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WELCOME TO THE FINAL EDITION OF *THE SHAMROCK* FOR 2005.

It has been another exciting and frenetic year in the life of the College, highlighted by the stunning success of our musicians, the memorable MCC Herald Sun Shield victory and the stand out performances of students in the Australian Workskills Competition. Term 4 has literally flown by with students hard at work for VCE exams, away camping as part of the Year 9 and 10 programmes plus a range of other outstanding achievements in academic, sporting and cultural pursuits. This edition of *The Shamrock* featuring the OCA's Green, White and Blue chronicles many of these triumphs as well as some wonderful photos from OCA Reunion Dinners and the Foundation Golf Day.

FROM THE HEADMASTER Staffing and Developing St Patrick's College

Carl Jung is known for his development with Sigmund Freud of the psychoanalytic theory of personality. He is much less known as a commentator on education. He once said:

'An understanding heart is everything in a teacher and cannot be esteemed highly enough. One looks back in appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feeling. The curriculum is raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child.'

I therefore thank our staff, teaching and non-teaching, who have taken time to touch our students hearts.

The cornerstone of St Patrick's College's strategic movement forward as a place of learning is found in the professional development of our staff: teaching and non-teaching alike. One facet of this process is the introduction of Triennial Review Meetings (TRM) to

complement and amplify the work of Annual Review Meetings which are held with all staff. The TRMs are evidence-based, that is the staff member is given the opportunity to reflect on material submitted by students, colleagues and leaders. While this exercise offers affirmation of the great work being done by staff already, it provides critical reflection and discussion leading to firm plans to improve overall performance. With that in mind, I offer one opinion of what boys need in their teachers. The speaker is a teacher in an all-boys school:

'I liked the company of my colleagues, who were about equally divided among good men who were good teachers, awful men who were awful teachers, and the grotesques and the misfits who drift into teaching and are so often the most educative influence a boy meets in a school. If a boy can't have a good teacher, give him a psychological cripple or an exotic failure to work with; don't just give him a bad, dull teacher. This is where the private schools score over state-run schools: they can accommodate a few cultured madmen on the staff without having to offer explanations.'

Robertson Davies in *Fifth Business*

Part of the challenge in leading a human institution is to match people and their talents with appropriate positions.

It is always heartening to receive thanks from students and parents for the work of our staff and we do see a lot of each other at this time of year through Speech Night, Valedictory Dinner, Year Level Farewell Masses, book sales, music nights and the like. I would like to share excerpts from one family which enunciate well the sentiments of many:

'As the years have gone by and our son has progressed through his studies, we have watched as St Pat's has helped us shape a boy into a man that any parent would be proud of. While parents may not be the most objective judges of their children, we know of the role St Pat's plays through the contact with our son's school mates. Every one of these boys is

a delight to know, and impress with their confidence, decency and generosity.

'Looking around at the faces of the students last night, and seeing the obvious diversity of background, it can be no accident that they are all fine young men. It is evident that the St Pat's experience has had a profound role to play... yet St Pat's seems to manage this without any notion of fuss or bother. This is testament to the skills of the staff, and the environment fostered in the school community.'

Thank you to all of our staff for their endeavours to bring life to our young men and bring our young men to life. Thank you to our parents for the trust they have in sharing their sons with us, and thank you to our students who rise to the challenge on a daily basis to enrich our lives.

Regards

Peter M Casey
Headmaster

MUSIC 2005: A GREAT YEAR IN REVIEW

The musicians of the College have enjoyed a stellar year in 2005 culminating in both the senior and junior bands winning Gold Shields at the Melbourne School Bands Festival at the Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University. Competing against 60 bands in their section, both bands achieved the honour of being awarded a Gold Shield for Outstanding Performance, the highest award available. This is the second year in a row that the Senior Band has achieved this result while it is a first for the Junior Band.

This is an amazing effort and follows the success of a 1st and 2nd place at the Geelong Eisteddfod. Congratulations to the boys on their work, dedication and commitment that led to these results.

The performance of the bands is testament to the hard work and expertise of staff led by Director of Music Mr Jamie Ransome and music teacher Mrs Sarah Dwyer and supported by instrumental music teachers.

These results also highlight the breadth of musical talent within the College. The 2005 Speech Night showcased our incredible senior and junior choirs whose performances had people talking enthusiastically for days afterwards. The Senior Choir led by Mrs Sarah Dwyer had the capacity Speech Night audience clapping along and wanting for more – alas time constraints did not allow this. However it has set a challenge for younger members of the College to join up and hone their singing and performing skills in one of the Choirs.



Mr Jamie Ransome conducts the College Stage Band at Speech Night 2005

The success of bands under the direction of Mrs Melissa Griffin in the 'Kool Skools' competition highlights the talent and enthusiasm boys have for less formal styles of music and is sure to inspire younger students to take up the challenge of participating in such competitions.

Junior Music Concert

On Monday November 28 the entire Year 7 cohort and a number of Year 8 students, presented a variety of ensemble and solo performances in front of a large and enthusiastic audience of approximately 500 people. The night displayed a wide array of instrumental performances that highlighted to all present the many talented students who are learning instruments as part of the Year 7 instrumental programme.

Most students have only been learning since the beginning of this year and so it is an amazing effort to be able to perform the works that boys did. It also showed the different standard of performances, thus highlighting the importance of regular home practice each week to reinforce the information taught in class and build the basic skills required for instrumental playing.



Junior School Music Concert held on Monday November 28 - over 500 people packed the O'Malley Centre to marvel at the skills of the College's young musicians

Farewell to the Music Man!



Mr Jamie Ransome

After eleven years of distinguished service to the College, Director of Music Mr Jamie Ransome (SPC 1985-90) has tendered his resignation to take

up a position at St Kevin's College, Toorak. Jamie has been the driving force in recent times behind the College's incredibly successful stage and concert bands and has devoted a considerable amount of his time and energy to raising the profile of music at the College. Whilst he will be greatly missed, all at the College wish him well as he pursues fresh musical challenges and look forward to him further strengthening the links between St Pat's and St Kevin's.

Before his departure Jamie provided some wonderful insights into his own musical background and some of the memorable moments during his time at the College.

How did you first get involved in music?

I have always had an interest in listening to music from a young age and we always had music playing at home. One early music memory I have is playing ice cream containers (pretend drums) to a Kiss record in the family lounge room. I never actually played an instrument until Year 7, when I was given the Euphonium as my instrument in Year 7 music.

What instruments do you play?

In Year 9 I switched to alto saxophone and since then the saxophone has been my major instrument. I specialised in it as part of my studies in music at the University of Melbourne. As part of teaching instrumental music and taking ensembles, I need to have knowledge of, and play to a basic level, the majority of the instruments that are studied by the students at the College. I suppose my favourite instruments to play out of these

FRONT COVER (Clockwise)

1. Mr Jamie Ransome and the Senior Concert Band
2. Mrs Sarah Dwyer leads the Senior Choir at Speech Night
3. Mr Mark Walsh conducts the Year 12 Choir at Speech Night



Matt Polmear concentrating at Croquet



Senior Rowing Squad 2006



Year 8 boys try not to get lost at Kryal Castle as part of Medieval Day



Senior Rowing Squad racing on the Yarra River



St Pat's boys performed at the Kool Skools Concert held on Saturday October 29 at the Telstra Dome



Kool Skools Concert held on Saturday October 29 at the Telstra Dome



Mary Purcell Debating winners



W.T Doyle and Mary Purcell Debating finals



Baseball - Junior Grand Final

are clarinet, flute, trumpet and trombone. I also play acoustic guitar in my spare time for a bit of fun.

What musical involvements have you been associated with outside of the College?

I have been very musically active in the community since commencing at the College. As a conductor, I have musically directed three shows for Ballarat Light Opera Company, the most recent being the 2005 senior production of the Wizard of Oz. I have been nominated for a Victorian Music Theatre Guild Award for Excellence in the area of Music Direction for the Wizard of Oz. Over the last two years I have also been a conductor with the Ballarat Schools Symphony Orchestra, which was formed to allow students from all Ballarat schools to have the opportunity to play orchestral music. This is very significant for the students of the College as at present we do not have enough strings to form our own orchestra.

Playing wise, from 1998-2001 I played saxophone in Jellybean Addiction when they were at their peak. Recently, I co-founded the Ballarat Big Band, which contains some of the best musicians from the Ballarat and Melbourne areas and plays all styles of jazz and modern music. I will still be continuing with the big band even though I will be living in Melbourne. I have also played in the pit orchestra for a number of musicals and been involved with other community events.

What role are you taking up at St Kevin's?

I have been appointed the Music Co-ordinator at St. Kevin's College Toorak - Glendalough Campus. Apart from co-ordinating the programme I will most likely be teaching instrumental music from Grade 3 to Year 12, as well as taking a number of ensembles and VCE Music Performance.

What are some highlights of your time at St Patrick's College?

There are so many that is hard to make a selection. I am so proud of all the students who have been involved in the music programme during my time at the College and who have helped it grow to the amazing standard that we have currently. The interstate tours every two years have to rate a mention as they are hard work but are also a lot of fun. You get to learn so much more about the students personalities when you are away with them. The express bus trip to the Gold Coast for about 26 hours with 45 boys is forever etched in my memory. It was so uncomfortable- never again!

Some of the performances we have done have been amazing and to continually reproduce this high standard year after year is a credit to the hard work of the boys. Speech Night 1999, when the stage Band played Soul Boss Nova and I dressed up as Austin Powers, Paul Volpe as Dr Evil, Ben Zala as Mini-me and with the entire band in 70's psychedelic gear was fantastic. The reaction of the crowd when we did the dance routine was great.

The results at all the competitions have been so consistent over the years with awards gained every year but if I had to choose, the Gold Shields at the Melbourne School Bands Festival in 2000, 2004 and in 2005 with the Senior and Junior Band this year, the Senior Band taking out either 1st or 2nd place every year since 1996 at the Geelong Eisteddfod, have been outstanding efforts. We are often the only all-boys school band at these competitions and to be able to have the numbers involved in the bands that we do, highlights the strength of the programme.

What will you miss most about St Patrick's College?

The early morning band rehearsals starting at 7am during winter! I have had the privilege to teach and conduct some extremely talented boys over the years.

To be able to work with and assist them in developing their playing through Years 7-12 is one of the great things about being a music teacher, both instrumentally and in the classroom. I will definitely miss some of the staff, parents and students that I have such close connections with because in music, you give so much of yourself that it is impossible not have a strong bond with all involved in the music activities in the College.



Mr Jamie Ransome and the Senior Band at the 2005 Melbourne School Bands Festival

I have been involved with St Patrick's myself since 1985 and my father is also an Old Boy from the mid 1950's so you could say the Green, White and Blue does flow through my veins. The tradition at St Patrick's College is strong and I will miss that but it has been great to be able to build music performance to a level where it is now a part of the strong SPC tradition.

The College community wishes Jamie all the very best as he moves on to another great Christian Brothers school. Below is a summary of music results during Jamie's period of teaching, mentoring and motivating!

2005 Senior Concert Band
2nd Place - Geelong Eisteddfod
Gold Shield - Melbourne School Bands Festival

2005 Junior Concert Band
1st Place - Geelong Eisteddfod
Gold Shield - Melbourne School Bands Festival

2004 Senior Concert Band
2nd Place - Geelong Eisteddfod
Gold Shield - Melbourne School Bands Festival

2003 Senior Concert Band
1st Place - Geelong Eisteddfod
Silver Shield - Melbourne School Bands Festival

2002 Senior Concert Band
2nd Place - Geelong Eisteddfod
Silver Shield - Melbourne School Bands Festival
2nd Place - Royal South Street Eisteddfod

2001 Senior Concert Band
2nd Place - Geelong Eisteddfod
Silver Shield - Melbourne School Bands Festival
Honorable Mention - Royal South Street Eisteddfod

2000 Senior Concert Band
2nd Place - Geelong Eisteddfod
Gold Shield - Melbourne School Bands Festival
Honourable Mention - Royal South Street Eisteddfod

1995 - 1999 Senior Concert Band
Highly Commended - Royal South Street Eisteddfod

Stage Band
1st Place - Geelong Eisteddfod
2nd Place - Geelong Eisteddfod

KOOL SKOOLS 2005

To highlight the diverse musical talent within the College Mrs Melissa Griffin organised a number of student bands to compete in the 2005 'Kool Skools' competition. Bands competed in regional finals with winners moving through to perform at a concert at Telstra Dome. The Kool Skools programme provides young musicians with an opportunity to compose, record and perform their own material and gain valuable insights into the music industry.



Lunar Theory performed at the Kool Skools Concert held on Saturday October 29 at the Telstra Dome

Congratulations to members of Lunar Theory, Paul Hutton, Vinci Andanar, Dylan Baker and Mark Fuller who were successful at the regional concert and 'played the dome' down on October 29 in front of a full house of screaming teenagers and very enthusiastic parents and friends.

Well done also to the boys who represented the College at the regional event - all performed particularly well and were unlucky not to move on to the Telstra Dome concert. Boys who represented the College as part of Kool Skools were Edmund Denton, Thomas Arthurson, Alex Young, David Blanchfield, Dom Cocomazzo, Thomas Burgess, Joshua Troon, Alex Hedger, Tristan Waight, Mitchell Parry, Jamie Squire and Tom Considine.

VET AWARDS 2005 WorldSkills Australia VET in Schools

The College community was delighted to receive the news that five senior students had won through to the State Finals of the WorldSkills VET in Schools Competitions. At the 2005 regional finals the following boys were prize winners in their respective disciplines: Hospitality David Porter - Gold Medal; Automotive Brett Ewings - Gold Medal; Construction Josh Ryan - Gold Medal; Kieran Sullivan - Silver Medal; and Electro Technology Jarrod Rice - Bronze Medal. Prize winners received their official awards at a special presentation covered by the media.

Award winning students will now compete in the National Competitions in May 2006 at the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre. The event is Australia's largest careers, training and employment event and highlights the skills and dedication of students and the excellent range of technical study options available to boys.



St Pat's Worldskills VET Award winners show off their medals

THE AUSTRALIAN VOCATIONAL STUDENT PRIZE

The Department of Education, Science and Training recently announced the successful winners of the Inaugural Australian Vocational Student Prize. The award aims to encourage and recognise outstanding senior secondary students undertaking a Vocational Education and Training in Schools Programme or a School-Based New Apprenticeship.

Year 12 students, Andrew Carey and Brent Flood are among the winners from across Australia who have demonstrated a high level of commitment, skill and achievement. Both boys have been recognised with a cash prize of \$2,000 and a certificate.

Andrew has completed his studies as part of the VET pathway at St Patrick's College and has an active interest in agriculture and sustainable farming. He has also established his own Angus cattle stud and boasts award-winning cattle. Earlier this year, Andrew was one of only six Australian students to be invited to attend the London International Youth Science Forum.

Brent has also successfully completed Certificate II in Agriculture and has established a successful enterprise in sheep and wool growing. Brenberach



Brent Flood and Andrew Carey AVSP winners

Polwarth Stud has shown prize winning sheep at local and national level and has had international enquiries about its fine wool.

The College congratulates both boys on their outstanding achievements and wishes them well with their future endeavours.

These awards are also a reflection of the quality of teaching afforded to boys. All boys undertaking technical focussed studies are supported by highly skilled staff with a range of theoretical and practical qualifications and industry experiences that assist boys in reaching such impressive heights in their chosen courses of study.

YEAR 8 MEDIEVAL DAY

A fun day of learning and medieval revelry took place both at St Patrick's College and Kryal Castle. Year 8 boys dressed splendidly for the occasion as did staff to celebrate the recent SOSE unit on Life in Medieval England. Congratulations to all for the excellent sense of spirit and adventure evident on the day. The quality of the medieval artefacts made by the boys was tremendous, a reflection of their terrific efforts and enjoyment of the unit.



Year 8 Medieval Day

DEBATING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

The year's debating and public speaking contests came to an excellent climax on October 6 with the Mary Purcell and W.T. Doyle Debates, the H.T. Breach and D.G. Purton Orations and the Sir Hugh Devine Impromptu Speaking contest. The event is a highlight of the College calendar and the standard of public speaking and debating was particularly high, making the job of the adjudicators extremely difficult. The breadth of topics covered and the quality of oration was quite remarkable and highlights the range of talents evident in our students.

Well done to all boys who participated on the day and congratulations to the following award winners:

Br H.T Breach Oratory:
Michael Keem

Mary Purcell Debate:
Finlay Gustus, Richard Keys,
Peter Toohey, Paul King

W.T Doyle Debate:
David Hall, Camron Johnson,
Ben Shepherd, Andrew Menegazzo

D.G Purton Oratory Prize:
David Hall

Sir Hugh Devine Impromptu:
Alex Joosten

Most Entertaining Speaker:
Andrew Carey

SPEECH NIGHT AND VALEDICTORY DINNER 2005

The Class of 2005 bade farewell to the College community following their VCE examinations in two fitting and moving events; the annual Speech Night, which also recognises all prize winners from other year levels, and the Valedictory Dinner, a formal dinner for graduates and their families. Both events provided a

number of forums for boys to display their talents and whether it be bands, public speaking or singing the talent certainly came to the fore.

Speech Night was held on Friday November 18 at Her Majesty's Theatre. Masters of Ceremony for the evening Andrew Carey and Alex Joosten did a tremendous job in keeping things moving and introducing speakers, musicians and the official party led by Patron of the College Bishop Peter Connors. As is customary the Year 12 boys closed proceedings with a selection of songs – and of course the College war cry!



The Class of 2005 sing their hearts out at Speech Night

The Valedictory Dinner was held the following evening at the Ballanada Room and featured presentations to all graduates from the Old Collegians Association, the Parents and Friends and the College, plus musical entertainment from Chris Roache and Ben Shields. These occasions are very fitting and dignified ways to mark the passing of the year and to recognise the contributions that all boys have made to the College.

AWARDS 2005

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



Headmaster's Award for Leadership:
Michael Huckstepp



Howard Award for Excellence:
David Hall

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



Little Family Award for School Spirit:
Bernard Wilson

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



De Coubertin Award for Sportsmanship:
Jeremy Wirges

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

LEADERSHIP 2006

After an extensive selection process that involved feedback from students and staff the College's Leaders for 2006 have been announced. Congratulations to the following students:



2006 College Captain Edward Grinter, putting in the hard yards at the BAS Road Relays

College Captain:
Edward Grinter

College Vice-Captains:
Dylan Baker, Brenton Carey and Mark Fuller

President of the Student Congress:
Dylan Baker

Members of the 2006 Student Council:
Royce Griffin, James Harrison, Paul Hutton, Simon Lafranchi, Matt Polmear, Gareth Prosser, Anthony Read, Tyson Shea, William Van Keulen, Simon Ward.

The leaders in Boarding for 2006 are:

McCann House:
Captain: Simon Halpin
Vice Captain: Edward Grinter

Nangle House:
Captain: Mitchell Young
Vice Captain: Matt Austin

Sports Captains:
1st XI: Tyson Shea
Vice Captain: Allister Edmunds

Captain of Boats:
Captain: Edward Grinter
Vice Captains: Sam Martin & Royce Griffin

Congratulations to all boys who have been appointed to positions of leadership for 2006. The College community looks forward to these boys displaying leadership through words and deed in an honest, compassionate and just manner.

STAFF FAREWELLS

At the conclusion of 2005 we will say farewell to a number of staff who are moving on to pursue other vocational and lifestyle opportunities.

- Head of the Junior School for the past three years, Mr David Baxter has been appointed Principal of St Michael's Primary School, Daylesford. As the inaugural incumbent in this challenging role David has done an exceptional job in creating structures and programmes to enhance the educational experiences available to all boys and has led with great enthusiasm the Junior School Teaching and Learning teams.
- Mr Daniel Casey has accepted the position of Head of Language at Peninsula Grammar after one year at the College. The 'King of Trivia' has made a great mark on the College during his short stay and we wish him and his family well with their return to a more temperate climate.
- Mr Simon Fuller is departing the College after two years to take up a teaching position in Japan. Simon has previously lived and worked in Japan and is looking forward to returning to further improve his Japanese language skills.
- Mr Michael Kerr departs the College after eleven years of distinguished service to take up a position at Mt Lilydale College. Michael has taught in the SOSE Department and had a myriad of involvements in the life of the College including work in boarding, coaching in rugby and rowing and as a member of the Kokoda Trail expedition. He and wife Francine have also been stalwarts of the Parents and Friends Association and closely involved in the education of their extremely talented sons Thomas, Dominic and James.

- The iconic Mr Ian McKail is departing to take up a teaching position at Salesian College, Chadstone. Ian has had unsurpassed results in VCE English Literature and is greatly loved and respected by all students who have been fortunate enough to have him as a teacher – even if at times this appreciation is shown in the most unusual of ways!

- College Accountant Mr Leon 'Scrubber' Nolen (SPC 1985-87) departs after nearly four years to take up the position of Business Manager at Santa Maria College, Northcote. Leon and wife Jo have also played an integral role in the management of boarding and will leave a major gap amongst all boys and staff in the boarding community. Leon's upbeat and unflappable disposition will be greatly missed by all at the College.

- Mr Jamie Ransome (SPC 1985-90) has accepted the position of Music Coordinator at St Kevin's College, Toorak.

- Mrs Nicole Hexter and Mrs Ursula Bridges commence maternity leave in 2006. We wish them well with the exciting adventures that lay ahead!

- Farewell to Mr Michael Goeghan (RE/English), Ms Majorie Foster (English) and Mr Ian Weir (Commerce) who are departing after completing short term teaching contracts. All have added greatly to the education of the boys and the College is appreciative of their endeavours inside and outside the classroom.

We thank all these staff members for their contribution to the education of boys at St Pat's and wish them well with their future endeavours. Profiles of new staff will be included in the first edition of *The Shamrock* in 2006.

OUT OF AFRICA News from Ms Jane Butler

The last edition of *The Shamrock* highlighted the work of staff member Mr Chris Radcliffe who is working in the Northern Territory with Indigenous communities. Ms Jane Butler has been at the forefront of the College's Social Justice Programmes and has taken leave to work in Africa. The following letter highlights some of her experiences and learnings and the important work she is doing with some of the most marginalised people on the planet.

Hello from Arusha, Tanzania!

I thought I would drop the College a line before the school year ends for SPC. Life here for me has started well, with my first term almost finished. I have had some amazing experiences in my first three months here.

Braeburn School is about fifteen kilometres out of the main city of Arusha on the way to the National Parks. The school is divided in Early Year Centre (situated in town), Primary and Secondary, with about 300 children in total in all three schools. We live on the Primary and Secondary campus on the hill, up from the school. Kisongo is a Maasai area with villages and bomas (houses) surrounding us. Kisongo is a very dry part of Arusha – not many trees, not like Sinon where the Brothers are, so it is very hot. When it rains the ground is so dry that the water just runs away. Water in the tanks often runs out during the day and we have to wait for water to be delivered. The power goes off frequently so the gas lanterns are a must here. There is a Maasai market in the main village of Kisongo. Every Wednesday we walk down to barter for our weekly supply of vegetables and fruit and other supplies. (It is great not having to pay full price like I remember having to do without question at Safeway!)

It is about half an hour drive to Arusha so we tend to only go at weekends. I still don't have a car – I bought one about 5 weeks ago however the paperwork for registration is being processed in Dar es



Dusk at St Patrick's College

Salam and it is taking forever – you learn, quickly to have patience for things to happen here!

My class is Year 4 and they are mainly from Tanzania and Kenya, also Nigeria, France, South Africa, Belgium, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia and Zambia.

Other children in the school are from Korea, Cameroon, Senegal, Mali, Madagascar and there is one boy from Australia! I am also coaching a secondary netball team which has been great fun.

I have visited the Brothers at Sinon and Sombetini on occasion but working full time it has been difficult to spend more time there.

A definite highlight was meeting my parents' student that they have sponsored for the past four years, Salome John. Mum, Dad and a group of their friends have been supporting her education since she began at Edmund Rice Sinon. She graduated about one month ago. The day I met her was very emotional – she came running out of the classroom and then cried in my arms.

She was so thankful for the education she had received. It made me realise that when we are so far away and send out money for sponsorship – we don't really think too much about it (like the boys when they do the walkathon) – but I tried to convey to my parents how overcome she was and how wonderful it was to be able to share the moment with her – if only all the boys could benefit from the same understanding. Edmund Rice Sinon School is a hub of activity – the work being done there is fantastic and if any of the boys or staff have the opportunity to visit and see how it works – they too will be amazed by the commitment by the Brothers, volunteers and local teachers. My hope is to do some work with the girls in the hostel once school starts again next year and I am more settled – and have transport! It is not safe to go out on the dalla dalle (buses) at night.

Another highlight has been going on a school excursion with Year 11s to climb Mt Kilimanjaro – I had planned to do it at some stage but I was asked to assist on the trip and was grateful for the

opportunity. We climbed on November 2-7, with ten students and four staff, five guides and 28 porters! The mountain is 5895m high – and you start walking at about 1600m. It is tough going; you walk for about five to seven hours each day, carry four litres of water, rain gear (as the climate changes quickly), snacks and lunch. So the day pack gets quite heavy walking uphill! There are huts on the mountain that we stayed in each night – toilets are few and far between and many of them are not pretty. I climbed to about 4800m before two students got altitude sickness and I came down with them – this was at about 2am in the morning – we started climbing for the summit at midnight. The air is thin and cold, and simple tasks become breathtaking... walking a short distance puffs you out!

Only two students and two teachers made it to the summit – it is tough going, and risky, so the responsibility is huge – especially with the possibility of altitude sickness – we had to have one student brought down on a stretcher due to extreme fatigue.

Overall a great experience and I plan to do it with friends from home in 2007 – without students next time!

We finish school on December 8 and have a month off – most of the teachers here are returning to England, so it will be quiet around here. I am visiting Brother Peter Cole in Nairobi before Christmas and catching up with Angela Davis (a Loreto old girl) – she was staying here for three weeks this past month and now has gone to volunteer in Nairobi. So we might take a trip to Mombasa before she goes home. I will return to Arusha and spend Christmas Day with the Brothers at Sombetini and the Baileys (the Head Teacher's family) here at Kisongo. I might then go to Zanzibar for a week over new year. I will try to keep busy so as not to get homesick over the Christmas period.

Well that's about it for now. Best wishes to all at St Pat's for Christmas.

Kwaheri
Jane Butler

TERM 4 SPORTS RESULTS

Junior Hockey Premiers

In a nail biting finish the Junior Hockey Team hung on to win the Grand Final against Ballarat High School by two goals to one. For much of the first half St Pat's kept the ball at High School's end, Brodie Leishman scoring the first goal for St Pat's. In the second half High School came out determined to even the score, but again St Pat's kept up the pressure with some attacking work from Ben McOwan, Rowan Hill and Brodie Leishman. Daniel Pelcham scored a second goal but five minutes from full time High School scored a goal. Despite some spirited attacks from High School, the team kept up the pressure to win. Congratulations to coach Mr Paul Andrews and all players on an outstanding season.

Croquet Champions 2005

After an exciting season, St Patrick's College had two teams through to the finals. The Liverpool team, consisting of Jason Leonard (Captain), Aaron Mullane (Vice-Captain), Andrew Clifton and Daniel Maher won their semi-final convincingly only to be defeated in their Section final by the very experienced team from Ballarat and Clarendon College.



Croquet players, Tristan Lambert, Matt Polmear and Sam Brayshaw

The 'Nic Nack Paddy Wacks', captained by Matt Polmear and including Josh Flynn, Luke Polmear and Matt James played very well to record a resounding win in Section 2 and brought home another pennant for SPC. Thank you to all the boys who regularly turned up, played well, showed good sportsmanship and had great fun.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION RAFFLE 2005

Thank you to all members of the College community who supported the annual Parents and Friends Building Raffle. The raffle raised in excess of \$12,000, all of which will be dedicated to providing improved teaching and learning facilities and equipment for students. Results of the raffle were as follows:

1st Prize:

S. Jacobsson - \$3000 travel voucher

2nd Prize:

J. Tatt - Weekend at the Victoria Hotel, Port Fairy

3rd Prize:

S. Van der Ploeg - Melbourne Accommodation experience

Seller's Prize:

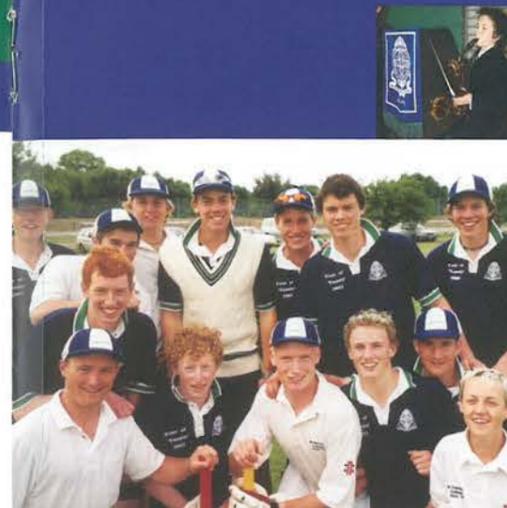
K. Sinnott - MP3 Player

Well done to P&F president Mr Bernie Wilson and his team and thanks to raffle sponsors Lifestyle Travel, the Victoria Hotel, Port Fairy, Mud Group Design and Sovereign Press.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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

- AMEB Music examination results:
 - First Grade Flute - Lachlan Clydesdale and Connor McKenzie (Honours)
 - 2nd Grade Flute - Mark Torpy, Rhys Arnott and Lachlan Dickson (Credit)
 - 3rd Grade Piano - Ben O'Shea (Credit)
 - 3rd Grade Piano for Leisure - Nathan Antony (Credit)
- Kyle Coutts (Year 7) represented Victoria in the Under 13 Victorian Country Soccer Team playing in a development Tournament in Sydney in October. Playing against squads from across Australia, the team competed well and played many close games. Kyle's dedication and commitment was recognised by coaching staff who awarded Kyle with the Captaincy of the team. Kyran Taylor (Year 8) was an emergency for the team who unfortunately missed out on travelling to Sydney.
- Jack Rudd (Year 11) competed in the Taekwondo National Championships in the Term Break. Jack competed in two age groups of Under 14-17 (55-59kg) and Open 18+ (58-62kg). Jack won the National Open Championships in these age groups. Jack has been training in Taekwondo since Year 8, and has been competing since Year 10. Jack's aim is to make the 2008 Olympic Team for Beijing.
- Aaron Carr (Year 10) won the 2005 Ballarat and District Soccer Best and Fairest Under 15 Award. Aaron was also the leading goal scorer for the competition.
- Shaun Lyle (Year 8) for winning the Ballarat District Under 14 Tennis Championship.
- Jason Dyer (Year 11) won the 2005 Regional Taekwondo Championships in convincing style, winning the Under Eighteen Final, 13 - 1. Jason showed control and skill in the final match to record a very sound victory and cement his place as the leading black belt competitor in the region. Jason also won silver medals in the traditional patterns and self defence division.
- Kieran Sullivan (Year 10) for being a State Finalist in the World Skills Awards (Furnishing).



PAVILION APPEAL

Bridging the Gap!

The Pavilion project is coming closer to fruition with the presentation of plans to the Executive of the OCA and the Project Manager Mr Tony McMaster. The Pavilion, the first facility on the College's grounds that recognises the unique contribution of all former St Pat's students, will feature a 200 seat function room, kitchen and service area as well as space to display old boy memorabilia. In addition the Pavilion will be an important educational asset for the College providing the Year 9 programme with much needed open flexible learning space.



Class of 1985 20 Year Reunion Dinner



Class of 1985 20 Year Reunion Dinner



Class of 1975 30 Year Reunion Dinner

FOUNDATION 'HALLS OF HISTORY – DINNER WITH THE LEGENDS' 2006

The fifth annual Foundation 'Halls of History -Dinner with the Legends' will be held at the College on Saturday February 25, 2006. The Dinner will feature triple AFL Premiership player Barry Richardson (SPC 1961-64) who has balanced successful careers in football and physiotherapy, the amazing McDonald brothers from Waubra and Noel Flanagan AO, (SPC 1932-36), former Director of the National War Memorial and a distinguished high level Federal government public servant in the 60, 70 and 80s.

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

FOUNDATION GOLF DAY 2005

The fourth annual Foundation Golf Day was played in perfect conditions on Sunday November 13 at the Ballarat Golf Club. A record field of 132 players teed off, with all parts of the St Patrick's College community represented in the field. We were indeed privileged to be joined by a team of Elvis' who had flown in from Graceland (well Creswick actually) for the event. Not only did they provide great colour to the event but they were also very talented players – pity about the singing voices!

Scoring on the day was exceptional and after several near misses in previous years Team Haase finally prevailed in the Handicap Section with an incredible net score of 53.375, just edging out Leigh Fitzpatrick's team who shot 53.5. The Non-



Keith Jubb, David McLaren, Thomas Grinter and Peter Grinter enjoying the 2005 Foundation Golf Day held at the Ballarat Golf Club



Max, Maureen, Michael and Tony Brandenburg enjoyed the 2005 Foundation Golf Day held at the Ballarat Golf Club

Handicap section was won by students Shaun and Jason Lyle and Nick Scully who shot an impressive 64 to defeat perennial bridesmaid Mr Rob Brennan and his team who shot a very respectable 66. The boys also won the Foundation Student Trophy which was presented for the first time in 2005 and is sure to become a keenly contested perpetual trophy.

Thank you to all members of the community who supported the day. It is wonderful to see so many members of the College community gather for the event. It was particularly pleasing to see some teams with several generations of St Pat's families. Our sole female player in the field Mrs Maureen Brandenburg has issued the challenge for other lady golfers to come out next year and have a hit.

Thanks to naming rights sponsor Mr Ron Jennings of Barker and Jennings Accountants and to category sponsors Lifestyle Travel, Red Lion Bar and Bistro, Men Only, Bridges on Meninya, Anglesea Golf Club, Victoria Hotel, Port Fairy and the Ballarat and District Trotting Club.

Results

Handicap Section

1st: Alistair Haase, Ash Haase, Danny Quinlan, Kayne Quinlan – 53.375

2nd Sean Klain, Leigh Fitzpatrick, Dennis Carter, Stewart Hynes – 53.5

3rd Tim Kelly, Peter Considine, David Mayfield, Scott Henry – 53.675

Non Handicap Section:

1st Shaun Lyle, Jason Lyle and Nick Scully – 64

2nd Rob Brennan, Anthony Gale, James Wills, Chris Gray – 66

3rd Tim Corbett, Angus Martin, Joel Montgomery, Ash Falla – 69 (on countback)

The 2006 Foundation Golf Day will be played on Sunday November 12 at the Ballarat Golf Club.

PAKENHAM RACES 2006

With the sad passing of David Bourke (SPC 1944-48) it seems more salient than ever that old boys make an effort to attend the OCA's traditional Race Day at Pakenham on Sunday January 22, 2006. The day features the prestigious Br O'Malley Welter plus a race named in memory of the late David Bourke. This will be a great opportunity to catch up with former SPC students and staff and pay tribute to David 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 2006 Race Day a huge success – and most importantly a fitting tribute to the memory of College 'Legend' David Bourke.

For all enquiries and tickets please call Gavan Bourke on (03) 5941 1146

FROM THE ARCHIVIST Br Brian Davis

The Beginning of the SPC Old Collegians Association

Br William Mark McCarthy (SPC Headmaster 1899-1904,1909,1919) announced the formation of the Old Collegians Association in 1899 just six years after the College was founded. However it was Br Denis Benedict Foran who from 1893 to 1895 was in the Ballarat Community and looking after boarders in the evening while teaching at Ballarat East and Skipton Street who gave the greatest impetus to the fledgling association when he returned to Ballarat as a staff member of St Patrick's College from 1902 to 1907 and from 1910 to 1912.

He maintained a continuing interest in former students, encouraging them to stay in contact with the College. The practical impact of his interest is seen in the 1911 Annual College magazine where his formidable list of the names, locations (and in many cases addresses) and occupations of more than 760 former



The Elvis Team enjoying the 2005 Foundation Golf Day at the Ballarat Golf Club



Class of 1985 20 Year Reunion Dinner



Class of 1975 30 Year Reunion Dinner - Mario Bortolotto and Brian Brown



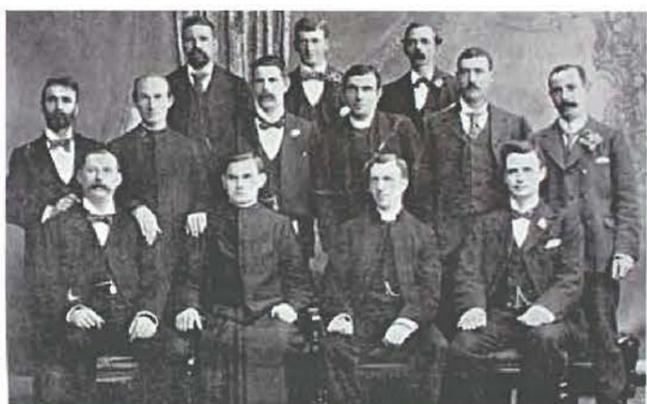
Class of 1985 20 Year Reunion Dinner



Class of 1975 30 Year Reunion Dinner

students of the College is listed in a compilation covering pages 60 to 71. This outstanding list was acknowledged by the editors in the following words:

'The last editors made a promise that the names of the SPC Old Boys would be printed in this issue. The compilation would have been a labour of love, but the present editors had no labour at all, as they piled all on to the broad and willing shoulders of Rev. Br Foran, who follows with parental interest the career of every Old Boy of SPC'.



1899 Officers of the Old Boys' Association with Headmaster Br William Mark McCarthy

From 1899 there was at least one event for Old Boys of the College included in the annual Athletics meeting with Old Collegians helping to run the meeting. The College handball court became a regular Friday afternoon rendezvous for former students, who were watched with admiration by the present students.

...to be continued.

St Patrick's College Chronicle

A fruitful source of information for St Patrick's College Archives is 'The Chronicle', which was published by Br David Gabriel Purton in 1935 and seemed to cease publication in 1955. The College Archivist would be most appreciative of donations of any copies which you may have stored in a cupboard.

OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

- Congratulations to Chris Banwell (SPC 1999-2004) for being selected to make his 1st XI debut in Premier League cricket with reigning premiers St Kilda. Chris was the First XI captain in SPC's premiership year of 2004. All at the College hope Chris will go on to the next level and represent Victoria, an honour that is well within his capabilities.
- Liam Brady (SPC 1997-2002), son of Year 8 Coordinator and Victorian Country Cricket Legend, Peter and grandson of Colin Dodd (SPC 1945-1947) and James Brady (SPC 1948) has recently returned from a most enjoyable six month stint in Scotland, working and playing cricket in Glasgow. Highlights of Liam's adventure were his 126 not out which led his team to victory against the eventual premier team of the competition, attending a Manchester United soccer match at Old Trafford, attending the Ashes Test match in Birmingham and visiting Loch Ness and Dublin. Liam greatly appreciated the marvellous hospitality that he received from the many friendships that he made whilst in Glasgow.
- Gerry Collins (SPC 1930-33) wrote in from Golden Square to advise that he will turn 90 in May 2006. He is keeping busy and continues to enjoy good health and a happy retirement. We will all drink to Gerry's health in May 2006!
- John Deany (SPC 1949-53) sent in this photo of himself (right), John James (centre) and Kevin Opie at a recent gathering in Melbourne, following John's second knee replacement. The three have been great mates since they sat together in the back seats in matric in 1952. All three were members of the College's most famous football team, the Invincibles of 1952 which boasted Brownlow medallists John James and Brian Gleeson.



John Deany (right), John James and Kevin Opie (left)

- Damian Franzman (SPC 1977-80) has been appointed General Manager of the Anglesea Golf Course. Damian has extensive experience within the golf course management field and would no doubt be delighted to welcome any keen old boy golfers to Anglesea - one of the state's leading courses and for those with children one place that you are guaranteed to see lots of kangaroos!

- Tim Leeming (SPC 1986-89) is living in Balmoral and is currently President of the highly successful Harrow/Balmoral Football Club. He and wife Georgina are prime lamb producers at Pigeon Ponds and Balmoral. They also find time in their busy schedule to be co-owners of the Balmoral Supermarket. Whilst age is slowly creeping up on him he is still managing to get a kick in the seniors. Since 2001 the Harrow/Balmoral Football Club have had nine old boys in their ranks including premiership coach Brian Blood, Sean Blood, Andrew Bleakley, Chris White, Max Leeming, Jason Bourke, Gerard Watt and Will Conheady.
- The last edition of Green, White and Blue contained details of Mark Kennedy (SPC 1992-97) who won the 2005 best and Fairest player award in the Cairns Football League. Playing for the Cairns Saints, Mark was surrounded by former St Pat's boys including Mark Kersley (SPC 1992-97), Daniel Callanan (SPC 1992-97), Nathan Williams (SPC 1991-96), Aaron Rushton (SPC 1992-97), Jarrod Trigg (SPC 2001-03), Nathan Ryan (SPC 1993-98) and Matthew Green (SPC 1988-93). We have been reliably informed that the 1st XVIII jumper was evident at a number of club training sessions.
- The irrepressible Tim McCrae (SPC 1984-89) was featured in an article in The Age newspaper highlighting the opportunity afforded to local bowlers to throw a few down to the World XI players during practice for the highly publicised Johnny Walker Super Series played at the Telstra Dome. Tim, a more than handy sub-district leg spinner for Yarraville had the honour of bowling to Virender Sehwag, Shaun Pollock, Brian Lara and Rahul Dravid and proudly proclaimed that he only got smashed by Sehwag once! Perhaps cheekily he even claimed to have had Lara 'LB playing the sweep - it was definitely out!' Well done Tim on living most boys dreams - and having it recorded in the pages of The Age!
- Peter Nolan (SPC 1995-2000) played in the 2005 Australian Golf Open held at Moonah Links in November. The event was played in extremely trying conditions with savage winds and lightning fast green causing much discussion, and frustration amongst many of Australia's leading players. Unfortunately Peter did not make the cut to see weekend action, but his effort in making the field was a great effort and augurs well for future events on the Australian Tour.
- Former St Patrick's College students Steve Moneghetti (SPC 1975-80), Chris Howley (SPC 1986-91) and Richard Gleisner (SPC 1984-89) issued a strong reminder of the College's athletic talents when they competed in Melbourne's Olympic Dream 10 kilometre Fun Run in November. Steve showed that class never dies (and hard work always pays off) as he decisively won his sixth Olympic Dream. Mona controlled the race from the start establishing a formidable break early as the race wound its way through the streets of central Melbourne. In winning the race Steve reminded the Australian sporting community of his

awesome running prowess defeating a class field and breasting the tape in a slick 29.42. Chris and Richard were part of an impressive pack chasing Moneghetti, and duelled it out right to the line with Chris finishing 4th in 31.14 and Richard 6th in 31.27. Three old boys in the top six of such a prestigious event is an amazing, and probably unsurpassed effort. Well done boys!

• Michael Ranger (SPC 1995-2000) has just graduated from Physiotherapy at LaTrobe University. Michael, the 2000 College Captain received great reports from his clinical rounds and has a position in Mackay, NQ, with the Mackay Physiotherapy Clinic. He is greatly looking forward to a new challenge, not to mention the beaches and Whitsunday Islands.

• Patrick Shaw (SPC 1999-2004) this year made his debut in the prestigious Herald Sun Tour. He received great publicity for this achievement - perhaps for all the wrong reasons as the following article from the Herald Sun highlights -

Teenage cyclist Patrick Shaw was in hospital last night after a horrendous 100km/h crash during yesterday's fourth stage of the Herald Sun Tour. Shaw, 19, crashed face-first into a wall while chasing the main bunch on a steep descent into Eildon. After being transferred from Alexandra Hospital to Maroondah Hospital in Ringwood, he was last night X-rayed and treated for a suspected broken nose and jaw, while precautionary X-rays were taken of an injured hip. Shaw, 19, was involved in a similar crash racing in Queensland three weeks ago, but recovered in time to take his place with the Jayco VIS team for this tour. "He did virtually the same thing, only harder. He hit the wall very hard," team manager Dave Sanders said last night. Shaw had dropped back to help team mate Brett Lancaster, who had suffered a puncture.

All at the College who greatly respect and admire Pat were not surprised to find out that the accident occurred as a result of helping a team mate and that despite his injuries he is already back on the bike and looking forward to his return to the sport.

• Peter Vaughan (SPC 1945-48) wrote in from Wangaratta to add to the obituary of Ray Tatchell, published in the last Green, White and Blue. Peter mentioned that a few of Ray's businesses were listed, however his time as a furniture removalist was omitted. He moved Peter several times and Peter re-paid the favour helping him with several interstate trips. One such trip was to Adelaide - 'the Bedford truck had seen better days. This trip we were going over the Mount Lofty Ranges to Adelaide with a full load on board, when the brakes started to play up. It was very scary around those hair pin bends and I certainly said a few Hail Marys! However as usual Ray was the master of the situation and by using the handbrake and gears we eventually reached the bottom of the Ranges. I was a nervous wreck but

Ray just shrugged it off as one of those things! That was the sort of bloke Ray was, nothing ever worried him. Besides being a great sportsman, he was a great guy and I feel honoured to have been his friend'.

- Stephen Walter (SPC 1979-84) is currently the Vice President for Asia-Pacific IMS Health Consulting and Services. He is living in Singapore with wife Ann and son Axton.
- Justin Walter (SPC 1981-86) is living in Kew with wife Zinta and son Benjamin. He is working as a Hospital Director at the Bethlehem Hospital in Caulfield.
- Leon Watt (SPC 1982-85) has been married to Cate since 1994 and has three girls Verity, Ripley and Tully. He is currently managing a large merino property in Mortlake.

WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS, BIRTHS, BEREAVEMENTS

SPC Weddings

Hanlon – Matthew (SPC 1991-96) married Tara Williams on Saturday December 10 at the Loreto Chapel. The many SPC guests in attendance later enjoyed the reception at the Ballarat Fine Art Gallery.

Leeming – Tim (SPC 1986-89) married Georgina Wait in March 2005.

Morrison - Allister (SPC 1990-95) married Claire Seaton in the College Chapel on Saturday November 26, 2005. Allister is the son of long time College supporter and former Board member Ron (SPC 1953-62).

SPC Engagements

Tell us your news!!

SPC Births

Hetherington – Peter (SPC 1987-90) and Maryann welcome with love Majella Marie, born June 27, 2005. A sister for Therese Maryann (2).

Hutchins – Dean (SPC 1988-93) and Melani are proud to announce the arrival of Noah Dean (9lb. 2 oz.), a brother for Bhodi.

SPC Deaths

Paul Birkett (SPC 1971-75) died as result of motorcycle accident on October 18, 2005.

Dr John (Jack) Cramer (SPC 1939-44) passed away on December 2 at Gandarra in the care of his family. Jack was a greatly admired

and loved St Pat's identity who left an indelible mark on the College. He was heavily involved with the College over the years as both a student and a parent. The College is forever indebted to Jack for his leadership of fundraising efforts that led to the construction of the O'Malley Sports Centre and the Manual Arts Centre (the Br RM Miller Wing). Jack's three sons Gerard (SPC 1970-75), Peter (SPC 1971-76) and Michael (SPC 1974-79) all attended the College.

Leo FitzGerald, father of Gerard (SPC 1973), and grandfather of Michael (SPC 1999-2001), Kate and Tim (Year 10) passed away October 31, 2005. Leo was a regular supporter at sporting matches on the Main Oval, having enjoyed an outstanding sporting career himself in the Derrinallum district.

Jack Flanagan (SPC 1934-36) died recently at the age of 85. Jack was a talented sportsman and was a member of the 1st XVIII and 1st IV tennis. After leaving the College he graduated in dentistry and ran a successful practice for many years. His elder brother Noel Flanagan AO (SPC 1932-36) will be inducted as a Legend of the College in 2006. The Funeral Mass was celebrated by Jack's brother Fr Kevin (SPC 1942-44) on Friday October 14 at St Roch's, Glen Iris. Accompanying him at the altar were eight other Priests including Fr Jack Carroll (SPC 1934-37) and Fr Reg Sullivan (SPC 1927-31).

Br Sean McManus was kind enough to send in an obituary from the Herald Sun of a great supporter of St Pat's, Gordon Holmes (SPC 1946) who passed away on August 30, 2005. Gordon had the dubious distinction of being the President of the International Order of Old Bastards! The Old Bastards boast thousands of members, including champion sportsman, businessmen, barristers, politicians, judges, priests, doctors and policemen and were established to assist people who could not access help through conventional channels. Gordon was a successful fundraiser on behalf of the disadvantaged and devoted his energies to this cause even whilst in palliative care. He was a devout Catholic and spent his last year at school at St Patrick's College where he was described as a 'good student, class captain and good sportsman'. Gordon at his mother's urging commenced study for the Priesthood, however after three years he left and forged a successful career as a Bank Manager. He was a handy footballer playing for Oakleigh in the VFA and was an ardent Collingwood supporter. Gordon was President of the Victorian Debating Society and spent the last twenty years of his working life as Assistant Director for the Olympic Park Board of Management. Gordon is survived by wife Kathleen and sons Gerard, Paul and Tim and daughters Nuala and Fiona.

Francis David Jess (SPC 1943) passed away on Wednesday October 12, 2005. Grandfather of Sam Jess (Year 11) and James Jess (SPC 1998-2003).

John Leahy, (SPC 1965-1968) who was the College's Purton Orator in 1968 passed away in Queensland on November 20, 2005. John recently returned to the College for the reunion of Purton Orators and entertained all in attendance with his exceptional Irish music playing. Although legally blind in his latter years John enjoyed

performing and was at all times a gifted and entertaining orator.

Mrs Verna Loader passed away on November 4 after a long and inspirational battle with illness. Verna and late husband Graeme were great supporters of the College and the SPC Foundation. Deepest sympathies to David (SPC 1982-1985), Andrew (SPC 1985-1990) who was College Captain in 1990, Michael (SPC 1991-1996), Janine, Michelle and Maree and their families.

The College was deeply saddened by the tragic death of James Lukin, beloved son of Karen (Staff) and Rob Lukin. James, was killed in a car accident whilst driving to a new job in Adelaide. He was 23 years old.

Mrs Bernadette Stamatov, mother of Liam (Year 10) died suddenly on Monday November 28, 2005. Bernadette was a thirty-six year-old mother of three children, a business woman in Clunes, married to Chris, and recently elected as the Clunes ward Councillor. Bernadette had made a big impact in the two years the Stamatovs have been in the region and will be greatly missed.

Br Ron Stewart died on December 4 after an extended illness. Br Stewart was Headmaster of the College from 1970-72 and was a regular visitor to the College in recent times. He was delighted to catch up with one of his more celebrated students, Premier Steve Bracks (SPC 1967-71) at the opening of the WJ Wilding Wing in 2004.

Christopher Storey (SPC 1987-1992) died tragically in a motorcycle accident in Vietnam whilst on holiday. Deepest sympathies to parents Susan and Peter and siblings Margaux, Suzanne and Clare.

Mrs Mary Taranto, mother of Tony (SPC 1981 - 1984), Tom (SPC 1984-1988). Mary was a devoted worker and a great supporter of the College.

Mrs Doreen Thayer passed away October 31, 2005. Mother of Barbara Beechey, grandmother of Geoffrey (SPC 1984-1988), Ashley (SPC 1986-1989) and grandmother of Earl Thayer (SPC 1985-1988). Barbara was President of the Ladies Auxiliary from 1986-87 and a Board Member from 1988-1989.

Pat Torpy (SPC 1961-1970) October 9, 2005, aged 52. Pat won the hearts of many at St Pat's when, as an 8 year old Grade 3 St Pat's student, he nearly stole the Handicap Mile – a feature of the school sports day where all students from all years set off on the 4 lap 'marathon' at the end of the day. He is shown here being urged on as he holds a 40-yard lead at the end of the 3rd lap. Pat was pipped at the post by a 'mean' Year 12, but he'd announced his arrival on the sports field, which he loved and graced for many years at school and later in the Ballarat region. He frequently jumped his own height and set several long-standing school and BPS records.

After school, Pat worked in banking and the motor trade (Peter Amor Motors). He had a great fondness for his mates and the outdoors, and was very proud of the work he did at the Aboriginal settlement at Ramingining (via Darwin) where he was employed as bookkeeper before his illness took hold.

Pat had a great time recently when he attended the 1971 OCA Reunion Dinner and his photo featured in the October 2005

Shamrock. His friends and family were a great support to Pat in recent years as he slowly succumbed to the ravages of Multiple Sclerosis.

Pat is survived by his older brothers John, (1961-64) and Gerard (1961-65).



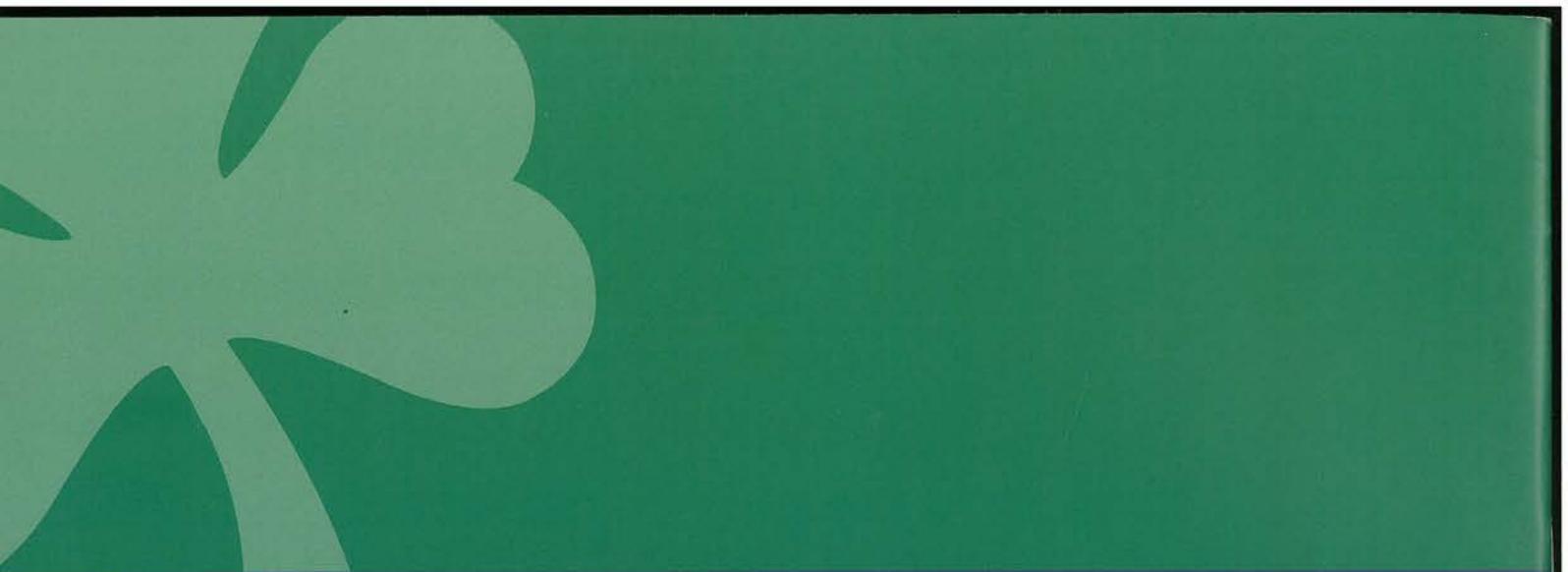
Pat Torpy (SPC 1961-1970), holding a 40 yard lead in the third lap of a four lap marathon



Pat Torpy (SPC 1961-1970), Pat frequently jumped his own height and set many long standing school and BAS records

Mrs Anna Maria Zemljak (SPC Staff 1970 - 1986) died November 22, 2005 in her ninetieth year. Mrs Zemljak was appointed to the St Patrick's College staff as Librarian in 1970 and she later took charge of the new library opened in 1976 as part of the Kelty Resource Centre. For the next ten years she organised and supervised the library, known to everyone at the College as a faithful guardian of the books and magazines in her charge, a good supplier of the reference needs for both teachers and students, but a demanding officer when it came to the returning of borrowed volumes. As first custodian of St Patrick's modern resource centre she gave a service which set a high standard and earned the gratitude of all at the College.

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



Class of 2005 - Year 12 Roll Call

The Old Collegians Association congratulates all members of the Class of 2005 upon their rich and significant achievements during their time at the College and warmly welcomes them to the ranks of 'Old Boys' – 'Stick with the Green, White and Blue'!

NEXT EDITION

Merry Christmas to all member of the St Pat's Community

The deadline for the next edition of *The Shamrock* is Friday March 10, 2006. 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

