and grateful for these donations. They will be suitably displayed so that all members of the College community can be aware of the accomplishments of the winners. If you would like your trophies similarly displayed, please contact Br Brian Davis on (03) 5331 1688 or bdavis@stpats.vic.edu.au

OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

Brownlow medallist and SPC statesman Brian Gleeson (SPC 1947-52) recently celebrated his 70th birthday at Doyle's Creek Hotel, overlooking the boats moored in the Mordialloc Creek.

Brian was joined by a host of old boys and their partners who enjoyed a wonderful dinner and celebrated this special event in true St Pat's style.



Guests: Back Row: Tony Joyce, Daryl Teschendorf, Bill Joyce, Brian Vear, Carol Joyce, Gail Larkins, Loreto Brady, Jan Fry, Tony Fry, Ray Brady, Merryn Seaburgh, Margo Teschendorf and Andrew Seaburgh
Front Row: Julia Vear, Mary Joyce, Brian Gleeson, Mary Gleeson and John Larkins

Greg Hucker (SPC 1986-91) is currently based in Sydney after five years at Yulara in the Northern Territory as IT&T Manager with Voyages. He is currently working as the Group General Manager of IT&T for Voyages.

Jason Hucker (SPC 1995-2000) is completing the final year of his Tourism and Hospitality course at LaTrobe University, Bundoora. In season 2004 he played for Touradin in the West Gippsland Football League bagging 65 goals to win his club's leading goal kicker award and finish second in the League.

John Kelly (SPC 1975-80) is living and working in Melbourne as General Manager of an IT Company. He is married to Georgia and they have celebrated the birth of their second child in October.

Damian Franzman (SPC 1977-80) has been appointed the founding General Manager of the Torquay Sands Golf Course. The complex boasts a wide range of sporting, recreational and hospitality facilities and is considered one of the State's leading courses. Damian was in attendance at the Geelong regional dinner with Chris Fry (SPC 1975-80).

Also in attendance at the Geelong Dinner was Dr Kevin Shannon (SPC 1952-54). Kevin is a keen race goer having been past president of the Geelong Racing Club. One of his other passions is raising money to fund construction of accommodation facilities for the aged.

Kevin was President of the College's St Vincent de Paul Society in 1953.

John Lloyd (SPC 1961-67) was awarded the Public Service Medal in the 2004 Queen's Birthday Honours for service in the field of industrial relations. John was appointed Senior Deputy President of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission in August, 2004.

Noel Forster (SPC 1963-68) has lived in Perth since marrying Melanie, a Loreto Convent, Kenya old scholar, in 1979. He is Director of an International Insurance Broking Firm. Noel has two teenage sons, Michael and Andrew and since donating his whites to St Vinnie's last year spends time over the summer travelling between cricket grounds watching their progress. He is involved in Rotary having been a Past President and winner of the Paul Harris Fellowship award. As a passionate Melbourne member he is still patiently awaiting the club's 13th Premiership.

In October the front page of the Ballarat Courier featured SPC father and son Kevin and Luke Kane (SPC 1993-94). Luke a passionate sportsman has undergone a period of ill health requiring the donation of a kidney. Without hesitation father Kevin stepped up to the plate and donated his kidney. Both Kevin and Luke are recuperating well with Luke harbouring dreams of again pulling on his beloved Springbank jumper in the CHFL in season 2005.

Brent Delahey (SPC 1980-84) has been married to Julie for 15 years and has three sons and is delighted that his oldest boy, Todd will be following in Dad's footsteps when he commences at the College in Year 7 in 2005. Brent is a partner in an accounting practice in Bacchus Marsh and loves his football, coaching the Darley Under 12s and following the Kangaroos.

The OCA have assisted Simon Harwood (SPC 1998-2003) with the cost of travelling to and from Tanzania to enable him to undertake important work with the Christian Brothers in the Arusha region. Simon has been in regular correspondence and has detailed some of the works he has undertaken to date.

In his last email he passed on regards to all from 1982 College Captain Michael Baddeley who informed Simon that there were currently four SPC old boys in the region; three from the class of 1982, three former Student Councillors, two 1st XVIII players and a 1st XI cricketer. We trust that the boys are having a kick of the footy from time to time resplendent in their SPC footy jumpers!

Mark Broemmer (SPC 1975-81) was featured in an article in The Courier in October for his bravery in foiling an armed robbery at the service station he was working at. He scared off the knife wielding bandit by brandishing a metal torch and acknowledged that "it was not something we are trained to do, it was just an instinctive action".

The amazing life and times of Harry Moran (SPC 1931-32) were recently featured in an article in The Courier. Harry from Waubra has recently celebrated his 87th birthday and still lives independently on the soldier settler block he took up after WW2. Before his service years Harry was a talented sportsman leading Waubra to football premierships in 1938 and 1939. Having grown up with a rifle in his hands he was a natural soldier and after training at Puckapunyal saw action at a variety of conflicts in locations such as the Libya, Tobruk, Benghazi, Greece, Crete and Sphakia. Harry was a gifted leader of men and was recognised for his leadership and bravery. Sadly Harry lost his wife of 49 years Stella whom he met whilst sailing back from Alexandria in 1942. Harry has remained a non-drinker and staunch Catholic and is a proud St Pat's old boy - his old school is certainly proud of him and the courageous and exemplary life he has led.

Gino Carrafa (SPC 1983-84) has recently been appointed as Senior Psychologist at Inergise Australia Pty Ltd. Gino has held a number of roles throughout his career including work in the fields of rehabilitation, research, clinical and private practice. In 2000 he returned to Ballarat to work for IRS Total Injury Management as a rehabilitation consultant and then moved on to the Cairnmillar Institute in Melbourne as a Senior Psychologist in organisational

development and clinical supervision and practice. Gino has also been the author of several publications in the rehabilitation and health field and has been published in the Medical Journal of Australia, The Australian Journal of Occupational Therapy and Ageing in Society Cambridge University Press, London.

In July The Age newspaper had a feature article contrasting the lives of two of the College's most famous graduates from 1971 - Premier Steve Bracks (SPC 1968-71) and the recently appointed Chairman of the US owned, Melbourne based Exxon-Mobil Australia, Mark Nolan (SPC 1967-71). Both men will be involved in complex negotiations over the coming months as Mark and his organisation try to work out the future of the Exxon-Mobil plant in Altona - right in the heartland of Steve Bracks' Williamstown seat! Mark has worked with Exxon-Mobil for over 25 years, including five years in the US in the mid-90s.

WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS, BIRTHS, BEREAVEMENTS

SPC Weddings

Barnes (SPC 1989-94) Matthew married Kate-Maree Mair in Warrnambool on Saturday April 24, 2004. Kate's father Bryan Mair attended SPC from 1946-49.

Eskdale (SPC 1993-98) James to Alison Watt. James and Alison celebrated their marriage on Saturday November 13 at Our Help of Lady Christians East Warrnambool. The wedding was celebrated by Fr Michael O'Toole (SPC 1966-67) and groomsmen was Bevan Conlan (SPC 1994-99).

Ottini (SPC 1986-91) Damien and Cathy Scrivener in the College Chapel on Saturday November 6, 2004.

Riding (SPC 1988-93) Anthony and Danielle Adams in the College Chapel on Saturday September 4, 2004.

Walker (SPC 1990-95) Harvey and Kelly Lammers in the College Chapel on Saturday October 2, 2004.

Wiley (SPC 1991-96) Michael and Erin Winfield in the College Chapel on Saturday October 16, 2004.

SPC Engagements

Hucker (SPC 1986-91) Greg to Leanne Reddie. Greg and Leanne will be married in March 2005.

SPC Births

Carrafa - Gino (SPC 1983-84) and Tara are delighted to announce the safe arrival of first child Holly Anne (8lb. 4 oz.) born October 2, 2004 at Cabrini Hospital.

Cronin - Dan (SPC 1986-90) and Sharon were thrilled to announce the safe arrival of first child Anna Therese born on June 8, 2004.

Hodder - John (SPC 1982-83) and his wife were thrilled to announce the arrival of son Dominic John on October 22, 2004 weighing in at 6 lb. 4 oz. Dominic's arrival meant that he was unable to attend the 1984 reunion dinner - needless to say his peers well and truly 'wet the baby's head for him in his absence.

Kerr - Clinton (SPC 1991-95) and Gina were delighted to announce the arrival of Mia Kate, 8 lb. 2 oz. on September 23, 2004.

Jeffrey - Paul (SPC 1985-90) welcomed Jack Francis (7lb 14 oz.) on September 24, 2004; a brother for Molly.

SPC Deaths

Stan Bates (SPC 1945-46) passed away on July 10, 2004.

John Fogarty (SPC 1932-35) passed away on October 17, 2004 in Canberra. Former work Colleague at the Department of Trade Alex McGoldrick (SPC 1940-49) attended the Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Pearce and highlighted a few thoughts from the service booklet. Jack as he was known was born into a farming family at Warrenheip and was known at St Pat's as a dedicated student

and gifted sportsman representing the College's 1st XVIII and 1st XI as a highly regarded wicketkeeper. He married Mary Carroll in 1944 who was a boarder at Loreto College. Mary's brother Fr Jack Carroll (SPC 1934-36) was Jack's classmate and team mate in the 1st XI. Jack went on to work for the Department of Civil Aviation and between 1948-1962 he travelled the world for the Australian Government negotiating airline agreements, in particular for National carrier Qantas. He continued to negotiate deals until his retirement, finishing his career as the Australian Ambassador to the Multilateral Trade Negotiations and residing in Geneva. In retirement he worked tirelessly for St Vincent de Paul as well as being a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He is remembered fondly by friends and family as a lovely man and a real gentleman.

Geoffrey Griffin (SPC 1961-68) passed away on October 30, 2004. Geoff attended SPC from Coghill's Creek and was well known in football and football umpiring circles.

John Hill (SPC 1940-41) died September, 2004 in Tasmania.

Cynthia Hucker, daughter of Anne (SPC staff) and Ian and sister of Jason (SPC 1995-2000) and Greg (SPC 1986-91), and mother of Tess passed away suddenly in September, 2004.

Mrs Nora May Irvin passed away in November, 2004. Nora, with her husband Ted, was proprietor of the SPC Tuck Shop,

which they operated as a separate entity to the College. Legend has it that a profit was never made because Nora gave too much away to the hungry boys!

Dr Paul Laffey (SPC 1981-86) son of Mr Tom Laffey (SPC 1944-53), brother of Nick (SPC 1978-84), Simon (SPC 1983-88) and Julian (SPC 1987-90) passed away on November 1, 2004.

Andrew O'Brien (SPC 1984-89) passed away in November 2004 after a long and courageous battle with illness. Husband of Katrina and father of Dermot, Alice and Daniel. Brother of Mark (SPC 1983-88).

Michael O'Sullivan (SPC 1939-43) passed away on September 23, 2004. Michael was a tremendous supporter of the College. His sons Michael (SPC 1977-79), Patrick (SPC 1984-87), Bernard (SPC 1988-91), Gerald (SPC 1990-93) and Kevin (SPC 1990-95) all boarded at the College.

Simon Wood (SPC 1981-84) passed away on September 20, 2004.

Mr William Curtain and Mr David Nguyen, Year 12, 2003 students of St Bernard's College, Melbourne were killed in a car accident. Please remember their families and the staff and students of St Bernard's College.

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



NEXT EDITION

The deadline for the next edition of The Shamrock is Friday March 18, 2005. All contributions from members of the SPC community are gratefully received. Contributions can be mailed, faxed or emailed to the Editor – Mark Waddington, mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au

Photo of Class of 2004

The Old Collegians Association congratulates all members of the Class of 2004 upon their rich and significant achievements during their time at the College and warmly welcomes them to the ranks of 'Old Boys' – 'Stick with the Green, White and Blue'!

