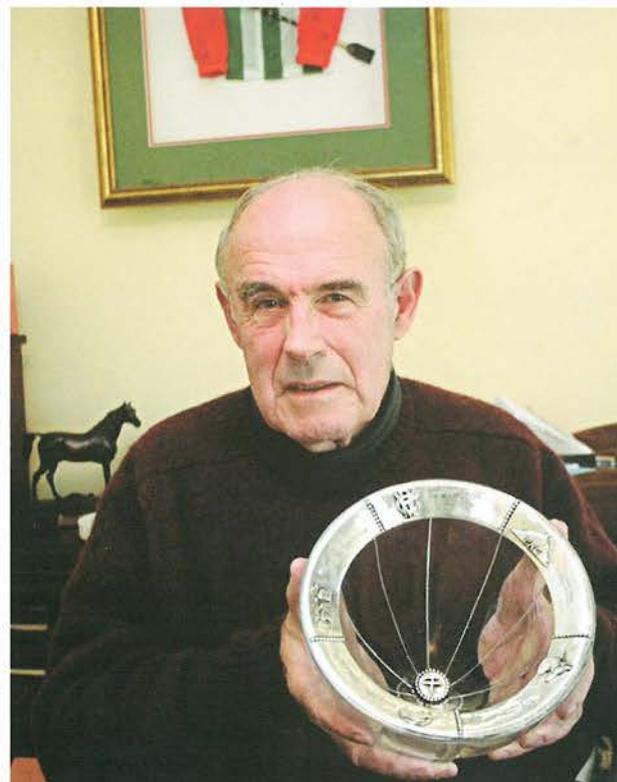
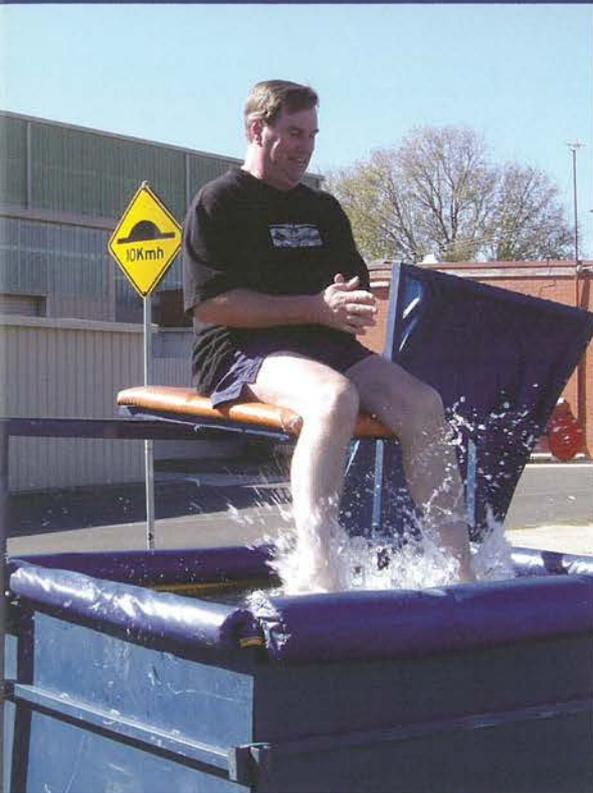
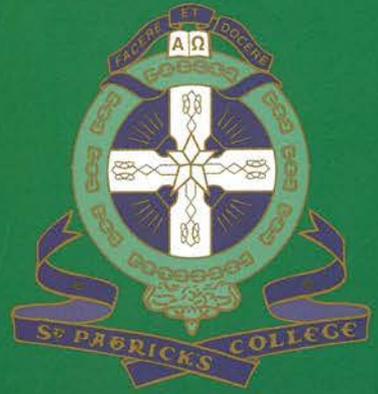


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## WELCOME TO THE SECOND EDITION OF THE SHAMROCK FOR 2005.

It has been an action packed term with students enjoying success in a range of academic, sporting and cultural pursuits. As ever there is a great deal of old boy news to share with members of the College community. This edition of The Shamrock is dedicated to the memory of College Legend Mr David Bourke (SPC 1944-48) CBE, who lost his brave battle with cancer in May this year. A tribute to David is featured in the OCA's Green, White and Blue.

## FROM THE HEADMASTER

### Religious Dimension of the College

This term has witnessed retreats for Years 8 and 10, 200 at breakfast after our Mothers Day Mass, our Year 12 Councillors in Melbourne carrying the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham in procession from St Patrick's Cathedral to St Paul's Cathedral, our Year 8s linking with East Timor schools and our Social Justice Assembly.

One special occasion was Anzac Day. This year it was celebrated solemnly as usual, but the blessing of the Memorial Boards in the Chapel added to the occasion and to the congregation that gathered. The death earlier this year of Flight Lieutenant Paul Pardoel (SPC 1982-87), the first Australian serviceman to be killed in Iraq necessitated another board to be added to those we had prepared.

### Death of Pope John Paul II

The College community, along with millions of others throughout the world was deeply saddened by the death of the Pontiff. The scale of the coverage reflected the enormity of the late Pope's impact on the modern world. As we pray for the repose of his soul, we look to the working of the Holy Spirit through Pope Benedict XVI to enable him to meet the

needs of our Church, a Church which is confronted by such diverse challenges in its different settings.

### The Arts

Mr James Maddocks and the students of SPC and Loreto gave us a marvellous performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream which showcased our students' talents and our beautiful Chapel and gardens.

In May Josh Hyde (Year 12 2004) played at the Iwaki Auditorium, ABC Studios Southbank in a set of Top Class Music Performances as part of the VCE Season of Excellence. Josh is now studying at the Victorian College of the Arts within the University of Melbourne

Tom Andrews (Year 12 2004) was awarded a Premier's Award as top student in the state for Media Studies. His teacher Peter Hutchins represented us at the ceremony at Parliament House. The Arts Faculty and Technology Faculty continue their work of displaying student work in prominent places around the College, including the Main Foyer and the Little Corridor.

250 students from our Catholic primary schools were treated to a showcase of SPC talent in the O'Malley Gym during Catholic Education Week: Year 7 drama, the College Senior Choir and the Senior Concert Band entertained them for a most enjoyable hour. More recently the Senior Concert Band combined with the Ballarat Grammar Concert Band to give a stirring performance in the O'Malley Gym.

### Accountabilities and Future Directions

During Term Two the College Annual Reports to the Board and to the Christian Brothers Education Commission were published. These are confidential documents but form an integral part of our accountabilities. For general consumption, the very informative Annual Magazine was published and very well received, thanks particularly to the

fine work of Mr Mark Waddington and the Development Office.

Term Two has been survey season with students, staff and parents being canvassed for their opinion, through surveys for Strategic Planning 2006-2010, Pastoral Care Review, Year 7 Entry Surveys and normal Exit Surveys. I appreciate the time that has gone into these exercises, both from a planning and production aspect on the part of staff, but also from the recipients' perspective. The College community has maintained its very high response rate, so thank you to all those who have informed our deliberations.

### State Government Grants

The State Government has announced its new policy on funding the non-government sector. While the indexing of grants to CPI increases and the figure of \$151 million increase over 4 years are welcome improvements, they need to be seen in context and against a background of Victorian government neglect against national averages of state government assistance. In 2006 at SPC we may receive an extra \$35 per student with an overall increase over the four years of \$125. This is subject to the mechanism adopted by CECV and a greater share of the increase may be directed to the primary school sector reflecting their relative need.

### Sporting Scene

The Winter Sports programme has brought great success to our teams so far, most notably to the First XVIII in the Herald Shield Competition which is contested by the State's top sixteen footballing schools. On July 13 the 1st XVIII play St Bede's in the semi final of the competition - a victory will see the College take on either Whitefriars or Penleigh and Essendon Grammar in the Grand Final at the MCG.

The SPC Rowing Club hosted a dinner commemorating the 1955 Head of the Lake win with rowers from across the

fifty years enjoying a marvellous evening. The proceeds from the night will be used to purchase a racing eight for training and some competitive rowing.

### Social Justice

The Social Justice Assembly once again brought the College's focus to the responsibility our students and staff accept for working with those in need in our society. This edition of The Shamrock picks up on these activities, of which as a community we can be particularly proud, and so I would like to conclude his article with my words to the Social Justice Assembly:

*'Last Thursday was the Australian National Day of Healing, seeking to redress all past wrongs in our Australian society so that we can move forward as a country united. Last Sunday's celebration of the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ told us that we are called in the Eucharist to be one body, regardless of colour, country of birth, gender, economic standing, intellectual aptitude or political disposition. In Australia we are called to be one welcoming people just as the Eucharist, our remembrance of the life and death of Jesus, calls us to forgiveness and healing so that we can say sorry and move forward.'*

"Jesus, on the night before he died, gave an example which we re-enact each Easter. When he was at supper with his disciples, Jesus got up from the table, removed his outer garment and, taking a towel, wrapped it round his waist; he then poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he was wearing." John 13.

In Palestine the washing of feet was a job for the servants when important guests arrived in sandals- not the job of anyone important, definitely not the work for the Head of the house.

At the assembly I then proceeded to wash the feet of indigenous and other students.

"When he had washed their feet and put on his clothes again he went back to the table. 'Do you understand' he said 'what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so I am. If I then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each others' feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you.'" John 13

*Sometimes our deeds speak much louder than our words. Thank you for your input into our assembly which celebrated much of what we think is important in an Edmund Rice school, but is essential to St Patrick's College, Ballarat.*

Peter M Casey  
Headmaster



Headmaster Dr Peter Casey washing the feet of a number of St Patrick's students as part of the Social Justice Assembly

### SOCIAL JUSTICE: AT THE CORE OF WHO WE ARE

*'Our lives begin to end the day we remain silent about something we care about'*  
- Martin Luther King Jr

The commitment of St Patrick's College students and staff to social justice has long been a hallmark of the College. Students are challenged and supported to address issues of social injustice and to look at ways in which they can provide

### FRONT COVER (Clockwise)

Dr Peter Casey makes a splash in the freezing water - Edmund Rice Day 2005.

Jarryd Allan and Peter Colbourne sit in the canoe used by Ice Maidens Michell Bloomcamp and Sandra Floate.

David Bourke CBE (SPC 1944-1948).

1955 Crew - 50th Anniversary Celebrations Brian Vear (B), Tom Scarff (2), Charles Castle (3), Vincent Colbert (S) and Brian Hickey (C). The 'Drought Breaker' boat of 1990 (background) is now on permanent display at the College. Photo Courtesy of The Courier.

tangible assistance to others less fortunate than themselves. Our boys are indeed very fortunate; they come from loving and supportive homes, attend a College where they are supported and encouraged to fulfil their potential in a range of pursuits and live in a community where they enjoy freedom of speech, association and religious choice.

On June 1 the College gathered for the annual Social Justice Assembly to celebrate the importance of service in the name of Jesus and distribute funds raised through the Edmund Rice Day Walkathon and other initiatives to a number of social justice related service agencies.

The following is a summary of just some of the wonderful social justice initiatives undertaken by students and staff this year.

### Social Justice Retreat

During the Term 1 holidays, 14 members of the Social Justice Group enjoyed some reflection time at the annual social justice retreat in Apollo Bay. The retreat, facilitated by Br Gerry Brady, afforded the boys and teachers an opportunity to reflect on issues of justice, plan future justice activities and enjoy each other's company in a beautiful beach setting. Discussion was dynamic, meals under the direction of Miss Jane Butler were magnificent and all survived the three days without the need for televisions or computers.

Participants were Bernard Wilson, David Hall, Andrew Carey, Sanjay de Silva, Jordan Molloy, Cameron Rowe, Brenton Carey, Anthony Read, Josh O'Connor, Will Van Keulen, Dale Rogers, Miss Jane Butler, Mr Les Bone and Mr Danny Moore.

### Edmund Rice Camps

St Pat's boys have been a force behind the success of Edmund Rice Camps (ERC) for many years and this Easter was no different. Edmund Rice Camps provide an opportunity for the most disadvantaged



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea - Staff and students help themselves to a cuppa and cake prepared by the students of Food Technology

Jamie Ransome conducts the College Band

SPC House Athletics Day: SPC boys give it their all

Rugby Action: 1st XV St Pat's boys vs Scotch College on the Hill Oval



Garth Kydd (SPC 1995-2000) (2nd from left) and staff member Casey Frame (far right) graduated from the University of Ballarat in May 2005

Rugby Action: St Pat's boys aim high

Simon Harwood with friends in Arusha, Tanzania

Children in Arusha, Tanzania

children of the community to have a holiday with young volunteers. Sudanese refugees are disadvantaged in many ways having recently arrived in Australia after escaping their war-torn and poverty stricken country. The gift of a safe, new home we can provide in Australia is important. However it is how we choose to welcome the stranger, in this case the Sudanese community, that can make a child's transition either a time of great joy or one of regret and sadness.

Over the term holidays Miss Jane Butler was privileged to spend five days facilitating an ERC with 23 Sudanese refugee children aged 7-14 years from the St Albans Edmund Rice Centre. She was assisted by two current Year 12 students: David Francis and Chris Beggs along with John McDaid (SPC 1999-2004).

While providing an exciting, high-energy camp program for children, ERC also provides a network for boys to develop leadership skills and self-discipline, to be challenged outside of their comfort zone and be a positive role model for children and in this case, allowing children to play in a safe, non-threatening environment.

The boys involved were wonderful ambassadors for the College.

**EAST TIMOR**

**No balls/no ropes = no games**

Mrs Bronwyn McNamee on behalf of the Ballarat City Education Delegation, wrote to SPC's 8G:

*Dear Friendship School representatives*

*Congratulations on the very fine efforts you have all made towards recognising and celebrating Ballarat's partnership with the Ainaro District in East Timor, and in supporting both the collective*

*sports pack effort and your own communication effort for your Friendship School or Kindergarten.*

*There are gorgeous banners and all sorts of innovative communication albums and books. Well done! We are looking forward to visiting every Friendship School and Kinder and bringing back lots of photos and information for you all.*

Can you imagine endeavouring to play soccer or skipping games without balls or ropes? Of course it is impossible. This is the reality for many school children in East Timor. At the beginning of Term Two, Homeroom 8G accepted the offer of developing a link with a friendship school in East Timor. The class members then set about fulfilling the requirements to be able to assist Maubisse Pre-Secondary (Years 7, 8 and 9). Firstly, the class developed a book, which contained brief profiles of each student in the homeroom. A banner then had to be designed and completed. This banner was to be representative of the St Patrick's College community. A special thank you to Mrs Griffin for her assistance and direction with the artwork.

To fund the initiative, a minimum of \$250 had to be raised for the sports pack which was to be sent to East Timor. 8G organised a BBQ to coincide with the Social Justice Assembly and raised \$292. Special mention needs to go to Lachi Whitehouse and his family for their extreme kindness during the fundraising activity. 8G are to be congratulated on the manner in which they went about this challenge, working in groups and negotiating various tasks with their group leaders.

**Weekly Bread Run**

On the last Sunday of Term 2, members of Social Justice groups were invited by Sr Marie Vagg and Mrs Ann Dark to

attend Mass at St James Church in Sebastopol. The occasion was to launch the Winter Appeal for the Poor and receive thanks for our involvement in the weekly bread run for St Vincent de Paul. Brenton Carey accepted a certificate of appreciation on behalf of our students. Thanks and congratulations to all who have given up their Thursday nights to support this community work.

**STUDENT PERSPECTIVES ON SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVITIES**

**Bernard Wilson and David Hall**

Being involved in a cross section of social justice initiatives provides students with a range of interesting and thought provoking perspectives – these are a collection of thoughts shared by leaders Bernard and David.

**Social Justice Retreat**

*"The Social Justice retreat enabled us to come together as a group, heightening our awareness of social justice issues. It was a time for relaxation, affirmation and heated debate."*

**St Albans Volunteers Dinner**

*"The dinner gave us a great opportunity to meet students from other Edmund Rice Schools, giving us hope and understanding into how we and other students can continue living in the spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice."*

**Letters To Ali**

*"Attending the film 'Letters to Ali,' helped inform us about the plight of asylum seekers in Australia and also assisted Ali through financial support."*

**Social Justice Assembly**

*"The Social Justice Assembly showcased the efforts of the St Vincent De Paul Group and the Social Justice Group. The group sees this as vital for the continued education of the College community in Social Justice issues. The support we received for the assembly encourages us to continue our work at the school."*

**Easter Egg Drive**

*"The annual St Vincent De Paul Easter Egg Drive saw the students and teachers of St Patrick's College open up their hearts by donating Easter eggs to those less fortunate than ourselves, putting a smile on many faces."*

**Bread Run**

*"Every Thursday evening the St Vincent De Paul group supports the people of the parish of St James by helping Sr Marie deliver bread to those in the community."*

**Nazareth House Visits**

*"The junior students of the St Vincent De Paul group regularly attend Nazareth House to give the residence a friendly smile and someone to talk to."*

**SIMON HARWOOD (SPC 1998-2003) – Out of Africa**

Simon was Vice Captain of the College in 2003. During his time at SPC he became renowned for his sporting, academic and leadership pursuits. However perhaps his lasting legacy will be his commitment to social justice and the example he set for others to follow. His photo adorns a past cover of The Shamrock where he is seen tutoring refugee children in St Albans. This is an enduring photo with the look on the child's face perhaps capturing the spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice, a spirit

that the College hopes will at some stage be activated in the lives of all our boys.

Perhaps not surprisingly, following his VCE, Simon chose to live amongst the dedicated Christian Brothers of East Africa and work with some of the world's most marginalised people for six months. Simon's work has been greatly acknowledged through the Edmund Rice Network and he has been asked to visit a number of schools to discuss his work. The following is a brief account of Simon's work and travels.



Simon amongst friends in Arusha

In September 2004 I flew out of Melbourne for Tanzania to work alongside the many dedicated Christian Brothers working with some of the world's most disadvantaged people in the Arusha region. I was extremely nervous getting on the plane and when the plane took off the realisation dawned that I was saying farewell to my family, the comforts of home and the familiarity of life in Australia.

Despite intensive preparatory work with the Christian Brothers in Melbourne and some background knowledge of the Brother's work in the region from my days on the Social Justice Committee with Danny Moore and from working with refugee children at St Albans, nothing could adequately prepare me for what I encountered upon arrival. A sea of smiling, ragged dressed children with the ravages of poverty etched in their faces.

The pace of life, the dedication of the Brothers to their work and my own involvement in this fulfilling work meant that these initial stereotypes were quickly replaced with the realisation that I was working with children and adults who had the same basic needs as those living in most other places of the world.

My work involved teaching English and Mathematics to Form 1 and 2 students at Edmund Rice Secondary School Sinon, Arusha. The majority of classes I taught on my own, without any support or help from a qualified teacher, such are the conditions of working life in Tanzania. I learnt an incredible amount under the guidance of inspirational Headmaster Br Frank O'Shea, a truly great Christian Brother. The School had a population of approximately 700 students, most of whom were from local tribal areas. The majority of children were severely impoverished and so the school would feed them every day with a big meal at lunch time.

I lived in a basic house, sometimes we had no water or flushing toilet, basic hotplates in kitchen and a concrete floor, however it quickly became home. The House was on the school compound and I was fortunate to live with 1982 SPC College Captain, Mick Baddeley, who works for NGO in Arusha. We would start work at about 8am and finish around 4 pm. I would then either coach or umpire soccer games or go to Swahili lessons with 'Mama Gertrude'.

The biggest thing that sticks out to me is how much happier I am since returning home. This is largely due to the fact that I lived in an environment where many were deprived of the things I take for granted like basic shelter, healthy nutritious food and clean water. Regardless of this deprivation, the Tanzanian people were the most welcoming, affectionate, compassionate people that I have ever met.

The following diary extract explains this experience after a hard long day at school.

*'Sitting back in my chair and reflecting on the day I believe that I have learnt many things. Patience and compromise would be the first two that come to mind. However the opportunity to experience all these ups and downs in just one day has made me realise not only how complex my life is but everyone else's as well. Obviously the thought process of many here is completely different to that of an Australian however through all the peaks and troughs in their lives these people refuse to dwell on the past or think about tomorrow. Instead they focus all their energy into the single moment that they live in and from that experience live life to its fullest. As one boy said to me today in regards to postponing taking his photo, "Tomorrow, you're always talking about tomorrow, take our picture today, tomorrow we might not be here." How right he is.*

*At times it was very hard to keep going, very taxing on mind and body, however the smiles of the children each day and the appreciation for your work would ensure that the motivation was quickly replenished.*

Another journal entry sums up these feelings:

*'Regardless of the absolute poverty that the majority of Tanzanians live in, their up-beat, kind-hearted personality would always bring me out of a depressed mood, a personality that unfortunately we in the first world really don't understand, not through our own fault, but simply because of the environment to which we are accustomed doesn't allow. We're always too busy worrying about when the next house repayment is due or how old we want to be when we get married or want to have children. Our lives revolve around planning for the future and I often wonder if we ever reach an ultimate moment of happiness in our lives if all we ever think about is what's going to happen next. Most Tanzanians don't have the opportunity to plan for the future, so*

*instead they live every day as though it is their last, responding to the emotions and feelings the world around them instils in them. The Tanzanian people taught me to appreciate purely being able to live. It is a great thing to provide support for these people however there are still many things that we can learn from them'.*

In real terms my contribution to the overall problem faced by people in this region was small but I am glad that I was able to assist – my own life has been enriched by the experience and I will forever be an advocate of the work performed by the Christian Brothers and other aid agencies who work in the region, with great diligence but little recognition. I may even return in the future, but first I need to complete my studies and look at other ways I can work in the area of social justice.

The pages here are not sufficient to do justice to the wealth of experiences I enjoyed and the priceless memories I will cherish. These memories stretch from rides in small planes, to amazing landscapes, majestic animals and the beautiful smiles of the children I was privileged to work with. All are made more meaningful by the human experience of working with people who have dedicated their life to social justice. It was great to spend time with other St Pat's old boys including 1982 College Captain Michael Baddeley – this reinforced that a commitment to social justice is very much part of the culture of the College, a culture that is true to the living spirit of Edmund Rice.

I would sincerely like to thank the St Patrick's College Old Boys Association who assisted me financially in getting to Arusha. Their generosity highlights that the culture of care for others extends well beyond the College's grounds.

### EDMUND RICE DAY 2005

The College celebrated its Founders Day, Blessed Edmund Rice Day with a reflection, walkathon, a shared lunch

followed by a number of activities in the afternoon. Students and staff entered into the day with great enthusiasm and enjoyed the sense of reflection and celebration associated with the day. Staff were able to mingle among the boys and enjoy their company away from the rigors of the classroom. The students appeared to enjoy the day, in particular the afternoon activities. Some enjoyed dunking staff into the freezing cold water just a little bit too much!



The boys get into the spirit of the Edmund Rice Day

The reflection was the appropriate way to start the day, as it provided the focus for the day, highlighting that it is more than just enjoying ourselves, it is about taking time out to help people who are less fortunate than ourselves. Many students have done a wonderful job with their fundraising, demonstrating an awareness of social justice and a willingness to help. David Ranger was once again outstanding in his efforts raising over \$2000. There were many more who raised hundreds of dollars and even more still who did their bit by raising over \$25. If all boys committed to this objective, meeting our target of \$25000 per annum would be very achievable.

The day requires a great deal of action and a lot of credit must go to Bernard Wilson, Chairman of the Edmund Rice Day Committee and his team of helpers for their efforts to ensure the day ran as well as it did. The committee consisted of Nathan Brown, Mitchell Brown, David

Ranger, Callum Bigarelli, Jimmy Spencer, Matt Polmear, Matt Santilli, Ed Grinter, Stephen D'arcy, Lachlan Barker and Patrick Nolan.



Edmund Rice Day: The Walk



Edmund Rice Day: Teeing Off

### YEAR 8 ICE MAIDENS VISIT

On Tuesday May 31, 2005 the intrepid group of mothers who trekked to Antarctica spoke to all Year 8 students as part of their unit entitled 'Change' The group who have affectionately been dubbed the 'Ice Maidens' captivated boys with stories about their adventure and specifically of sacrifices and change in attitudes they had to make to embark upon the expedition. The boys were amazed at the level of planning and changes to diet, sleeping arrangements and communication that must be endured to take on such an adventure in one of the world's most inhospitable environments.

### 2006 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The College offers scholarships to recognise and reward excellence in a diverse range of curricular and co-curricular areas such as academic excellence, art, music, performing arts, sport and general excellence. All scholarships have an academic component and recipients are expected to make a significant leadership contribution to their area of scholarship. Through offering scholarships the College is challenging recipients to become positive role models for their peers and in so doing lift the levels of performance and expectation in a number of areas relating to College life. In recent times the awarding of scholarships has become a necessary strategy in defending our boys from scholarship offers made by other schools.

All boys who apply for enrolment to the College are eligible to sit for, and receive a scholarship. Scholarships at the College are not means tested, the programme complementing the College's Bursary programme whereby the College budgets for approximately 10% of students to pay no, or reduced fees, to reflect the needs of members of the College community.

Congratulations to the following boys who have received scholarships for 2006. We look forward to each displaying outstanding leadership through their full involvement in areas relating to their scholarship.

Yr Level	Name	Category/Justification
7	Kayne Allen	Academic Scholarship
	Tyler Brandenburg	OCA Academic Scholarship
	Brayden Allan	Foundation General Excellence Scholarship
	Matthew Norman	General Excellence– Sport Scholarship
10	Jack Dean	Foundation General Excellence Scholarship
	Hugh Spencer	OCA Academic Scholarship
	Paul King	Foundation Academic Scholarship
11	Nathan Antony	Academic Scholarship
	Thomas McPherson	Foundation Academic Scholarship
	Thomas Kavanagh	Academic Scholarship
	Jarryd Robson	OCA Academic Scholarship
	Daniel Bailey	Sport Scholarship
11	Peter Toohey	Performing Arts Scholarship
	Jason Lyle	OCA Sport and General Excellence Scholarship



2006 Foundation Academic Excellence Scholarship Recipient Hugh Spencer

### STUDENTS TAKE OVER PARLIAMENT

Five St Patrick's College students were recently involved in the celebrations of the Centenary of State Secondary Education. SPC was one of only three Catholic schools invited to join the celebrations. 'Students Take Over Parliament' was a full day of activities including historical re-enactments, drama, music, public speaking and discussion, which saw Jed Andrews,

Denis McKinnon, Brenton Carey, James Harrison and Tristan Lambert proudly represent the College. James was one of only six students from across the State to be invited to address the conference at Parliament House, a task he delivered confidently and thoughtfully.



Denis McKinnon, Brenton Carey, James Harrison, Tristan Lambert and Jed Andrews in the 'Halls of Power' of Parliament House

Much was gained from these activities and the students commented that the day was, an excellent opportunity to hear other students' thoughts and their ideas about what makes an ideal school and about what students need to learn in secondary school. They also felt privileged to speak to the forum as representatives of Catholic schools in Victoria and appreciated the chance to have input into the forthcoming legislative review of the Education Act of 1872.

While the students provided an excellent example of teamwork, they also had the opportunity to relax and enjoy a night's accommodation at the Hilton on the Park Hotel (with views to the MCG) and a meal in cosmopolitan Richmond.

### OUTDOOR EDUCATION AT SPC

Unit 3 students undertook their second environmental experience within the Gippsland National Park recently. These experiences are developed to better enable students to relate the theoretical components of the VCE to the practice of working within a sustainable environmental framework.

Concepts of the changing views and perceptions of outdoor environments were examined whilst journeying through a diverse range of environments and examining the needs and demands of competing user groups. Whilst in Gippsland students also explored and analysed a number of conflicting habitat types including urban, coastal, marine, dune, lake, commercial, agriculture, recreation and conservation.



Students crossing Lake King by the early morning light

All students were commended upon the fine manner in which they represented the College and participated in this environmental course. Many people who came into contact with the group commented on the groups' level of understanding and their mature approach to course work. Thank you to Mr Lynn for his leadership and expertise throughout the trip.

### The Kokoda Experience

A group of eleven Year 10-12 students plus teachers and parents will walk the celebrated Kokoda Trail to mark the 60th anniversary of the end of World War 2. The idea emanated from students Edward Grinter and Gerard Maher who felt that the trek would be a tribute to the diggers as well as a wonderful learning experience.

The Kokoda Trail has great significance for Australians and is a part of the nation's folklore. The efforts of students in raising funds to finance the trip and undertaking training to complete the walk is testament to their spirit and their commitment to recognise the 60th anniversary.

The party left Melbourne on Saturday June 19 and will take ten days to complete the trek. Upon completion they will have walked for over 53 hours from Kokoda to Owen's Corner. During the walk they will make numerous ascents and descents, the highest being the climb to Kokoda Gap at 2190 metres above sea level. Most days will include many tough climbs as well as river crossings and spectacular scenery.



Edward Grinter preparing for the rigours of the Kokoda Trail

Following the walk the boys will be rewarded with a few days of snorkelling, swimming and resting aching muscles on the northern beaches of Papua New Guinea. The boys are in the middle of the walk as this edition of The Shamrock goes to press – a detailed report, plus some stunning photos will appear in the next edition.

### A Midsummer Night's Dream Comes Alive in the Gardens of St Pat's

Under the direction of Mr James Maddocks the gardens of the College came alive with an enchanting outdoor production of the celebrated Shakespeare play, A Midsummer Night's Dreams. The play showcased the amazing talents of students from St Pat's and Loreto who worked hard for months to stage a marvellous performance.

Students on stage were well supported by students in behind the scenes roles who teamed exceptionally well to meet the challenges posed by inclement weather conditions. The production also made innovative and effective use of our

beautiful Chapel and gardens. The elements conspired against the production at times but performers adhered to the celebrated theatrical line, 'the show must go on' and supported by an enthusiastic and resilient audience entered into the spirit of the transition from reality to fairyland.

### The State of the Union - Rugby Union!

Rugby continues to flourish at St Pat's. The 1st XV are performing well and are currently in second place on the ladder going into the term break. However it is the youngsters of the programme that are attracting all the attention.

The gentleman's game of rugby has expanded further at the College with the introduction of an Under 14 team in season 2005. Under the keen eye of coach Mr Geoff Brodie and supported by senior coaches and past players the boys have made great strides during their short time in the game. After a number of narrow losses in early games the team defeated Haileybury College in their last game for the term 50-5.

The boys are to be congratulated on the willingness to learn a new game. This is clearly evidenced by the outstanding roll-up to training, even as the Ballarat winter begins to bite in its famous manner. In past weeks the team has played experienced, undefeated teams, and only lost by narrow margins. In the pressure of these games the boys have revealed their character by constant encouragement for each other and a respect for the opposition.

Several games remain in Term Three and the team looks forward to further enhancing its skills and growing reputation during these encounters. The development of rugby union is providing great opportunities for boys to represent the College at a winter sport and, backed by parents and past players, the College is looking forward to re-establishing a strong St Patrick's Rugby programme with the addition of an Intermediate Team into the roster in 2006.

To close, we should bring to mind the golden rule of Rugby: 'The job of the forwards is to provide clean ball for the backs'.

### STAFF FAREWELLS AND WELCOMES

- Miss Jane Butler, chef par excellence and social justice worker is heading to the International School in Arusha in East Africa, working close by Edmund Rice Sinon, and will be replaced by Mr Matthew Taylor.
- Mr Anthony Stephens (SPC 1994-99) joins St Kevin's College Toorak where they obviously have an eye for talent. His place will be taken by Miss Rebecca Clark.
- Mrs Narelle Dixon is going on maternity leave until the start of 2006. Narelle has been characterised by her respectful relationship with her students and the high regard they have for her and her work ethic on their behalf. Narelle will be replaced by Mr Ian Weir who has extensive experience including Ballarat Grammar, Bacchus Marsh Grammar and Loreto College. Mr Weir is also an examiner in Legal Studies.
- The College also welcomes new Business Manager, Mr Joe Fazzalori, commencing on July 5. Joe has been Business Manager at Seton College in Perth. Joe is originally a Melbourne boy and is looking forward to the more milder weather and an opportunity to take his sons to see his beloved Blues.

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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

- Rhys Allan (Year 9) for his efforts in raising the most money in the Middle School for the Edmund Rice Walkathon.
- Sean Keem (Year 7) for being chosen for the Victorian Indoor State Soccer squad.

- Kyle Coutts of Year 7 for being chosen for the Victorian Indoor State Soccer squad.
- Corey Collier (Year 10) has been selected to represent the Under 18 Victoria Country team in the Under 18 National Basketball Championships in July in Perth.
- Lachlan Madder (Year 8) has been selected to represent the Under 16 Victoria Country team at the National Basketball Championships in July in Canberra.
- Zac Bereznicki (Year 12) was selected as a member of the School Sport Australian Tennis Championship Team which competed in Traralgon in April.
- Marcus Lynch, Year 8 for being selected in the Victorian Country Under 14 Soccer team to compete in the National Championships in Sydney.
- Shaun Grigg (Year 11) and Billy Driscoll (SPC 2000-2003) have been selected in the Vic Country team for the prestigious AFL National Championships in Melbourne in July. The Championships have been the launching place of many AFL careers and a showcase of the best junior talent in the country.
- Jason Dyer, Year 10 competed in the Taekwondo Australia, Queensland Open Championships held at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre. Jason won gold in the U18 black belt lightweight division of Olympic sparring winning his final with a score line of 10-8. Jason also contested the senior open age black belt division. At only 16, Jason was not intimidated by his 30-year-old opponent and took the bout right up to him only to lose narrowly by 3 points to secure the silver medal.
- Tyson Armstrong, Year 10 played for Australia in the International Polo Cross series in Albury in April.
- Daniel Ross-Smith (Year 9) who has been selected to represent Vic Country at the School Sport Australia event to be held in Canberra in July.

# Green White & Blue

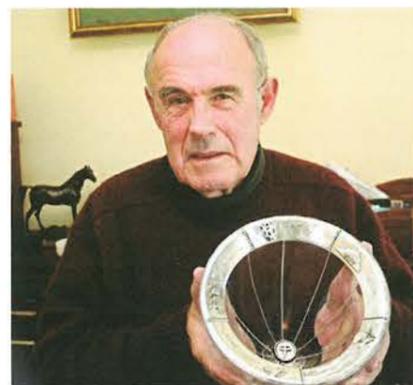
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## GREEN, WHITE AND BLUE Official Publication of the OCA

The past months have been a particularly busy period for the OCA Executive as the pavilion appeal continues, OCA dinners are held at locations around the State and we continue to try and track down old boys for 10, 20, 30 and 40 year reunion dinners later in the year. We look forward to renewing acquaintances at College functions and as we travel the countryside in the not too distant future.

## MR DAVID BOURKE CBE (SPC 1944-48)



David Bourke CBE

It was with great sadness that the College community learnt of the passing of David Bourke on Tuesday May 10 after a courageous battle with cancer. David died a week shy of his 75th birthday and was farewelled at a memorable Requiem Mass attended by over 1200 people. The funeral was attended by a large number of old boys, past staff members, Brothers and Headmaster Dr Peter Casey and second generation boarding students Denis McKinnon and Simon Halpin.

David was inducted as a Legend of the College in 2004 in recognition of his ongoing support for the College, his outstanding achievements as a student and his immense contribution to the Victorian Racing Industry and his local community of Pakenham. David was a

man of great faith and integrity and his passing has reinforced for old boys and current students the great heights that St Pat's scholars can rise to through devotion to Church, family, friends and the pursuit of excellence in all facets of life.



Father Dan Arundel, Brian Hogan and Brian Costigan sang in full voice a rowing rendition of the College song in tribute to David Bourke.

David will be sadly missed and the College and OCA will look at ways to perpetuate his memory at the College he so greatly loved, and contributed to, in the coming months.

The following tributes have been reproduced to highlight the esteem with which David was held by the St Patrick's College community – a feature article written for the College newsletter by Archivist Br Brian Davis and a colour flyer from the Victorian Racing Committee (VRC) sent to all members outlining some of his amazing achievements in the racing industry.

## From the College Archives Br Brian Davis

David Bourke came from Pakenham in Victoria and boarded at St Patrick's College from 1944 to 1948. David's father, Michael, and Uncle, Hugh, started the Bourke association with St Patrick's College when they boarded from 1905 to 1907. David's brothers, John, Brian, Hugh, Michael and Gavan all followed him to St Patrick's College. Hugh's son, Paul, and Michael's sons, David and Peter continued the Bourke tradition with their attendance at the College in the 1980s.

Once again in David, as with all the outstanding students of the College, we encountered a person who was involved in a wide range of activities. In the religious area he was a Councillor of the Our Lady's Sodality and a Councillor of the Holy Name Society; while in the cultural area he was an executive member of the Senior Literary and Debating Society and a finalist in the Purton Oratory. He was a member of the 1st XI Cricket Team from 1946 to 1948, being Vice Captain in 1947 and Captain in 1948 when he won the batting average and scored 134 runs against Ballarat High School in a record third wicket partnership with Des Slattery. In 1948 he achieved another of his cherished ambitions in being a member of the Premiership 1st XVIII Football Team.

His leadership qualities were recognised by his peers with his election as a College Prefect in 1947 and as Captain of the College in 1948.

1982 was a significant year in David's life: he finished as a member of the Victorian Country Racing Council after 22 years, the last ten of them as Chairman and he concluded a stint as Secretary of the Pakenham Racing Club after being appointed in 1949, the year after he left St Patrick's College. On December 31, 1981 he was made a Commander of the British Empire for services to racing and the community and in 1982 was named Citizen of the Year in the Pakenham Shire.

In 1975, to honour Br W T O'Malley, David and the Bourke family inaugurated the Br O'Malley Handicap at the Australia Day Race meeting at Pakenham. This race meeting has become a regular and very popular annual fixture on the calendar of events for the St Patrick's Old Collegians.

In David's memory it would be fitting if other old boys took up the challenge of keeping this day going to perpetuate the memory of two great men of St Pat's; Br Bill O'Malley and David Bourke.

David's Racing industry involvements were summarised by the current VRC Chairman and include:

1949-1982	Secretary of the Pakenham Racing Club
1961-1982	Member of the Victorian Country Racing Council
1973-1982	Chairman of Victorian Country Racing Council
1969- 1991	Board Member of TAB
1982	Awarded CBE for services to Racing Industry and community
1983-2002	Committee Member of the VRC
1990-1991	Appointed Vice Chairman of the VRC
1991-1997	Served as Chairman of the Asian Racing Conference
1991-1998	Chairman of the VRC

David is credited with the internalisation of the Melbourne Cup by his efforts in bringing horses such as 1993 winner Vintage Crop to Melbourne. He was a man of great vision and further enhanced the iconic status of 'the race that stops a nation'.

The College community extends its deepest sympathies to David's wife Joan, daughter Anne-Marie and all members of the group lovingly referred to by all at the College as, 'The Bourkes of Pakenham'.

## REGIONAL DINNERS

On June 1 the OCA held its second annual dinner in Shepparton. 17 people were in attendance and enjoyed a wonderful meal and some great stories from old boys from a range of different eras. It was amazing to have three un-related Kellys in attendance, all with different stories to tell about St Pat's! It was also great to catch up with a number of debutants at the dinner including Maurice McNamara (SPC 1943-45) who runs a successful real estate business in Numurkah and attended the dinner with northern OCA correspondent David Walker (SPC 1978-83). Andrew Westblade (SPC 1984-87) who has just about attended every OCA function this year was also in attendance, telling all about the merits of the Melbourne dinner and imploring them to make the effort to attend in 2006.

We are greatly looking forward to 2005 regional dinners in Horsham, Warrnambool, Bendigo and Geelong, so please get active, round up your mates from the area and encourage them to attend.

## 10, 20, 30 AND 40 YEAR DINNERS

Invitations have been mailed out for these dinners to be held at the College from September-November, 2005 (See back of mail sleeve for full details). If you have not received an invitation

directly please contact Caitlin Bennett on 53 311 688 or cbennett@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.

## ANZAC SERVICE - BLESSING OF THE CHAPEL HONOUR BOARDS

The Honour Boards in the College's Memorial Chapel were officially blessed on Friday April 22, by the College's Patron, Bishop Peter Connors. The service was attended by over a number of old boys (including several representatives from the Class of 1987), current students and the family of the late Paul Pardoel (SPC 1982-87), the first Australian serviceman killed in the current Iraq conflict. The attendance of these guests and representatives of the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Federal Opposition, the Premier and the Head of the Australian Defence Forces amongst others reminded us of the part that our College has played in providing for the defence of our freedom.

The moving Mass in the Chapel commemorated the lives of all Old Collegians who have served in Australia's defence. In particular those in attendance paused to remember the 83 former students of whom we are aware who died on active duty: 41 in World War I, 40 in World War II, one in Vietnam War and one in the Iraq war. The names of each of these fallen heroes was read out by members of the current student council whilst the Honour Boards were formally blessed.

## QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

No stranger to accolades, Cardinal George Pell (SPC 1949-59) has received the highest award in the Queen's Birthday 2005 Honours List. He was one of only seven Australians to be appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia. Whilst accepting the honour Cardinal Pell acknowledged that he had attracted some controversy over the years but poignantly noted, 'a little bit of controversy is better than being ignored'. More importantly he noted that he was 'deeply honoured by the recognition, both personally and for the Catholic Church'. All associated with his alma mater extend their heartfelt congratulations upon this most prestigious honour.



St Pat's Old Boys at the funeral of David Bourke - standing from left: David Heffernan, Mlck Houlihan, David Benyan, Brian Gleeson, Peter Bourke, Father Dan Arundel, (obscured man unidentified) David Bourke, Brian Hogan, Bill Melican, Brian Costigan, Bill Drake, Tom Tobin, Tony Joyce, Graeme Sampieri, Noel Moore, John Deany, (unidentified), Kevin Renwick, Brian Malady, Laurie Larmar, Mick Grogan, Geoff Torney. Seated: Brian McKenna, Kevin Drake, Brien Bourke, John Bourke, Michael Bourke, Gavan Bourke and Kevin Synott

## OCA TIE

The OCA have decided to update their tie with the release of a bright and bold green, white and blue diagonally striped tie. The tie is similar in design to the 2004 VCE tie and is a contemporary design that will be ideal for the office or Old Boy gatherings.

It is an ideal way to show off your pride in the green, white and blue and the spirit of O'Malley. The new OCA tie is just \$25 - an order form for the OCA tie is on the reverse side of the mail sleeve.

## 1955 1ST IV 50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The SPC Rowing Club staged a wonderful reunion dinner on Saturday May 21 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the winning 1955 Head of the Lake Crew. Members of the crew, Brian Veal (B), Tom Scarff (2), Charles Castle (3), Vincent Colbert (S) and Brian Hickey (C) were in attendance and were greatly touched by the honour afforded them. A number of other rowers who have represented the College were also in attendance at the Gala Dinner including Christian Ryan, Paul Myers, Nigel O'Sullivan and Joshua Fahy. The evening was a great celebration of the rich history of rowing at the College and also assisted the Rowing Club in raising funds for the purchase of a new boat for the upcoming season.

Master of Ceremonies Chris O'Brien (SPC 1978-83 and former staff member and Rowing Master), is the current Rowing Coach of the Year and coaches Olympic champions James Tomkins and Drew Ginn. He did a wonderful job in keeping the night on track and shared some wonderful SPC rowing anecdotes with the enthusiastic crowd of 150 gathered in the old Assembly Area.

## OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

- Paul Nolan (SPC 1988-93), son of current Board Chairman Frank has left The Courier in Ballarat where he worked for several years as Editor in Chief to take on a similar role at the Geelong Advertiser. Paul has been recognised for his outstanding work at The Courier and has been a great supporter of the College through attendance at Career Nights and other College events.
- Archbishop of Melbourne, Most Reverend Denis Hart launched the latest work by Robert Dixon (SPC 1958-68), titled 'The Catholic Community in Australia' at ACU, St Patrick's Campus on June 20, 2005. The book which has received extremely favourable reviews looks at the communities and activities that make up the Catholic Church and the richness of traditions of the Church in Australia, the depth of which has been enhanced by the arrival of Catholic immigrants in the second half of the 20th Century.
- Michael Glenane (SPC 1967-72) is currently working on secondment for a two year period with the Australian Federal Police at their International Deployment Group. For the past eight months Michael has been working in Arawa and Buka Island, Bougainville as part of the Enhanced Cooperation Programme between the Australian and PNG Governments. Due to a legal challenge by the PNG Government all Australian Police were forced to leave PNG and Michael is now working in Honiara, Solomon Islands with the Corruption Targeting Unit investigating high profile corruption in Government. Michael has been a Victoria Police Officer for 32 years.
- Brian Hogan (SPC 1944-49) contacted the College to provide details of the Queen's Birthday weekend celebrations in Mildura to recognise the wonderful achievements of two of the College's finest sons, Mons. Bill Melican (SPC



Canteen Managers Mrs Veronica Sizeland and Mrs Cheryl Strybosch with Mrs Carmel Bourke (Centre)

1946-47) and Fr Frank Monaghan (SPC 1942-46) who both celebrated 50 years in the Priesthood. The event was attended by many old boys who in true St Pat's style had a most enjoyable time.

- Scott McLennan (SPC 1977-79) has sent his greetings from the Pacific Islands Branch of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) where he has been since last writing from Zimbabwe. He has been with DFAT since 2000 and has had a variety of postings but he and wife Nicola are currently enjoying being back in Canberra - one of the few places colder than Ballarat!
- Michael Whitty (SPC 1978-83) studied Physical Education at the Ballarat CAE and worked at arch rival Assumption College, Kilmore for twelve years. Upon leaving Assumption he worked in Sales with Kenworth, Melbourne winning National Sales Excellence Awards in three consecutive years with the company. In 2004 he was accepted as a career fire fighter with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade and is currently stationed at Sunshine. Michael has excelled in athletics running in the professional ranks and has achieved sprint wins at meets at Yarrowonga, Echuca, Sunshine and Sunbury and has been runner up in the prestigious Bill Howard title at Stawell. Michael married Vicki Harding from Geelong and they have two children Jack (9) and Gemma (6) and reside at Kilmore.
- Another outstanding runner to contact the Development Office in recent months was Stephen McMahon (SPC 1986-91). Stephen has left Damascus College, Ballarat and is currently teaching at Haileybury College Senior School. Steve has provided the following details of what he has been up to over the past three years as well as a belated wedding and birth notice - it's never too late to let your peers know what you are up to!



Old Boys OCA tie, ideal for Old Boy gatherings



Headmaster Dr Peter Casey, Tom Andrews and Media teacher Mr Peter Hutchins admire the Premier's Award

- Stephen McMahon (SPC 1986-91, Staff 1995-96) an Exercise Physiologist is currently teaching Biology and PE at Haileybury College, Senior School. Prior to this role Stephen worked at Jewish Free School, London (Est.1732) for 12 months. He has some amazing (and quite sobering) travel stories having explored Europe, Canada and the US, visiting New York's World Trade Centre on August 30, 2001. Amazingly he was on a United flight, Denver to Vancouver, on September 11. He also spent ANZAC Day in Gallipoli and watched Lleyton Hewitt's Wimbledon win from Centre Court - thanks to regular correspondent brother David (SPC 1989-94) who is Head of Security for the Championships.

Stephen is still running for Ballarat YCW, and has enjoyed great success, especially in the 3000 metre Steeplechase: 1997 Australian Universities and 2001 Victorian Champion, 1999 National Bronze medallist, 5th in the Commonwealth Trials, 8th in the Olympic Trials, 3rd in the 2002 Zatopek Classic. He placed 4th in his first international race at the 2001 Irish Nationals. He won the 2004 Courier Begonia 10 kilometre Classic and was a Community Torch Bearer in the 2000 Olympic Torch Relay. Stephen was also a Lieutenant (Australian Army Cadets) with 300 RCU Ballarat, formerly SPC Cadet Unit with his brother, Captain (AAC) David McMahon (SPC 1989-94, Staff 1996-97), Captain (AAC) Jason Wiseman (SPC 1985-1989) and Officer Commanding Major (AAC) Robert Erwin (SPC Staff 1990-2002).

## Old Boys and Staff Everywhere!

- 'On St Patrick's Day 2002, I walked from my house to my local Brent Cross tube station in North London to go into Trafalgar Square for the parade. To my utter disbelief, I saw a very conspicuous SPC 1st XVIII jumper walking toward me. It turned out to be another young



Anna Casey and Dr Peter Casey with Anthony and Felicity Edwards at the 1955 Crew 50th Anniversary Dinner



1955 Pakenham Football Team: From left: Michael Bourke, David Bourke, Hugh Bourke, Pat Monckton, Brien Bourke, Mick Monckton, Frank Monckton, Gavn Bourke, John Bourke, Mo Monckton and Doug Monckton

"Cosgriff" from Lal Lal, travelling overseas. Old boys are everywhere! I also had a photo ruined by a very excited Amanda Mooney (former Head of Sport, greeting my wife and I on a beach in Turkey, called ANZAC Cove, on April 25 2002'.

- Jim Farrell (SPC 1941-44) has advised that the celebrated 1942 lunch group has changed its venue from the Burvale to the Harp of Erin. Luncheon dates for 2005 are July 26, September 27 and November 29. Jim asserts that this is a wonderful gathering of illustrious old boys and well worth a visit. For more details contact George Groutch on (03) 9857 9833.
- Xavier Bourke (SPC 1997-2002) has moved to Horsham to take on a new role as a Lamb Buyer with Safeway.
- Stephen Walsh (SPC 1990-93 and Boarding staff 1996-99) has been teaching at Catholic College, Sale for the past six years. He is the school Rowing Co-ordinator and has worked closely with SPC during the College's rowing camp at Sale in 2005. He is married to Marina and continues to be a regular visitor to the College.
- Christopher Gilbert (SPC 1982-87) has recently been promoted to second in charge of Crime Stoppers, Melbourne. He is currently living in Moonee Ponds with wife Michelle and children Declan (8) and Luci-Jane (5).
- Father Anthony Denton (1984-89) has been appointed Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. He is also Chaplain to Catholic Youth Ministry, Melbourne and Chaplain for Melbourne's World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Colgne, Germany in August, 2005. He also finds time to teach at Catholic Adult Education in Melbourne but has had to relinquish the position of Assistant Priest at Croydon. Anthony was recently featured in the Herald-Sun in an article highlighting the Melbourne City Square's promotion



Cardinal Pell - One of only seven Australians to be appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia

'The Place to be for Free Beer'. Punters were able to have one sample only - Anthony in true St Pat's tradition was cited as saying, "It's a bit sad" as he examined his empty cup!

- Michael O'Sullivan (SPC 1954-56) sends his regards from sunny Keperra in Queensland, having retired there after successfully running the Wedderburn Caravan Park.
- Luke Beauglehall (SPC 1992-93) attended SPC during Year 7 and 8. He completed secondary school at another fine CB school, St Joseph's in Geelong (it hasn't been all one way traffic since the close of their boarding in the 60s!) and completed a Motor Mechanics Apprenticeship at Rex Gorell in Geelong. He is currently Service Adviser within the business and is married to Lisa. They have two sons Ethan and Myles.
- The recent edition of 'The Far East' magazine, a publication of the Columban Fathers contained a tribute to recently deceased old boy Father Philip Crosbie (SPC 1932) as well as poems written by Father Leo Donnelly (SPC 1940-50). The poems were inspired by the execution of Sr Irene McCormack by the Marxist guerrilla group Sendero Luminoso in Peru in 1991. One of the poems is titled 'Today's Eyes'

*With life and death in balance  
I miss the warmth of trusting.  
I no longer walk oblivious but must  
discern in eyes the sheen of love or  
hate whilst fear allows no mistakes.*

*The light or lack  
Reflected, I could once ignore.  
Now must decipher with care  
and probe for scraps of light  
amidst the fear that blights the  
eyes I search through.*

- Jarrod Hughes (SPC 1982-87) has well and truly climbed the corporate ladder with IBM according to mother Dorothy and has worked extensively throughout Australia and overseas. He is only a rare visitor to home in Mt Clear much to his mother's chagrin.

- Travis Hughes (SPC 1984-89) purchased a chiropractic clinic in Hobart in May, moving from his home base in Greensborough. He and wife Andrea are kept very busy with four sons – Joshua, Mitchell, Daniel and Elijah and are looking forward to life at Kingston Beach.

- The College's impressive rowing programme was celebrated at the recent dinner to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the winning 1955 crew. This rich heritage was highlighted by current 1st IV Coach Terry Austin, who provided details of old boys involved in the 2005 National Championships. They included Penrith Cup squad members Joshua Fahy and Josh Frichot and King's Cup crew members Christian Ryan, James Marburg and coach Chris O'Brien.

- The Sunday Age featured an article by noted stirrer, Dwayne Russell on current Kangaroos champion Drew Petrie (SPC 1994-99). The article contends that Drew was not selected as Captain of the 1st XVIII or 1st XI because he was not a Catholic. As Headmaster Dr Casey was quoted as saying in the article, 'We have always had a number of non-Catholics, we make no distinction between students. We love them all equally. We are proud that 83 old boys have gone on to play AFL/VFL football including Brownlow medallists John James and Brian Gleeson'. Subsequent research indicates that Drew was a stellar assistant to accomplished schoolboy footballer Shaun Mullane and played a pivotal role in leading the 1st XVIII to the 1999 Herald Sun Shield Premiership winning the award for best player in the Grand Final. His claims in regards to cricket are a bit more spurious with coaches indicating that in his senior years he 'struggled to buy a run'! Needless to say Drew is forging a great career in the AFL and the College is

extremely proud of him and is greatly appreciative of his willingness to come back and speak to students in pastoral care and sporting classes.

- Dominic Kerr (SPC 1995-99) completed a Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) and Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Melbourne in 2004 and is currently working as a consulting engineer for GHD in Melbourne in the water technology group specialising in water and waste water treatment. He currently rows at the Footscray Rowing Club with old boys Tom Kerr, Brad King and Tim Blanchfield.

- Joshua Hyde (SPC 1999-2004) was selected to perform at the 'Top Class VCE Season of Excellence Concert' which showcases the best music students from VCE Music: Solo & Group Performance for 2004. The concert was held at the Iwaki Auditorium, ABC Southbank. Joshua had an extremely successful 2004 and his successes included receiving the highest mark for VCE Music Performance: Solo in the Ballarat area, being awarded an Arts Foundation Scholarship, was the winner of Mars Young Performer of the Year and the winner of Young Artist of the Year conducted by Weril Instruments. He has continued his passion for music by studying music at the Victorian College of the Arts in 2005.

- Tom Andrews (SPC 1999-2004) received a Premier's Award for his outstanding folio produced in Year 12 Media in 2004. Tom received his award in Melbourne with his parents and media teacher Mr Peter Hutchins watching on proudly. His final production, "Blur of Estrangement" will be a feature of the 2005 Arts Week celebrations in Term 3.

- James Waight (SPC 1985-90) is Principal of St Mary's School in Rushworth.

- News from Mrs Margaret Eva, Life Member of the SPC Ladies Auxiliary. Son Mark (SPC 1974-79) is currently General Manager of Marketing and Sales for Bulla Dairy Foods and living in Box Hill. Tim Eva (SPC 1978-83) who was Vice Captain of the College, Captain of Boats (stroke of 1st crew) and in the

1st XVIII in 1983 is currently working as the Acting Area Director of the Queensland Ambulance Service, Sunshine Coast. Tim is enjoying the sunshine in Maroochydhore.

- OCA President Andrew Watson has observed that St Pat's has Horsham covered in terms of Catholic education. Brett Anderson (SPC 1986-91) who has been Principal of the Catholic primary school in Nhill, St Patrick's School, has been appointed to St Michael and St John's Primary School in Horsham. With Peter Gutteridge (SPC 1972-77) as Principal at the secondary school in Horsham, St Brigid's College students of the region can make a seamless transition from one great SPC leader to another!

#### Number 84 or Not?

- St Patrick's College are enjoying another successful year on the football field with the 1st XVIII qualifying for the semi finals of the prestigious Herald Sun Shield Competition, a VFL auspiced competition between the top 16 football schools in the State. The College last won the title in 1999 when current Kangaroos star Drew Petrie (SPC 1994-99) dominated the competition winning the best player in the Grand Final medal with an inspired rucking display. Drew went on to become the College's 82nd VFL/AFL player following in the famous footsteps of Brownlow medallists John James and Brian Gleeson and other noted players such as Reg Hickey, Barry Richardson, Danny Frawley, Mick McGuane and Alex, Anthony and James McDonald. Essendon listed player Tristan Cartledge (SPC 1998-2002) became player 83 when he debut earlier this season against Carlton. Now for the dilemma - what to do about recent Kangaroos debutant Justin Perkins who was a Sports Trainee at the College in 2001. Should the Hall of Fame be extended to include past staff as well as students? Given the magnitude of Justin's achievements and his continued close links with the College his achievements will be recognised in some way but whether he achieves

the status of player 84 will be decided in weeks to come when the College's Old Boys Association hold their next meeting. With Class of 2004 graduate Matthew Rosa amongst the leading players at Peel Thunder in the WAFL it may not be too long until another chapter is added to this amazing story if Matt is able to force his way into the powerful West Coast Eagles midfield. Clinton Young (SPC 2003) is also making outstanding progress on the Hawthorn Rookie List and is giving himself every opportunity for an end of season upgrade and a chance at AFL football in 2005.

- During Term Two the Canteen Committee recognised the long standing contribution of Mrs Carmel Bourke in unveiling the 'Bourke Street' signage in the Canteen. As all old boys and Canteen helpers will understand the place has always been busier than 'Bourke Street'. Carmel has an incredible memory and appreciation of old boys and was greatly moved by the honour bestowed upon her by the College.

#### WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS, BIRTHS, BEREAVEMENTS

##### SPC Weddings

Block (SPC 1992-94) Nathan married Jennifer Smith in the College Chapel on Saturday June 4.

Maher (SPC 1990-95) Christopher married Melissa Baars at 'The Heights', Geelong followed by a reception at The Mercure Hotel, Geelong. Justin Davey (SPC 1990-95) and James Maher (current Year 9 student) were two of Christopher's attendants.

McMahon (SPC 1986-91, Staff 1995-96) Stephen to Kylie Tuohy on April 10, 2002 at St Colman's Catholic Church in Gort, County Galway, Republic of Ireland.

##### SPC Engagements

Kydd – Garth (SPC 1995-2000) and son of Glenis (current SPC staff) to Cynna Neele on June 12, 2005. Both Garth and Cynna are heavily involved in netball – Garth plays in the Victorian Men's Team and Cynna is Goal Shooter for the Melbourne Kestrels and has represented Australia.

##### SPC Births

Clark – Cameron (SPC 1985-90) and Gabrielle are thrilled to announce the arrival of daughter Jessica Lily on April 4, 2005 weighing 8 lb, 4 oz.

Kennedy – Sharyn (SPC Staff 1992- 2005) and Gabe Kennedy were delighted to announce the safe arrival of first child Allira Margaret Kennedy, 6lb 11 1/2 oz. born June 24, 2005.

McMahon - to Stephen (SPC 1986-91, Staff 1995-96) and Kylie (SPC Boarding Staff 1996), a son Sean Riley, born 24th February, 2003.

Waddington – Mark (current staff) and Jacinta (staff 1991-95) were thrilled with the arrival of Matilda Maeve, born April 19, 2005, 8 lb 10 oz. Sister of Declan and Tadhg.

Waight – James (SPC 1985-90) and Victoria were overjoyed with the arrival of Matilda Alice on April 12, 2005, a sister for Charlotte.

##### SPC Deaths

Mr Ray Candy died on May 16, 2005, husband of Mrs Beth Candy who recently retired from the College's staff. Beth worked tirelessly in the College's kitchens looking after generations of boarding students and more recently in Food Technology.

Father Philip Crosbie's (SPC 1932) passing on March 24, 2005 at the age of 89 was reported in the last edition of Green, White and Blue. Further details of his inspirational and courageous life have been forwarded to the Development

Office. Fr Philip was born in Ouyen in 1915 and had his initial schooling at Ouyen and Mildura High School. He attended SPC in 1932 in order to study the Latin required to become a Priest. He was accepted as a student at St Columban's Essendon in 1933 and later travelled to Ireland to further his studies. He was ordained in Ireland in 1939. In 1940 he was sent as a Missionary Priest to Hongchon in Korea. He was interned by the Japanese after the bombing of Pearl Harbour but could not return to his beloved Korea until after the end of WW2. He was again captured during the Korean War and suffered greatly at the hands of the North Koreans. Following the war he continued to work in Korea for a further 44 years, retiring to Melbourne in 1998, aged 83.

Brian Edwards, father of Anthony Edwards (SPC 1985-90).

Dr Adrian Jones (SPC 1937 – 1938) passed away April 12, 2005. Adrian Jones was born in Geelong on May 22, 1920, the fourth child of Percy and Ethel May Jones. He attended St Joseph's Christian Brothers College in Geelong and completed his Leaving and Leaving Honours at St Patrick's College. He was an excellent student, a talented musician, and a Prefect in 1938. At St Patrick's Adrian was stroke of both the winning Head of the Lake crew in 1937 and of the 1938 crew, which finished second. He was an outstanding athlete, captaining the St Patrick's College Athletic team to an easy victory at the Ballarat Public Schools Championships, the Melbourne Schools Championships and at the Melbourne Associated Catholic Secondary Schools Championships, where St Patrick's College retained the Dr Mannix Shield and the Senior Cup. He won the 100 yards and 200 yards at both athletic meetings.

The records he set in those distances stood until the conversion to metric distances in 1970.



Christopher Maher (SPC 1990-95) and Melissa Baars with their wedding party



Tracey Brennan, Rob Brennan and Noel Ronan at the 1955 Crew, 50th Anniversary Dinner



Stephen McMahon (right) with fellow old boy and mentor Steve Moneghetti (SPC 1975-80) sporting the famous Ballarat YCW colours

### SPC Deaths (continued)

Adrian was first rover in the 1st XVIII in both 1937 and 1938 and was described as a good player with plenty of pace and dash.

He took his mix of scholastic and athletic ability to Newman College at the University of Melbourne, where he was popular among the students and gained recognition for his talents as a musician, journalist, pastry man, cook, golfer, oarsman, footballer and athlete and from where he graduated in Medicine in 1945. Dr Adrian Jones set up a medical practice in Geelong and during the next forty years he was the physician at Geelong Gaol and worked in the maternity suite at Geelong Hospital. He was strongly involved on committees at the schools of his children, St Joseph's and Sacred Heart Colleges and maintained a strong link with Newman College. He retired in 1985.

Eileen Ludbrook passed away May 29, 2005. Mother of Kenneth (SPC 1967-70), grandmother of Adam (SPC 1998) and Ben Ludbrook (SPC 1995- 2000) and current students Tom and Josh Ryan.

James (Jim) Spinks (SPC 1947) passed on into eternal life on June 9, 2005. Jim was living in Robina on Queensland's Gold Coast. His brother Noel in advising of Jim's passing noted that he was a proud old boy and greatly enjoyed receiving communications from the College. Sebastian (Barry) Torpy (SPC 1969-74) died May 9, 2005. Four of his five brothers attended SPC.

Mrs Rita Tuck, 99 year-old mother of Br Kevin Tuck, was buried from St Joseph's Church, Warrnambool in May.

Patricia Trask passed away on Sunday June 12, 2005. Grandmother of Michael Near, Year 8, Stuart Near (SPC 1998-2003) and Warren Near (SPC 2000-2004).

Mary Wilding, mother of former SPC Principal Br Bill Wilding (SPC staff 1979-84) was buried from St Therese's Church, Essendon in May, 2005

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

### NEXT EDITION

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