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WELCOME TO THE THIRD EDITION OF THE SHAMROCK FOR 2005.

This edition focuses upon some of the outstanding successes of the past term, namely the performance of our musicians in winning Senior and Junior Gold Shield Awards at the Melbourne Music Festival and the win of the College's 1st XVIII in the prestigious MCC Herald Sun Shield Competition at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

There is also a focus on the ongoing excellence of students in Technology programmes at the College. The success of St Patrick's College students in gaining apprenticeships and traineeships in technology related areas is quite exceptional and is testament to the range and quality of programmes available to students in this key learning area.

FROM THE HEADMASTER Honouring Excellence

Term Three has been as action-packed and productive as ever.

The Board has led the Strategic Planning exercise to confirm our direction for 2006-2010. The vision, mission and values derived as an integral part of that process will inform the initiatives we undertake through each of the Board's committees and the College's internal committees. The Strategic Plan will draw on data from the Pastoral Care Review (2005), Curriculum Review (2004) and Timetable Reviews (2003 and 2005) as well as its own research. Over 1000 students, parents and staff have contributed to the data. The Strategic Plan will be ready for promulgation at the end of this year. I think that we will have a clear and effective mandate to progress in the ways that we have in recent times.

Our instrumental music programme continues to bear fruit. The Senior Concert Band again gained a Gold Shield at the Melbourne School Bands Festival

but the extra joy this year was the Junior Concert Band's success in gaining a Gold Shield at Melbourne and winning the Geelong Eisteddfod. Mr Jamie Ransome continues to conduct both bands along with the Stage Band. He also coordinates the work of our eleven instrumental teachers who take small group tuition for every student in Years 7 and 8 as well as working with our musicians in Years 9 to 12. At our recent Arts Assembly the Junior Strings under the direction of Ms Sue Blomeley welcomed us to the O'Malley Sports Centre, the Senior Choir under the baton of Mrs Sarah Dwyer inspired us with their acapella singing and two modern bands from Years 11 and 12 drew the assembly to a rousing finale. Music is alive and well at the College.

The winter sports season reached a crescendo with the Grand Final of the MCC Herald Sun Shield at the MCG on August 6 when we were pitted against Penleigh & Essendon Grammar School. The cavernous MCG dwarfed us but our players, led by David Ronan and coached by Howard Clark, grew to giant status with a hard-fought win in magnificent conditions. This success was mirrored in many other teams across all ages and sports. We continue to encourage participation and representation with good coaching and facilities as the



Kelty Resource Centre

primary goals of our excellent sports programme.

Our thirst for technological advance continues unabated. While our search for an affordable wireless solution for distributed access continues to be like the search for the Holy Grail, the new configuration of the Kelty Resource Centre has been a great hit with the students. The western section now has five pods of six new computers (and a waiting line at recess and lunchtime). There is another new pod dedicated to library search and access. Computers have been installed in the adjacent VCE study rooms.

I am pleased to record that the next phase of the Building Programme, the refurbishment of the Science and Technology rooms in the 1980s Miller Wing, will commence in 2006 with the support of a Federal Government grant of \$1.5million.

Regards

Peter M Casey
Headmaster

HITTING THE HIGH NOTES: SPC JUNIOR AND SENIOR BAND GOLD SHIELD WINNERS 2005

On Friday August 19, both the Junior and Senior Concert bands competed in the Melbourne Schools Bands Festival competition 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.



St Patrick's College Junior Concert Band - Gold Shield Winners 2005

This is an amazing effort and follows the success of a 1st and 2nd place at the Geelong Eisteddfod earlier in August. Congratulations to the boys on their work, dedication and commitment that led to the results. This hard work was also evidenced at the annual Royal South Street Competitions where both bands performed creditably just missing out on top honours in their sections. 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. Well done to all boys on their outstanding results in 2005. The College community eagerly looks forward to hearing the band perform at the Speech Night at Her Majesty's Theatre in November.

ST PAT'S MCC HERALD SUN SHIELD CHAMPIONS 2005

St Patricks College defeated Penleigh Essendon GS in the 29th MCC Herald Sun Shield final by 3 points, 10.7.67 to 9.10.64 at the MCG on Saturday August 6. St Patrick's played off in the MCC Herald Sun Shield semi finals last year and have used that experience to go one better in 2005 to record their second Shield victory. PEGS under the guidance of Ken Fletcher were playing in their sixth final.



Coach Howard Clark briefs his team at half time

The match was a fine show case of school boy football with both teams playing excellent football in bursts. After going into half time five points down the boys of St Pat's came out and played inspiring football in the third quarter kicking 4.3 to 0.3. When Ryan Gurton kicked the first for St Pat's in the last quarter to extend the lead to 25 points it appeared the shield was destined for Ballarat. However PEGS went all out attack and got within 3 points, agonisingly hitting the post twice during a frenetic last quarter. The title is the first for SPC coach Howard Clark who has worked diligently to develop a first class football programme that affords every boy with the opportunity to play to their full potential.

The Neale Daniher Medallist for the best player in the Grand Final was St Patrick's ruckman Scott Howard whose excellent marking and ruckwork around the ground was outstanding over the four quarters. Other better players for St Patrick's included, centreman Shaun Grigg, Justin

FRONT COVER (Clockwise from top left)

1. Oh what a feeling! MCC Herald Sun Premiers 2005
2. Sharing the spoils of success with supporters
3. W.T. O'Malley Trophy Winner Matt Austin
4. Ryan Gurton with a desperate attempt to spoil

Hardy with four goals, rover Matt Austin, pacy midfielder Ryan Luke, Mitchell Brown and wingman Ryan Gurton.

Final Score:

St Patricks College
10.7.67 defeated
Penleigh Essendon Grammar School
9.10.64

Best: Scott Howard, Shaun Grigg, Matt Austin, Matthew Tyler, Mitchell Brown, Ryan Luke, Ryan Gurton, Justin Hardy

Goals: Justin Hardy 4, Luke Kermond, Nathan Brown, Mitchell Brown, Shaun Grigg, Ryan Luke, Ryan Gurton.

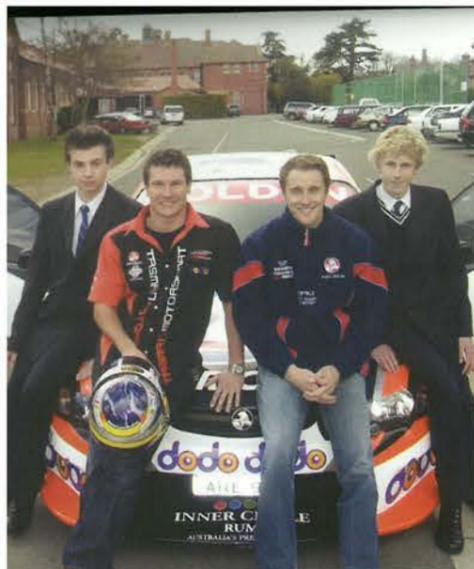
Congratulations to coach Howard Clark and the many staff including Director of Football Rob Brennan, Jarrod Waight, Damian Kinnersley, John Cosgriff, Jeremy Daniel and Chris Banwell for their contribution throughout the season. There have been many other helpers including Ron Jennings and Gerard FitzGerald, students from the University of Ballarat, the North Ballarat Rebels and the North Ballarat Football Club led by Tony Frawley.

With the depth in the College's programme the team is confidently looking forward to season 2006.

Matt Austin: W.T. O'Malley Trophy Winner 2005

The W.T. O'Malley Trophy is presented to the 1st XVIII Best and Fairest player. It is presented at the prestigious John James Medal Night, an evening that recognises one of the College's finest athletes, 1961 Brownlow medallist John James. John was an amazing school boy athlete once kicking 35 goals in a 1st XVIII game against Ballarat High School. The night recognises the many boys and staff who participate in the College's football programme.

Guest Speaker on the night was 1988 Number One draft pick Alex McDonald (SPC 1982-87) who played 107 AFL games for Hawthorn and Collingwood. Alex also completed a Bachelor of Commerce during this time and currently works as a



Christopher Mathieson and Shayne Haas with V8 Super Car drivers Jason Richards and Cameron McConville during their visit to the College to speak to Year 10 students about road safety



Year 7 boys enjoyed learning how to make French Crepes this term; and eating them too!



Year 10 Leadership Day - visit to the IMAX Cinema



The Victorian Schools Cycling Championships



Edward Grinter puts in the hard yards at the BAS Road Relays



SPC - Loreto College Year 9 Social



Year 8 boys get to work at the Yarrowee River



SPC - Loreto College Year 9 Social



Middle School boys and teacher Mr Damian McKee smile for the camera at Mt Buller

player manager for Flying Start managing such players as Nick Reiwoldt, Jeff White and Lance Whitnall. Alex provided guests with some interesting insights into the AFL draft in particular the frenetic draft season where the course of players careers can be drastically altered without their input. Alex spoke fondly of his own days in the 1st XVIII and congratulated the 1st XVIII on their outstanding achievement in winning the MCC Herald Sun Shield, a feat the highly talented team of 1987 were unable to emulate falling short in the semi finals.



W.T. O'Malley Trophy Winner Matt Austin with Alex McDonald (SPC 1982-87) and Dr Peter Casey

Details of Awards

1st XVIII Awards
Br WT O'Malley Best and Fairest Trophy
 Matt Austin

North Ballarat Rebels MVP
 Matthew Tyler

Year 10 Most Promising Player
 Mitchell Brown and Nathan Brown

Other Awards

2nd XVIII
Greg Dowd Memorial Best and Fairest Trophy
 Chris Ford

Year 10 Jim Toohey Memorial Best Player Award
 Darian Quinlan

Year 9 Best Player Award
 Daniel Ross-Smith

SPC Green Year 7/8 Best Player
 Shaun Lyle

SPC White Year 7/8 Best Player
 Nicholas O'Keefe

SPC Blue Year 7/8 Best Player
 Ben Peters

TECHNOLOGY: THINKING OUTSIDE THE SQUARE

The College curriculum offers boys with a wide variety of Technology subjects to choose from. Units in Food Technology, Systems Technology (wood and metal), and Information Technology engage students in technological tasks that call on their knowledge and understanding of materials and production processes to design and create a stunning range of outcomes. The smells and visual delights emanating from the Whelan Food Technology Centre, the gasps of envy from prospective parents as they view furniture designed and manufactured by VCE Systems Design students and the highly complex information technology systems designed by students are all testament to the skills of staff and students. These and other works highlight the quality of educational outcomes produced by students.

Throughout each unit, students are involved in the application of new technologies, including information technology as well as a wide range of materials and graphic media. All units are underpinned by a body of theoretical knowledge that is examinable to VCE level and provides boys with an excellent foundation to move into apprenticeships, traineeships and TAFE level courses in the trade areas. With governments recognising the major skills shortages looming in all trades it is a very important area of study and one that could lead to a myriad of vocational opportunities for students. For many boys who specialise in technology related subjects in the Senior School it can be a foot in the door

for a highly rewarding career. These boys need to take up the challenge of striving for personal excellence in these endeavours, particularly as many employers are contacting the College directly to source first class apprentices and trainees.

The College is committed to providing meaningful and rewarding educational pathways for all students and is particularly proud of the many boys who have acquired apprenticeships and traineeships during the year. In 2005 over 30 boys have left the College to take up employment in the trades and it is particularly pleasing that the training the boys are given at the College is being recognised by employers in the broader community. It is important that as a College community we recognise the excellence these boys have achieved within their chosen area of interest and acknowledge the outstanding teaching these boys receive under the guidance of Mr Malcolm Barrins, Head of Technology. As the accompanying pictures illustrate the work is first class!



VCE Systems Technology (wood)

MIDDLE SCHOOL IMMERSION WEEK

As part of the College's Year 9 programme students abandon regular timetabled classes during Immersion Week opting to 'immerse' themselves in a topic or activity of particular interest to them. The experience is designed to broaden students' horizons and demonstrate that learning occurs in any location and through a variety of overt and covert mediums. During the week staff commented several times on the level of enthusiasm amongst the students when arriving in the morning. The general atmosphere in the Middle School was particularly settled and productive.



Causi Murray and Daniel Walschots proudly standing on a small portion of the weeds extracted from one house during the Backyard Blitz Unit

Staff in the Middle School put in an enormous amount of work in planning and running a diverse range of challenging and enjoyable units. A great variety of options were made available to the boys ranging from Forensic Science, Genetics and Landcare, to Automotive, Graphic Design, Careers, Life Skills and an unbelievable 'Backyard Blitz'. The following are some observation from several students that reflect the positive nature of the week:

On Thursday and Friday we studied the 'Plan your own Enterprise' Unit. Our task was to create a business of our choice and develop a document that could be

presented to a bank or financier for a loan. We were required to design a logo and a business strategy as well as formulate a staffing and financial plan. We enjoyed the unit and saw how a business was created and maintained.



Tom Frawley and Michael Davis learning some valuable life skills in the 'Life Skills - Money Matters' Immersion Unit

In Healthy Living we learnt about how to have a healthy diet and how to keep ourselves healthy with exercise and healthy eating. We learnt about the food pyramid and AGTHE - Australian Guide to Healthy Eating.

We cooked stuffed potatoes with chilli sauce in the food lab with Mr Taylor. We also watched him demonstrate how to make coleslaw and fruit and muesli muffins.

With Mr Carmody we watched a movie called Super Size Me. This opened our eyes to what can happen if you don't eat properly. We also spent time in the classroom and computer labs researching vitamins and minerals. We then went up the street to buy ourselves some healthy food- this led to some interesting explanations as to how deep fried chips and meat pies were healthy!

Everyone really enjoyed healthy living and we all learnt a lot from it.

On August 3, a group of boys in Year 9 went to the Ford Manufacturing Plant and the Ford Discovery Centre.

It was a great experience and was also very enjoyable. At the Ford factory we went for a guided tour. It was amazing to discover that the robots were able to build and bend the metal to the right shape. At the Ford Discovery Centre we also went on a guided tour and saw the history of Henry Ford as well as the Falcon and many other older cars built by Ford.

Over the week there were various units but the best one for me would have to have been Automotive as it educated us about how four-stroke engines work and what were the main parts of one. Then luckily enough we were able to get down and dirty and pull one apart ourselves however the bad thing was we had to remember how to put it back together again. Thanks to Peter Stevens Motors, we were able to have a tour of their factory in Ballarat, where they showed us how they serviced the cars and how the actual company works which was great. I think the unit had taught us a lot and could be very useful if you would like a career in automotive.

2005 LANGUAGE WEEK

St Patrick's enjoyed a very successful Language Week in 2005, characterised by enthusiastic student participation in a wide range of challenging and enjoyable activities. The focus was on raising the College's awareness and enjoyment of the College's Languages Other Than English (LOTE); French and Japanese.



St Pat's boys enjoying Language Week

Throughout the week, the Canteen offered Sushi, croissants and other tasty pastries, which proved to be very popular. Many French classes were lucky to have a crash course in making Crepes Suzette in the Dining Room with a native French chef; Daniel Tourancheau. Boys were also able to have a go at making crepes themselves and, of course, it wouldn't have been complete without the opportunity of eating them.

Other classes were able to learn and play Petanque - the classic French game of bowls, with the assistance of Mr Kevin Ward from the Victorian Pentanque League.

Various activities took place in the LOTE classrooms and there was much enthusiasm, especially from our Junior classes. The photo shows boys in Japanese class making traditional hats as well as participate in origami and painting of Japanese characters. Thank you to those boys who made wonderful posters to promote the week and also to boys who made the posters for the Canteen.

There was also a College Language Week Quiz question each day in the Morning Messages. The response to this was tremendous. Three winners were drawn every day. Congratulations to the following boys who won super prizes: William Cook, Nathan Earles, Austin Murphy, Rhys Gervasoni, Henry McGoldrick, Daniel Pearson, Simon Gradkowski, Patrick Haintz and Nathan Devries.

LOTE is a very important part of the curriculum offerings at the College and provides boys with excellent pathways for study at higher level, either linked to a possible career or as a part of commitment to ongoing education. With many old boys travelling extensively overseas in their mid 20s the skills learnt in the classrooms of the College could be very handy indeed! The opportunity to participate in extension activities such as trips to Japan and New Caledonia are also highly anticipated outcomes for many of the boys who opt to continue their study of LOTE subjects beyond Year 8.

Thank you to Mr Daniel Casey and other members of the Language Department for organising an enjoyable and educative week for students.

THE SCIENTIFIC PATH TO LONDON

London International Youth Science Forum Report
Andrew Carey (Year 11)



Travelling with six other Australians, I arrived at Heathrow after 23 hours on the plane. We stayed at a youth hostel and spent the first three days sightseeing. London is amazing. Highlights included the Tower of London, St Paul's, Covent Garden and Westminster.

Wednesday morning was time to pack up our gear and check-in to the Science Forum. I was staying at International Hall; about two minutes walk from Russel Square. As soon as I arrived I met many other students from different countries. The Australians immediately clicked with those from Guernsey, Ireland, South Africa and the UK. The first day of the forum focused on welcome and orientation. The next day we were introduced to the programme and staff.

This was followed by the opening ceremony at which I carried the flag for Australia.

We then had our first lecture which discussed identification through forensic science. That night we attended a welcome party at Carisbrook Hall. The next morning I visited the Department of Biological Science at Imperial College London. It was an exclusive tour of a department heavily involved in the effort to sequence the human genome. After the tour we had another lecture on mathematics and problem solving. That night I presented my paper entitled "Natural Sequence Farming."

The next week was packed full of site visits and lectures. Those of note included the visit to AirBus, which was in Bristol. Here we saw the enormous factories in which they construct the passenger planes. We also toured the Research and Development department and learned of the methods used to test the properties of wings and other components. The wind tunnel gave an excellent insight into aeronautical engineering. A lecture which discussed the "Magic of Soap Bubbles" was very entertaining and outlined how bubbles occupy a minimum surface area.

We visited Cambridge for a day and enjoyed the chance to see some countryside. Whilst there we went punting on the canals and toured the various highlights of the establishment. The architecture of Kings and Trinity College was amazing. My group visited the British Antarctic Survey. There we inspected ice-cores formed thousands of years ago and discussed how they were used to construct the theory of global warming. We experienced temperatures of -20 C inside the aquarium which housed aquatic life from Antarctica. The warehouse was stocked with supplies and equipment ready for the next expedition. Our guides were people who had recently returned from Antarctica and they were keen to share their experiences. I was excited by this possibility of scientific adventure.

The International Cabaret was a lot of fun. The Australian contingent sang

Waltzing Matilda and I played the Didgeridoo (using a length of PVC pipe). The lecture "Chemistry and Light" was a fascinating look at photochemistry and its many applications. We explored the benefits of solar energy and the science involved in luminescence.

The closing ceremony and farewell party offered a fitting end to what had been a brilliant fortnight. Over the course of the forum I made many close friends and scientific connections. I now have aspirations to study internationally. Having seen science from an international perspective I am now more determined to achieve in my chosen career. I am privileged to have been involved in such a unique and rewarding programme.

SOCIAL JUSTICE: OUR ONGOING COMMITMENT

As previous editions of The Shamrock have chronicled students and staff at the College are involved in a wide range of social justice initiatives—a number of examples from students and staff are detailed below.

The good we do ...
Ms Jane Butler

During Terms Two and Three the Year 12s participate in a 'street retreat' coordinated by the Amberley Retreat Team, an Edmund Rice initiative. The students engage in a range of outreach experiences that are designed to challenge them socially and emotionally. The soup van involves students talking to people on the margins of our society, the soup and food that is served on the vans is a comfort to people that live on the streets or in refuge accommodation.

During the day students are placed in community organisations that assist the poor such as Sacred Heart Mission, St Paul's Special School and Prague House for men who have abused alcohol and those that are estranged from their families for various reasons. The retreat is designed for students to evaluate their

own lives and give something back to the community in a supportive environment. It continues to amaze me the affect that the retreat has on the boys. It is a valuable learning tool in our Religious Education programme.

The College received an email from one of our parents which said in part:

'Mum is a volunteer on Wednesday nights for the Food Van in the Footscray area, and last Wednesday, several young gentlemen from St Pat's were a part of her rounds for the food distribution. She wanted to pass on to you how well-mannered, polite and caring they were for both the workers and clients. Mum often makes comment that whenever the St Pat's boys are part of the volunteer programme she knows that the work will get done without complaint, and always with care. She was hoping that you could pass on her thanks once again to the boys who do such a wonderful job.'

Some of our students question the value of the Street Retreat programme prior to their participation in it, as do staff who have their classes disrupted regularly because of the programme. When we are evaluating the use of teaching and learning time and the relative merit of co-curricular programmes, which cut across our normal programmes, I find it heartening to read some of the boys' journal comments upon their return to school.

For me the retreat was a real eye opener. I met people and experienced situations that I would never have come across in my sheltered life in Ballarat. This took me out of my comfort zone and was definitely a rewarding experience.
David Ronan

Retreat was an eye opening and fantastic experience. To get an insight into the way those who are less fortunate than us live and survive was very beneficial.
Jordan Molloy

Our recent surveying of staff, students and parents has reinforced the perception that our boys represent us well in their dealings with the public. We are indebted to them for this spirit.

Edmund Rice Schools Justice Seminar
Mr Danny Moore

Six students from the College were nominated to attend the Edmund Rice Schools Justice Seminar. The theme of the day was Global Poverty and the participating students were charged with reminding their respective school communities that the Millennium goals for reducing poverty by the year 2015 are still a long way from being achieved despite five years having now passed. The boys arrived back at St Patrick's sporting the white 'Make Poverty History' wristbands which the Year 12 Council will distribute to a much broader section of the student community when the order arrives. Well done to Daniel Hobson, James Harrison, Jack Wilson, Daniel McLoughlin, Gareth Prosser, Josh Flynn and Mr Michael Kerr for representing the College so well.

Greetings from the Top End

Chris Radcliffe (SPC Staff) is currently on leave of absence from the College. Chris is a highly respected and popular member of the Technology Department who involved himself in a wide range of social justice initiatives whilst at the College. In 2005 he decided to spend two years working in a remote indigenous community in remote Northern Territory. This letter to staff and students highlights some of the challenges faced in his new role but also reinforces some of the insights and life lessons to be taken from such an experience.

G'day from deep within the mangroves of the NT. Well, it's been seven months since I arrived in the tropics (it is hard to believe its been so long already), seven months of amazing experiences and seven months of facing the difficulties of such remoteness, poverty, and despair of a race of people.

Port Keats (Wadeye) is surrounded by an amazing beauty and a wealth of plant and wildlife (not to mention awesome fishing!), both the Wet and the Dry

season bring and absolute contrasting country side, one brings a rainforest, the other, a dry charcoal desert.

Port Keats itself is made up of seven different tribes, each tribe contains eight different families, and about three different languages to each tribe, so you can understand the difficulties that the people have had right from the start when the first missionaries came. The seven tribes all whom hold country throughout different parts of the Daly live in this one town on one of the tribes (Kardu Diminin) country, therefore these Kardu Diminin have say in how the town is run.

Therefore one language, Murinpatha, has been developed so as the people can communicate, and is also the language taught at the school.

Some of the problems these people are facing are the drug and alcohol issues, money pouring in from social security, housing with no furniture and an average of 19 people per house, a school enrolment of around 800 students, an attendance of between 100 and 150. Other challenges include a store full of junk food, an addiction to sugar resulting in massive diabetes problems and generally poor health and disease. To put it in some perspective one third of the money spent on schools in Darwin is spent out here and yet there is not enough teachers or room in the school – 40 students in a five metre square room with no chairs or tables!

There is also problems with gangs and fighting, outsiders coming in to town with many promises, but no outcomes, an average age of death for men of 52 and tragically the same percentage of birth defects as a third world country. The list could certainly go on, but it gives you an idea as to what the people up here are facing, and how hidden it is from the wider Australian society.

Knowing all this will give you an idea as to how resilient these people are, such as the indigenous staff who faithfully come in every day to teach despite being kept awake all night by drunkards, gambling, and fighting. The passion these people have is inspiring, a passion for their

culture and tradition. The kindness they show to me is endless, such as taking me out hunting, making woomeras and didgeridoos, collecting turtle eggs, fishing, teaching me Murinpatha, and dreaming stories. It inspires me to keep working and in my own way make a difference, for this is the essence of social justice.

I heard St Pat's won the Herald Sun Shield, that's a fantastic effort, the boys must be ecstatic. I hope all is going well down south, keep out of the cold.

Chris

KOKODA TRAIL: AN ADVENTURE TO REMEMBER!

In 2004 Gerard Maher and Edward Grinter came up with the idea of a Kokoda journey to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of World War 2. Under the guidance of Mr Keiran Baxter who had lived in the region and walked the track, excitement started to build and what was firstly a dream started to come together as an achievable proposition.



Banoma children are all smiles in Kokoda

As news spread about the trip, student numbers were swelled by interest from old boys, staff and parents who were all keen to take up the immense challenge of walking the Kokoda Trail. Students Jeremy Wirges, Rob McKenzie, Ed Grinter, Allister Edmonds, Andrew

Schuyler, Brendan Rix, Jack Riddell, Nathan Pearson, Matthew Denton, Gerard Maher and James Kerr were joined by staff Kieran Baxter, Mick Kerr and Michael Weadon, and old boys Chris Conway, Tom Kerr and Stephen Coghlan. Some very dedicated parents also joined the party including Dr Peter Denton, Dr David Cook, Richard Pearson, Barry Rix and Peter McGinnis.

In the weeks leading up to the trip, David Cook and Howard Clark arranged for Brad Sewell from the Hawthorn Football Club to talk to the group about their trip to Kokoda. Liz Moore organised for her father, 'Kanga' Moore, President of the 39th Battalion Association to talk to the group. The men of the 39th were regarded as 'the men of original Kokoda'. He provided the group with a background to the conflict and his role in it. It was indeed a privilege to be in the presence of such a man. Staff member Art Nicholls also arranged for his father Bob Nicholls, a member of the 2/14 Battalion to talk to the boys about his experiences on the track.

The following is a collection of accounts from staff member Mick Kerr.

DAY 1. Sunday 19th June to DAY 8. Sunday 26th June

Our first night in Papua New Guinea (PNG) was at Pependetta, where we stayed in preparation for the first day of the experience, a visit to Oro Bay. In the morning after checking the war memorial, we were picked up by a PMV - Public Motor Vehicle (truck). We drove to Gona, an obscure settlement like Sanananda and Buna which today are little more than names on a map. This is a far cry from 60 years ago when for a few months during the War they were major military targets that would cost thousands of Australian, National, American and Japanese casualties.

We got off the PMV at Gona and surveyed the area from where we could see a large bay, Oro Bay, which curved around to the North. On our arrival we were introduced to Walter, our guide. Walter was a relatively young man in his

early thirties who was married with four children. Yet beyond his village garden and the sea there was little opportunity for him or anyone else from his village. Walter took us to his village (Bannimore) where we were greeted with repeated calls of "Oro! Oro! Oro!" (Oro is welcome). Walter and his family gave us coconuts to both drink and eat. We didn't realise it then, but we were in villages, which, unlike those on the track, have little regular contact with Australians.

Later we organised ourselves for the night and settled in. We set up two fly sheets and the rest of us stayed in a palm (grass) hut known as a Wind-through. Our toilet was a hole in the ground and that was the norm for the rest of our stay on the northern coast.

As we settled into the village our wealth became evident. Most of us were carrying more in our packs than any one in the village owned. Truly we had an embarrassment of riches. All of us at some point handed over a range of possessions that were not vital to our journey.

In each village on the northern coast we were taken on tours of various battle and gravesites. We were able to go to the local market or store to buy our food. In addition we were given coconuts as a gift at every village. However, we were always aware that young Australians had fought and died very close to where we were. To many our journey along the coast was the high point of the entire experience.



Mr Michael Kerr and boys stand with a historic Japanese Gun used during WW2

DAY 9. Monday 27th June to DAY 18. Wednesday 6th July

We left early Monday morning and drove to Kokoda. We arrived at Kokoda and organised our guide John and another porter, Buddy. Walter and his brother Douglas had accompanied us from the northern coast. Of great significance to the party Kokoda was where the 39th battalion made its first stand in an attempt to hold the airport.

We left Kokoda and followed the track to Kovelov village. The heat and the pace was a bit of a challenge and it was here that Gerard Maher became extremely ill. Unfortunately Gerard, accompanied by staff member Michael Weadon, had to be evacuated by helicopter two days later and spent a time on a drip recovering from dehydration associated with his illness.

After Kovelov the track becomes thinner and we crossed a number of creeks. We had walked over an hour before we arrived at Hoi village where we had lunch and a rest. It was here that we experienced the usual routine as we entered the village of Hoi. A bowl of fruit and a bucket, with coke cans in it, would appear. It was 5 Kina each for the Coke and another 5 Kina for the bowl of fruit. We brought the bowl and individuals purchased cans. This was to happen in most villages we encountered.

As we walked on we made our way to Deniki where we set up the flies and bedded down for the night. Deniki was not used as a defensive position as it was too easily out flanked, thus the Australians withdrew to Isurava. We arrived at Isurava Memorial Park, the scene of the key battle in this part of the campaign the next day. The 39th battalion made their stand on one side of the valley and the 53rd on the other. The 53rd broke and ran, leaving the 39th outflanked and to fight on alone. Fortunately soldiers from the 7th AIF division arrived just in time to save the day. They held on until ordered to withdraw.



Time to reflect at the Isurava Monument

The view and the memorial (monument) are spectacular. It was a breathtaking sight.

The rest of the walk was a case of up, up, up and down, down, down looking at the heels of the person in front. This was to be repeated hundreds of times before we were to pass through the Kokoda Memorial on the 18th day. On finishing some party members let forth with a yell of relief to signify their sense of achievement, whilst others just sat quietly, reflecting upon the moment. All in all, the walk was a fantastic experience for all party members.

DAY 19. Thursday 7th July to DAY 20. Friday 8th July

Our last days in PNG were spent at the Sogeri National High School but we did have one last task and that was to visit the Bomana War Cemetery where over 3,700 Australian and allied service men (one woman) and civilians, killed in the Papuan campaign are buried. It was a moving and memorable place and a reminder of the sacrifice of those young patriotic Australians in the defence of their homes and loved ones.

With this heightened sense of appreciation we were all happy and somewhat relieved to return to Ballarat the next day to family and loved ones; a memorable and inspirational experience completed.

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE STRATEGIC PLAN 2006-2010

On Saturday August 13, Board members, the President of the Parents and Friends Association and members of the College Leadership Team met to shape up the vision, mission and values statements for the 2006-2010 Strategic Plan. The vision workshop built upon primary research undertaken with current families, students, staff, old boys and members of the Ballarat business community, as well as findings from the pastoral care review, entry and exit data and secondary demographic and educational research. The vision and mission statements are the touchstone for all policy development at the College and will be the basis for detailed action plans in a number of functional areas.

The input from students, staff, parents and Old Collegians to these various processes strengthens our understanding of the uniqueness of the St Patrick's community and our resolve to move forward while honouring our rich tradition.

Following a period of review and taking into account stakeholder feedback, the College Board has adopted the following vision, mission and values for the period 2006-2010:

Vision

St Patrick's College: Excellence in education for all boys in a nurturing Catholic community in the spirit of Edmund Rice.

Mission

Our Catholic Faith

- We provide hope by making Jesus present, through proclaiming, sharing and celebrating our Catholic faith.
- We express our faith through our service of others.

In the Spirit of Edmund Rice

- We welcome all boys who wish to honour our tradition, commit themselves to our values and contribute to our story.
- We develop young men who will serve the College and shape society with compassion and justice.

Teaching and Learning

- We provide a holistic and engaging education that is accessible to all boys.
- We provide curriculum that is challenging and relevant to the needs of each learner using appropriate technology and engaging methodologies informed by good pedagogy.
- We foster a personal responsibility for learning as a lifetime's work.
- We have committed and highly skilled staff who will be professionally skilled, rewarded and publicly acknowledged.
- We provide excellent resources and facilities which enhance learning and teaching.

School Tradition

- We recognise, respect and build on our St Patrick's tradition of excellence for boys in a joyful celebration of emerging manhood.

Pastoral Care

- We value and nurture the uniqueness of each individual within our community.
- We provide a school environment where all feel safe and happy.

Communication

- We recognise the family as the primary educators of our students and collaborate with parents for the development of their sons.
- We communicate effectively with all members of our community of students, staff, families, clergy and Old Collegians and the wider society.

Values

Our vision and mission are underpinned by our community's commitment to bear witness to the following shared values as modelled by Jesus Christ and Edmund Rice:

- Justice
- Commitment & Endeavour
- Respect
- Honouring Diversity
- Responsibility
- Compassion
- Honesty

FATHER'S DAY MASS

On Friday September 2, over 220 people gathered for the fourth annual Father's Day Mass and Breakfast at the College. Mass was celebrated by Fr Bill Van der Camp and involved a number of past and current students, parents and staff members. The Mass and Breakfast have become a very special College tradition providing families with an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the special bond that exists between fathers and sons. It has been great to see students share the morning with fathers, grandfathers and other significant males, all of whom provide great love, friendship and play a special role in shaping boys lives.

Thank you to our Catering team led by Tracey Downes who did a wonderful job in feeding fathers and sons so quickly, enabling them all to move on to school or work without having to get a late pass from Mrs Fanning!

YEAR 10 LEADERS OF THE FUTURE PROGRAMME

The College affords all boys with an opportunity to learn and develop leadership skills. This is integral to the education of boys and will assist in developing a culture at the College where all boys accept responsibility for making St Pat's the best place it can be for all students, and most importantly that the

values of the College are modelled in the behaviours of all students.

The Leaders of the Future Programme is in to its fourth year and is continuously being assessed and refined to meet the needs of students in Year 10. The Leadership day will be complemented by Leadership Camps at the end of the year.

The following account from Nathan Connell provides an overview of the programme.

On Wednesday August 31, the whole of Year 10 headed to Melbourne for the Leaders of the Future Programme, unsure of what was in store for us. As we left the school at 7:45 a.m. some of us were still feeling a bit drowsy. I don't think many of us realised what we had got ourselves into, as we weren't sure at that stage exactly what the day would involve.

When we arrived in Melbourne, we were split into two groups. The first half stopped at Carlton North Primary School, where we had our first taste of what was on offer, with Dr Casey, Mrs Carroll, Mr Waddington, Mr Bottrall and Mr Walsh all giving us their expertise and involving us in group activities about leadership, goal setting and a discussion about those we consider to be important leaders in our lives.

The other half of the group went to the Reach Foundation's Dream Factory in Collingwood, where Luke, the instructor, wanted us to stand up in front of the year level and sing for 45 seconds - this was definitely outside everyone's comfort zone! And this is where Luke stepped in. He talked to us about peer pressure and about our personal self-confidence levels. He showed us how we could step outside our comfort zone, and advised us to feel confident about voicing our own opinions.

We all left feeling very positive, knowing now that leadership is within everyone. We were set free to purchase our lunch in one of the great Melbourne food precincts, Lygon Street, where we got a taste of what local Italian restaurants and cafes have to offer.

Once we had indulged (or over-indulged) in world-class food, we headed to the IMAX Theatre to watch the film Shackleton's Antarctic Adventure which tells the extraordinary true story of his trans-Antarctic expedition. It is said to be the greatest survival story of all time. Sir Ernest Shackleton led a large group of men through treacherous conditions, at the very real risk of death from exposure to the cold or from starvation, where his brilliant leadership, confidence and determination inspired every member of the expedition, with every single man arriving home safe.

Our last stop for the day was at the MCG, where Ray McLean gave a talk defining the qualities that a good leader demonstrates. Ray has worked as a leadership consultant with several football, rugby and basketball teams, whose members I'm sure have all experienced the enthusiasm he shared with us on how we too can become great leaders. Ray got us thinking about how players get to be captains of high profile teams, effective communication skills, building relationships, understanding each other, and the role of a mentor. I am sure all the Year 10s were inspired by the way Ray motivated people.

We left Melbourne feeling a lot more confident. We all had a great day, not only being inspired by effective leaders, but also succeeding in becoming more positive and encouraging towards each other, and discovering leadership qualities within ourselves.

WELCOME JOE

At the commencement of Term 3 the College welcomed Business Manager, Mr Joe Fazzolari, who has been Business Manager at Seton College in Perth. Joe holds a Bachelor of Business (Accounting) from Edith Cowen University and is a Certified Practising Accountant. Joe has a great track record in business operations in the Catholic sector and has already made a major impression upon the College. Joe was born in Melbourne

attending Parade College. He is a passionate Carlton supporter and is looking forward to getting more involved in the College community. Joe and his wife Kathy and two sons, Anthony (8) and Matthew (3), particularly enjoyed their initiation to Ballarat - snow on the Front Lawns; a far cry from the sun and surf associated with Perth.



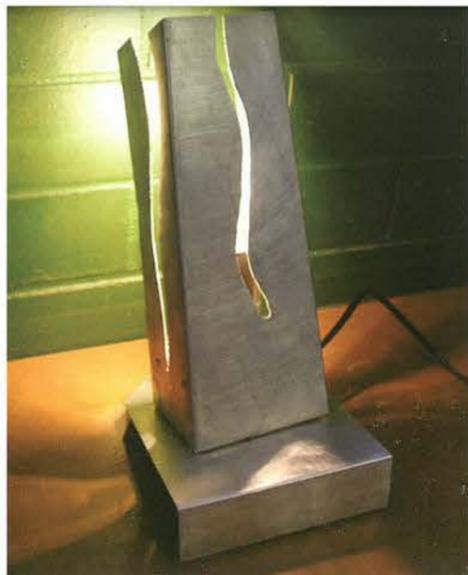
Joe Fazzolari

PAVILION APPEAL UPDATE

The OCA Pavilion Appeal continues to gather momentum towards the initial target of \$500,000. The Appeal has raised in excess of \$420,000 in cash and in-kind donations.

The success of the Appeal and support of the St Patrick's Community has positioned the Committee to be able to work with the College's Building Committee to finalise plans and a construction timeline for the project. The College has engaged Architects to develop plans, establish firm costings and liaise closely with the Project manager, Mr Tony McMaster to ensure that construction can commence in a timely manner.

Whilst the speed of reaching the commencement of construction phase has been a little slower than first anticipated it is important that proper procedures are followed. As this is a project that will be fully funded by the College community it is essential that all monies are received before the College identifies a definitive construction commencement date.



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The plans for the pavilion when finalised will be able to be viewed on the College's website www.stpats.vic.edu.au. The plans incorporate a 240 seat function area, kitchen, servery, change and toilet facilities. The design of the pavilion will reflect the heritage of the College whilst providing a much needed, functional open plan gathering and teaching and learning space.

This project will be the hub for learning within the College's innovative Middle School programme. It will provide the College with a flexible open learning space that will be invaluable within the College's expanding range of curricular and co-curricular programmes. The Pavilion Function Centre will also be a wonderful gathering place for all SPC community gatherings – in particular year level reunions, Head of the Lake gatherings, careers nights, sporting matches, musical performances and art displays and a true home for our old boys.

Based upon current estimates from the architects the cost of the entire project will be in the vicinity of \$1.5 million. The success of the Appeal has enabled the College to significantly bring forward this component of the College Building Master Plan. As a result of increases in initial cost projections, and to fit within the College's Building Master Plan, the construction of the Pavilion will be staged. To provide the most useful space and to meet the expectations of our donors within the anticipated timeframe the first stage will be the Pavilion Function Room, which has an estimated cost of \$750,000. This amount will be funded by the Appeal monies, borrowings and donations of building materials, trade labour and expertise.

It is envisaged that Stage 1 works will commence in first term 2006 with completion in August/September 2006. A major opening will be held to which all donors to the appeal will be invited. Patron Cardinal George Pell will open the building subject to any last minute changes to his hectic schedule.

Thank you to the many generous donors to the appeal who are listed with this edition of The Shamrock. Donations can still be made to the appeal and are fully tax deductible. Please contact the Development Office for all donation enquiries.

RUGBY – A SEASON OF CONSOLIDATION

In 2005 the College entered two teams in the VRU Schools Competition. The 1st XV played in the Open Section (Second Division) and enjoyed a very good season. After losing several experienced players last year the team was in re-building mode and the improvement in players such as Sean Mathews, Matt Polmear and Geoff Caine augurs well for season 2006. For the first time the teams ranks will be swelled by graduates of the Under 14_ team which comprised boys from Years 7-9. Most of these boys were new to the game and thanks to their enthusiasm and coaching from Mr Geoff Brodie and Mr Graham Swinton were able to quickly develop and were playing some excellent rugby by the conclusion of the season.

The rugby season concluded after the finals at Geelong Grammar. All teams have acquitted themselves well throughout the year. Final placings: Senior 1st XV fourth (equal) and Junior XV sixth. If you consider that this is a State competition both teams have really surpassed expectations, playing much more experienced sides. Rugby Union is very much back as a sport at the College and provides many boys with a wonderful winter sporting option. The game is particularly well coached and refereed and affords boys of all skill levels, body types and sporting backgrounds with an opportunity to experience team camaraderie and success. Planning has already commenced for next season with all coaches and players eagerly looking forward to taking the next (goose) step in 2006!

SNOW!



Snow falling at St Pat's is probably not a great surprise to many, particularly our old boys most who recount colourful stories of icy winters in Ballarat. The snow did provide a postcard environment and never fails to send students into an excited state – especially our Year 12s! The snow fall also highlighted the beauty of our grounds.

With the snow falling gently and blanketing the College's gardens, it took on an almost fantasy-like appearance. The white cover highlighted the order and beauty of our landscape. The snow coincided with the 25th anniversary of College Gardener Jeffrey Bunn working in the Gardening Trade. Congratulations Jeffrey.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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

- Nathan Antony (Year 9) was selected to attend the World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany from August 14-26, 2005. He was joined by other young people from all over Australia and was afforded the honour of meeting the Holy Father Pope Benedict.
- Michael Keem (Year 9) was approached by the RSL and accepted the opportunity to recite the Ode at the 60th Anniversary of the end of WWII. He

- spoke eloquently at the Ballarat Cenataph on August 14.
- Tristan Lambert has been selected to attend the National Youth Science Forum in January 2006.
- Brendan Harding has been accepted into the Trinity College, University of Melbourne Science Summer School at the end of the year.
- Eamonn Coughlan (Year 10) for winning the Victorian Irish Dancing Championship (Intermediate Boys 14 Years)
- Tom Bevern (Year 8) for having his poetry published in 'Poets of Oz – Write for Fun' 2005.
- Anthony Read (Year 11) for his outstanding result in achieving 3rd place in the U/18 Woodwind Solo at the Royal South Street Competitions. Anthony was competing against 27 other students in the section, mostly Year 12 students.
- Well done to Ryan Ellis (Year 11) and Kane Gloury (Year 11) who competed in the U/18 and VCE Brass sections and performed very well.
- James Cook, Luke Terrill, Connor Bourke, Justin King, Brad Brennan, Aaron Lewicki and Kyle Coutts of Year 7 and Angus Martin, Marcus Lynch and Kyran Taylor of Year 8 were all selected to play in the Victorian Regional Soccer Championships held in Swan Hill in June.
- Matt Dunne (Year 12) has been offered a scholarship to the University of Ballarat, WestVic Academy of Sport.
- Mark Torpy (Year 9) has been offered a scholarship to the University of Ballarat, WestVic Academy of Sport for badminton.
- David Ranger (Year 10) competed in the Athletics Victoria State All-Schools road walks at Albert Park. David contested the U18 boy's 4km and stuck with the lead pack for more than 2km. After the quickest pair broke away, David clung on for the bronze medal in a time of 28:24.

- Nick Suban (Year 9) and Daniel Ross-Smith (Year 9) were selected as members of the Vic Country Under 15 team for the Championships in Canberra. Nick Suban was selected in the All Australian team for the carnival after a number of impressive performances during the carnival.
- Year 7 and 8s have been busy reading for the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge. 72 boys completed the Challenge by reading twelve books. Other statistics include: 397 registrations and 1596 books entered online.
- Year 9 student Peter Toohey recorded outstanding results in the pianoforte section at the Royal South Street Competitions. Peter was awarded 2nd place in the U/14 Piano Solo, U/14 Popular Piano Solo, U/14 Piano Solo by an Australian composer and the U/14 August Challenge. For his efforts, Peter was also awarded the Encouragement Award for the Pianoforte Section.
- Year 12 students Chris Roache and Ben Shields are to be congratulated for their performances at a concert at Damascus College organised by Mercy Works Inc., and the Sisters of Mercy, to help raise money for the education of primary and secondary students in various disadvantaged countries.
- Mitchell Jenkins (Year 11) for winning the U/16 Ballarat Football League Best and Fairest Award.
- Aaron Ryan (Year 8) competed in the Victorian Junior State Taekwondo Team Selection Championships. Aaron performed exceptionally well to win the bronze medal in his respective age and weight division.
- Patrick Craig (Year 9) for participating in the Basketball trials for the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.
- Jason Dyer (Year 11) has been selected as a finalist in the 2005 Rebel Sport Rookie of the year awards. A panel of Australia's top sporting personalities including Kieren Perkins, Liz Ellis and

Guy Leech selected the ten finalists from all sports, throughout Australia. Jason, currently ranked number three in Australia, will look to elevate his National ranking when he competes at the Australian Championships later this month in Tasmania. Jason will join the other nine finalists in Sydney on September 19 for the award presentation dinner. The awards will be presented by some of Australia's leading Olympic athletes.

• Congratulations to Year 9 students William Beitzel, Sam Craven, David Denning and Bernard Kuek who received Certificates of Participation Junior Division for their participation in the Australian Catholics 2005 Young Journalist Award.



Middle School Snow Trip at Mt Buller, what a view!

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GREEN, WHITE AND BLUE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE OCA

Welcome to another edition of Green, White and Blue – whilst we have much to tell you (thanks to our team of diligent researchers), news from the old boy community has slowed a little, so please take the time to phone, fax or email us with any news that would be of interest to old boys.

A MELBOURNE HOME BASE – AND FOOTBALL TEAM!



NORTH OLD BOYS
St Patrick's College Ballarat a/c

The Executive has been busy over the past months organising dinners and putting in place plans to have a St Patrick's College presence again in the Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA). The OCA have been engaged in discussions with the North Old Boys Football Club (NOB) about an on-field association in 2006. In 2006 NOBs will play in C Section of the strong VAFA competition. Like St Pat's NOBs are linked to old boys from a Christian Brothers School – St Joseph's in North Melbourne and Pascoe Vale. In the past a number of our old boys have played for NOBs but there has been no formal partnership in place. The club has four teams; Seniors, Reserves, Under 19s and a Club XVIII for social (not just old) players.

NOBs play out of the A.G. Gillon Reserve (former Brunswick VFA Ground) and have excellent social facilities. This is very attractive to the OCA who have long sought to have a social base in Melbourne. The College has formerly had a team in the 'Amo's' having won four premierships in the period 1964-1973. John Borelli is currently tracking the pennants down and they will hang proudly in the Brunswick rooms.

At the last meeting between the OCA and NOBs it was determined that:

- The partnership would proceed in 2006 under the name of North Old Boys/St Patrick's College, Ballarat.
- A variety of jumper options would be looked at – including wearing a modified SPC 1st XVIII style jumper for some games;

- One game per year in Ballarat.
- SPC memorabilia including photos, honour boards from past VAFA team and photos of 1999 and 2004 Herald Sun Premierships to be displayed in rooms.
- The OCA could use the rooms with permission of Brunswick Cricket Club for old boy get togethers throughout the year.
- Three committee positions for SPC nominated representatives.

Currently a significant number of SPC old boys are in Melbourne for work and study. Many are playing football for a variety of teams. Often they find their way there by accident and the OCA are often asked, 'why don't we have a team?' This venture will provide students who love playing for their school with a pathway in Melbourne and the opportunity to continue to play with mates and to wear the green, white and blue – albeit it may be mixed with a hint of purple – the new blue!

The reality is that it would be nearly impossible to start a club from scratch. This is a wonderful opportunity to have a St Pat's presence in Melbourne, most importantly in a location that is close to the city. It is not all about football – the club needs supporters as much as it need players. It is hoped that the partnership will provide a meeting place where old boys can go along and watch a game knowing that it is likely that they will meet other old boys and friends of the College.

The new entity will be officially launched by SPC Legend, Brownlow Medallist Brian Gleeson (SPC 1947-52) on Sunday November 20 at 12 noon at the A.G. Gillon Oval, Pearson Street, Brunswick (Melways Map 29 E6). This will be a casual family day (the committee will be in place already so you are safe in attending), so please make the effort to come along for the jumper launch, BBQ and a few beers! With luck we will also unfurl the SPC Old Boys flags from the 1960s!

If you would like more information on the club, training and membership details please contact Mark Waddington on 0429 990 980 or mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au

REGIONAL DINNERS

The OCA held a highly enjoyable regional dinner in Warrnambool on September 8. The Warrnambool Dinner is always a great occasion with many old boys and partners attending the dinner at the Warrnambool Football Club. The south-west has been a wonderful region supplying the College with a large number of academics, sports stars and students that have gone on to serve as Priests and Brothers.

It was great to catch up with regulars such as Matthew Buckle (SPC 1996-97), Ian Slockwitch (SPC 1950-60) and Keith (SPC 1944-49) and Allan Jubb (SPC 1954-58) as well as welcoming newcomers such as President Andrew Watson (SPC 1982-87) who made the trip down from Camperdown where he is Principal at Mercy Regional College.



OCA President and current Mercy College Camperdown Principal Andrew Watson with Allan Jubb at the 2005 Warrnambool Dinner

10, 20 AND 30 YEAR DINNERS

Invites have been mailed out for these dinners to be held at the College in October and November, 2005 (See back of mail sleeve for full details). If you have not received an invite 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.

We have already had two wonderful reunions in 2005. The Class of 1965 had a great forty year reunion in September. The Class of 1971 led by Rick Blanchfield and Paul Banks decided it was time to get together again, particularly as they were able to get a diary date from the year levels quiet achiever, Premier Steve Bracks, (SPC 1968-71) aka 'Bracksy' to all his mates on the night!

Foundation Golf Day 2005

A reminder to all Old Boys that the fourth annual Foundation Golf Day will be held on Sunday November 13 at the Ballarat Golf Club. This is always a great day with all past players enjoying a great social day of golf, with a fine array of prizes on offer. The event is a four person ambrase, providing everybody with an opportunity to have at least one moment of inspiration. In 2005 the event has a field limit of 128. With some great prizes on offer, and the field filling quickly please return the entry form (included with this edition of The Shamrock) and your entry fee as soon as possible. It is always wonderful to see all parts of the College community; students, staff, parents, grandparents, old boys, friends, suppliers and players roped in at the last minute come together for a great social occasion in the name of St Pat's. Fore!

Foundation 'Legends' Dinner 2006

Included with this edition of The Shamrock is a flyer for the 2006 'Halls of History- Dinner with the Legends' to be held on Saturday February 25, 2006 at the College. The dinner has become one of the biggest events on the College's calendar with past 'Legends' including Steve Bracks, Cardinal George Pell, Paul Bongiorno, Danny Frawley and Steve Moneghetti. These and other old boys featured as part of the dinners have been inducted as 'Legends of St Patrick's College'.

In 2006 the keynote speaker for the evening will be Barry Richardson (SPC 1961-64), triple AFL premiership player, coach and leading sports physiotherapist. Other 'Legends' to be interviewed and inducted are Noel Flannagan AO and the McDonald's of Waubra – Alex, Anthony, James and Phil. Alex was the AFL's first number one draft pick and currently works for Ricky Nixon's 'Flying Start' managing Nick Reiwoldt and other high profile players.



Alex McDonal at the 2005 John James Medal Night

This will be a fantastic night of entertainment so start rounding up your peers and book your tables to make this a night to remember.

Purton Orators' Dinner

On Saturday August 13, fourteen orators, many with their partners, gathered to honour the memory of Br D.G. Purton and the College's public speaking tradition. From 1952's Geoff Torney to 2004's Tom Andrews, all remembered the thrust and parry of their contests at SPC. Each of the orators spoke of their memories of the event, some of the colourful characters of their time and the value of the skills they had acquired through involvement in public speaking.

Barrister Gavan Tellefson, academic Brian Pola and real estate agent Allister Morrison highlighted how far their skills had taken them with particularly skillful and entertaining orations on the night. Frank Moloney, a retired Magistrate recounted that such was the standing of St Patrick's College that in 1975, of the 75 Stipendary Magistrates in Victoria, ten were old boys of SPC! Musical entertainment was provided by John Leahy, Purton Orator in 1968 who flew down from Brisbane and played some stirring Irish music.

It was a marvellous gathering with no shortage of kind words and gratitude. Our students continue that rich tradition over the coming months with the South Street Debating and the looming Purton, Doyle, Breach and Purcell contests.



2005 Purton Orators Reunion Dinner. Back: Andrew Brady, Allister Morrison, James Marburg, Leigh McKee, Gavan Tellefson, John Leahy, Frank Moloney, Shane MacKinlay. Front: David Smith, Thomas Andrews, Geoff Torney, Kevin Shea, Brian Pola



Steve Bracks with Pat Torpy and Steve McArdle at the 1971 OCA Reunion Dinner



Brien Mason (SPC 1940-42) visited the College with three generations of his family to celebrate his 80th birthday



1965 U/15 Football Reunion. Back: Dan O'Brien, John Larkins, Peter Howley, John Lloyd, John Turren, Tony Bagnall and Pat Liston. Front: Michael Hartley, Frank Hoban, Peter Farley, Ray Ball (c), Michael Kearney and Jos Kulman



1965 Reunion Dinner. Back: Jamie McKew, Damien Hickey, John Pontefract, Gerard Ryan and Michael Egan. Front: John Cleary, John Borelli, Gavan O'Connor, Norm Houghton, Frank Carrucan and Brian Doherty

David Bourke CBE

The last edition of The Shamrock was dedicated to the memory of David Bourke (SPC 1944-48) one of the College's most highly regarded and loved sons. His brother Gavan (SPC 1951-54) contacted the College to pass on the family's sincere appreciation to all the Old Collegians and everybody else for all the support that was provided at the time of David's passing. David's wife Joan and daughter Anne Maree were greatly comforted by this support and will always remember the College community with great affection.



David Burke (SPC 1944-48)

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 OCAs traditional Race Day at Pakenham on Sunday January 22, 2006. The day features the prestigious Br O'Malley Welter, a race dedicated to David, and is a great opportunity to catch up with former SPC students and staff as well as enjoying fine food, wine and the odd flutter. Please put the date in your diary now, start getting your mates together and let's make the 2006 Race

Day a huge success – and most importantly a fitting tribute to the memory of College 'Legend' David Bourke. Further details about ticketing will appear in the next edition of The Shamrock.

PETER FARLEY ROASTED!

When Peter Farley commenced teaching and coaching Under 15 football at St Patrick's College in 1963, little did he know that some 42 years later he would be the subject of a 'Toast and Roast' by old boys who were part of his teams from 1963-1965. The night was organised by Michael Kearney in conjunction with Captains of the sides, John Barry, Ray Ball and Bernie Duffy. The night was also an important occasion to recognise Peter's 40 years of service to the College and its students.

Over 50 old boys travelled from all parts of the country to enjoy the evening, renew old friendships and regale in former glories! The night was held at Irish Murphy's Hotel. Stories, memories and unsolved mysteries of Peter's early days as coach, Form III teacher and McCann House Master were recounted enthusiastically by numerous speakers. Peter was given the right of reply which he exercised with his usual eloquence. Peter was presented with a caricature of 'Coach Peter Farley' as a memento of the evening.



The 1964 U/15 Football Reunion. Michael Kearney, Peter Farley and Bernie Duffy

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Brother Brian Davis
College Archivist

**Distinguished Old Collegians:
Noel Flanagan AO
(SPC 1932-36)**

Noel was born at Tocumwal, New South Wales on Christmas Day 1917, hence his Christian name. He boarded at St Patrick's College from 1932 to 1936.

Noel was always an outstanding student and he crowned his scholastic career by winning the Sir Hugh Devine Prize for 1st Place in Honours English; first in Commercial Law and Latin and second overall in Leaving Honours in 1936. He was a Prefect of Our Lady's Sodality in 1935 and President in 1936 and was on the Committee of the Debating Society. He could always be relied on upon to take up the cudgels on behalf of NSW. To this day he has an undying regard for Br Gabriel Purton (Friar Tuck), Br Bill O'Malley and groundsman Burt Luttrell. He was very proud to have his brothers Jack (1st XVIII and 1st Tennis) and Kevin (now Father Kevin Parish Priest Albury) at St Pat's with him.

In sport Noel had an outstanding record. He represented the College in the 1st XI cricket for four years, captaining the team in 1935 and 1936. He is still the proud possessor of a mounted cricket ball presented to him by Br O'Malley for taking 8/10 against Ballarat College. In the 1935 Annual Magazine, student Pat O'Donohue writes:

'Noel Flanagan, our veteran of the 1st XI, succeeded Gerry Hayes as Captain, and he filled the position admirably. Noel has been in our 1st XI three years, and has invariably played best when the occasion demanded. His bowling has always been a source of worry to opposing batsman, and when it is coupled with his brilliant fielding, and steady batting, it proclaims him the best all-rounder St Pat's has had for some years.'

The following is written in the 1936 Cricket report:

'Special mention should be made of Noel Flanagan. Being elected Captain once more, he straightway inspired the team with such enthusiasm that he not only earned their support, but that of the entire school. Perhaps the greatest praise we can give him is to quote Br O'Malley, who echoes the opinion of all, who appreciate Noel's efforts:- 'As a captain of SPC 1st XIs, I would rank Noel as No.1, and I have seen nine cricket seasons here. His knowledge of the game, his handling of the bowling, placing of the field, his batting and bowling capabilities, and, last but not least, his sterling character, mark him as great captain.'

In football he was a member of the 1st XVIII for three years, once again captaining the team in 1935 and 1936. Joe Connellan in the 1935 Annual Magazine writes:

'The team was captained by Noel Flanagan, a cool and heady player, who gave his side a splendid example. He ably filled the centre position.' In tennis he was in the College 1st IV from 1934 to 1936, captaining the team in his final two years.

He was awarded the Podger Cup for winning the College Tennis Tournament in 1935 & 1936.

After leaving St Patrick's College with a University Free Place, Noel graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Melbourne and had a distinguished Commonwealth Public Service career. He served as a pilot in the Royal Australian Air Force, flying Liberators. He was Private Secretary to Arthur Calwell, the Immigration Minister and future Labor leader in 1949, and to Harold Holt, Treasurer and future Australian Prime Minister, from 1949 to 1953. He was Commissioner-General of the Australian World Pavilion at the World Exposition in Spokane, USA in 1974 and Director of the Australian War Memorial from 1975 until 1982. He was made an

officer of the Order of Australia in 1982 and was Chairman of the Australian Committee on the International Committee of Museums (Paris) from 1977 to 1988.

Noel has always been a great supporter of St Patrick's College, even as he and his wife Dell live a well earned retirement in Canberra, proudly tending to the needs of their five children and nine grandchildren.

The Foundation have recommended that Noel be inducted as a 'Legend' of St Patrick's College at the 2006 Halls of History – Dinner with the legends on Saturday February 25, 2006. See flyer with this edition of The Shamrock for more details.

OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

The West Coast Eagles versus Hawthorn clash in Pert this year had special significance for St Patrick's College. 2004 draftee Matthew Rosa (SPC 2004) lined up against fellow draftee Clinton Young (SPC 2003). Matt was playing in his second AFL game and Clinton in his third game. The pair played together for the North Ballarat Rebels in 2004, however Clinton perhaps had an unfair advantage – in 2004 he had been Matt's Boarding House Supervisor and probably tried to pull rank on him on the field as well! For the record the Eagles won comfortably with both boys having 12 possessions and playing creditable games. Matt ended up playing three games for the season, his last being the game against the Bulldogs following the MCC Herald Sun Shield win. Clinton played the last seven games of the season. Well done to both boys on outstanding AFL debut seasons.

Robert Re (SPC 1955-63) released his first management book at a gala launch at the Ballarat Art Gallery on September 8, 2005. Robert is Principal of Robert Re and Associates and is a highly renowned consultant in organisational and personal

development. His book brings together many of the themes contained in his highly sought after training courses which he has successfully delivered to organisations throughout Australia over the past two decades. The book is available from Ballarat Books or from www.robertjre.com.au

Fr Laurie Bissett (SPC 1950-52) has spent the last twelve months caring for his father Gordon, who was formerly a radio announcer with Radio 3BA.

Brien Mason (SPC 1940-42) visited the College recently as part of his 80th birthday celebrations. He was accompanied by his children and grandchildren who relished the opportunity to wander the corridors and listen to Brien reminisce about days at St Pat's. Brien was Captain of the College's 1st XVIII, a member of the 1st XI and a distinguished scholar going on to complete an Engineering degree at the University of Melbourne. He worked in this field with great success. His last project being the development of the master plan for the Melbourne Airport. His greatest achievement however is his family – as patriarch of the Mason clan it was evident to all at the College that he was greatly loved and admired by all generations of the family who hung on every word he spoke during the families tour of the College. Happy 80th Brien from all members of the OCA!

Brett Delahey (SPC 1980-84) is currently a partner in an accounting firm in Bacchus Marsh and is greatly looking forward to his 20 year reunion in October. The Delahey lineage has been continued at the College with son Todd currently in Year 7.

Adrian Grundy (SPC 1984-85) has been living and working in Boston, USA for the past 12 years. A long way from his former home in Deniliquin, NSW.

Robert Delmenico (SPC 1979-84) has joined local accounting firm Mulcahy and Associates as the head of their new Financial Planning Division. Robert has

worked in the financial planning industry for twelve years and has formal qualifications in accounting and financial planning. Robert is also a highly talented cricketer having played Premier Cricket with South Melbourne and won the E.J. Cleary medal for the best player in the Ballarat Cricket Association. He is a regular player in old boy games and always happy to assist current players with coaching advice.

The impressive business achievements of the Blood brothers, Sean (SPC 1982-87) and Brian (1985-90) were this year featured in an edition of the Geelong Business News. The boys, together with father Brian (SPC 1953-54) have been very successful in the motor industry. As the boys note in the article, 'it's a long way from the spud farm at Dean!' Sean after leaving SPC completed an accounting degree at the University of Ballarat and went on to work for Peter Amor in Ballarat. Brian completed an Economics and Accounting degree at the University of Melbourne. In 1999 they purchased the Holden dealership in Hamilton and Portland and grew the business over the next five years. Sean has run Blood Toyota in Geelong since August 2002. Brian moved to Geelong this year becoming the Dealer Principal at Smith's of Geelong in March. This may put them in competition for a sale from time to time but the boys take it all in their stride. Both have been exceptional businessmen and sportsmen - Sean having played in nine senior football premierships and Brian playing at a variety of clubs including University Blues and Harrow/Balmoral whom he captained/coached to a premiership.

Anthony McIlwaine (SPC 1990-95) is living in Bacchus Marsh and working as a Network Co-ordinator for V/Line. He completed a degree in Agricultural Science at the University of Melbourne and was awarded a scholarship to play rugby in London in 1998. Anthony was married in the College Chapel in 2004.

Mark Kennedy (SPC 1992-97) was named the Best and Fairest player in the Cairns AFL competition for season 2005. Mark is Captain/Coach of the Cairns

Saints, having previously been a dual Premiership player with Redan and Skipton and also a VFL player with North Ballarat. He is on leave as a primary teacher from St Thomas More School in Alfredton and will return south as soon as he can come to terms with the thought of facing another cold winter in Ballarat!

Billy Driscoll (SPC 2000-2003) and Stephen Clifton (SPC 1999-2004) have both had exceptional years with the North Ballarat Rebels being named in the TAC Cup Team of the Year. Billy was runner up in the prestigious Morrish Medal for the best and Fairest Player in the elite Under 18 competition. Stephen came equal fourth, having been the leading possession winner in the competition for 2005. Both will now wait on the outcome of the draft in November before deciding upon the next step in their rapidly developing football careers.

The North Ballarat Rebels were coached this year by Gerard FitzGerald (SPC 1973) who enjoyed an excellent debut season taking the team to fifth after a slow start to the year.

Tony Frawley (SPC 1971-76) has been appointed the Chief Executive Officer of Football Northern Territory, the peak body responsible for game development in the 'Top End'. Whilst many of his peers worry about how 'Charge' with his fair complexion will cope with the heat, he is excited about the challenge ahead, in particular the wealth of talent in the Territory and the prospect of staging several AFL matches per year. Tony is no stranger to challenges in football having started the Rebels in the prestigious TAC Cup Competition from his home office in 1993 and overseeing a programme that has produced numerous AFL players (including SPC boys Drew Petrie, Tony Bourke, Tristan Cartledge, Matthew Rosa and Clinton Young) and a TAC Cup Premiership in 1997. Tony, a former staff member, has been a tireless worker for the College having been involved in the Pavilion Appeal and Public Relations Committee in recent years.

WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS, BIRTHS, BEREAVEMENTS

SPC Weddings

Hucker - Greg (SPC 1986-91) married Leanne Reddie at Werribee Park Mansion on March 12, 2005. Greg is the eldest son of long time supporters of the College Ian and Anne (current staff).

SPC Engagements

Prenc - Andre (SPC 1986-87) to Stella Savy on July 24, 2005.

Verberne - Mark (SPC 1991-96) to Lauren Cornips, daughter of John (SPC 1966-70) in April 2005. Mark and Lauren will be married in the College Chapel on January 14, 2006.

SPC Births

Geyle - Chris (SPC 1982-85) and Melissa are thrilled to announce the arrival of first child Archie Lloyd (9 lb, 5 oz.) on July 24, 2005.

Heagney - Simon (SPC 1987-92) and Kate were thrilled to announce the safe arrival of first child Winnie Mae born September 10, 2005. Granddaughter of Peter Wilson (SPC 1959-65) and Thea.

Love - Michael (SPC 1981-86) and Yoshiko are happy to announce the birth of Brosnan Kai, born August 29, 2005. Brother of Conlon (5), Rylee (3) and Aisling (1).

Steenhuis - Luke (SPC 1990-95) and Lisa are pleased to announce the arrival of first child Ally Mae (7 lb, 6 oz.) in July.

SPC Deaths

Bruce Fredrick Bunn passed away on August 9, 2005, father of Jeffrey Bunn (staff member).

John Byrne (SPC 1952-59) died August 12, 2005 aged 63 years. His Requiem

Mass was held at St Patrick's Cathedral. John represented the College with distinction in high jump and hurdles and was a keen golfer with a single figure handicap. He worked in various engineering management positions in three states finishing his working career as Managing Director of Sovereign Concrete in Ballarat.

Syd Dockendorff (SPC 1921-23) passed away 9th August 2005. The following words are from Brian Gleeson SPC (1947-52) and Brownlow medallist. Syd was born at Wangaratta on May 6, 1908, and attended SPC 1921-1923. He was remembered as one of the many SPC boys who played VFL football, firstly for Richmond and later for Footscray. I attended his funeral at the parish of St John Vianney, East Parkdale on August 16. In the eulogy, it was mentioned that Syd was very appreciative of the opportunities, and proud of the years, he spent at St Patrick's College, Ballarat. He also very much enjoyed his football career and other sports, but his family and friends and Church were his key priorities in the very good and steadfast life. I had met Syd a number of times over the years, the first time being when Melbourne SPC Old Collegians held a function at the Celtic Club in 1957 to honour the first award of a Brownlow Medal to an SPC old boy. After the requiem, I made myself know to his son, David, and he was touched that I was representing SPC Old Collegians. At the time of his death Syd was the oldest surviving AFL player. He played 13 games for Richmond between 1932-33 and 17 games for Footscray between 1935-37. Syd worked as the Business Manager at St Kevin's College.

Andrew Jones (SPC 1983-87) passed away on August 20, 2005.

Mr Jim Nolan passed away on August 10, 2005. Sons Tim Nolan (SPC 1969-1973) and Peter Nolan (SPC 1974-1977) were boarders from Euroa.

Ray Tatchell (SPC 1941-48) was born at Hamilton, but his family moved to

Parkville in Melbourne, from where he boarded at St Patrick's College. He was in the athletics team from 1944, was Vice Captain in 1947 and Captain in 1948. College Legend David Bourke in the 1948 College Annual Magazine writes:

"On Wednesday, October 27, 1948 SPC achieved the ambition of winning the Archbishop Mannix Shield, presented annually to the Premier Athletic Team of the Associated Catholic Schools of Melbourne. We had not been successful in Division 1 since 1941. Ray Tatchell, the Athletics Captain, proved himself a class athlete in carrying off the Open treble of the Long Jump, 100 yards and 220 yards in fine style, and narrowly missing a fourth win in the 400 yards. Ray scored 29 points out of possible 32."

Brian Moloney, a member of the 1948 1st XVII recalls: "Ray Tatchell, the Vice Captain of the team, was an outstanding all round sportsman, possibly the best cricket and tennis player at the College during his final year."

There were many who asserted that the 1948 First XVIII was the best combination ever to wear the famous green, white and blue and Ray won the Kavenagh Cup for the Best and Fairest player in 1947 and 1948 and in cricket won the trophy for the best all rounder in 1948.

Br Bill O'Malley, when interviewed not long before he passed on himself, named Ray as the greatest all rounder that he had ever seen at the College and named him in the centre in his 1st XVIII Team of the Century. Ray made the Geelong Football Club list but left after his first season to play for South Adelaide and Perth and played very well at both clubs. He captain-coached a number of country clubs well into his thirties.

Ray married Marlene Grenfell 46 years ago. Their daughter, Raelene Murphy, was an SPC Board member in 1993 and 1994, and her sons Christopher (SPC 1992 - 1997) and Jeremy Murphy (SPC 1994 - 1999) attended St Patrick's College. Ray's son Paul attended the College in 1973. Raelene recalls that as youngsters they were taken regularly to visit Br O'Malley

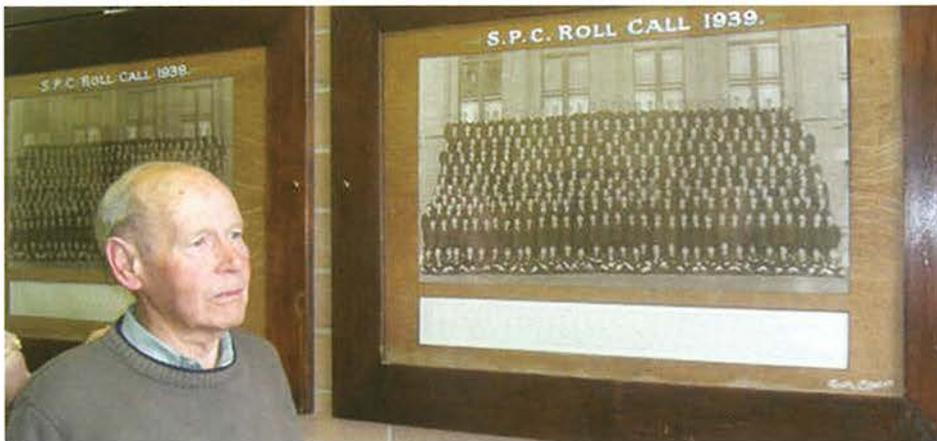
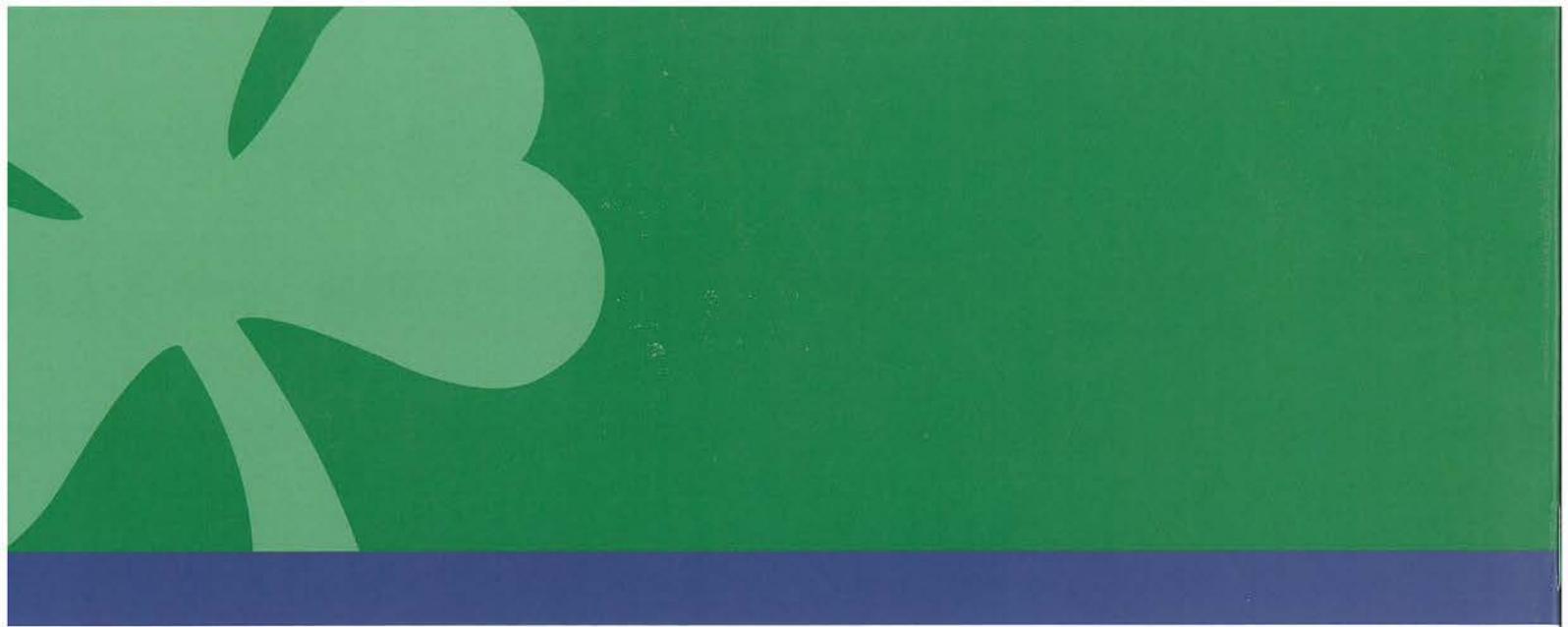
and they thought for many years that he was their grandfather!

Raelene remembers that St Patrick's College was a very important part of Ray's history and that he often claimed that he would be nothing without the grounding he received at the College and in particular the assistance he received from Br O'Malley.

After he failed his Leaving Certificate he ran away from the College and wrote back to tell the College that it was better if he got a job and stopped wasting his mother's money and the College's time. Br Kelty wrote back imploring him to get on a bus or train and telling him that the College would cover his tuition for the next two years. He wrote that he was a good boy who was growing into a fine man - "Why don't we finish what we have started" were his words.

Ray worked as a salesman until buying his first country pub in 1973. He finished up owning 17 hotels scattered throughout Ballarat, western Victoria and Melbourne and was highly regarded as an affable publican and a keen businessman. He welcomed many old boys through the doors. Ray lost both his legs to diabetes related illness in his fifties and sixties and dearly missed his ability to get around but never felt sorry for himself. The friendships Ray formed at St Patrick's were enduring as evidenced by the fact that Fr Dan Arundell, who played on the wing in the same SPC 1st XVIII, and was named on the wing in the O'Malley Team of the Century along side Ray, gave Ray his final blessing on Friday, August 5, just as Ray was at Dan's ordination as a priest fifty years ago.

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.



Brien Mason examining his photos

NEXT EDITION

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



Xavier Maher and Peter Farley



1963 U/15 Side. Left to right: Jamie McKew, Terry Grano, Peter Farley, John Barry and Gerard Torpy



Stephen Clifton (SPC 1999-2004) and Billy Driscoll (SPC 2000-2003) enjoy a well earned break after a successful TAC Cup season



All who attended the 1966-1971 Reunion Dinner had a great time reminiscing about the 'glory days'!