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ST PAT'S: ONWARDS AND UPWARDS!

WELCOME TO THE SECOND EDITION OF THE SHAMROCK FOR 2004.

This edition focuses upon the visit to the College of Cardinal George Pell (SPC 1949-59), the launch of the OCA Pavilion Appeal and some of the exciting curriculum initiatives undertaken by our students in Term 2. Our students have also been very successful in a range of academic, sporting and cultural pursuits and as ever there is a lot of old boy news to share with members of the College community; enjoy!

FROM THE HEADMASTER: Visit of Cardinal George Pell

The public focus of the College in May incorporated elements of each of our four pillars: faith tradition, excellence and joy. And we have celebrated each of these in spectacular style, in the company of the full membership of our community: Old Collegians, parents, students, staff, clergy, education sector, the City of Ballarat, and representatives in parliament.

George, Cardinal Pell was in town and we were honoured in many ways in the reflected radiance of his persona as well as his personal presence as an Old Collegian and friend of the College. He was at his affable best in talking with old friends and the new generation of St Patrick's College students. I was impressed with his knowledge of many of the fathers and family members of those current students whom he was meeting for the first time. I know that our boys have been overwhelmed by his ease of conversation and personal interest. His visits to the College included:

- The Old Collegians Fundraising Launch at which we outlined the place of the Main Oval Pavilion within our development of the Middle School precinct.

- The naming of the Middle School as the Cardinal George Pell Centre. It includes the old classroom block of 1900 which runs from the assembly area to the main oval, the 1909 science rooms and will have new constructions for science-technology, staff facilities, and general purpose gathering space which would double as a pavilion and function centre.
- Dinner with the Boarders which meant the Year 12 Council serving a magnificent meal to 120 boarders and guests. Our catering staff led by Ms Tracey Downes excelled themselves. We fitted in a few reminiscences as well as a great meal.
- Mass with the Old Collegians in the College Chapel. Bishop Peter Connors, Patron of the College and Bishop of Ballarat, joined with Bishop Ron Mulkearns, fellow Old Collegian Bishop Joseph Oudeman who flew from his diocese of Brisbane to be with us, and 16 Old Boy priests. The singing inspired a joyful atmosphere.
- Supper and presentations to the Cardinal and to Bishop Oudeman were matched by great conviviality. Bishop Oudeman was gracious and humbling in his recollections of the significance of the one year he had at the College when he arrived in Australia from Holland and prior to his entering the Capuchin minor seminary.
- Celebration of the Eucharist with the entire College. This was a magnificent gathering to which our student population contributed in so many ways, not the least of which were their prayerful attention, their interested listening and their wholehearted singing.

Other activities in which we were involved with the Cardinal included:

- A Civic Reception hosted by Mayor David Vandy and the City of Ballarat at which the Mayor spoke eloquently of the Cardinal's provocative style as a necessary and valuable source of debate in our Australian society, grounded in the Cardinal's affirmation of the Church's views on the centrality of right relationships within family life, and the pursuit of a just society and a peace-filled world.
- The launch of the History of Catholic Education in the Diocese of which Cardinal Pell quite rightly suggested that the most significant role of St Patrick's College in the diocese was not addressed in the history.

The Cardinal left us in no doubt about his affection for the College and his continuing support for our ventures. We were pleased to welcome back Cardinal Pell's personal secretary, Dr Michael Casey (SPC 1979-82) who accompanied him on the visit. Our Year 12 Councillors led by Cameron Brown, the choir, the band, the boarders, the Old Collegians, the catering staff, and the College Leadership Team all contributed to a marvellous experience, adding another page to the great story of St Patrick's College.



Cardinal George Pell at the Civic Reception held in his honour at the Ballarat Town Hall with sister Margaret and brother David.

EDMUND RICE CENTRE FOR STUDENT SERVICES

We have taken possession of the new Student Services Centre which we have named the Edmund Rice Centre. This reflects both its proximity to Edmund Rice Court and its orientation to meeting students' physical and emotional needs. The Centre, in the former staff facility below the Kelty Resource Centre, houses student reception, sick bay, careers, transition, pastoral care, counselling, social justice, Edmund Rice Network, meeting room, printroom and administrative support. The Directors of Development, Administration, Studies and Pastoral Care now join the Deputy Headmaster and Headmaster in what was the adjacent area of Kenny House. With these moves we complete the consolidation of student services in one place, the directors into one administration space and the school's teaching staff teams into Junior School, Middle School and Senior School/Faculty spaces.

BR W J WILDING WING

The first day of Term Two saw us move into the Wilding Wing, our new Senior School on St Roch's Oval. This two-storey construction of brick and glass consists of twenty classrooms, two faculty offices, the office of the Head of Senior School, and a first floor link to the O'Malley, Little and Healy wings. One of its most striking features is the vast internal concourse on the ground floor which is open to the second floor. Br Bill Wilding's first viewing of the Senior School named in his honour took his breath away but those who acknowledge his contribution to the life of the College believe that its ambience is worthy of that contribution. This beautiful venue has also proved a big hit with students, parents and staff. Its spacious and clear lines of visibility have led people to comment on its adult atmosphere, a 'grown-up' learning environment. We have now established distinct precincts for the Junior, Middle and Senior Schools: O'Malley, Pell and Wilding wings.

MOVING FORWARD

Stage one of the Building Master Plan is now complete at a cost of \$6 million. The College has a curriculum review underway in 2004, has begun implementing the professional development plan for staff approved by the Board in 2003, and is preparing for a review of pastoral care in 2005 along with a new Strategic Plan 2006-10. Our enrolment ceiling of 200 in Year 7, 2005 has already been met and we now have a growing waiting list.

We stride forward together to bring Jesus' message of hope in all we do and teach.

Peter M Casey

THE PAVILION APPEAL LAUNCH

Cardinal Pell officially launched the Old Collegians Association (OCA) Pavilion Appeal on Tuesday May 18 at a cocktail launch attended by members of the local media and members of the appeal team. The Cardinal spoke of the importance of the project to old boys and to the current generation of students. The pavilion will provide a much needed open teaching space and will become a home for the College's Middle School Programme.

It will also be a place for old boys to call 'home' and will be the venue for many reunions, celebrations, recitals and special events. The Pavilion will be capable of staging sit down functions for up to 240 people - it may not be long before we see the complete St Pat's wedding day - a service in the Chapel, photos within our beautiful grounds and a reception overlooking the historic Main Oval!



Artist impression of the Old Collegians Association (OCA) Pavilion

FRONT COVER

Cardinal George Pell admiring the College's new Br W.J. Wilding Senior School Complex

To bring the pavilion project to fruition the OCA is seeking the support of all members of the College community. In the next week 6,500 members of the College community will receive the Appeal Brochure. If 1,000 people are able to commit to donating \$500 over the next two years we can build the Pavilion in 2005/2006. What an incredible addition it will be to the College's already impressive landscape.

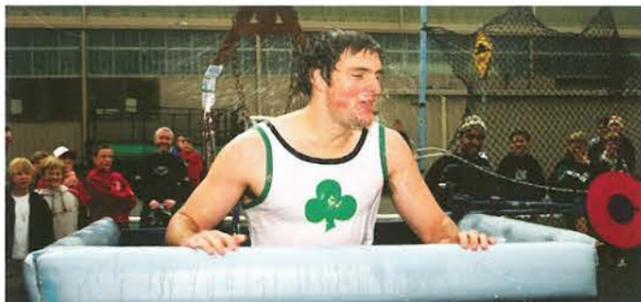
All donations are fully tax deductible and will be recognised within the new Pavilion. If you have any questions about this exciting project please do not hesitate to contact Mark Waddington at the College on 53 311688 or mwaddington@stpat.vic.edu.au



Trudi Kannourakis, Geoff Torney, Br Bill Wilding and Headmaster Dr Peter Casey at the Pavilion Appeal Launch.



Dennis Foley and Peter Wilson at the Pavilion Appeal Launch.



College Captain Cameron Brown comes off second best after a stint on the dunking machine.



Anthony Smith and Chris Banwell worked as part of the team to feed the hungry masses after the 10 km Edmund Rice Day Walkathon.



Howard Clark provoking the enthusiastic punters! Edmund Rice Day.



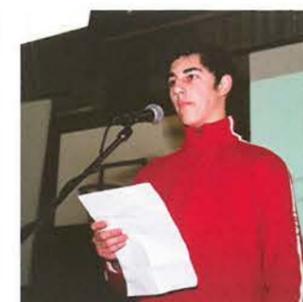
Human Foosball – Edmund Rice Day.



Brian Blood, Tim O'Leary and Br Brian Davis at the Pavilion Appeal Launch.



2004 Football Camp – Sam Garland takes on the High Ropes Course.



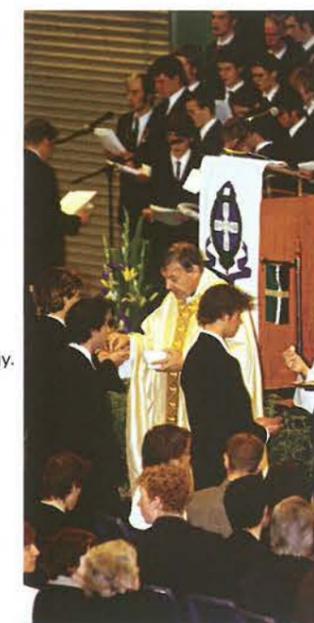
Josh Kannourakis addressing the College at the Edmund Rice Day Liturgy.



The 2004 College Photo – students patiently waiting for the cue to stand and smile!



James McNamee in full flight during the victory over Xavier College.



Cardinal Pell sharing communion with members of the College community during Mass in the O'Malley Sports Centre.

PHOTO GALLERY

YEAR 8 ENRICHMENT DAY

As part of the integrated Year 8 curriculum students participated in an Enrichment Day within the Lake Wendouree foreshore precinct focusing on the concept of 'change', which has been a classroom theme in Term 2. Year 8 student Tyson Brennan provided the following summary of the experience.

On May 20, the Year 8 students went down to the western shores of Lake Wendouree and experienced a day of six rotating activities based on 'change'. Before we started the rotation, we learnt more about local Koori culture and traditions and enjoyed a performance by three Koori dancers who danced and played the didgeridoo for us. It was fantastic!

Other activities included:

1. Bird Watch

The bird watch activity included learning about and seeing the native birds of Lake Wendouree. It was fascinating to learn that so many birds call the Lake home.

2. Water Testing

Mr Henderson conducted a water testing activity that helped us look at the animals and living creatures that live in different parts of the water. We learned where different species live in the water.

3. War Memorial

This rotation was to record the numbers of names with certain letter combinations in their name. This activity was eye opening for everyone in the fact that so many people were deprived of their freedom to make this country what it is now.

4. Tram Museum

The Tram Museum was interesting and showed us a part of the proud history of the Ballarat Council. We explored the different types of trams and saw how they worked.

5. Trout Hatcheries

The trout hatcheries showed us the different processes used to breed the Brown and Rainbow Trout.

6. Art

This activity involved sketching one of Australia's Prime Ministers from the proud Prime Ministers walk in the Lake's Botanical Gardens. It was conducted by Mr Fred Spittle.

EDMUND RICE DAY

The annual tradition of celebrating the life of the founder of the Christian Brothers, Blessed Edmund Rice was once again recognised by the students of the College. Edmund Rice Day is an opportunity for students to reflect upon the gifts they have been given in their own lives and to look at ways to assist people less fortunate than themselves. This is a major theme of the College's commitment to social justice for all.

The day followed a similar format to past years commencing with a wonderful short reflection prepared by Michael Taylor and Tim Bennett and the Liturgy Committee. The theme of the reflection was the story of Edmund and his legacy and how our efforts support this legacy. The boys did a wonderful job of preparing the words, music and the display. It was a great start to the day.

The walkathon followed immediately after the reflection and although being quite chilly the boys entered into the spirit of the day and enjoyed the ten kilometre stroll around the Lake and Victoria Park. After the walk there was a need to fill some empty tummies; and fill them we did! The boys feasted on hot dogs, fruit, chocolate bars and drinks. Who said you need a magician to make things disappear! On full bellies the boys participated in a number of activities for the remainder of the afternoon with all having a good time. Some activities were more popular than others especially when you have the opportunity to dunk staff into freezing cold water. Well done to the staff that volunteered to put themselves through the cold as it certainly added to the day's festivities.

Special thanks to Josh Kannourakis and Paul Hamm who were tireless in their efforts and planning, ensuring a great day was had by all and that the day was successful in raising funds for the charities supported by St Pat's. At the time of going to press the boys had collected over \$22,500 of the \$25,000 promised. Thank you and well done to all boys and families who supported Edmund Rice Day in 2004.



Intrepid Headmaster Dr Casey awaiting his fate on the dunking machine – needless to say he got very wet!

THE STATE LIBRARY'S 'TRAVELLING TREASURES' COMES TO ST PAT'S

On Wednesday May 5 the State Library of Victoria celebrated the 150th anniversary of the laying of its Foundation Stone. To celebrate this event the Library has developed a year-long programme of events, activities and services, which will mark the occasion and the Library's continuing role within the community. Foremost amongst this list of celebrations is the statewide touring programme: Travelling Treasures. The Library and its staff visited St Pat's to share the treasures with interested students from St Pat's and other schools in the region.

Students greatly enjoyed the opportunity to learn from State Library educators and view original treasures in one of the hour long sessions. Some of the treasures on display included Peter Lalor's pistol from the Eureka Rebellion, Redmond Barry's Ballarat trowel and the diary of a Welsh Swagman, Joseph Jenkins who documented the life of an agricultural labourer in Central Victoria from 1860-1890. During this period most labourers were illiterate - in contrast Jenkins was a talented writer who provided an insightful and accurate history of this era. Thank you to Mrs Carolyn McDonald and other members of the Kelty Resource Centre team for coordinating this special learning experience.



The State Library of Victoria, 'Travelling Treasures' exhibition: Peter Lalor's pistol.

LEADERSHIP 2004

Congratulations to the following student leaders who have been appointed since the commencement of Term 2:

Choir: Captain: David Lambert. Vice-Captains: Andrew Lamond and Richard Rebis

Public Speaking: Captain: Colm Trusler. Vice-Captains: Josh Kannourakis and Ben Shepherd.

Debating: Captain: Tom Andrews. Vice-Captains: Andrew Cook and Brett McLoughlin.

Soccer: Captain: Patrick Thornton, Vice-Captain: Luke Kearney.

THE COLLEGE PHOTO

In April we assembled over 1100 students and staff for the whole College photo, which is taken every six years. Potentially this could have been a logistical nightmare but through the fine organisation of Deputy Headmaster Rob Brennan and Director of Administration John Christie and with the goodwill of all students the photo was taken without a hitch. The photo below highlights the magnitude of the operation - thankfully we will not have to worry about it again until 2010! With the wonders of technology even those boys and staff caught with their eyes closed will be able to have them digitally re-opened. Technology is indeed a wonderful thing!



The 2004 College Photo – A Logistical Triumph!

2004 FOOTBALL CAMP

During the First Term vacation 35 players and staff attended the second annual football camp at Bacchus Marsh and Melbourne. Day One of the camp commenced in brilliant sunshine at the Lady Northcote Camp at Bacchus Marsh. Returning players were dismayed to find out that the torturous mountain bike hill climb had been extended by one kilometre! The teamwork displayed by all players on the ride was outstanding, helping and encouraging boys who were struggling or who had mechanical breakdowns. Other activities at the camp included the low and high ropes course, raft building and a wonderful initiatives challenge organised by Mr Bottrill.

On Day Two the group headed for Melbourne. Players trained at Princes Park in preparation for the game the next day against Xavier College.

The group also had the opportunity to watch Carlton train. It was planned to tour the facilities at Optus Oval, however this was derailed by the breaking of the 'Angwin/Norman affair'.

The team enjoyed dinner that evening at Mark's Place in Carlton. The highlight of the evening was an address by Melbourne star and old boy Peter Walsh (SPC 1989-94). Former SPC student Tristan Cartledge (SPC 1998-2002) who is on the Essendon list was also in attendance as were a number of players from our 2003 Premiership team.

On the final day of the camp we were privileged to tour the facilities at North Melbourne with 2003 Director of Football (and current Port Melbourne Coach), Gerard FitzGerald. The boys were able to meet a number of Kangaroos players and were addressed by star player Drew Petrie, a member of the College's 1999 Herald Sun Premiership Team.

Green White & Blue

St Patrick's College Old Collegians Association Inc.



This was an ideal preparation for the culmination of the camp, the clash with football powerhouse Xavier College for the "Howard Clark Cup" (Howard having attended Xavier College from 1979-82 and been a member of 1st XVIII Premier teams).

The game against Xavier was played in perfect conditions. St Pat's were fierce at every contest and played a polished brand of football, winning the game for the second year in a row. Matthew Rosa was in everything and was awarded the best player for the day, receiving a signed football from Steve Alessio, owner of Mark's Place in Carlton.

Match Details

SPC 12-5- 77 def. Xavier College 5-10-40.

Best Players: Matthew Rosa, Nathan Anderson, Dane Bergman, Shaun Grigg, Tom McGrath.

Major Goal Kickers: Jarred Gillies 4, Brendan O'Haire 3.

The camp was again a great experience for all boys involved and established the foundations for another successful season.

THE FINE ART OF RUGBY - A GAME FOR GENTLEMEN!

Following the 2003 World Cup, Rugby Union has well and truly taken St Pat's by storm. Coach Graham Swinton has done a remarkable job in reviving the sport at St Pat's, probably surpassing its glory days at the College in the mid 90s. The squad has been training enthusiastically since Term 4, 2003 and has developed into a disciplined, determined and skilful outfit. Led by Captain Alex Cobden from Colleambally in NSW the team has recorded some impressive results in Division 2 of the VRU Schools Competition. The team defeated Mowbray College 22-0 in its first match and has since had impressive victories over St Kevin's 2nd XV (57-0), Mentone Grammar (55-5) and Melbourne Grammar 2nd XV (46-0).

The team has been afforded the honour of playing a curtain raiser under lights against Marcellin at the VRU's home base at Ashwood. The team are well on track to contest the Division 2 title and with many of the players being in Year 11 can look forward to a bigger year in 2005. Congratulations to all players for the manner in which they have applied themselves to the sport and the manner in which they have represented St Pat's.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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

- James Hughes for playing percussion in the Ballarat Light Opera Company's production of Jesus Christ Superstar.
- David Ranger for raising \$1,660 for the Edmund Rice Day walkathon.
- Joel Parnis, Lachlan Gordon, Ryan Luke and Chris Roache for their starring roles in the Ballarat Light Opera Company's production of Jesus Christ Superstar.
- Gareth Prosser and Dale Rogers for being selected to perform in the Ballarat Lyric Theatre's production of 'Chicago'.
- Josh Hyde received a \$600 student scholarship from the Ballarat Ladies Art Association.
- Josh and James Hughes have been very busy having been involved in the Victorian State Honours Band during the recent term holidays.
- Peter Colbourne has been selected in the squad for the Under 13 School Boys State Cricket team.
- Ryan Herring and Nathan Anderson have been selected in the Victorian Country team for the National Under 18 Football Championships to be played in Adelaide in July.
- Matthew Rosa has also been selected to play in the National Under 18 Championships for Victoria Country. Matt was recently featured in the VFL Weekly Record and is enjoying a great season with the North Ballarat Rebels. He is averaging over 20 possessions per game, having recorded an outstanding 33 possession, eight tackle game against Northern Territory. Both Matt and Ryan have re-located to Ballarat to further their studies and football development with the Rebels and have already made an outstanding contribution to the College with their leadership in boarding, academic studies and sport.
- Shaun Grigg has been selected in the Victorian Country Under 16 team to play in the National Championships in Brisbane in July.
- Daniel Pearson recently had all his dreams come true when he obtained his pilot's licence. Daniel, a Year 11 student had promised to take his Grandmother Josephine Galea as his first passenger - a promise he kept on his maiden flight from the Bacchus Marsh airport.
- Shaun Lyle recently won the 'Medallist of the Year' at the Midland Golf Club, a wonderful effort for a Year 7 student defeating many more experienced competitors.
- Corey Collier has been named in the U/16 boy's squad for Country Victoria in Basketball. Corey will travel to Perth for the National Basketball Titles in July.
- Pat Shaw began his national title campaign in Sydney in May for cycling. Pat will race in the individual pursuit, teams' pursuit and the Madison. If successful, Pat has the chance to compete at the Junior World Titles.

GREEN, WHITE AND BLUE

Official Publication of the OCA

The past months have been a particularly busy period for the OCA Executive as the pavilion appeal gathers momentum, OCA dinners are held at locations around the State and a Cardinal returns to the College - with many of his old boy mates in tow! It was particularly pleasing to welcome many old boys back to the College for the Mass celebrated by Cardinal Pell on May 18, 2004. We look forward to renewing acquaintances at College functions and as we travel the countryside in the not too distant future.

OCA MASS WITH CARDINAL GEORGE PELL (SPC 1949-59)

As noted in *The Shamrock*, the College was honoured to welcome back Cardinal Pell in May. The OCA was particularly pleased that His Eminence found time in his frenetic schedule to celebrate Mass with old boys and friends in the College Chapel. Over 550 people assembled in the Chapel to celebrate Mass - all seated on the renovated pews which complement other restorative work done on the Chapel in recent times. The celebration reinforced that the Chapel is the spiritual home of the College.

The OCA would like to thank all past students, friends and family for making the effort to attend the Mass. Many had travelled long distances to be a part of the celebration. The OCA take great pride in the achievements of all old boys and were pleased to be able to recognise publicly the achievements of Cardinal Pell and Bishop Joseph Oudeman (SPC 1956) who was presented with a gift in recognition of his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane, by OCA President Andrew Watson. The OCA sincerely thanks Cardinal Pell for sharing his time so generously during his visit and for his ongoing support of SPC.



Cardinal Pell joined by 3 Bishops and 16 Old Boy Priests celebrates Mass in the Chapel with members of the College community

REGIONAL DINNERS

On May 25 the OCA held its inaugural dinner in Shepparton. 18 people were in attendance and enjoyed a wonderful meal and some great stories from old boys from a range of different eras. Monsignor Peter Jeffrey recalled some fine stories from the 1940s as did Patrick Crudden. Stories of more recent times were regaled by Andrew Westblade (SPC 1985-87) and David Walker (SPC 1978-83). The dinner was a great success for year one with all in attendance committing to tracking down other old boys from the region for the dinner in 2005 - and yes we will let Leon 'Scrubber' Nolen (SPC 1985-87) attend in 2005!

10, 20, 30 AND 40 YEAR DINNERS

Invitations have been mailed out for these dinners to be held at the College from September-November, 2004 (See back of mail sleeve for full details). If you have not received an invitation directly please contact Sharyn Kennedy on 53 311 688 or skennedy@stpats.vic.edu.au to organise an invitation and to update your contact/alumni details.

These nights are as good as you make them - we will provide a great meal, wine, entertainment, some former staff members and an opportunity to see all parts of the College, the rest is up to you and your peers. So please start to gather up your peers and make sure they are in attendance.

The Class of 1984 led by Julian Prendegast and Anthony Carmody have been hard at work for 12 months to ensure their 20 year reunion is a great success. Please follow their lead and support the OCAs reunion programme.

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 23, 2005. 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.

The significance of the sacrifices our old boys have made for their country is highlighted in the story of the Crawley boys given recently to the College. The story also highlights the compassion of the College in caring for boys from all walks of life.

John (SPC 1962-63) and Paul (SPC 1960-67) Crawley attended the College from St Joseph's Nazareth Boys' Home, Sebastopol. John was tragically killed riding home from the College in 1963. Paul was then in Form 4. He went on to complete matriculation in 1967 and worked as a clerk with the railways whilst saving to attend University the following year. John ended up in the army and was posted to Vietnam in 1969. He was injured by an enemy mine in Phuoc Toy and died two hours later in the Australian Field Hospital, Vung Tua. John was just 21 at the time of his death.

The Honour Boards in the Chapel record his passing, emphasising the importance of these Boards and the importance of officially blessing them and maintaining them as an integral part of our Memorial Chapel.

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 or by returning the flyer included with this edition of *The Shamrock*.

Please round up all your boarding mates and make this a night to remember.

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

OCA MEMBERSHIP: SIGN UP NOW!

This year all past students have received two editions of *The Shamrock* featuring the OCAs Green, White and Blue. This is the last copy of *The Shamrock* you will receive for 2004 unless you join the OCA before August 31, 2004. Taking out membership is simple - just fill out the form on the back of the mail sleeve and mail it or fax it to the Development Office.

Membership is just \$10 per year or a one off life membership fee of \$110 a bargain for four editions of *The Shamrock* per year and the opportunity to attend a host of subsidised reunion functions.

Please support your OCA and join the old boys-today!

OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

Gerard FitzGerald (SPC 1973) has been appointed Victorian Football League (VFL) State Coach for 2004. He will lead the Big V against WA, having coached Victoria to victory over South Australia in 2002. The victory over the Croweaters was the VFLs first victory in 51 years (excluding AFL State of Origin matches). Gerard is currently coaching Port Melbourne and has just been featured in the VFL Record for coaching his 150th match. Fittingly the game was against the North Ballarat Roosters in Ballarat with Port running out victors by 51 points. Gerard's son Tim has also joined the College in Year 9 continuing a strong family tradition with Michael being a boarder at SPC in 2001/2002.

Nick Jones (SPC 1986-91) is teaching Science and PE at another fine Christian Brothers school, St Joseph's College, Geelong. He is living in Waurin Ponds with wife Nerilee and son Max who is 16 months old.

Daryl Smeaton (SPC 1962-67) moved to Canberra in 1967 to join the public service and attend University. He married Laurine in 1971 and has two children, Erin and Luke. He is currently Chief Executive of the Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation after a 30-year career with the Federal Government including seven years as Chief of Staff to two Federal Justice Ministers. He remains a life long Richmond supporter!

Paul Nolan (SPC 1978-83) is happily married with two children in Ballarat. He is Assistant Principal of Redan Primary School. Paul completed his Master of Educational Administration at Australian Catholic University, Aquinas campus in 2003.

John Croft (SPC 1940-47) recently received a phone call and email from Fr Leo Donnelly who is serving in Lima, Peru. Leo and John were classmates during their time at St Patrick's College. Fr Leo has been a dedicated missionary and will be returning to Melbourne in October 2004 for a 5-month stay. During this time he will spend some time with John and his wife Joan at their Heathmont home. Although the pair have corresponded they have not seen each other since the 1940s. They would love to see other old boys from that era during Fr Leo's visit. John can be contacted on johnandjoancroft@dodo.com.au

John recently went on a five week motoring holiday through Queensland and NSW and caught up with a large number of old boys, highlighting the strong bonds that exist between the boys who boarded at SPC in the 1940s. Eugene O'Donoghue (SPC 1939-47) lives in Toowoomba. John spent a night with John Lawler (SPC 1941-44) and wife Mary in Caloundra talking about school days. Noel Lawler (SPC 1946-49) lives at Bongaree on Bribie Island. John and Joan toured Port Maquarie with Brain Noble (SPC 1941-42), dined with Brian Hetherington (SPC 1946-48) in Matraville, Sydney and called in to see a well known teacher from the 40s, Brother John 'Bandy' Boland who is 92 and living in North Turrumurra. What an adventure! If John and Joan go away for 6 months we might have to devote an entire edition of Green, White and Blue to their travels!

Bernard P. Gibney (SPC 1936-40) has written a wonderful letter from his home in Yackandandah detailing his family's century long involvement with the College. Bernard's father (also called Bernard) attended the College from 1905-1906. Bernard's three uncles also attended the College as boarders. His father was a veteran at Gallipoli, Sinai Desert and Bersheeba. Bernard Senior's photo was in the Herald-Sun recently in an article about the Light Horse Brigade that captured Bersheeba. After the war Bernard Snr worked for the State Bank of Victoria, before leaving to open a Stock and Station Agency in Kilmore. Whilst at St Pat's in the late 30s Bernard was 'adopted' by the Hamilton brothers - Jack, Gerald and Frank. This was the start of a lifelong friendship with Jack that lasted until his passing in October, 2003. Bernard's son Peter was a boarder at the College in 1983 and 1984. Peter is currently working at Victoria University and his wife is continuing the CB link being a teacher at St Bernard's College, Essendon. Bernard who had a distinguished career with the Department of Education was deeply saddened by the loss of old friends from Chillengollah East, Fr Pat Farrell and George Wilkinson. He ponders if any other families can trace their involvement with St Pat's back to 1905?

Christopher Targett (SPC 1954-57) was a boarder at the College and went on to complete his medical degree in 1963. He then elected to specialise in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, retiring in 2003 after spending 32 years at the Mercy Hospital for Women in both clinical and administrative capacities. A career highlight was delivering over 5,000 babies in private practice. On a personal level this was matched in recent times by the tag and release of a number of Blue Marlin from his own boat in Bermagui. Christopher is keeping busy with the new challenges of fishing, golf, gardening, bridge and keeping up with his six grandchildren.

Tim Hartigan (SPC 1980-82) was an attendee at our inaugural Bendigo regional dinner in 2002. He has contacted the Office to explain his 2003 absence. Tim was originally from Mia Mia, near Heathcote and boarded at the College. After leaving SPC he worked with the State Bank of Victoria until it was taken over, then commencing with North West Country Credit in Bendigo before moving on to work in the office equipment industry in Bendigo for 10 years. In 2003 he moved to Blackburn to take up a position as Property Manager with the YMCA at College Square, Carlton. College Square is an accommodation complex, catering for up to 1100 students from 50 countries around the world. Tim's wife Allison is working at College Square as a Finance Accountant. Tim and Allison have three children Brodie, Chelsea and Flynn. Tim is still having a hit of cricket with Blackburn CC and had a keen contest recently against 1982 College Captain Michael Baddeley who is playing for Box Hill East CC.

Tim's brother Vincent (SPC 1975-76) is living in North Fitzroy and works for the National Bank as a Senior Operations Manager. According to family the lasting legacy of the Hartigan's time at SPC is that they scoff their food down really fast - something most boarders can probably relate to!

Denis Groves (1954-56) has recently returned to Australia having established the UK office for Programmed Maintenance Services Ltd. He spent three years in the UK. He is currently General Manager, Business Development for Australia and is based in the Melbourne office and resides in Rowville.

Michael Bennett (SPC 1967-69) is a regular at the Deniliquin OCA regional dinner. He has been a maintenance painter at the Deniliquin Hospital since 1983. In his spare time he is Head Trainer for the all conquering Deniliquin Rams who have won the past three premierships in the Murray League. Michael has been married for 29 years and has two sons Brodie and Timothy.

Grant Gray (SPC 1984-85) is residing in Mt Martha and has been married to Bernadine for 14 years. They have three children Zachary, Georgia and Holly. Grant owns an engineering and export company based in Seaford which services local, domestic and Pacific region clients.

Anthony Costigan (SPC 1980-85) has been operating his own business, Reliable Mortgage Services, for the past three years. He specialises in non-conforming home loans - so to quote another major firms catch cry, if the bank says no, contact Anthony on reliable@ncable.net.au. Anthony is married to Gina and they have three daughters, Stephanie, Mia and Sophie.

Brendan Mason (SPC 1979) is living in Mooloolaba and is managing Director of Ems Design, a graphic design and media business. Ems Design won the Sunshine Coast Tourism Award in 2002 for media.

Clinton Young (SPC 2003) has been selected in the Victorian Country Under 18 squad for the 2004 National Championships in Adelaide in July. Clinton, who is working with the College's boarders as a Resident Tutor, has been in good form kicking several bags of five goals for the North Ballarat Rebels.

Brian Hogan (SPC 1944-49) was recently presented with a certificate and badge recognising 50 years of membership of the Knights of the Southern Cross at St Gerard's in Dandenong. Brian was inducted on February 12, 1954 at St Mary's, Ararat.

Paul Salter (SPC 1994-99) is working within the finance sector and is currently residing in Ballarat. He is a professional finance consultant for Savings and Loans Credit Union based at Stockland, Wendouree. He would love to hear from any members of the SPC community - both to catch up on old times or to discuss any finance requirements they may have.

Perhaps not surprisingly to his peers, Matt Martino (SPC 1983-88) has made it to the small screen being a star of the reality TV show, 'The Block'. Matt and partner Jane (who get married on the show) are one of four couples faced with the challenge of renovating a dilapidated flat in Manly. Devotees of the show will recognise some of Matt's St Pat's mannerisms, particularly his sense of humour, spirit of adventure and strong sense of mischief, as revealed by a number of practical jokes on other contestants. With the final results to be known in July all members of the St Pat's community will be hoping that Matt and Jane's flat fetches the highest price at auction and that life beyond 'The Block' approaches something near normality. As reported in Vol. 2, Ed.4 of *The Shamrock* Matt owns and operates 'Lionel's Place', a boutique café in St Kilda. We hope that Matt's busy schedule will allow some time for a visit to the College in the not too distant future.

The Sunday Age Sport section on May 16, contained a wonderful article on the 'Best AFL Stepladders'. It had photos and text on the players standing below the high flyers who have become in their own rights legends of the game. Some of the high flyers included Gary Ablett, Alex Jesaulenko and Royce Hart. Ranked as the Number 9 best stepladder was SPC great Maurie Sheahan (SPC 1920-25). Maurie was a tough, uncompromising full back for Richmond who played 120 VFL games. Maurie played in premierships for the Tigers in 1932 and 1934. The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers notes, 'he had a robust style, but always bumped fairly and usually sent a long relieving kick downfield'. He was certainly fair to legendary South Melbourne footballer Bob Pratt, providing him with a sensational ride to take one of the games most celebrated marks.

John Turner (SPC 1962-65) has had an active involvement in the sport of basketball, being awarded life membership of the Victorian Basketball Referees Association (VRBA) recently in recognition of his outstanding contribution to basketball officiating and administration. He is currently Secretary of the VBRA State Referees Tribunal and has been involved in basketball for 35 years as a referee, referee coach/educator, branch and regional delegate. John's interest in basketball commenced at SPC when the first courts were built on the bitumen next to the Main Hall.

Josh Fahy (SPC 1997-2001) has been selected for the Australian Rowing team to compete for the World Championships to be held in Poland in July. Josh took out the Under 23 Pairs title at the National Championships held at Nagambie in March. He also rows for Melbourne University and was stroke for the Victorian Lightweight fours and eights that both finished second at the National Championships. Josh was thrilled to be chosen to stroke the Lightweight fours which included his long time rowing idol, Anthony Edwards (SPC 1985-90). Josh is quickly forging an impressive reputation in rowing and all members of the rowing club and broader St Pat's community will be eagerly following his progress at the World titles and hoping that he can also become an Olympian at some stage in the future.

Matthew Vogels (SPC 1992-94) married Narelle Kane on October 4, 2003 and then promptly departed on a world tour! Matthew and Narelle are currently working in London and expect to return to Australia in November 2005. Unfortunately Matthew will miss his 10 year reunion dinner in October. His peers will undoubtedly raise a glass or two for him on the night. After leaving SPC Matthew completed a Bachelor of Applied Science-Radiography from Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga. He went on to complete further studies at the University of Brisbane and is a sonographer, specialising in ultra-sounds for women with pregnancy complications. Another chapter of the Vogel's family history will commence next year when youngest brother Dominic commences as a Year 10 boarder.

At the recent old boy drinks at the Clyde in Carlton it was good to catch up with a number of Melbourne based old boys including 2003 College Captain Lachlan Keen, former Rowing Master Matthew Hanlon and Joel Watson from Bacchus Marsh. Also present were two old boys who have regularly been in the best players for North Melbourne Old Boys in the B Grade Amateurs competition, Nick Vogels (SPC 1996-97) and David Brady (SPC 2000-2002). They would love to hear from any old boys looking for a game of footy either this year or in 2005.

John Fogarty (SPC 1976-81) has been appointed CEO of St John of God Hospital, Ballarat. John commenced work on May 10 and has moved to Ballarat from Melbourne with his wife and three children. John has worked in a variety of positions including Project Manager for St John of God Health Care. In this role he has overseen planning for the re-development of hospitals at Geelong, Berwick and Ballarat. St John of God Health Care will celebrate its 90th year in Ballarat in 2005 - many SPC students have graced its halls over the years as a result of sporting injuries and illness and like the wider community recognise its contribution to the Ballarat community. The College looks forward to seeing more of John in the future.



John Fogarty - Newly Appointed CEO of St John of God Health Care, Ballarat

IN SEARCH OF ...

From time to time we are asked to provide contact details of old boys who are looking to catch up with old mates from their era. Due to Federal and State Privacy Legislation we are unable to furnish such information. In many cases we would be unable to provide such details even if it were legal as our records indicate 'address lost' next to over 2,500 old boys. Hence it is vital that you notify the Development Office if you change your mailing details - ideally give us your email address to help us save costs and communicate with you more effectively.

To assist old boys find each other and to enable us to update our records we will publish a list of old boys in each Green, White and Blue, for whom our only record is 'address lost'.

THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IS 'IN SEARCH OF' ...

- **Peter Saxby** - at the request of Peter Naus
- **Class of 1984** - Nicholas Coad, Anthony Cook, Michael Fowler, Gary Gleeson, Charles Hagedorn, Paul Hoye, Paul Ingram, Timothy Martin, Ricky Murphy, Carlos and Eduardo Pertierra, Daniel Ryan, James Slattery and Brendan Watson.

If you can provide updated contact details for any of these old boys please contact Sharyn Kennedy on (03) 53 311688 or skennedy@stpats.vic.edu.au

WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS, BIRTHS, BEREAVEMENTS

SPC Weddings

Farley (SPC 1988-93) - Paul married Leesa Williams on Saturday April 24 at the Loreto College Chapel.

McLean (SPC 1985-90) - Mark and Kate Brown were married in the College Chapel on Saturday April 17.

SPC Engagements

Kennedy - Gerard (SPC 1989-92) to Sandie Merritt, September, 2003.

Moloney - Tim (SPC 1985-87) from Warracknabeal to Kristy Shilling. Tim and Kristy will marry in January, 2005.

Wakefield - Jason (SPC 1986-91) to April Pond, May 2004.

SPC Births

Deutsher - Tim (SPC 1988-91) and Megan are thrilled to announce the arrival of their first daughter Alannah May on May 2, 2004.

Faulkner - Gerard (SPC 1983-88) and Nikki welcomed the arrival of Max Thomas on April 11, 2004.

Flynn - Ronald (SPC 1973-78) and Rosemary were thrilled with the arrival of first daughter Rebekah Faith on March 27, 2004.

Hutchins - Dean (SPC 1988-93) and Melani welcome a baby boy, Bhodi Robert born on January 24, 2004 weighing in at 8 lbs, 10 oz.

Kennedy - Gerard (1989-92) and Sandie welcome Bridie Renae born March 26, 2004 - a sister for Gabbi.

Locke - Andrew (SPC 1985-88) and Sally welcome Remy Grace, a little sister for Fraser and Hunter, born April 19, 2004.

Ryan - Terry (SPC 1979-84) and Rachel are proud to announce the arrival of Bailey Jackson born on May 19, 2004 and weighing in at 9 lb. 6 1/2 oz.

Wilkie - Simon (SPC 1978-82) and Lisa lovingly welcome the arrival of Bonnie Rose on November 27, 2003. A sister for Jake and Ruby.

SPC Deaths

Jack Little (SPC 1936-39) died on his 81st birthday on October 31, 2003. Jack is the brother of Archbishop Sir Frank Little. Jack graduated from medicine in 1947 and worked in a variety of specialist fields including public health, tropical medicines and clinical pathology. He was Director of Anatomical Pathology from 1967-87 at Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane. He was a Foundation member of the Queensland melanoma project (1963-200) and received many awards during his outstanding career including, Distinguished Fellow of the International Academy of Pathologists (1993) and Distinguished Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists (2000). Jack is survived by wife Madeleine, five children and seven grandchildren.

Michael Joseph Murray (SPC 1953-58) passed away at the Calvary Hospital in Canberra on March 20, 2004. Michael came from Carrapooee via St Arnaud and went on to study law at the University of Melbourne following his days as a boarder at St Pat's. Michael worked for a number of government departments in Canberra over several decades. According to long time friend Brian Dillon, Michael had a gift for remembering detail and was an engaging raconteur with an original turn of phrase which contributed to his great popularity amongst his peers. He also had a great faith and continued to work for St Vincent de Paul, a journey that commenced as a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society at St Pat's. Michael enjoyed his time at the College and was proud of his St Pat's heritage.

Vincent Mishkinis (SPC 1938-41) passed away on March 27, 2004. His sons Bernard (SPC 1989-94) and Dominic (SPC 1995-97) also attended the College.

Brian Joseph Walsh (SPC 1943-45) died in Ballarat in the care of his family on May 4, 2004. Brian was a boarder at the College during WW2. His brother Laurie (SPC 1944-45) now lives in Gympie.

Br Pas Alford passed away on April 14, 2004. Br Donald Paschal Alford returned to the Ballarat community late last year after ten years in Connecticut, USA. Br Pas was always a gentle character and was much loved by the St Pat's community, particularly for his work in boarding with juniors 1986-92. He died of pneumonia, a complication of the various treatments he was receiving for advanced cancer.

Cornelius (Con) Crowe passed away on April 4, 2004. Con was father of John (SPC 1964-69) and Bryan (SPC 1967-71) Crowe and grandfather of Steven (SPC 1994-99).

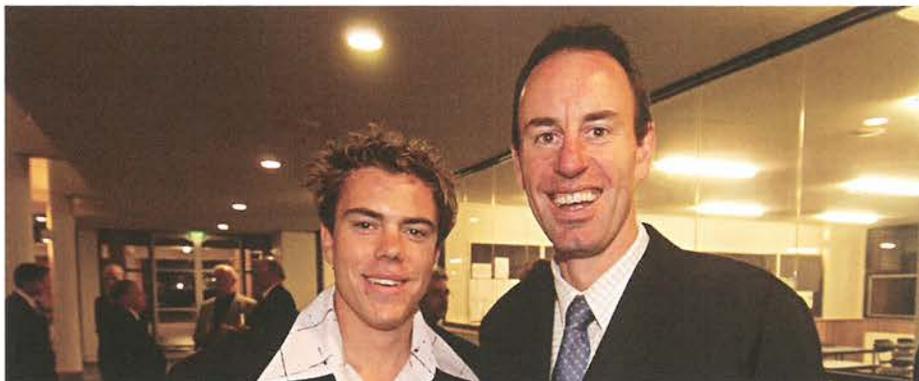
Howley - Elizabeth 'Jean', mother of Peter (SPC 1963-66) passed away on May 27, 2004, aged 87. Jean was a great supporter of the College and keenly followed the progress of Peter and grandsons Chris (SPC 1985-91) and John (SPC 1993-98).

Schonnell - Fred 'Digger', was a long time friend of the College over many years. 'Digger' was a frequent watcher of SPC football and cricket and regularly supported OCA causes. He owned the local sports store and supplied the College for many years, regularly donating a cricket bat to a promising colt or to a century maker. The 1969 College Annual contains a photo of 'Digger' presenting a bat to century maker Peter Bagnall.

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 September 3, 2004. 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



Jarrod Waight and Leon Nolen at the Pavilion Appeal Launch.



Cardinal George Pell and Matt Rosa at the 'Cardinal's Dinner with the Boarders'.



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