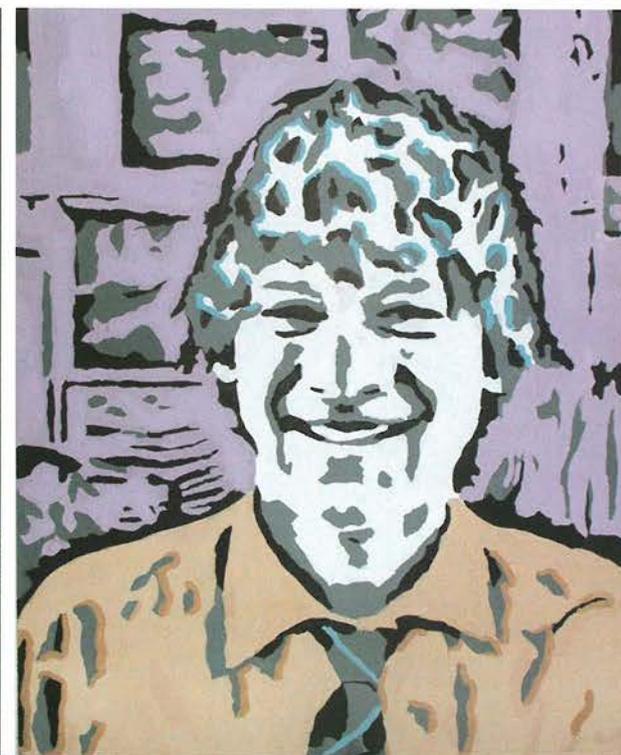
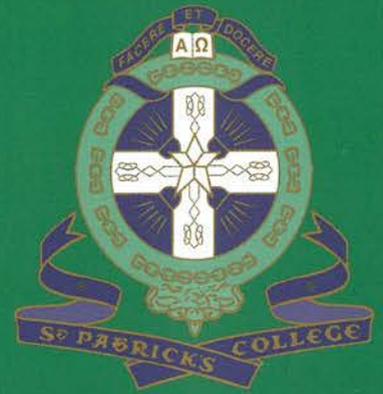


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## WELCOME TO THE THIRD EDITION OF *THE SHAMROCK* FOR 2004.

This edition focuses upon two themes; the pursuit of academic excellence and the significant role of the arts in the life of the College and the opportunities provided to boys to develop skills, compete at state and national level and to explore possible future vocational options. The history of the College has been based upon the pursuit of academic excellence inspired by dedicated and talented teachers at St Patrick's College. The diversity of co-curricular opportunities at St Pat's has ensured that boys have enjoyed their time at the College and have been challenged to achieve their best in all pursuits.

The Arts have always been greatly valued at the College and we are proud of the rich tradition current students inherit in areas such as music, art and performing arts. As renowned art historian Ruskin notes, "great nations write their autobiographies in three manuscripts, the book of their deeds, the book of their words, and the book of their art. Of the three, the only trustworthy one is the last".

## FROM THE HEADMASTER Honouring Academic Excellence

Recently we invited each College Dux with whom we have been able to maintain contact to a dinner in the College Dining room. Dr Mark O'Brien (Dux 1930) and Bill Fogarty (1936) were the oldest in attendance and Mason Clarke-Jones (2002) and Damien Barnett (2003) the most recent. The duces' careers have been diverse but they were keen to share their memories of St Patrick's College, and its role in shaping their opportunities in life. Hot topics for the night were the influence of particular Christian Brothers like Br McCann, Br Purton and Br O'Malley, lay staff like Jack Morrissey, Joe Phyland and Peter Farley, and the support the College offered when times were tough for families.

The need for winning free places at University, government scholarships and various bursaries was standard for many of our best students because of depressed rural conditions and their family's lower socio-economic standing. As a College that maintains an inclusive enrolment, this may be something we will return to with the relative scarcity of government support for tertiary study, the growth of HECS debt, and the increasing competition for many courses both prestigious and pedestrian.

As I have said before, we as a College and a system have done so well in the past that many of our ex-students can now afford to look beyond Catholic schools for their own children's education to high-fee, non-government, non-Catholic schools. We market ourselves as a Catholic school first and foremost and stand to be judged by what we achieve with the boys who enrol. While we maintain our inclusive enrolment policy, many of our students rather than seeking University places will complete Years 10, 11 or 12 and join the workforce, take up apprenticeships, seek technical and further education in TAFE institutions and become great contributors to the common wealth.

Statistically these young men will not add to the 40+ study scores and, percentage-wise, they will detract from any 'league tables' published in the press. But they are integral to the nature of St Patrick's College where from 1893 boys have come off the farm or rural community, from the local school which finished at Year 8 or 10. They may have only stayed with us a year or three but they have been part of the fabric of the College. I believe that we are called to cater for a diverse population and that each student has his potential to fulfil and excel. We should be judged on the outcomes of all of our students; completing VCE for one may be as significant personally as an ENTER score of 99.95 for another.

With this continuing broad enrolment spectrum it is more important than ever that we work with each other and with every student to identify and develop individual talents, interests and aptitudes.

Dr Mark O'Brien, who is bordering on his 91st birthday, commented on the significance of being invited to a St Patrick's College function that recognised academic achievement. In recent years we have been recognised for emphasising student leadership, social justice, sporting prowess and the arts. It was sobering to have this doyen of the College perceive the emphasis on academic pursuits being put before our student body represented by the Year 12 Council at the dinner. This matter was the substance of a recent discussion on the place of badges within the College. We had agreed that badges should be awarded for leadership and longevity of service in student activities. These recognitions seemed to cover every facet of student life except study. It was then proposed that the dux of each class from Year 7 to 11 be presented with a badge which he would be entitled to wear for the following year as a recognition of excellence, an idea that I am pleased to endorse.

## Honouring Diversity

Elsewhere in *The Shamrock* you will read of the exploits of a number of our students in the arts. Sometimes in a boys' school, just as it is difficult to be seen to achieve academically, so too it is difficult to make a name for oneself and win respect with one's peers if your area of giftedness is in the Arts. At the same time we have to ward off predators who would entice these students elsewhere. As I say, all students deserve good schools and I always wish our students well if they believe that their needs will be better met elsewhere. My stated aim is to make St Pat's the best school we can be within our finite resources, but unashamedly I sell it as a Catholic school, for boys. The onus on us is to make sure that boys of all talents feel welcome, recognised and valued. So well done to our staff who work to develop the talents in the Arts, and congratulations to those boys who have been recognised individually and collectively for their gifts. They bring colour to our lives.

Kind Regards  
Peter M Casey

## JOSHUA HYDE 2004 Mars Young Performer of the Year

Joshua Hyde of Year 12 stamped himself as a prodigious musical talent winning the 2004 Mars Young Performer of the Year in June. Competition for the prestigious title was fierce underlying the depth of talent amongst the region's youth. The final involved 12 competitors who had progressed through preliminary heats to be selected to participate in the final.

Joshua, on alto saxophone, performed two contrasting works to an outstanding level to be announced the winner. Joshua is Music Captain, a member of the Senior Concert and Stage bands and is completing VCE Solo Performance as a part of his studies. Congratulations to Joshua on this outstanding achievement. Joshua was rewarded with a performance grant and was also showcased as part of the Ballarat Art Gallery's Concert Series. Josh delighted the packed crowd in attendance with a mature and polished musical performance. It is hoped that Josh's achievements inspire and encourage other students to follow in his footsteps to ensure the outstanding results that the music programme at the College is currently achieving are further enhanced.

## MUSIC AT SPC Geelong Eisteddfod

In August all three bands competed in the prestigious Geelong Eisteddfod. The Junior Band did extremely well and received an Honourable Mention, the first time they have achieved a placing in this competition. Well done to the boys and to Mrs Roberts. Both the Stage Band and Senior Concert Band were awarded second place in their respective sections. This was a good opportunity for the boys to perform under competition conditions and is an excellent lead up to the extremely competitive Royal South Street Competitions.

## Melbourne School Bands Festival

The Junior and Senior Concert Bands travelled to Monash University to perform in the Melbourne School Bands Festival. Due to the large number of bands entered, the festival lasts a number of weeks. The Junior Band, which has been working hard over the last few months, performed very well and received a Merit Award for Participation. Congratulations to Mrs Roberts and the boys.

The Senior Concert Band has also been working extremely hard this year and has really fine-tuned its performance, improving every time it plays. The boys played both a very polished technical performance as well as a very entertaining one, and were awarded a Gold Shield for an outstanding musical performance. This is a wonderful achievement and is a credit to the dedication of the group. The College have been attending this festival for five years and this is the second time they have won the prestigious Gold Shield.

## ART WEEK

During the second week of September members of the SPC community were invited to attend sessions at the College as part of the annual Art Week celebrations. Parts of the College were transformed by a kaleidoscope of sights and sounds with a broad range of student art on display. Those in attendance enjoyed a range of artistic mediums including studio art, graphic designs, musical performances, short films from media students and plays and recitals from students of drama. Art Week clearly highlighted the diverse range of talents within the College and the breadth of opportunities for boys to achieve personal excellence within the arts. One of the major attractions was the 'Arts Walk' within the Little Building. The Arts faculty are extremely grateful to the Parents and Friends Association who purchased ten re-mountable frames and a gallery framing system for the Little Wing. Presently a collection of self-portraits are on display.

## FRONT COVER

2004 Mars Young Performer of the Year Joshua Hyde.

The Senior Concert Band entertain parents in the Wilding Wing

Sanjay de Silva - "Self Portrait"

The Class of '64: Pat Armstrong, Gerard Ryan, Jim Moran, Frank Rice, Michael Martin and Don Callahan.

## ART IN THE WILDING WING



Peter Blizzard Sculpture: 'Aspiration'

One of the most attractive features of the Wilding Wing is the use of light and open spaces. This is the perfect setting for the sculpture commissioned by the 2003 Student Council which adds another very special dimension to this impressive building. The 2003 Student Council sought to capture in sculpture something of the four pillars of SPC. The Councillors negotiated with Peter Blizzard who designed the highly acclaimed Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial in the Botanic Gardens precinct in Ballarat.

The work has been paid for by the Year 12 Council through proceeds from the Drinks Vending Machine operated by the Council. The work, 'Aspiration', is the outcome of many discussions between the College and Peter Blizzard who was most impressed by the students' appreciation of art and commitment to the College. The base stone is Port Fairy Basalt (bluestone) from the same site as the Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial stone. The smooth rock is a river boulder from the Lerderberg Gorge, Bacchus Marsh region. The top stone is a sedimentary rock from the Kimberley. The Triangle is brass and the curved uprights are steel.



College Drummer James Hughes



Staff member James Maddocks plays keyboard at the Mars Young Performer of the Year concert at the Ballarat Fine Art Gallery



Headmaster Dr Peter Casey, John Fogarty, CEO St John of God Health Care and Year 10 Coordinator Fiona Carroll at the Year 10 Careers Night



Ms Karen Lukin and students launch Book Week 2004



BAS Grand Final action: SPC v Ballarat and Clarendon College



VCE Unit 4 Food Technology work requirements



Peter Howley explains the challenges of Physiotherapy at the Year 10 Careers Night



Author Scot Gardner entertains Year 8 students as part of Book Week celebrations



Year 12 students on Retreat in Melbourne



St Pat's supporters cheer through another goal!

### A general interpretation from Peter Blizzard reads as follows:

The sculpture "Aspiration" is based on ideas related to FAITH, TRADITION, EXCELLENCE and JOY, the four pillars of St Patrick's College. I have used symbols which I have created and symbols that already exist in our understanding, in an effort to express visually a sense of FAITH, TRADITION, EXCELLENCE and JOY.

The triangle which the structure of the sculpture is built upon is easily understood as a symbol for the TRINITY. The Trinity is an existing symbol of FAITH and part of the ongoing TRADITIONS within the teachings of the Catholic Church.

The idea of JOY is expressed by the visual configuration of the overall sculpture. The position of the two vertical carving uprights visually relates the sculpture to the raising of arms above the head as an expression of JOY - happiness and exultation. The reflex action of raising the arms above the head as an expression of JOY exists in all cultures around the world.

Brass has been used as a means of expressing "Excellence". Brass, Bronze and Gold have been associated with EXCELLENCE in craftsmanship around the world and have been used as a medium to express ideas about spiritualism in most cultures.

This sculpture is to create a sense of the spirit of place: a place of Joy, of Faith, of Tradition and of the pursuit of Excellence.

The Student Council is extremely grateful for support provided to the College by Peter and trusts that this sculpture will be a lasting source of inspiration for all Senior School students at the College for generations to come.

### PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING

Debating and Public Speaking continue to grow in prominence at the College with more boys taking up the challenge of developing their skills and confidence.

The Debating Association of Victoria (DAV) competition has finished for the year with St Patrick's College A Grade, Team 2 (Christopher Hinchcliffe, David Lambert, Michael Tolhurst, Tom Andrews and Andrew Cook combining for the final debate) holding on until the wire - only to be defeated in the final round by 3 points.

The Year 11 team finished the round with a convincing win. It was a particularly entertaining debate, which our B Grade Team (Robert Fry, David Hall and Andrew Menegazzo speakers on the night and Camron Johnson assisting with research) won convincingly.

A highlight of the season was the performance of Chris Hampson who was awarded the prestigious Swanee Award as the best speaker in his grade in this region. Chris will be attending MLC in mid-September to be presented with the award. At the same time the State Swanee Award, for which he is a contender, will be presented. This is a tremendous accolade for a young man with loads of natural talent, who supports it with equal amounts of hard work.

The Royal South Street competitions were conducted in August. Ben Shepherd was delighted to be awarded second place in the Best Speaker Award for Year 11 and 12, at the completion of the final debate.

Once again a busy and challenging programme that encourages our boys to speak out and be heard!

### TRISTAN'S GIFT FOR WRITING

Year 8 student Tristan Dodds has won first prize in the 'In Search of Dragons' Creative Writing Competition organised by the Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children. Tristan won the Under 13-15 section of the competition with his creative writing piece titled; 'How do you know if you're a Dragon?' There were over 1200 entries in Tristan's section and the quality of competition was extremely high. Tristan was presented with his award at a Gala Function at the Melbourne Convention Centre as part of the 2004 Australian Gifted Conference. Tristan's work was also displayed as part of the three-day conference.

### BOOK WEEK 2004

Celebrated author Scot Gardner was the major attraction of Book Week festivities at the College's Library in August. Scot is an animated storyteller, appealing particularly to teenage boys with his humorous stories and his skilful didgeridoo playing. Engaging boys in reading is seen as one of the key challenges for schools in educating boys within an increasingly technological environment.

Scot is a real life character who connected with SPC students through his use of humour and writings about the Australian environment. He lists his occupations as home dad, truck driver, musician, youth worker, masseuse and landscape gardener - and author! His first novel for young adults was One Dead Seagull. This was followed up by the highly acclaimed White Ute Dreaming and subsequent novels Burning Eddy, The Legend of Kevin the Plumber and The Other Madonna. His visit was greatly enjoyed by students and staff alike and reinforces for boys the importance of developing reading skills, both for vocational pursuits and as a relaxing and rewarding pastime.

### COLLEGE DUCES REUNION DINNER, 2004

On Saturday August 28 some of the College's finest minds gathered for a reunion of old boys who have had the distinction of being recognised as Dux of the College. The Duces were joined by members of the current Student Council in a celebration of the rich academic traditions of St Patrick's. It was a great experience for students, past staff members and ducers to meet and discuss the tie that binds them all together; being part of the tradition of academic excellence created at St Pat's by students from all walks of life, whose lives have been positively influenced by gifted and talented educators and supportive families.

The stories of Dr Mark O'Brien (Dux 1931) and Bill Fogarty (Dux 1936) certainly inspired the students of today. Borne from the adversity of the depression years was a fierce determination to achieve academic excellence. Both men were able to secure academic scholarships to continue their education beyond St Patrick's and create vocational opportunities that enabled them to enjoy highly successful and decorated careers. Key themes ran through their life stories - hard work, overcoming adversity and a fierce desire to succeed. The challenges facing our current Year 12s have certainly changed but are no less daunting. Finding their way within an increasingly technical and uncertain age will certainly be challenging however the key tenets of both ducers' speeches should provide them with the motivation and confidence to realise a similar level of academic performance. Other guests in attendance included cardiologist Boniface Chan (1989), eye surgeon Guy Bylisma (1990) and graduate engineer Anthony Sunter (1999).

Whilst Leon Doyle (1979) was not able to be in attendance his letter of apology contained a few thoughts that sum up the spirit and commitment of our ducers and provides some salient lessons for current students. 'Your invitation stirred up a few memories from my SPC days and from 1979 in particular. We had a very good year in many respects. I was fortunate to be dux with a HSC score of 381 followed by College Captain, Dan Flynn on 373. The next 10 or so students had scores which would have gained them entry to any tertiary course of their choosing. We had 94 HSC students including 43 boarders. 'It was with much sadness that I heard of Br Noonan's recent death. He was an inspirational teacher who taught us to think critically and to revel in fine literature. He shifted our interests from 3XY and The Sun to The Australian and 3LO. He introduced us to Phillip Adams and John Clarke. Three of my teachers had been HSC examiners and we came to understand the mindset of examiners very well. In addition to doing past exams we pored over examiners reports from previous years and became familiar with what was expected of us and the elements of top quality papers. 'One of the very healthy aspects of our year involved our group attitude. We gave up competing with each other and saw ourselves as competing with other students and schools around the State. This resulted in a very supportive and encouraging atmosphere. Students and teachers worked together. It was like a shared vision. We were not allowed to become complacent in our results or our efforts. 'The bar was continually being raised. Weeks out from our final exams, Brother Miller would still raise his eyes Heavenward and groan "This is indeed a mathematical cesspool!" We prepared ourselves in different ways for exams. Mark Elliott, now a senior commanding officer in Iraq, used to recite his chemical elements and formulae to his pet dog.

### PHOTO GALLERY

Brother Peter 'Ace' Cole, in previous years, led his classes in raucous war cries prior to entering the exam rooms. My Dad said rosaries for me on the tractor! 'I remain very grateful to St Pats. I had a terrific all round education. Values were instilled. We were encouraged to work hard and try and do our best in all our endeavours. We had dedicated staff and Brothers around us who opened our eyes to our potential and helped us in many ways. I can still recollect comments made to me by certain Brothers and teachers which had a real impact on my life'.

The challenge for our current students remains to do their best in all endeavours. As teachers, parents and friends that is all we can ask of boys. The dinner continues the cycle of reunion dinners for some of our notable achievers. In 2003 we gathered with College Captains and in 2005 it is planned to have a reunion for all past Purton Orators - we may have to make this a luncheon and dinner to accommodate speeches from some of our most noted public speakers!

### PLANS FOR OPENING OF WILDING WING

On Friday October 8 the Br W.J. Wilding Senior School Building will be officially opened by the Premier of Victoria, the Honourable Steve Bracks (SPC 1968-71). The building will also be blessed by College Patron, Bishop of Ballarat, Peter Connors. Br Wilding will also be in attendance as part of the official party. Future building works to be completed as part of the College's Building Master Plan will ensure that all students in the future have the opportunity to enjoy first class teaching and learning facilities. Whilst buildings will always be secondary to quality teaching practice, students and staff have greatly appreciated the opportunity to learn in some of the finest educational facilities in Victoria.

The College greatly appreciates the effort of Premier Bracks to be present at the opening which marks the successful completion of Stage 1 of the College's Building Master Plan.

### FATHER'S DAY MASS

On Friday September 3, 180 people gathered for the annual Father's Day Mass and Breakfast at the College. Mass was celebrated by Fr Bill Van der Camp and involved a number of past and current students, parents and staff members. The Mass and Breakfast have become a very special College tradition providing families with an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the special bond that exists between fathers and sons. It has been great to see students share the morning with fathers, grandfathers and other significant males, all of whom provide great love, friendship and play a special role in shaping boys lives. Thank you to our Catering team led by Tracey Downes who did a wonderful job in feeding fathers and sons so quickly, enabling them all to move on to school or work without having to get a late pass from Mrs Fanning!

### OLYMPIANS

The games of the XXVIII Olympiad have come and gone and have been universally recognised as a tremendous success and a wonderful celebration of the pursuit of athletic excellence. Two St Patrick's College past students played key roles in Australia's most successful Olympic campaign ever, contributing to the success of the rowing team.

Anthony Edwards (SPC 1985-90) rowed superbly with the Men's Lightweight Fours to win a Silver Medal. The medal complements Anthony's bronze medal won at the Sydney games and was a fantastic way to end his rowing career, Anthony going into retirement at the end of the games. It will be a busy time ahead for Anthony with an impending wedding and the challenge of defeating St Pat's at the 2005 Head of the Lake in his role as Director of Rowing at Ballarat Grammar. We wish him well with his wedding!

Chris O'Brien (SPC 1980-85) has coached the gold medal pair of James Tomkins and Drew Ginn for the past two years and has played an integral role in their Olympic success. Chris and father Kevin played a major role in the resurgence of rowing at the College coaching the 1990 'Drought Breaker' crew (which coincidentally included Anthony Edwards) to victory in the Head of the Lake, ending a losing streak of 37 years and establishing the foundations of the strong and successful programme that are still in evidence today. Well done to Anthony and Chris upon their outstanding Olympic achievements.

### THE PAVILION APPEAL Bringing the OCA Dream to Fruition.

In May Cardinal George Pell on behalf of the Old Collegians Association (OCA) launched the Appeal to raise \$500,000 to enable the construction of a pavilion to overlook the Main Oval at St Pat's. The pavilion will have a multitude of educational, sporting and social uses and will become an integral part of the College's Middle School programme. The Appeal is progressing very well with in excess of \$300,000 raised to date. If we can continue to maintain this momentum we should be in a position to construct the pavilion in late 2005. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated and will assist the Appeal team in bringing this exciting project to fruition. All donations are tax deductible and can be made by using the flyer included with this edition of The Shamrock or by contacting the Development Office.

The OCA and the St Patrick's College community would like to thank the following people and businesses who have donated to the appeal to date. Their outstanding support and generosity have given the appeal great momentum and provided the Appeal Committee with optimism that construction of the pavilion can commence in 2005. As all funding for the project needs to come from the OCA the support of donors is essential and greatly appreciated.

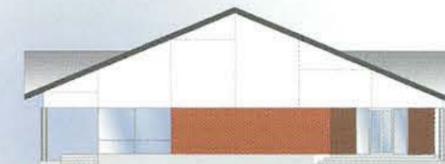
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## FOOTBALL BAS Premiers and Champions 2004!

The St Patrick's College 1st XVIII continued the proud tradition of football at the College with a hard fought win in the BAS Grand Final against arch rival Ballarat & Clarendon College. The game had promised to be a titanic struggle and nobody in attendance was let down. BCC had been talking up their chances believing that the 50th anniversary of their historic win against St Pat's would provide the motivation their team needed to defeat the boys in the green, white and blue. In 1954 the Ballarat College team ended St Pat's unbeaten 49 year run of victories, denying the College of its aim of winning 50 BPSA titles straight.

In good conditions history counted for nothing as both teams attacked the ball with ferocity and showed great skills in what many experienced football judges believe was one of the best games of school boy football played on the College's Main Oval. BCC jumped St Pat's and were 3-3 before SPC had scored. Two late goals to St Pat's steadied the team and they then proceeded to play excellent team football after quarter time, getting out to a three goal break mid second quarter and were never again headed in the game.

Despite eventually running out 22-point winners the game ebbed and flowed and 10 minutes into the last quarter BCC got within 4 points. Inaccurate kicking certainly cost BCC however much of this can be attributed to the fierce defensive pressure applied by St Pat's. Ryan Herring was sensational at centre half forward pulling down many strong marks and providing numerous contests bringing the ball to ground for running players such as Brent Olszewski, Marcus Spiteri, Steve Clifton and inspirational Captain Chris Banwell. Matthew Rosa showed his silky skills and poise under pressure kicking four goals. Nathan Anderson playing with great pain from a badly injured ankle was impassable across centre half back and was greatly supported by Dane Bergman, Fred Saunders and the determined Sam Jess who took the points against his much taller opponent.

The victory was a credit to the players and the coaching staff led by Howard Clark who have developed the skills and characters of the players and inspired the boys to play for each other and the College they love. Congratulations must go to Ballarat and Clarendon College for the skilful and intense way they played.

### Match Details

**SPC 13 -2 -80 def. BCC 8-10-58.**

**Goals:** Matt Rosa 4, Ryan Herring 3, Marcus Spiteri 2, Ash George 2, Chris Banwell and David Ronan 1.

**Best Players:** Ryan Herring, Matt Rosa, Chris Banwell, Brent Olszewski, Marcus Spiteri, Nathan Anderson, Dane Bergman, Fred Saunders and Sam Jess.



The Premiers!

## JOHN JAMES MEDAL NIGHT

The John James Medal Night is the College's equivalent of the Brownlow Medal and recognises one of the College's finest athletes, 1961 Brownlow medallist John James. John was an amazing school boy athlete once kicking 35 goals in a 1st XVIII game against Ballarat High School. The night recognises the many boys and staff who participate in the College's football programme and features several awards including the John James Medal for the Best Player in the BAS Grand Final and the Br WT O'Malley Best and Fairest Trophy - Br O'Malley being recognised as the College's greatest ever football coach and instilling the spirit that still lives on within all SPC football teams today.

Guest Speaker on the Night was Richmond legend Barry Richardson (SPC 1961-64) who actually won the first Br O'Malley Best and Fairest Trophy. Barry was College Captain in 1964, played 125 games with Richmond, including three Premierships. He is also a leading Physiotherapist and spoke eloquently to the boys about days at St Pat's and the importance of balance in life, in particular the need to strive for excellence in academic studies and all other areas of life.

### Details of Awards

**1st XVIII Awards**  
**Br WT O'Malley Best and Fairest Trophy** Nathan Anderson and Brent Olszewski.  
**John James Medal** Ryan Herring.  
**North Ballarat Rebels MVP** Ryan Herring and Matthew Rosa.  
**Most Promising Year 10 Player (1st XVIII)** Shaun Grigg

### Other Awards

**2nd XVIII**  
**Greg Dowd Memorial Best and Fairest Trophy** Beau Mikus  
**Year 10 Jim Toohey Memorial Best Player Award** Dominic Morrison  
**Year 9 Best Player Award** Nathan Brown  
**SPC 1 Year 7/8 Best Player** Will Young  
**SPC 2 Year 7/8 Best Player** Alec Wiltshire  
**SPC 3 Year 7/8 Best Player** Sam Harrison

## NATIONAL LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES

A number of the College's Senior Footballers represented Vic Country in the Under 15, 16 and 18 National Championships in 2004. Representatives were:

**Under 18:** Matthew Rosa, Ryan Herring and Clinton Young (SPC 2003)

**Under 16:** Matthew Tyler, Shaun Grigg and Justin Hardy

**Under 15:** Ryan Gurton and Nathan Barnes.

Whilst all boys performed well at the respective carnivals special mention must be made of the efforts of Matthew Tyler (Year 11) and Shaun Grigg (Year 10) who were named members of the All-Australian Team following the Under 16 Championships. This automatically qualifies the boys for an Australian Institute of Sport Scholarship and a trip to Ireland to take on the Irish Under 16 Gaelic Football Team in a three match International Rules Series. The boys timing has been superb and we will look forward to a postcard and detailed report from the Emerald Isle in 2005!

Following the 2004 TAC Cup season Matthew Rosa and Clinton Young have been selected to attend the National Draft Camp to be held in Canberra in October. The draft camp is a lead up to the National Draft and players are invited if five or more AFL clubs request their presence at the camp. Ryan Herring and Nathan Anderson will attend the Victorian Draft camp in October having had between one and four clubs nominate them as a player of interest. Matt was also selected in the prestigious TAC Cup "Team of the Year" for 2004. Congratulations to all boys on an outstanding season 2004 - we hope that their numbers are called on draft day in November.

## RUGBY Progressing in Leaps, Bounds and Goose Steps!

The St Patrick's College 1st XV Rugby team ended its first season back in the VRUA Schools Competition with a spirited win over Carey Grammar.

The development of the squad throughout the season has been remarkable and is testament to the outstanding coaching of staff Graham Swinton and Michael Kerr and specialist assistance from parents such as

Tom O'Caine - Tom has recently donated a scrum machine to the College that will greatly assist with the development of players in years to come.



1st XV Rugby Players James Kerr, Young Won Lee and Sean Liston try out the new scrum machine kindly donated by Mr Tom O'Caine.

In the play off for fifth place in the State Rugby Championships the St Patrick's College 1st XV returned to Trinity Grammar to take part in finals day, involving 29 teams from 15 schools and over 500 players. With family and friends watching on enthusiastically, Brennan Walsh kicked off and the game began. Facing difficult opposition the scores remained nil all deep into the half. In this time the play spent a while in St Pat's defensive half until Alex Cobden set the ball rolling with a try. From there on momentum was sustained and Richard Maher and James Wallace both scored runaway tries, both of which were converted by Richard Maher.

By this stage in the game, due to the mud, the only way to discern friend from foe was by the bright yellow collars and numbers of Carey. The St Pat's boys became increasingly fatigued with the size and condition of the field favouring Carey. The boys from Carey weaved their way back into the game and scored try after try, almost steamrolling to victory, but through the exceptional efforts of many boys, in particular Richard Maher, they just fell short when the final whistle blew.

This was a fantastic team effort and a great way to end the season. In 2005 it is planned to introduce an Under 16 team to maintain this momentum and ensure the long term future of the sport at the College.

## JASON DYER The Quiet Achiever

The incredible rise of Jason Dyer continues with the quiet, unassuming Year 10 student continuing to take all before him in the demanding sport of Taekwondo. Jason competed at the 2004 Victorian State Junior Taekwondo Championships at the State Sports Centre in Melbourne in August. He contested the Under 18 Black Belt, Bantamweight division of full contact Olympic sparring and finished in third place to receive the bronze medal. Jason progressed through the preliminary matches dominating his opponents with a skilful display of Taekwondo. He came up against the current Australian Champion in the semi-final, this was a tough and very tactical bout. The bout was very close throughout and the final score was 1 - 2, Jason losing by one point.

The following day Jason contested the Victorian State Senior Championships, he was nursing some bruises and a swollen black eye from the previous day but this did not deter him from competing. Jason contested the Under 54kg division and finished in second place to receive the silver medal. The final match against 25 year old Omar Gawaraz from Melbourne's Olympic Taekwondo Centre was brilliant with Jason going down by one point, 7 - 8, being the final score. Jason showed strength and skill way beyond his sixteen years of age and was equally competitive throughout the match. Jason's recent trip to Korea and Malaysia to challenge International fighters has enabled him to take the next step in his very promising Taekwondo career. As a result of these Championships Jason will now represent Victoria at the upcoming Australian National Taekwondo Championships in Perth, Western Australia next month. Jason will compete in both Junior and Senior State teams.

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## CROSS COUNTRY

Season 2004 was a very mixed one for the College. Whilst the boys showed flashes of inspiration and dedication it was not enough to overcome the commitment and talent of Ballarat Grammar who have greatly raised the standard of their athletics and cross country in recent times. SPC won the BAS Cross Country but were runners up to Grammar in the Lap of the Lake and Road Relays.

Round One of the season was the Lap of the Lake, conducted in cold and windy conditions. With limited preparation the team looked poised to do well. In the Junior section first runner home over the 4km distance was Matt Gillett in 10th position. In the Intermediate section we also had five runners home in the top 15 places, with Ash Coxall running hard to be our first runner home in 5th position. In the Senior section, Captain Robert Boadle ran a great time of 19m 34sec to gain 2nd place and was neck and neck with his Grammar opponent right to the line, but was unfortunately pipped on the line by only one second. The aggregate results from the Lap of the Lake were as follow:

	Points	Placing
Junior	63	2nd
Intermediate	45	2nd
Senior	53	2nd
<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>2nd</b>

Round Two of the Cross Country season was held through hilly terrain at Damascus College where freezing winds, mud and rain were the order of the day. All SPC runners pushed through the mud and the rain to capture the Boys Aggregate pennant and the Senior Boys Aggregate. Outstanding performances on the day came from Ash Coxall (3rd Intermediate) who is starting to receive the benefits of some good solid training. Rob Boadle (2nd Senior) led the way for the seniors. After overcoming a fall through the bush and losing 100 metres on his competitors, Rob managed to fight hard to regain the lead, eventually losing in a sprint finish. All boys are to be congratulated on their fantastic efforts.

The final round of the BAS Cross Country season was the Road Relays. Our Junior team consisting of Ryan and Scott Berg, Matt Gillett and Sam Harrison came across the line in third place. The Intermediate team of Daniel Currie, Ash Coxall, David Ranger and Simon Hepworth came in second and the Senior team of Rob Boadle, Ethan O'Brien, Tom Arthurson and Alex Joosten also came in second, again behind eventual winners Ballarat Grammar School.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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

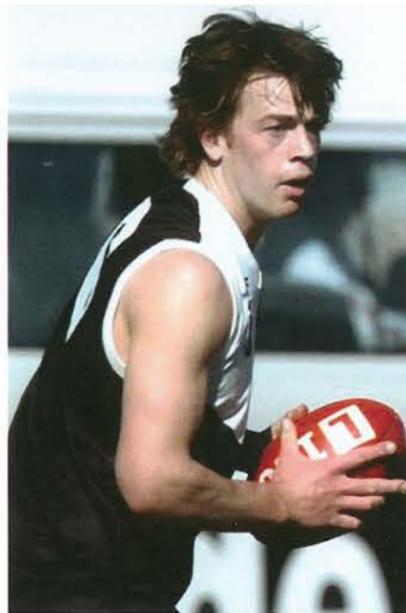
- James Kerr and Andrew Carey have been selected to represent the College at the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra in January 2005.
- Eamon Coughlan won the Victorian Championship for Irish Dancing.
- Patrick Shaw has been selected in the Australian Cycling team to compete in the Junior World Championships in Verona, Italy in October 2004.
- Corey Collier for his selection in the Australian National Under 16 Team for Basketball.
- Ryan Gurton for winning the Ballarat Football League (BFL) Goal Kicking Award and the Robert Allen Medal for the player voted by the opposition coaches as having the most potential in Under 15.
- Rylie Garland for winning the BFL Under 15 Best and Fairest award.
- Simon Ward, Year 11 for winning the BFL Under 16 Best and Fairest award for the second year running. Simon also won the BFL Under 16 Robert Allen Medal.
- Ashley Jones tied with Ryan Gurton in the BFL Under 15 goal kicking award.

- Jarred Gillies, Alex Cobden, Brennan Walsh and Malcolm Pylanda were selected to play in the Chairman's XV to play visiting school Dulwich College, England in a game at Marcellin College in August, 2004.

- Year 10 students Brendan Harding, Tristan Lambert, Dom Cocomozza, James Harrison and Michael Ferguson assisted by Mr John Cosgriff and Dr Mark Padgham took out first place in the Deakin University Year 10 Mathematics Competition, a statewide competition held in August.



BFL trophy winners Rylie Garland and Simon Spencer (Kind permission The Courier)



SPC Football Vice Captain and Rebels star Ryan Herring (Kind permission The Courier)

## GREEN, WHITE AND BLUE Official Publication of the OCA

Members of the OCA Executive have been particularly busy over the past few months working with members of the Appeal Committee team to raise funds for the Main Oval pavilion. The project is progressing very well with over \$300,000 in pledges received to date. We are well on the way to achieving our target of \$500,000 and hope to be in a position to commence building in July 2005. Please consider supporting the appeal, all amounts are most gratefully accepted and are fully tax deductible. Your donations will be greatly assisting current students through the provision of a much need flexible learning space, but will also provide the College's first facility recognising the outstanding achievements of old boys. In time it will become a home for all old boy memorabilia and functions and will be a wonderful gathering place for reunions, sporting occasions and other celebrations.

One of the main drivers of the OCA Pavilion project has been our current President Andrew Watson (SPC 1982-87). Andrew, soon to become Dr Watson when he completes his Doctoral Thesis later this year has shown tremendous vision in his role and has been active in supporting the College in its positive efforts in re-claiming our patrimony as one of the nations finest boys educational organisations. Andrew has also been busy in this undertaking as the Head of the College's Senior (Year 10-12) School. In July Andrew was appointed Principal at Mercy Regional College, Camperdown. Whilst he will be greatly missed at SPC we are all extremely proud of his achievement and wish him well with his new and exciting role. Thankfully Camperdown is not too far away and Andrew has agreed to remain at the helm of the OCA until the Pavilion project is completed. Congratulations and best wishes Andrew.

## REGIONAL DINNERS

Regional dinners have been held in Horsham, Deniliquin and Warrnambool over the past three months. The Warrnambool Dinner is always a great occasion with many old boys and partners attending the dinner at the Warrnambool Football Club. The south-west has been a wonderful region supplying the College with a large number of academics, sports stars and students that have gone on to serve as Priests and Brothers.

Special mention must be made of Brian (SPC 1946-48) and Betty Hetherington from Sydney who attended the Horsham and Deniliquin Regional Dinners. Brian and Betty were visiting their newly born grandson Darcy in Horsham and decided to head home via Deniliquin (Pat's home town during his school days) to catch up with family and friends. It was also great to see Pat (SPC 1944-46) and John Hogan (SPC 1940-42) who are about to go through a major sea change – they are selling their family farm in October to start a well earned retirement in town. Deniliquin regular Michael Bennett (SPC 1967-69) is also hoping that his beloved Deniliquin, for whom he is Head Trainer, can win their fourth consecutive Premiership in the Murray Football League.

## 10, 20 AND 30 YEAR DINNERS

Invites have been mailed out for these dinners to be held at the College in October and November, 2004 (See back of mail sleeve for full details). If you have not received an invite directly please contact Sharyn Kennedy on 53 311 688 or skennedy@stpats.vic.edu.au to organise an invite 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 1964 had a great forty year reunion in September.

It was great to again welcome back Des Callahan, Humanities Prize winner in 1964 and a number of other old boys.

## FOUNDATION GOLF DAY 2004

A reminder to all Old Boys that the third annual Foundation Golf Day will be held on Sunday November 14 at the Ballarat Golf Club. This is always a great day with all past players enjoying a great social day of golf – and we are due for a fine sunny day in 2004! The event is a four person ambrose event, providing everybody with an opportunity to have at least one moment of inspiration.

In 2004 the event has a field limit of 128. With some great prizes on offer the field will fill quickly so please return the entry form (included with this edition of The Shamrock) and your entry fee as soon as possible. Fore!

## PETER HOWLEY Pavilion Appeal Chairman



As noted earlier the pavilion appeal is progressing very well. This is in no small part due to the tireless efforts of Appeal Chairman Peter Howley. Whilst Peter is held in high esteem by past students and staff from his era others may not be fully aware of the significant contribution Peter has made to the College, both as a decorated student and distinguished old boy. Archivist Brother Brian Davis details Peter's deep and ongoing connection with the College in the following account.

Peter Joseph Howley commenced his education at St Patrick's College in Form III I in 1963 after the family moved to Ballarat from the Mallee town of Sea Lake. He immediately made his mark at the College gaining fifth prize in Form IIIB and representing the College in the Champion Under 14 football team and the Under 14 cricket team. By 1964, in his second year at St Patrick's College, Peter was President of the Day Boys' Group of the newly formed Intermediate Young Catholic Students Society, where members reflected and prayed about a chosen Gospel passage before engaging in group discussion. He was Dux and Class Leader of Intermediate B, a key member of the Champion and highly talented Under Fifteen football team and Captain of the Under Fifteen cricket team and winner of the Under Fifteen Cricket award. During his Leaving year, Peter remained involved with the Young Catholic Students movement and represented the College in the 1st XI cricket team and played some representative games in the 1st XVIII.

In 1966, his senior year at St Patrick's College, Peter was elected a Prefect of the College and was awarded the "Father V. Ryan" Memorial Prize for Christian Doctrine. He was recognised as an important member of the 1st XVIII after being best on the ground in the first competition game against High School. Unfortunately bad luck was to strike, prompting Coach of the team, Brother Kevin Tuck to write in the 1966 Annual:

*One of the great tragedies of the football season was the broken arm Peter suffered in the second competition game. His loss at centre half forward was never fully covered, where his uncanny ball sense, ability to bring others into the game and cleverness was a feature of our forward pattern.*

Peter captained the 1st XI and won the bowling award. The Annual report says of his contribution to the team:

*Peter Howley's off spin bowling captured him 16 wickets in the four competition games at an average of 9.5 runs a wicket.*

Peter graduated from the Lincoln Institute (now incorporated into Latrobe University) and first worked at the Ballarat Base Hospital. From there he founded Newington Physiotherapy Clinic. Dr Charley Flynn (SPC 1968-73), a current member of the clinic, writes:

*This clinic has now grown to the point where it is one of the largest physiotherapy clinics in Australia. During the growth of the clinic Peter has been mentor and role model to many young physiotherapists.*

*Peter has had a long association with Steve Moneghetti (SPC 1975-80) and has travelled with him to all the Commonwealth and Olympic Games in which Steve participated. Peter has always been very generous with his time and spent many hours with Steve to ensure his body was in peak condition for the most gruelling race on the program.*

Peter has served St Patrick's College admirably since his student days, serving as President of the Old Collegians Association from 1986 to 1988 and then in 1989 becoming Chairman of the Centenary Committee. The Committee organised a highly successful Centenary dinner in Melbourne in 1993 which is still discussed with great affection today – and all long before the electronic data base was ever thought of! St Patrick's College Principal Br Laurie Collins paid tribute to Peter and the committee in his 1993 Annual Report:

*I am very appreciative of the vision and dedication shown by Mr Peter Howley, Br Lu Williams and the hardworking Centenary Committee.*

Peter and wife Judy have two daughters, Anna and Katherine and two sons, Chris (SPC 1985-90) who was Athletics Captain and a Student Councillor and John (SPC 1993-98) who was also a Student Councillor and Captained the Swimming team in 1998. Whilst Chris has followed in his Dad's footsteps to some extent he has become a successful physiotherapist in his own right, as well as Collingwood runner and Eddie Maguire's Personal Trainer. John has returned to Ballarat and is forging a reputation within the Building Industry with McMaster Homes.

The College community is grateful for Peter's contribution to the College and the ongoing example he provides for current students.

### ANZAC SERVICE Blessing the Chapel Honour Boards.

The College Chapels Honour Boards will be blessed at an Anzac Service to be held at the College on Friday April 23. 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.

### BOARDERS REUNION DINNER

On Saturday July 24 approximately 40 boarders from all eras gathered in the College Dining Room to celebrate the unique role that boarding has played in forming the rich and colourful history of St Pat's. It was a great opportunity for boarders to catch up with peers and compare stories with old boys from different eras. Current boarders also joined old boys in a unique celebration of what it means to be a boarder at St Pat's. It was amazing to be present and experience first hand the culture of boarding; the speed of eating, turns of phrase and the unity of spirit that is passed from generation to generation.

All in attendance were entertained by the irrepressible Br Breach and eloquent Br Davis who recounted tales of past students and the significant contribution that boarding students and staff have made to the College. All in attendance greatly enjoyed the evening and hope that the next planned gathering will bring out many more of their peers to reminisce about cold winters in Ballarat and the unbreakable ties that bind our boarding brethren.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

The College is indebted to the late Robert Connelly (SPC 1943-45) whose bequest will make it possible for two regional students to attend the College on part Boarding/Tuition fee scholarships. Robert's brother Des has coordinated the bequest and provides the following insight into the family's motivation in providing the generous gift: 'The scholarship and annual book prize are funded through a bequest from the estate of Robert Connelly who died in May, 2003. Robert was a boarding student at the College from 1943-1945 before proceeding to tertiary studies in Australia and overseas. He had a distinguished professional career as a school principal and in higher education.'

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 OCAs 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. Further details about ticketing will appear in the next Shamrock.

### ARCHIVES

Brother Brian Davis has had a tremendous response from old boys wishing to donate memorabilia to the College. The last notice in The Shamrock unearthed a 1900 College Annual, a treasure not previously owned by the College. The annual was donated by Don

Bradmore (SPC 1951-53) who found it in a paddock and has kept in safe and well for 50 years. The College is grateful to Don and will now have the annual fully restored and will make duplicate copies to allow for current and past students and families to have access to this important historical record.

The following is Don's account of how he came to quite literally stumble across it! 'I came upon it in a coincidental way. Back in the late 1950s, I was visiting some elderly relatives who were living at that time in suburban Moreland, in Melbourne. After lunch, we had gone for a stroll in a nearby park. As we walked along, I kicked absent-mindedly at a pile of old papers that had obviously been dumped in some long grass beside a walking track. Something about one of the discarded items made me bend to examine it more closely. Lo and behold, it was a copy of the 1900 'SPC College Annual'! The front cover was quite twisted and torn but otherwise it was in good condition for its age. Being a bit of a sentimentalist (and a 'hoarder' with a fondness for books), I've kept the Annual in my shelves ever since. I had often thought that I should offer it to the College but always felt that there were likely to be pristine copies of this particular issue in existence and that my rather battered old copy would be of little interest'.

This is the earliest SPC Annual that the College possesses and we have had restoration work completed on it. We are very grateful to Don.

Don Bradmore also donated his rowing cup and blazer pocket from the early 1950s. Barry Richardson (SPC 1961-64) kindly donated his 1st XVII jumper and his Br O'Malley Best and Fairest Cups from 1963 and 1964; Dennis Clarebrough donated items belonging to his father, Walter Clarebrough (SPC 1932-1933), which include a card now displayed in the Leo O'Brien Cabinet, with the signature of Test Cricketer, Leo O'Brien and other prominent cricketers of the time. Also donated was Walter's prize for Leaving Certificate Drawing in 1933, an autograph book with the signatures of the 1st XVIII and 1st XI of 1932 and a 1933 College

Annual and Chronicle. Thank you also to Peter Spring, Leonard Welch, Ron Collins, Ronald Lowery and Steve Haintz who donated College annuals. We are delighted and very grateful for these donations. If you are in possession of any items that you feel could be better displayed or maintained by the College please do not hesitate to contact Br Davis on (03) 53 311688 or bdavis@stpats.vic.edu.au

### OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS



The first meeting of old boys and staff to organise the Pavilion Appeal Melbourne Dinner in March 2005 – from left, Dr Peter Casey, John Fitzgerald, John Larkins, Tony Joyce, Mark Waddington, Peter Howley and David Bourke.

Leo Rabl (SPC 1933-35) from Murtoa has received the 2004 Anzac of the Year Award for his long serving and tireless efforts in voluntary work within the local community. He attended a presentation ceremony at Government House on June 30 to accept his bronze medallion, depicting 'Simpson's Donkey'. Leo completed his honours year at SPC and was awarded the Newman Exhibition. He was unable to accept this as his parents had passed away and he needed to gain employment to support himself and his siblings. Leo spent four years in the military from 1940-44 returning to Australia in 1944 to defend the nation against Japan. Only seven awards are given annually in Australia. Following the war Leo worked on the Rabl property for a number of years as well as with government in Horsham. He married wife Mary in 1951 and they have eight children. Leo has spent his lifetime serving the Murtoa community and is affectionately referred to by locals as the *Cont. over page...*

'Secretary of Everything'. He has been involved with the following groups in Murtoa: A&P Society, Lions Club, RSL, Progress Association, Racing Club, Historical Society and Senior Citizens. Leo is now 87 and although he hasn't been back to St Pat's for a while talks fondly of his days boarding at St Pat's.

Syd Dockendorff (SPC 1921-23) was recently featured in a Herald Sun article with the Tigers latest debutant for season 2004 Andrew Raines. Syd at 96 is the Tiger's oldest living player and one of the 82 St Pat's old boys who have gone on to play VFL/AFL football, having played 13 games between 1932 and 1933 with Richmond and 17 games between 1935-37 with Footscray.

In the last edition of The Shamrock Bernard Gibney pondered the length of involvement his family had enjoyed with the College. Frank McGrath believes he can match this record, given that his Uncle Laurence McGrath was in the first SPC class in 1893. Frank's father Daniel also attended SPC from 1898-1902. Frank attended SPC from 1935-37 as did his brothers John and Ted. John was parish priest at Corowa for many years and passed away in Rome in 2001. Frank in his own words is still going strong at 84!

Two old Collegians were featured in The Courier for their support of the Loreto Vietnam-Australia project which assists to house, cloth and educate children in Ho Chi Min City. Allister Morrison (SPC 1990-95) and Bernie Franklin (SPC 1957-60) were both key advocates in providing financial support to the project on behalf of Rotary International.

The competitive spirit of our old boys seldom wains. Paul Hotchin (SPC 1975-80), Steve Murphy (SPC 1979-84), Nick Murphy (SPC 1974-78) and Matt Sheehan (SPC 1988-93) played for the Ballarat Blood on the Southern Cross Legends in an exhibition match against contemporaries from the Geelong Falcons. Unfortunately the team went down by four points in a great spectacle but are looking for revenge in future encounters.

Kristian Rodoni (SPC 2001-03) commenced Year 10 at St Ignatius College, Athelstone and has been awarded an academic scholarship. He has maintained his love of music fostered at SPC and is playing in the senior Stage Band. Matt Rodoni (SPC 1996-2001) has commenced an electrical apprenticeship with VicTech in July 2004.

Kieran Lamond (SPC 1996-2001) is currently serving on board HMAS Adelaide deployed in the Persian Gulf.

Daniel Fahy (SPC 1991-94) and Nigel Sullivan (SPC 1993-94) visited fellow boarder Lucas Reid (SPC 1992-94) on a recent trip to Port Fairy. Lucas has returned to Port Fairy after five years travelling and working his way around the world. He has been appointed Manager of the award winning Victoria Hotel. The Hotel boasts a restaurant with a 'Chef's Hat' rating from The Age Good Food Guide as well as an extensive wine list members of the St Pat's community in the area are encouraged to call in and see Lucas for a fine dining experience.

Congratulations to Peter Walsh (SPC 1989-94) who played his 100th AFL game recently. Peter had a late start to the AFL having spent time in the army before playing in the SANFL and then graduating to the Rookie List for Melbourne before eventually debuting in 1999. He was a member of the Demon's losing 2000 Grand Final team with fellow old boys James and Anthony McDonald.

Peter Gibney (SPC 1979-84) has a photography business in Melbourne and is a sessional teacher at Victoria University. He and wife Sophie have just welcomed their first child and are currently sleep deprived! This may explain his unbridled enthusiasm to attend the 1984 reunion, catch up with old mates and avoid bed duty!

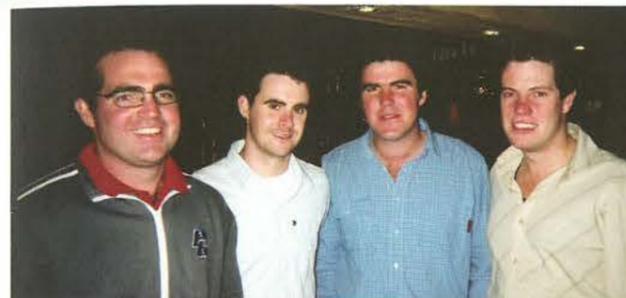
William Watson-Ley (SPC 1946-49) is still teaching at St Leo's, Wahroonga in NSW. William whilst congratulating the 2004 Head of the Lake Champion Crew remembers his own time in boarding when boys in rowing would be the envy of other boys as they were given steak at mealtimes – a big step up from the other

boys who were nibbling away at meat pies, having competitions to see who had the biggest piece of gristle. As William notes the days in Ballarat have given him a very strong constitution as he has hardly missed a working day throughout his professional career.

Chris Howley (SPC 1985-90) was featured on the Collingwood Football Club's website in July this year. Chris is a Physiotherapist at the club as well as being the match day runner for the Magpies – he would have no doubt got to deliver some colourful messages in 2004! Chris started at Collingwood in a part time capacity during his student days and has worked in rehab and conditioning since 2002. In the interview Chris admits he didn't have an extensive football background focusing mainly on running but attended a strong footy school; St Patrick's College, Ballarat.

Dr Simon Przewlaka (SPC 1986-90) was recently featured in the Alfredton Acclaim as Personality of the Month. Simon moved to Alfredton from Ararat in 1986, completing his secondary education at St Pat's. He has since gone on to complete a PhD in Chemistry at the University of Ballarat and currently works at the University and the University of Melbourne – Creswick campus. He is a keen golfer playing off a four handicap and is Captain of Ballarat GC. In 2003 Simon was awarded the Denis Cullity Fellowship by the Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation which will enable him to travel overseas to evaluate new equipment and techniques that will benefit the local industry.

Scott McLennan (SPC 1977-79) sends his regards from Harare, Zimbabwe where he is working at the Australian Embassy. Following school Scott worked for the National Australia Bank for seven years, before heading to Uni to study politics. He then became a secondary teacher for eight years before transferring to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in 2000. He has been posted in Harare for the past two and a half years as the Political Officer for the Australian Embassy. Scott was married in 2001 to Nicola, who was also a teacher.



Nick Vogels, Joe Sullivan, 'Johnno' O'Sullivan and Joel Watson at the OCA after work drinks at the Clyde.



David Brady, Lachlan Keen and Chris Ives at the OCA after work drinks at the Clyde.



Fr Kevin Mogg (SPC 1942-48) helped celebrate Fr Jack Carolls (SPC 1934-35) 60 years in the Priesthood at Our Lady of Fatima, Rosebud.



David Bongiorno (SPC 1988-92) had his first one man Art show recently in Carlton

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Brendan Hutt (SPC 1983-85) is living and working in Cobden as a concreter. He is married to Janine and has three children Jack, Molly and Joe.

A piece of the Eureka flag known as the St Patrick's College fragment will sail on the NUSHIP Ballarat on its maiden voyage. The fragment was found at St Pat's and handed to the Ballarat Fine Art Gallery in the 1990s. The fragment will be returned to the Gallery in time for the Eureka 150th celebrations. Noted local historian Ann Sunter-Beggs at the inaugural Eureka Dinner to recognise the contribution of the community to education in Ballarat mused that the flag was held in such poor regard in the early 20th century that staff of the Gallery were only too pleased to tear off fragments for anybody who showed any interest in the flag. Not surprisingly the enquiring minds of the Brothers were interested in the history of the flag and were afforded a unique and now valuable piece of history which they carefully preserved in the College safe until the 1990s.

A member of the nation's navy during these uncertain times is Peter Martin (SPC 1992-93). Peter joined the navy in 1996, re-training for submarine duties in 2000. Peter is a highly trained electronic warfare analyst, a job that means even his closest friends do not know what he actually does! Peter works on the Collins Class submarines and notes that life aboard an 80 metre long submarine, that may not surface for three weeks at a time can be a bit restrictive, but he loves the work and the lifestyle.

James McMahan (SPC 1937-40) has retired after a successful career in accounting and auditing. James keeps himself busy playing golf twice a week and is heavily involved in his Parish – as accountant at St Paul's, Benthleigh.

Shane Warke (SPC 1993-98) has completed his apprenticeship with the Carpet Gallery Ballarat in June and is now a qualified floor coverings installer. Shane is married to Sarah Crellin and they have a two-year old daughter Sophie Anne.

Peter Costigan (SPC 1986-90) has been in the electrical trade since leaving school and works as an electrician with TJ Coutts. He is married with three daughters Ebony, Jemma and Taneshia and lives in Wendouree.

Neville Keating (SPC 1967-71) has been farming at Werneth since leaving school. He married wife Ann in 1982 and has three children. He is involved with the Lismore/Derrinallum Football Club who will contest the 2004 Miniera League Grand Final and the Cressy Bowling Club.

Simon Westwood (SPC 2003) has been featured in the Geelong Advertiser for his work as a street artist. Simon was one of several artists selected to display their work on the Geelong Water Front. The project was part of a Council initiative to reduce vandalism in public places and celebrate youth week.

Marcus Dowling (SPC 1991-92) is living and working in Wodonga as an assistant store manager. He is married to Natalie McGrath and they have a daughter Scarlett who is three.

Current Year 8 student Christian van Rijn visited Canberra on the long weekend and bumped into Frank Duggan who was his tour guide at the National War Memorial. The St Pat's boys got talking, as Pattie's boys do, and Christian learnt a great deal about Frank and life at SPC in the 40s. Frank was a great host according to Christian and told him of days playing 2nd XVIII footy and his enduring love for St Pat's.

Bernard Squire (SPC 1978-83) has been appointed as the Club Professional at the Wodonga Country Club. He completed his golf apprenticeship at the Ballarat Golf Club. He is currently operating a small retail and tuition business called 'Scoob Golf' which has five staff, including some very promising trainees – to whom he is passing on some of life's lessons learnt at St Pat's.

David Bongiorno (SPC 1988 - 92) had his first one man Art show opening on Saturday evening, September 11, at the STEPS Gallery 62 Lygon St Carlton. The show was an impressive showcase of David's drawing skills. Titled "Torsos" the exhibition of large works on pastel paper in Conte, featured figure drawings of friends and family. The opening night was packed with a large crowd of old boys, family and interested buyers and over half of the works sold within the first few hours of the exhibition opening. David's work is extremely skilful and of a sculptural nature.

Anthony Boadle (SPC 1976-91) has worked with Brash's/Allan's for over 20 years as Retail Musical Instrument Manager and has supplied instruments to St Pat's for a number of years. He is grateful to Director of Music Jamie Ransome for his leadership of the College's music programme and proud of the distinguished achievements of SPC musicians in recent years.

1982 College Captain Michael Baddeley (SPC 1980-82) sent an email from Tanzania detailing his work with local communities. He is staying at the Edmund Rice School at the moment whilst working on a World Health Organisation project to combat malaria which is still a major problem in countries with under-developed health systems. Research indicates that the poorer people are the more likely they are to get malaria in countries such as Tanzania. Cont. over page...

Michael is working with an organisation TechnoServe as it tries to increase the income of struggling farmers through better utilisation of land, technology and distribution channels. In particular the group are trying to encourage farmers to grow Artemisia, a wild growing plant that is used to treat malaria. Michael is continuing to research malaria and the market opportunities for farmers in Tanzania. His work has also taken him to Geneva, Headquarters of the WHO and Germany to increase his knowledge. If you would like to learn more about Michael's research or can help him in other ways please do not hesitate to contact him on [mick@tnstanzania.org](mailto:mick@tnstanzania.org) Michael is also in touch with other Class of 1982 old boys in Tanzania including Wayne Foote and Mark Hill who both work in the mining industry.

## **WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS, BIRTHS, BEREAVEMENTS**

### **SPC Weddings**

Alsop (SPC 1990-93) Richard married Michelle Hill on Saturday June 26 at St Patrick's Cathedral. Best man was Michael Alsop (SPC 1987-92) and the bride was 'given away' by Daniel Burger (SPC 1983-89).

Martin (SPC1991-96) Simon and Kim Williamson were married in the St Patrick's College Chapel by Father Kevin Lenehan.

Murphy (SPC 1982-87) – Tim, son of Basil (SPC 1949-50) married Alison Herd on Saturday March 13 at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo.

### **SPC Engagements**

Kooloos (SPC 1998-99) Lee to Alison Lean of Geelong. Lee is currently teaching at St Mary's PS, Castlemaine and will marry Alison on January 15, 2005.

Murray (SPC 1996-2001) Josh to Stacey McCarthy on July 4, 2004.

Speechley – Paul (SPC 1990-95) to Angela Cook, in Paris on July 25, 2004

### **SPC Births**

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

Gibney – Peter (SPC 1979-84) and Sophie (nee Munaretto, Loreto 1980-86) are proud to announce the arrival of Holly born on July 17, 2004.

Hoffman – Anthony (SPC 1983-85) and Kizanne welcome first child Xavier John (8lb. 6 oz.) on June 3, 2004.

Townsend – Mark (SPC 1989-94) and Joanne welcome first child Charlotte Rose, born June 1, 2004.

### **SPC Deaths**

Linneo Bigarelli father of Stephen (SPC 1970-75) and Michael (SPC 1972-77) passed away on July 20, 2004.

Alison Elliott – wife of Jack Elliot (SPC 1947-51) and mother of Wayne (SPC 1972-75) died May 4, 2004.

Max Van Hamond, grandfather of Mark (SPC 1992-97).

Jack McCunnie father of Phillip (SPC 1966-71) and David (SPC 1979-84) was a long time supporter of the College. His brother, Father Bill McCunnie was College Chaplain. The former Minor Seminary and current boarding residence McCunnie House was named in his honour.

Anthony Peyton (SPC 1951) of Warrnambool after an extended illness on June 9, 2004.

Charlotte Streckfuss, daughter of Mark (SPC 1991-94) and Teresa passed away on June 26, 2004. Loved sister of Cecelia, Sebastian, Benedict (dec.) and Elijah.

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 November 12, 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](mailto:mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au)

