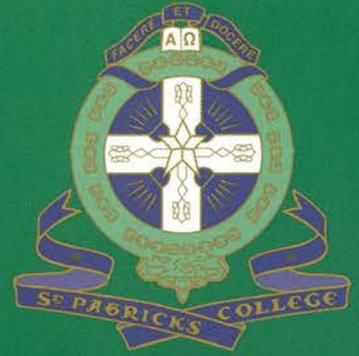


# The Shamrock

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## FROM THE HEADMASTER

### The end of the beginning

At our 2006 Commencement Mass we welcomed 200 boys into Year 7, 26 students into other year levels, ten teachers and four other staff members. The new cohort of students and staff moved me to reflect on the speed of change within a school setting. What we took to be a new leadership in the College in 2002 is the only leadership of the College that 90% of our current 1055 students and 74% of current staff (including 60% of our teaching staff) have known. Such is the rapidity of change within a school in a short time, that sometimes we lack a long-term perspective. I know that on a daily basis we move at a frenetic pace, but it is only the longer term view that will judge the efficacy of our activity.

It is in this context of change that I present 2006 as a year for affirmation of what has been and for looking forward to the renewed vision of the College. This renewed and refocussed vision is found in the College's Strategic Plan 2006-2010. The Plan holds both noble ideals and serious challenges for us at St Patrick's College. It encapsulates the collected wisdom of the entire community and charts our vision for what we would have St Patrick's College be: a Ballarat Catholic school for boys in the Edmund Rice tradition which offers excellence in education for all boys in a nurturing Catholic community. This shared aspiration has been reflected in a number of addresses at our formal gatherings this term.

At the Academic Assembly our 2005 Dux David Hall, our 2006 College Captain, Ed Grinter and Br Peter Dowling, the Province Leader of the Christian Brothers had a consistent message: strive for personal best and maintain balance in one's life through involvement in the full life of the College. This was indeed true of our high achievers of 2005.

At our Year 7 2007 Information Night, College Captain, Ed Grinter, told us that the main reasons his parents sent him to St Patrick's College were:

- To enjoy my education; to be happy; to have loads of fun with schoolmates whilst learning both inside and outside the classroom.
- To receive a broad, challenging and enjoyable education that would equip me with the skills and experiences to excel in life beyond the College gates.
- To develop a strong social conscience and recognise that I have an obligation to give something back to the community and to people living at the margins of our society.
- To experience all the opportunities afforded by a large boys school.

Ed went on to say: 'Upon reflection it was easy to recognise that St Patrick's College has fulfilled all of these wishes that my parents had for me – plus given me so much more. Every day at St Patrick's College seems like an adventure. I have enjoyed experiences beyond all my expectations as a student new to the College. I have walked the Kokoda Trail, rowed in the 1st crew, played 1st XI cricket, participated in leadership camps at Apollo Bay, been on numerous outdoor education field trips and I am still striving for a 1st XVIII football jumper. All of these experiences I have shared with my peers and in doing so I have forged friendships that will last a lifetime.'

At St Patrick's Day Mass, College Vice Captain, Brenton Carey, spoke of 'mighty, mighty St Pat's' in these terms: 'Our claim to might is our claim to courage. Yes, courage on the sporting field, but courage to be our best in the classroom and certainly courage to do in this world what is right – using our resources and talents to uphold the dignity of all people and all other parts of God's creation. Our College has a long and proud tradition of producing talented people and we are now the living expression of this tradition. If we want to honour this

tradition then we will develop our talents, realise our potential – but at the same time take our giftedness into this world and make it a better place.'

And so our traditions continue in our latest generation. While the Patty's tradition is honoured, it is not static. As Pope John XXIII said: 'We are not on earth to guard a museum, but to cultivate a flourishing garden of life'. Just so we the current custodians of this school continue to look to the next challenge. With our Year 12s as the last students who remember the College prior to 2002, I repeat my introductory comment that 2006 is a year for affirmation of what has been and for looking forward: the end of the beginning.

Kind Regards

Peter M Casey  
Headmaster



College Captain Edward Grinter and Dr Peter Casey at the 2006 Academic Assembly

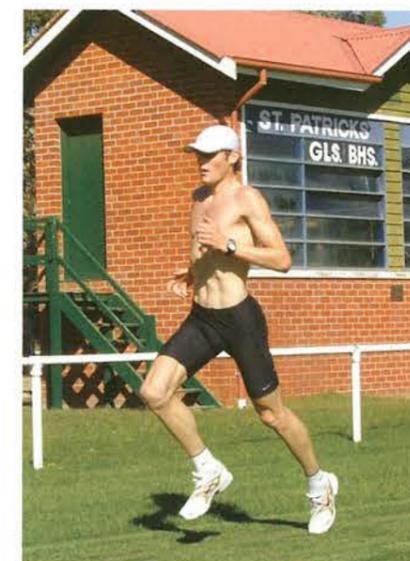
## WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF THE SHAMROCK FOR 2006

This edition is mailed to every old boy for whom we have an address. Editions 2, 3 and 4 will only be mailed to financial OCA members and current families. OCA membership is just \$10 per annum or \$110 for a life time of Shamrocks, so please get on board and take out a membership if you have not already done so. The reverse of the mailer has all the details.

What an action packed term it has been, punctuated by the Melbourne Commonwealth Games which showcased the amazing range of sporting facilities in Victoria and the State's ability to conduct first class events. The success of Australia at the Games also highlights the depth of talent within our nation and has certainly served to inspire many of the College's athletes to aim for national level representation in their chosen sports in the coming years. Ballarat successfully hosted basketball at the Commonwealth Games and was also the training base for many athletes as they prepared for the Games.

The photo adjacent shows Australian athlete Craig Mottram training on the College's Main Oval the week before the Commonwealth Games. Craig had several training sessions on the Main Oval with current staff member Shane Hayes (SPC 1989-94) and was greatly appreciative of the excellent state of the oval – congratulations to grounds staff led by Tony Liston (SPC 1987-90) for the excellent work they have done on the Main Oval in recent years to return it to one of Ballarat's premier sporting surfaces – the daily requests we receive for its usage from outside user groups is testament to the state of the ground, a feat worth noting as Ballarat struggles through its ninth year of drought conditions.

The unusual timing of Term one has also produced some other bonuses for staff and students. The weather during the second week of the Games mid term



Commonwealth Games Silver medallist Craig Mottram training on the Main Oval in the lead up to the Games

break was exceptional and enabled many families to enjoy a second beach holiday for the year. Hopefully the benefits of this will still be felt long into the winter months as staff and students work diligently through our winter terms – many old boys would argue that we have always had three winter terms!

Perhaps the most significant benefit to emerge from the unusual timing of the term has been the ability of staff and students to share the lead up to Easter. In the past Easter has often fallen within the school holidays and so by necessity much of the discussion and preparation for Easter has occurred weeks before we as a Catholic school celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. With a four day break between Term one and two students have been able to truly experience Easter and God's promise to us. It is an inspirational way to commence a new Term.

As noted it has been an unusual, albeit action packed term, jam packed with events and student and old boy achievements. We competed at

Nagambie in the annual Head of the Lake regatta in February, conducted an inspiring Academic Assembly, held the annual Legend's Dinner featuring Barry Richardson, Noel Flanagan and the amazing McDonald brothers from Waubra and Brother Davis and our talented swimmers were able to defend their BAS Swimming Title for the 27th year in succession.

The OCA also been extremely busy, with the highlight being the annual 1920-60s reunion luncheon held on March 10. This is usually held on St Patrick's Day but had to be brought forward due to the Games. Over 120 old boys attended, many sharing in the celebration of Mass with students at the St Patrick's Day Assembly where our student leaders are formally invested.

The OCA have also conducted a successful regional dinner in Terang, are planning a Melbourne dinner in Kooyong for August and have been busy supporting our new football club – the North Old Boys/St Patrick's College Amateur Football Club which will play in C Grade of the Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA) in 2006.

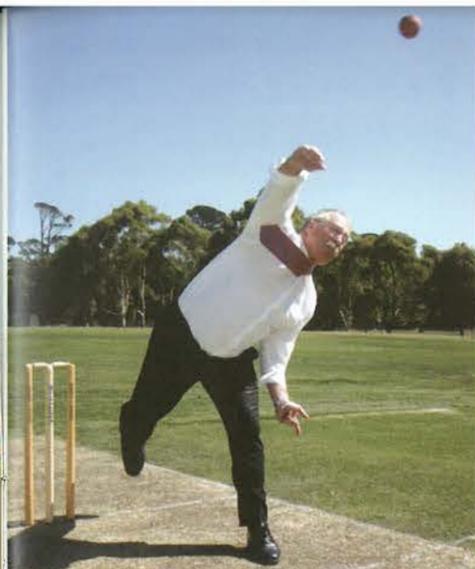
This edition of The Shamrock featuring the OCA's Green, White and Blue, highlights a range of College events and recognises and celebrates the achievements, and the lives of past students who have made a rich contribution to the story of St Pat's.



Several of the Class of 2005 who obtained an ENTER score in excess of 90 at the 2006 Academic Assembly, with Br Peter Dowling and Dr Peter Casey



Junior Cycling star Luke Jones



BCA President Ron Jennings bowls the first ball on the new Hill Oval turf wicket, a joint partnership between the College and the BCA



Gerard FitzGerald (SPC 1973) plays a straight bat to the first ball bowled on the Hill Oval turf wicket



House Captain Simon Ward led Nunan House students into the College's Opening Assembly

**2005 ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY**

Congratulations to 2005 Dux David Hall who achieved an ENTER score of 99.50. David is studying medicine at the University of Melbourne in 2006 and living at Newman College. As in the past three years the College has swelled the ranks of Newman College and St Mary's College at the University of Melbourne, testament to the excellent results of our students and the regard with which they are held by these fine educational institutions.



David Hall

The students of 2005 can be immensely proud of their efforts. It is timely to reflect on the outstanding success of our high achievers and add to our reflection the number of our students who have left at the end of 2005 from Years 10, 11 and 12 to take up pre-apprenticeship courses, apprenticeships, traineeships and TAFE Courses. It is particularly gratifying that businesses in the community view the College as a school that prepares students for careers in these fields and Mr Meehan regularly receives calls from employers keen to take on boys who will display the work ethic, values and attitudes that are hallmarks of graduates of the College. If we maintain an inclusive enrolment then we must prepare many of our students for employment outside of TAFE and University futures.

The College is committed to assisting all boys in achieving personal excellence in whatever area they turn their hand to. Achieving this will require hard work, some sacrifice and perseverance, traits highlighted by College Captain Edward Grinter in his address to the 2006 College Academic Assembly.

*Br Peter Dowling, Headmaster  
Dr Casey, Class of 2005 prize winners,  
parents, staff and students,*

It is difficult not to be a little overwhelmed today as we take the time to celebrate the rich academic culture of the College and in particular the excellent academic results of the Class of 2005. Sincere congratulations to all prize winners and our 2005 Dux David Hall; thank you boys for the wonderful example you have provided to all students and the contribution you have made to the evolving story of regional Australia's finest school for boys - St Patrick's College, Ballarat.

You will recall that at the Opening Assembly I spoke of the rich heritage of the College, an expansive and inspiring story built upon the outstanding achievements of past students, supported at all times by legions of dedicated and passionate educators. This culture of excellence in all pursuits is particularly poignant to me as the tales of the 'legends' of St Pat's have been handed on to me by my grandfather, uncles and brother who have had the good fortune to live, study and play with some of the

finest academics, musicians, artists and sportsman that the nation has produced.

We are all aware of the sportsman who have graced our playing fields (and they are too numerous to mention), the politicians such as Steve Bracks and Murray Byrne who graced the halls of the College, the musicians such as Sir Bernard Heinze who entertained all he encountered and of course we have a Cardinal and three Bishops - an achievement surpassed by no Catholic school in the nation! Receiving far less publicity is the fact that the College has helped shape the lives of some of the finest minds in the nation and has in the past been recognised and celebrated for its amazing culture of academic excellence. The importance of this should not be lost on any student in this room for the success of all St Pat's boys is underpinned by the College's commitment to academic rigour combined with the values and teachings inherent within an Edmund Rice education.

In recent times the government has taken to publishing the 'league ladder' of schools - a very simple portrayal of how schools are performing in the VCE. Like it or not we are now all very accountable and I have had a number of people, particularly old boys question me about why St Pat's is not represented in the top 100 schools in the State. Yes we can point out that in a simple analysis we are disadvantaged by having an inclusive enrolment and that through offering a broad and comprehensive curriculum that our ranking will be lower than other schools who focus purely on what are deemed to be more 'academic' subjects. This may offer comfort for some but the truth is that some students have become content with mediocrity - a concept that is totally foreign to the old boys of the College, including the prize winners you see before you, who have forged the amazing academic culture of St Patrick's College.

In thinking about this situation I am immediately struck by how inconsistent

this attitude is with other areas of the College and the performances of the 2005 Academic prize winners. I cannot imagine a 1st XVIII player looking Mr Clark in the face and telling him that he is only going to go three quarter pace today, a rower telling Mr Lynn that he will turn off at the 500 metre mark or a musician informing Mr Ransome in 2005 that he couldn't commit to morning rehearsals for the upcoming Melbourne Music Festival. Our quest for excellence in these areas just comes so naturally, albeit it is also shaped by the presence of inspiring and committed teachers. Why is it then, that for some students this attitude, this absolute resolve to enhance the College's reputation for excellence doesn't extend to academic studies - the very foundation upon which this great College is built? Is it too hard, is it uncool, are we not as smart as boys from other schools - what are the factors that are holding us back?

I was fortunate to be able to discuss this topic with Dr Casey and in particular the results of a fellow Christian Brothers school, St Kevin's in Melbourne. In the past few years St Kevin's have out performed other boys' schools in the VCE. The indication, and the good news, is that the reason for this is relatively simple and comes down to two main factors - time on task and motivation. In other words we have to be committed to our studies, internally motivated to achieve the best possible result we can and able to achieve a balance between study, work, sport and social commitments. All the things that come naturally to a St Pat's 1st XVIII player or our musician's striving to achieve success.

I would like to finish by recounting the story of a boarding student from the Class of 2005 who clearly illustrates that through motivation and time on task anything is possible. Luke Englefield arrived at the College at the commencement of Year 10. Two years previously he had been involved in a tragic road accident that killed his brother and left him with severe physical and

mental injuries. His mother was told that Luke would be lucky to complete Year 11 and would only be able to work in a menial desk job that didn't require great physical or mental capabilities. In Year 10 Luke won Dux and RE prizes, in Year 11 he won RE and a subject prize and in year 12 he achieved an ENTER score of 86.5 and was offered a place in Resource Management at the University of Melbourne. Along the way he was also Captain of Lawn Bowls and enjoyed a wonderful three years in the boarding community.

Luke's secrets to success was simple - he didn't ever make excuses; it would have been very easy to accept mediocrity and blame it all on his cruel lot in life. Instead he committed himself to excellence and he worked hard to achieve his goals. He got up early in the morning and studied, he used the Kelty Resource Centre and worked closely with his teachers to ensure he was thoroughly prepared for every exam and assessment task he undertook. Luke would be the first to acknowledge that his academic success did not come easy, but he has done an enormous amount to restore the academic culture of the College and to demonstrate to all students that if they are prepared to spend time on task and they are motivated to achieve that they can achieve personal excellence in academic studies.

In 2006 I commend Luke's example and the example of all of our 2005 prize winners to all students. The 2005 MCC Herald Sun Shield or our Gold Shield in Music were not handed to us gift wrapped, nor will our rightful place in the ranking of schools be simply bestowed upon us. Let us all work together with our teachers to honour the academic traditions of the past and in so doing add our names to the inspiring academic culture that has shaped our school - St Patrick's College, Ballarat.

**2005 YEAR 12 RESULTS AND UNIVERSITY PLACEMENTS**

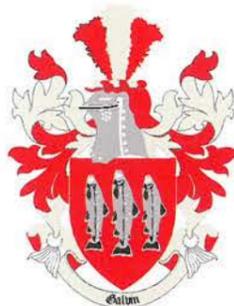
Student	Enter Score	Year 12 Course	2006 Course	University
David Hall	99.50	Mathematics/Science	Engineering/Science	University Of Melbourne-Parkville
James Kerr	99.45	Mathematics/Science	Engineering/Science	University Of Melbourne-Parkville
Alexander Joosten	99.40	Mathematics/Science	Commerce	University Of Melbourne-Parkville
Sean Murrirhy	98.2	Maths/Science/LOTE	Radiography and Medical Imaging	Monash University-Clayton
David Ronan	95.50	SOSE/Maths/Science	Physiotherapy	La Trobe University-Bundoora
Andrew Menegazzo	93.65	Mathematics/Science	Automotive Engineering	RMIT-City
Thomas Ryan	93.05	Mathematics/Science	Engineering/Maths	University Of Ballarat
Thomas Arthurson	92.30	Arts/Maths/Science	Media	RMIT-City
Christopher Ford	92.25	SOSE/Arts	Media	RMIT-City
Camron Johnson	91.85	Mathematics/SOS	Economics	Monash University-Clayton
David Treppo	90.25	Maths/SOSE/Science	Science	University Of Melbourne-Parkville

## A NEW HOUSE SYSTEM FOR 2006

The Pastoral Care Review of 2005 indicated that although the current delivery of pastoral care across the College was well received by all sections of the community there were still a number of aspects which could be further improved. One significant area was the existing House structure, with a significant proportion of students, staff and parents indicating that it was not operating to its full potential. The creation of a strong and active House system increases student identification and connectedness within the College as well as providing opportunities for students to participate in a range of curricular and co-curricular activities, ranging from swimming to music and drama, all of which will be linked to an overall House Shield to determine the leading House in 2006.

To ensure improvements were in line with the findings of the pastoral care review and will maximise benefits to students the following initiatives have been introduced for 2006:

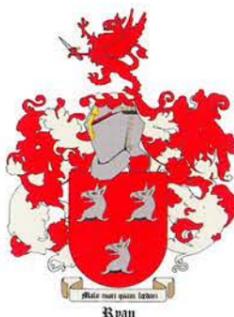
- Instead of six houses we will have four. The Houses are named after past Headmasters of the College and recognise the significant contribution they have made to the story of St Pat's.
- The four houses that will be maintained are Galvin (Green), Ryan (White), Keniry (Blue) and Nunan (Gold).
- At the Senior School, four Heads of House will replace the three current Year Level Coordinators. The Heads of House will be Mrs Fiona Carroll (Galvin), Mr Graham Swinton (Ryan), Mr Geoff Crawford (Nunan) and Mrs Jenny White (Keniry). Year Level Coordinators will remain at Years 7 - 9
- All students entering Year 7 will be allocated to a House-based homeroom, with fifty students joining each House each year in two homerooms. This would give students a grounding in their House before moving into Years 8 and 9 where other considerations may form the homeroom group.



### Galvin

Derived from the O'Gealbain Sept of County Clare, Ireland.

**Arms:** Gules (red), three salmon hauriant (aligned vertically) argent (silver).



### Ryan

Descended from the OMulrian Sept of Owey, County Tipperary, now generally shortened to Ryan, a Sept claiming descent from Cathaoir Mor, King of Leinster.

**Arms:** Gules (red), three griffins heads erased (cut off) argent (silver).

**Crest:** A griffin segreant (standing on one foot: rampant as applied to griffins) gules, holding in the sinister (left) claw a dagger proper (natural colours).

**Motto:** Malo mori quam foedari. (Death before dishonour).



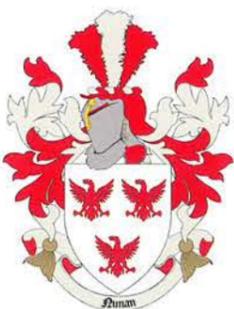
### Keniry

Anglicised and descended from the Mac Conraoi and O'Conraoi Septs of County Galway and especially from the O'Conaire and O'Maolchonaire Septs of Munster and Roscommon, Ireland.

**Arms:** Azure (blue), an ancient book open indexed edged or (gold), a chief embattled of the last. This book relates to the honourable and hereditary office of Scanachie (Bard and Herald) to the O'Conors, Kings of Connaught.

**Crest:** (Irish) A wreath of laurel proper (natural colours).

**Motto:** History cannot be destroyed by time, (French: L'antiquité ne peut pas l'abolir).



### Nunan

Descended from the O'Nuanain or O'hlonmhaineain Septs of County Cork, Ireland.

**Arms:** Argent (silver), three eagles displayed (with outstretched wings) gules (red).

- Senior School Pastoral Groups will be vertically aligned with students from each of the three year levels. The vertically aligned Senior School pastoral groups will be formed on House lines. It is envisaged that students entering the Senior School will stay with the same homeroom tutor and group for their time in the Senior School.
- Morning homeroom and the usual weekly pastoral care period will continue in the Junior School and Middle School.
- Morning homeroom will continue in the Senior School, whilst a rotating pastoral care period each week will be introduced and will be used according to the seasonal needs of the Senior School.
- Positions of House Captain and Vice Captains are open to all Year 12 students of 2006.
- Positions on Congress and Year 12 Council will in time fall into line with the new House model.

Outcomes of the new House system will be fully evaluated at the end of the year, however if early indications from the swimming and athletics sports are anything to go by, the changes have greatly enhanced students' sense of House spirit and increased the sense of belonging for new students entering the College. For the record Nunan House won the 2006 Swimming Sports, the first event contested under the new format.

## A SOLID SUMMER'S WORK!

### Brendan Harding

In the summer holidays I attended two summer schools. The University of Melbourne Science Summer School was held from December 4-17. The main theme this year was synergy, where we studied light and energy and the connection it has with most branches of science.

The National Mathematics Summer School was held in the new year from

January 8-21 at the Australian National University in Canberra. At this summer school we attended many lectures on number theory, knot theory and algorithms. Both summer schools were a great opportunity to meet with lots of interesting and talented people. They have also given me more awareness of the University courses available and the careers they lead to. I have learnt so much in the two summer schools and have made many life-long friends.



Brendan Harding

## EDMUND RICE STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

### Mark Fuller – Student Council 2006

During the summer break I had the opportunity to represent St Patrick's College at a school leader's conference at Rosetrevor College in Adelaide. The conference went for three days where I was able to meet forty boys and two girls from a number of Edmund Rice schools from across the country.

Arriving at the airport in Adelaide, I was greeted by 43 degrees and a bunch of optimistic students, who were soon to be leaders of some of the most prestigious schools in Australia. At that moment I knew I was sure to meet some awesome people.

I took part in a range of activities designed to develop and strengthen my faith. This provided the perfect foundation for the session to follow, focusing on realising and building upon our leadership qualities. Through this, I was able to share my ideas but more

importantly, was exposed to some great ideas and plans from the other boys. Hopefully we can steal one or two!

The conference was definitely a valuable experience for me personally, and I hope that our College will in turn benefit from my involvement.

## REFLECTIONS ON WORLD YOUTH DAY 2005

### Nathan Antony

Last year, my parents sent me on a pilgrimage to the World Youth Day (WYD) 2005 in Cologne, Germany. It has been one of the most amazing trips of my life. Together with about 250 other young people from Melbourne, we commenced our pilgrimage through Austria, the Czech Republic and Germany. I have to say that I have never seen anything like it. You have to pay to use public toilets!

After arriving in Vienna we immediately got onto buses and went to Prague. We spent a lot of time on those buses and got to know each other better between praying and evangelising. We visited many religious sites including various Cathedrals and the relics of the three wise men. One of the most memorable places that I visited was the Buchenwald Concentration Camp. It was especially memorable because it showed me how evil human beings can be without God in their lives. The minor sufferings that I go through now, like homework for example are nothing compared to the horrors that the people in the concentration camps faced.

When we eventually got to Cologne we had to get off the bus 16km from the actual WYD site. After a long walk to the site, carrying the luggage we needed to get us through the night, we arrived at our destination. We all settled down in our spot and awaited the arrival of the Holy Father of the Church. Pope Benedict XVI was an amazing speaker, and when he arrived he gave us a very enlightening Mass. He spoke to us about how people's faith in God is lessening and how he is

depending on the youth of the world to be 'people of truth, justice, chastity, forgiveness and mercy'. In the morning we had another Mass and we Aussies managed to get to the front of the million-people crowd. Even fifty meters away you could tell that the Pope was a holy man and that he had a very deep understanding of the events that were happening at the time.

After the Mass, he acknowledged the next WYD site to be Sydney in 2008. He said that he wished to see as many keen young faces there as he had in Cologne. After that we went back, (yes the whole 16 kilometres back), to the bus and then we went to the five star hotel for some relaxation and some time to think about what we had just heard. The World Youth Day of 2005 was a milestone in my life that I will never forget, and I hope that many more Australians will go to WYD in Sydney 2008!

## YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Daniel Ellis (Year 10) is undertaking a six month exchange programme through Rotary. He has recently commenced school and attended his first Rotary meeting. He said the school seats and desk are just like what you see in the movies in the USA! Daniel has been placed in Grade 10 (our Year 10), in the mid year of their semester and he is undertaking subjects very similar to what he was doing in Year 9.



Daniel Ellis with three other youth exchange students and members of the Youth Exchange Committee

## JAPANESE STUDENTS VISIT

In February 25 students from Shibuya Junior High School visited the College for a 10 day family host stay experience. Our visitors from Japan greatly enjoyed their time within the College community. The boys enjoyed a diverse range of experiences whilst in Ballarat, ranging from a footy clinic with the North Ballarat Roosters, a visit to Sovereign Hill, a workshop with the local Aboriginal Co-Operative and the opportunity to attend classes with their host student. The boys loved any opportunity to get outside and play games, regularly showing off their immense talents in soccer and baseball. The wonderful weather over the stay enabled many families to head to the coast with visiting boys greatly enjoying surfing and swimming experiences.



Boys from Shibuya Junior High School enjoying a football clinic at the North Ballarat Football Club (photo courtesy of The Courier)

Thank you very much to our host families who have opened their hearts and homes to our visitors. Thank you also to ESL teachers Mr Graham Ford and Mrs Jacinta Waddington who organised many additional experiences for the boys including trips to Pleasant St Primary School and Loreto College – the boys

seemed to love their time at Loreto highlighting that Year 9 boys have the same motivations the world over! Many wonderful friendships have been formed and the horizons of our students greatly expanded from spending time with boys from another culture.

## WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE

The College is delighted to welcome the following staff members who have taken up the challenge of inspiring boys to achieve excellence in a diverse range of curricular and co-curricular endeavours. A warm welcome to:

### Junior School

Mr John Richards (Maths and ICT) and Mrs Helen McLennan join the Enhanced Learning Department. John has been Secretary of the OCA for the past three years and is a former Catholic Primary School Principal.

### Middle School

Mr Jeremy House (Physical Education), Miss Laura Thompson (Science and English) and Mr Tim Young (English and SOSE)

### Senior School

Miss Karina Leon (SOSE), Mr Paul Kingsman (RE), Mr Ian Fernee (ICT, RE and Media), and Mr David Rowland (English and RE).

### Director of Music

Mr Hugh McKelvey will teach VCE Music and coordinate our extensive and eminently successful instrumental programme. Hugh is recognised as the leading conductor in Ballarat as well as a highly talented performer in his own right.

### In the Business Office

Mrs Shirley Walters as the new Business Manager with twenty years experience in this role across Catholic secondary schools.



Friends of Music welcome Mr Hugh McKelvey

Mr Julian Porter a University of Ballarat Graduate in Commerce and Old Collegian will take up the position of Accountant.

### Trainees

Mr Jeremy Wirges (Physical Education and Outdoor Ed) and Mr Danny Hay (Sport)

### Returning staff

We welcome Mr Geoff Crawford back after a sabbatical at Ballarat Grammar who is the inaugural Head of Nunan House and will teach English in the Senior School.



Clare Fanning

### Farewell Mrs Fanning

Generations of St Patrick's College staff and students will be saddened to hear that Mrs Clare Fanning is retiring from the College after 27 years of distinguished service to the Administration Team. Clare's career has always been characterised by her incredible work ethic

and efficiency in getting things done, always with a minimum of fuss, but always with the best interests of the students at heart.

The College community is indebted to Clare for her care of the boys and wish her well for a well earned retirement. As a passionate Geelong supporter hopefully she will experience some good times ahead. Interestingly during her farewell she did confess that one of her favourite students, and one she believed was gifted both academically and in sport was lovable rogue and Collingwood premiership player Mick McGuane (SPC 1979-85).

## STUDENT RECOGNITION

At the Commencement Assembly and Mass the Headmaster and College community formally recognised the following student leaders:

### Galvin House

Captain: Tyson Shea  
Vice Captains: James Harrison  
Andrew Schuyler

### Keniry House

Captain: Matthew Polmear  
Vice Captains: Mark Fuller  
Royce Griffin

### Nunan House

Captain: Simon Ward  
Vice Captains: Joshua O'Connor  
David Porter

### Ryan House

Captain: Brenton Carey  
Vice Captains: Timothy Green  
Simon LaFranchi

### Rowing

Captain: Edward Grinter  
Vice Captains: Samuel Martin  
Royce Griffin

### St Vincent de Paul

President: Brenton Carey  
Vice President: Samuel Rickard  
Secretary: James Harrison

### Music

Music Captain: Anthony Read  
Vice Captains: Ryan Ellis  
Joel Parnis  
Band Leader: Kane Gloury

### Swimming

Captain: Luke Wirges  
Vice Captains: Leigh Weber  
Simon Ward

### McCann Boarding House

Captain: Simon Halpin  
Vice Captain: Edward Grinter

### Nangle Boarding House

Captain: Mitchell Young  
Vice Captain: Matt Austin

### Public Speaking

Captain: Tristan Lambert  
Vice-Captain: Brenton Carey

### Debating

Captain: James Harrison,  
Vice-Captains: Brendan Harding  
Denis McKinnon

### Archives

Dale Rogers



Parents, students and staff enjoying the 2006 Galvin House Welcome BBQ



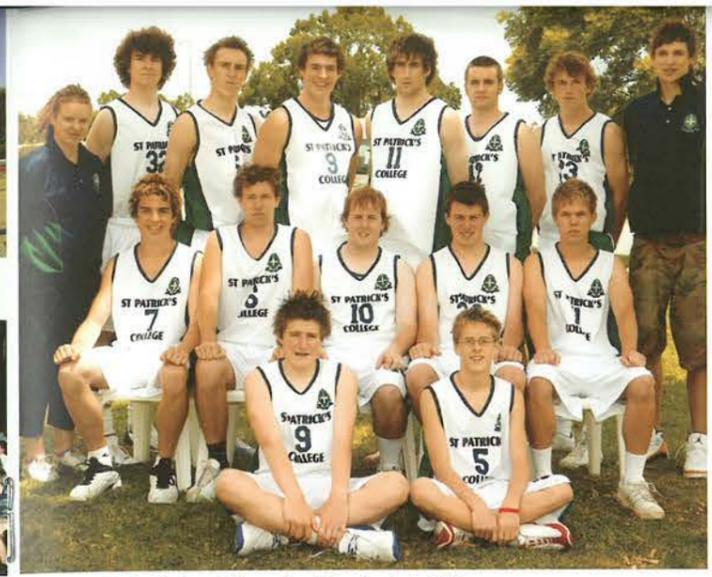
What our rowers had to contend with in preparing for the 2006 Head of the Lake



2006 Rowing Camp - 43 degrees on the Wimmera River at Horsham!



2006 Boat Race Assembly



The St Pat's National Championships Basketball Team



Victorian State Champions Div.2 - coach Chris Bourke, Kyle Foley, Brendan Howard, Royce Griffin, Sean Mathews, Finlay Gustus and coach David Stott

**SPORT 2006**

**Swimming**

St Patrick's College Swimming team produced one of their finest efforts to extend St Patrick's College's success in the Boys' Aggregate to an amazing 27 years straight! In a highly disciplined, superbly focused team performance, led by inspirational Swimming Captain Luke Wirges and Vice Captains Leigh Weber and Simon Ward, St Patrick's College won the Boys' Championship at the Eureka Swimming Pool on Wednesday, March 8. Luke's win in the 100m freestyle and Leigh's winning performances in the 50m backstroke and butterfly on very limited preparations due to serious injury, proved once again what an indomitable will to win can achieve.

The Under Fourteen team of Dylan Rodger, Jake Ballis, Justin King, Jamie-Lee Waight, Dylan Prozzo and Tom Willian scored 111 out of 112 points with Dylan, Jake and Justin supporting the Under Fifteens in four events. The Under Thirteen team of James Elford, Matthew Norman, Chris Burgess,

Nicholas Thomas and Tom Nankivell won their age group with Nicholas, Tom and Aaron Lewicki supporting the Under Fourteens, thus enabling St Patrick's to win the Junior Pennant.

The Under Fifteen team of Julian Atwood, Andrew Wallis and Patrick McGlade, with the support of Dylan Rodger, Jake Ballis and Justin King performed far above expectations to win their age group and with a strong performance from the Under Sixteen team of Tim Rodger, who also won the Open Division Two breaststroke, Nathan Waight, Alex Blizzard, Michael Keem, Rhys Allan, Tom Kavanagh, Jacob Garvey, Chris Haintz and Alec Wiltshire, St Patrick's came equal first in the Intermediate Pennant.

The Open team scored 108 out of 112 points. Luke Wirges, and Leigh Weber dominated the individual events and together Simon Ward and Aidan Kennedy won the Open Division One relay in a time of 1:47.73, which was one second outside the longstanding 1990 SPC record. Matthew Rice, Charlie Kitchin, Matthew Leonard and Kane Gloury set a new record in the Division Two relay.

Junior Pennant	Intermediate Pennant
<b>SPC 203</b>	<b>SPC 187</b>
BGS 168	BCC 187
DC 150	BGS 180

Senior Pennant	Boys Championship
<b>SPC 108</b>	<b>SPC 498</b>
BGS 99	BGS 447
BCC 84	BCC 411



Galvin House members show off their new House singlets at the 2006 House Swimming Carnival

**ROWING**

What a great day was enjoyed by all in attendance for the 2006 Head of the Lake regatta at Lake Nagambie. With close to 200 supporters, the SPC crews certainly had the backing at the finish line. Although SPC didn't come through in the Boys Head of the Lake 1st crew race, we were able to maintain the mantle as the premier boys' school snaring the Harold Deveson Cup (Boys' Aggregate Premiership).

After a difficult season and a lot of travelling, the rowers again travelled to Nagambie for the Head of the Lake. In hot and windy conditions our boys fought well in every division and the results are shown below with winning crews named.

Well done to Rowing Master Mr Jamie Lynn and all coaches on their hard work and dedication in season 2006.

**Rowing Results**

- Year 9 Division 3 **SPC 3rd & 5th**
- Year 9 Division 2 **SPC 2nd & 4th**
- Year 9 Division 1 **SPC 1st**  
Aaron Turner, Josh Davis, Josh Dunnen, Sam Howard and Blake Dridan.  
Coach: Brendan Store
- Year 10 Division 2 **SPC 2nd**
- Year 10 Division 1 **SPC 1st**  
Matt Gillett, Michael Treppo, Andrew McNiece, Daniel Ross-Smith and Ash Haase.  
Coaches: Peter and Rick Blanchfield
- 5ths **SPC 1st**  
Jack Wilson, James Lillie, John Brady, Brenton Carey and Pat Foley.  
Coach: Cam Rowe
- 4ths **SPC 1st**  
Richard Wilson, Jordan Baker, Peter Morrissey, Matt Fleming and James Edmends.  
Coaches: Bernard Wilson, Nathan Sims

- 3rds **SPC 1st**  
Sam Rickard, Brendan Rix, James Morrissey, Nathan Edgar and James Edmends.  
Coach: Graham Swinton
- 2nds **SPC 1st**  
Sean Mathews, Brendan Howard, Royce Griffin, Kyle Foley and Kyle Carey.  
Coaches: Chris Bourke, David Stott
- 1sts **SPC 3rd**



The 'Spit Crew' cheer the boys on at the Head of the Lake at Nagambie



27 years in a row! SPC 2006 BAS Swimming Champions



2006 House Swimming Carnival



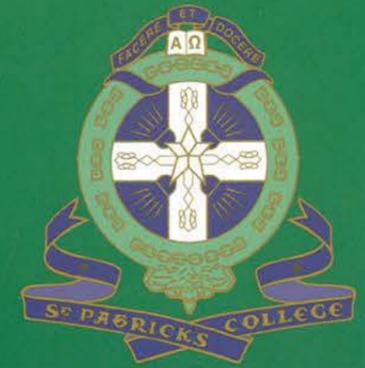
Captain of Boats Edward Grinter with the 2006 Head of the Lake Boys' Aggregate Trophy



St Pat's boys in training at the 2006 rowing camp

# Green White & Blue

St Patrick's College Old Collegians Association Inc.



GREEN, WHITE AND BLUE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE OCA

## LAWN BOWLS

Congratulations to St Patrick's College White, the 2006 BAS Lawn Bowls Champion. The team successfully defended their 2005 title and in so doing achieved an amazing 'threepeat' for our successful lawn bowls programme wonderfully managed by Mr John Christie and Mr Barry Schuurs.

The team consisted of Simon Halpin, James Lillie, Abe Montano, Matthew Polmear, Patrick Styles, Alistair Lambert and James Forbes. Simon Halpin was recognised as the leading player in the BAS competition, a fitting reward for an outstanding team player.



SPC's champion senior Lawn Bowls team with the BAS Premiership Shield

## Other Results

### Cricket

1st XI – 3rd  
2nd XI – Runners Up  
Intermediate – Runners Up  
Year 8 – Premiers  
Year 7 – 3rd

### Tennis

1st IV – Runners Up  
2nd IV – Premiers  
Intermediate – Premiers  
Year 8 – Premiers Year 7 – 2nd

### Volleyball

1st VI – Runners Up

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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

- Nicholas Thomas (Year 7) for winning the U/13 Surf Life Saving Champion for the Torquay Surf Life Saving Club.
- Connor Bourke (Year 8) for coming 2nd in the inaugural 1.4 km Junior 'Rip to River' race at Ocean Grove during January.

- Congratulations to the following boys who represented the Central Highlands Zone in underage state wide cricket competitions over the summer break:
  - Under 16 Dowling Shield: Robert Ryan, Carl Casey (Western Spirit).
  - Under 14: Brad Whittaker, Caleb Hepworth, Austin Murphy, Hayden Walters, Peter Colbourne, Matthew Begbie.
- Jacob Dalli (Year 9) won the 800m boys race at the 2006 Ballarat Gift.
- Luke Jones (Year 10) has been selected to represent Victoria at the National Track Cycling Championships to be held in Perth in April. At the Victorian titles he won a gold medal in the Under 17 – 2000 metre Pursuit event, and silver in the 500 metre Time Trial.
- Daniel Bailey (Year 10) participated in the Victorian State Athletic Championships. After the competition he is now ranked 13th in state for Triple Jump and 15th for Long Jump. He produced his personal best at each event.
- Congratulations to Alex Antonelli (Year 7) who won the 12 and Under Boys Singles Tennis Competition and to Sam

Lockyer (Year 7) who won the doubles- in the same age group at Mt Prospect on February 18.

- Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent the Ballarat and District Soccer Association in the Victorian Country Soccer League Championships. The squads have a significant SPC flavour as 21 of the 48 boys selected in the squads attend the College:
  - Year 8 students: James Cook, Kyle Coutts, Justin King, Emilio Peters, and Luke Terrill.
  - Year 9 students: Angus Martin, Kyran Taylor, Scott Berg, Marcus Lynch, Jacob Krusche, Daniel McIntyre and Josh Antonelli.
  - Year 10 students: Aaron Carr, David Blomeley, Bernard Kuek, Chris Thornton, Kieran McDowell, Tim Beggs, Jack Parry and Tim Parry
  - Year 11 student: Ryan Berg.
- Shaun Lyle (Year 9) for being selected in the BAS tennis team to play against the AGSV in Melbourne. Shaun also won the BAS Junior Tennis Cup earlier this term against Year 7 student Mitchell Phelps.

## PAVILION APPEAL UPDATE

The OCA Pavilion Appeal continues to proceed well with over \$450,000 being raised in cash and pledges. In addition the committee has received some generous 'in kind' donations for products that will be utilised in the construction of the Pavilion. The OCA are extremely appreciative of the services provided by current parent Mr Tony McMaster who has accepted the position of Project Manager and will oversee construction of the Main Oval Pavilion. Tony is Director of McMaster Homes and has extensive experience and networks within the building industry and is working closely with College Architects Morton and Dunne and other local trades people with a view to commencing the project in 2006.

So if you have 'in kind' donations that you would like to contribute or are in a position to make a tax deductible donation prior to the end of the financial year, please contact the Appeal Director Mark Waddington on 0429 90 980 or [mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au)

An Appeal Donation form is contained with this edition of The Shamrock.



An artist's impression of the finished OCA Pavilion

## MELBOURNE DINNER 2006

The Melbourne OCA Sub Committee are planning the 2nd annual Melbourne Dinner at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club on Friday August 18, 2006. Under the leadership of Tony Joyce, John Larkins and David Bourke the dinner is coming together and should be a great night with the keynote address being given by Graham Duff (SPC 1955-59), current Chairman of the Racing Victoria and the Chairman of the North Melbourne Kangaroos in the AFL. How Graham is able to balance the demands between

these jobs almost defies belief, but it will make for a wonderful night of entertainment and should be a great opportunity to get together and catch up with other old boys in the name of St Pat's! A flyer for the dinner is included with this edition of The Shamrock. Please get busy and make this a night to remember.

## REUNION DINNERS

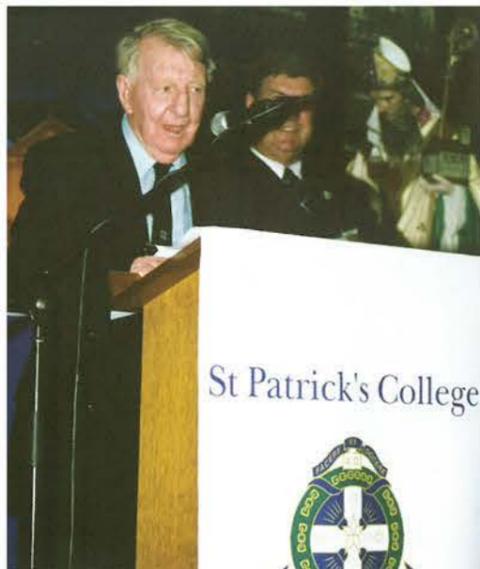
The OCA annual series of reunion and regional dinners has commenced with the 1920-60s St Patrick's Day Luncheon and the Terang Regional Dinner. The dinner in Terang was a thoroughly enjoyable night attended by past students, partners and current families of boarding parents. Future dinners will be held in Shepparton, Bendigo, Geelong and Warrnambool in 2006. The OCA will also conduct 10, 20, 30 40 and 50 year reunion dinners from August to November.

Full details of reunion functions are contained on the reverse side of The Shamrock mailer. Individual invites will also be mailed to all old boys involved with each event in the coming months. If you do not receive an invitation please contact the development Office to check that we have your correct details on file. Please make every effort to attend and round up others from your year or region to attend – as we do not have every old boys current address please do not assume they will receive an invite.

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

The fifth annual Foundation 'Halls of History -Dinner with the Legends' was held in the Old Assembly Hall at the College on Saturday February 25, 2006. Several hundred gathered for this function of the College Foundation led by Mr Dennis Foley. Recognition was awarded to Barry Richardson, Noel Flanagan and the McDonald boys of Waubra. Barry Richardson spoke eloquently of his days at St Pat's and the challenges associated with balancing high profile sporting and professional interests. Barry played in three VFL premierships and has treated some of the nations finest athletes in his physiotherapy clinic including Dennis Lillee and Jeff Thomson. He remains active in football, coaching Old Xaverians to an A Grade Amateur premiership in 2005, a team that featured fellow 'Legend' Anthony McDonald.

Noel Flanagan AO stole the show with his razor sharp reminiscences of days in Ballarat and tales of his career in the public service, culminating in his appointment as Director of the Australian War Memorial. Noel was the complete all rounder at school, excelling in sports, being ever mindful of his faith and a gifted scholar. He implored current students to maintain this balance with particular emphasis on academic excellence.



SPC Legend Noel Flanagan AO at the 2006 Halls of History Dinner



2006 Legends Dinner



James O'Meara accepting his Ph.D. from the University of Ballarat



The Class of 2005 gather one last time at the OCA 'O Week' BBQ



Bill Foley (1952), Jim O'Neill (1946) and Patrick Arundell (1944)



SPC Legends Alex McDonald, Barry Richardson, Noel Flanagan, Anthony and Phil McDonald

The McDonald brothers recounted stories of fierce family sporting battles on the farm at Waubra and reinforced that elite level achievement is rooted in a strong desire to achieve and perseverance. It was great to see many old boys from the 80s and 90s in attendance, some making their first visit back to the College in quite a while.

The night was a positive celebration of all that is best in our story. Noel Flanagan donated a Bradman bat which was presented to him by Br O'Malley for the top score in BPSA Cricket in 1936. Thank you to our catering team led by Ms Tracey Downes who did a great job in feeding our guests.

The College community is extremely proud of Raimond and eagerly look forward to the release of the film and perhaps a special viewing in Ballarat in the future.



Professor Raimond Gaita

### ST PATRICK'S DAY 1920-60s REUNION LUNCHEON

Over 130 old boys and partners gathered for the traditional St Patrick's Day Reunion Luncheon on Friday March 10, a week earlier than usual due to the Commonwealth Games break. The earlier date did not prevent old boys getting into the spirit of the day and a wonderful time was had by all in attendance. The luncheon was preceded by Mass with the students of the College. The St Patrick's Day Mass whilst honouring the Saint after whom the College is named, is also the occasion where College leaders are formally invested. It is always wonderful to see generations of St Pat's boys united in prayer and saliently reinforces the 'Patty Boy' spirit for all in attendance. Current students never fail to comment upon the pride they feel in sharing time with old boys and the realisation that they are part of something much bigger than themselves; the 113 year story of St Patrick's College.

The St Patrick's Day address was delivered by Chris Haintz (SPC 1945-50), a wonderful long time supporter of the College who entertained all with stories of past staff members and students. Following the luncheon many old boys toured the College; whilst some sections remained largely unchanged, all were impressed by the majestic Br W.J Wilding Senior School and the Little Wing. We look forward to St Patrick's Day 2007 to re-new acquaintances and further reinforce the link between our past and current scholars.

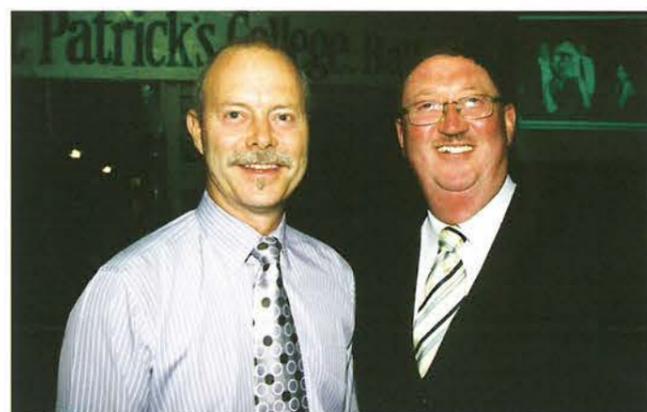
### NORTH OLD BOYS/ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE AMATEUR FOOTBALL CLUB



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

The day has finally come – on April 22 St Patrick's again returned to the ranks of the VAFA, in their Round 1 match against Ormond AFC played at the A.C. Gillon Reserve in Brunswick. On May 6 the club will hold its first official luncheon to coincide with Edmund Rice Day – NOB/SPC taking on Old Paradian's at home.

The club has a fantastic website – [www.nobafc.org.au](http://www.nobafc.org.au) which has all the details of upcoming events plus a weekly match review service. Please get along and support our new team and make the club your base for catching up with old mates in Melbourne.



Chris and Dennis Foley at the 2006 Halls of History Dinner

### ROMULUS MY FATHER: THE FILM - RAIMOND GAITA

In 2005 the College formally inducted Professor Raimond Gaita (SPC 1958-62) as a Legend of the College. Raimond is a renowned scholar in the field of moral philosophy and is a highly sought after lecturer in the field, dividing his time between London and Melbourne. He has also been a prolific and highly acclaimed author. Raimond's most widely known book, 'Romulus My Father' which chronicles his early life, including days spent at St Patrick's College, is being made into a feature film for release in 2007. Filming is set to commence at Maldon, with Directors recently visiting the College to evaluate the possibility of using parts of the College for filming. Some of our own students could end up as extras within the film!



1964 SPC VAFA Premiership team

Back row: Paul Collins, Trevor Baker, Roger Long (RIP), John Gartlan, Richard Knight, Lloyd Sierakowski (RIP), John Ryan, John Lardner, Terry Lloyd, Tony Joyce  
Centre row: Peter Madden, Tony McInerney, Prosper Labb, Tony Fry, Brian Gleeson, Michael Murrhy, Bill Chaplin, Jim Murrhy, Kevin O'Sullivan (RIP),  
Front row: Peter Dingley, Paul Sullivan, Andrew Seaburgh, John Young, Ray Brady, Kevin Scully.  
President was John Martin. Kevin Drake was Vice President, Noel Moore was Secretary, Bill Joyce was Treasurer.

St Pat's football legend (and 1957 Brownlow medallist) Brian Gleeson (SPC 1947-52) officially launched the club with the following inspiring words:

*Wear the new Guernsey, do so with pride and dignity, may each player earn their fair share of success, and forge friendships which will last a lifetime.*

The following response was provided by Br Kevin Buckley who was Principal at both St Patrick's and St Joseph's College.

*'Thanks for the history of the Gleeson's and their connections with St Pat's. It is a quite remarkable story, rich in family, school and social memorabilia. I did not know that Sir Hugh Devine was one of your forefathers – a family of musical brilliance as well as football! Thanks also for the exhortation to those who will wear the new jumper – sometimes in our world of today there is a need for reminders like that, and the start of a combination of two proud groups like St Pat's and North is definitely one of them.'*



Brian Gleeson (SPC 1947-52) and Judge Frank Walsh (SPC 1948) at the launch of the NOB/SPC AFC. Frank's son in law, Frank Dunnell, a former Essendon player was coach of North Old Boys FC in 2004.

## CLUB CONTACTS

### NOBSPC Committee

With the exciting launch of the Alliance come a large number of new faces.

President	Terry Scanlon
Vice-President: Administration	Peter O'Farrell
Vice-President: Registration Secretary	Tim Purdey
Vice-President: U19s/Sponsorship	Tony Egan
Vice-President	Lachlan Keen (SPC 1998-2003)
Secretary	Mal Cole
Database & Communications	Tim Waters
Alliance Manager	Tony Brady (SPC 1997-98)
Gillon Oval Manager	Peter Hevey
Senior Team Manager	Tim Nabbs

### General Committee:

Nic Barden	Joe Barker
Luke Boyle	Tim Connolly
Chris Dynon	Patrick Glenane (SPC 1998-2003)
Matthew Hanlon (SPC 1991-96)	Chris Ives (SPC 1998-2003)
Brendan Sheehan	Daniel Sheehan
Tyrone Sheehan	Tom Spurling
Myles Tehan	Brennan Walsh (SPC 1999-2004)
Nick Whitefield (SPC 1998-2003)	

The Major Sponsor for 2006 is The FitzGerald Family Hotels – Royal Oak Hotel in North Fitzroy, and Grand View Hotel in West Brunswick. The hotels are linked to SPC, via Gerard FitzGerald (SPC 1973), coach of the North Ballarat Rebels who is Matt and Paul's Uncle. Both hotels are friendly, family-run hotels, offering meals 7 days a week and are able to host all functions.

#### Royal Oak Hotel

442 Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy  
Matt Fitzgerald 9481 4693

#### Grand View Hotel

47 Pearson Street, West Brunswick, 3055  
Paul Fitzgerald 9380 8060

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### Brother Reg Long Celebrates Sixty Years as a Christian Brother



Br Reg Long

Reg Long was born on July 16 1927, the second youngest of eight children born to James and Mary Long, who were farmers at Knowsley near Bendigo, Victoria. He and his six brothers all boarded at St Patrick's College, Ballarat. His only sister, Marie, boarded at Loreto College and married an Old Boy of St Patrick's, Ned Kennedy.

In each of his four years at the College Reg was a member of the 1st XI cricket team and in his final year he was a Prefect, Councillor of Our Lady's Sodality, a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society, the winner of the Fr Shelley Prize, Vice Captain of the 1st XI and winner of the Batting Award. The coach, Br Bill O'Malley, commented, 'Reg was easily our best batsman [best effort 75 not out against Grammar] and he could always be relied upon to hold the team together whenever things went wrong with the batting'.



Br Reg Long, 1945

After joining the Christian Brothers in 1946 Reg taught at Leederville in Perth, Western Australia, St Bernard's College, Moonee Ponds (1956 - 1964), St Kevin's College (1965 - 1972), Edmund Rice Juniorate (1973 - 1974) and serving as Headmaster of St Joseph's College North Melbourne (1975 - 1980), Brendan-Shaw College Devonport (1981 - 1983) and St Virgil's College, Hobart (1985 - 1990). Reg returned to St Patrick's College in 1991 as Housemaster of McCann House, Director of Boarding (1996-1997) and Manager of the College Bookshop. In addition to these roles in the College, Reg was Leader and Bursar of the Brothers' Community, roles that he still carries out at the present time.

(Sources: St Patrick's College Annual Magazines 1944 and 1945, Mons Bryan Long)

## CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' SKIPTON STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

The College Archivist would like to hear from anyone who has any photographs or other memorabilia from the Skipton Street School, which operated from 1876 to December 1924.

## OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

- Fr Pat Baker (SPC 1952-55) is still working as a Columbian Missionary in the Philippines. After being ordained in 1962 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne he has worked in the Philippines since 1972, working with many of the poor in the region.
- Blair Brown (SPC 200-2004) has been awarded an Australian Institute of Sport Scholarship for rowing. Blair has moved to Canberra and is undergoing intense training towards the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Blair was presented with a scholarship certificate at the College's 2006 Summer Sports Assembly.
- Anthony Cook (SPC 1983-84) has recently been promoted to General Manager - North America for Modular Mining Systems. His regions include USA, Canada, Mexico and Columbia. Modular is part of Komatsu and specialises in mine management systems worldwide. Anthony is living in Tucson, Arizona with wife Alison (nee Spencer) who is a Sales Associate for a local custom home builder.
- Great to hear from Arthur Davis (SPC 1939-41), who has recently become an OCA member. Arthur, a retired solicitor has enjoyed a remarkable career. He returned from overseas service after WWII and completed his LLB (Law) degree in 1950. He practiced law in the Latrobe Valley from 1953 in his firm O'Hallaran & Davis. He is married with four adult children. Sadly his wife passed away in recent times. We look forward to seeing Arthur at many OCA functions in the future.
- Charismatic old boy Lee lafrate (SPC 1974-79) was featured in a full page article in the Herald Sun on December 24, 2005. The article titled, 'Here's Mr Geniality' detailed the life of the highly affable old boy who is a recognised leader within the funds management industry, being the Chairman of Armytage Private. Lee has been a great supporter of the College and a regular at the Foundation's Golf Day (2006 could be his team's year to take out first prize). In the article he speaks passionately about his love of golf and draws parallels between the game he loves and the business world he thrives in. Lee is a proud member of the Victoria Golf Club, also home to distinguished old boy Tony Joyce (SPC 1954-60). In November 2005, Lee handed over the reins of the company he founded Treasury Group to Mike Fitzpatrick. As the article states, Lee likes nothing better than sniffing out a good deal. After leaving the College Lee became a stockbroker, a job borne out of the numerous days he spent at the local sheep and cattle sales with his father. He has a genuine love of stockbroking but has been saddened by its demise in recent years to merely a processing business. Ironically Lee got his first big break in 1997 whilst researching a takeover bid for Ballarat Brewery whilst employed at McKinley Wilson. The deal taught him about the value of in depth research and analysis, skills that have been the foundation of his rapid rise to the top of his industry. Whilst golf has been Lee's other great passion in true St Pat's tradition he has also dabbled in horse racing with

close friend Greg Perry. His greatest moment was when his horse lost the 2002 Magic Millions by a whisker. As ever Lee smiles about such things, grounded by his close and loving family and a desire to play golf several times a week and get his handicap down into the low marker's zone.

- A regular face on the television this winter will be Mick McGuane (SPC 1979-85) who has been appointed as an Assistant Coach at the St Kilda Football Club. Mick has had an incredibly successful country coaching career coaching numerous premierships with Burnie and Gisborne since leaving the AFL as a highly decorated player.
- News from our overseas correspondent David McMahon (SPC 1989-94) – 'Just thought I'd let you all know that Michelle and I got engaged in Venice on Christmas Eve. We had a great time there and then headed to Paris for New Years Eve, so were all travelled out now and back to work in London. It's very cold at the moment and gloomy, but the good news is, this is our last winter in the UK (at least for a few years, as we are planning to be back home in Oz later this year. Bring on that endless summer!'
- Anthony Sharp (SPC 1985-90) recently graduated from the University of London with a B. Sc. (Hons) Psych. He was named cricketer of the year for the second year in a row by the Hayes Cricket Club in Kent, UK. Anthony is pictured fulfilling every sports lover's dream – standing on the balcony at the home of cricket, Lord's with several of his students.



Anthony Sharp on the hallowed balcony at Lord's

- James O'Meara (SPC 1978-83) has recently completed his Ph. D. in Education at the University of Ballarat. He is currently working as a Lecturer in Education at the University of Ballarat.
- Jonathon Poulton (SPC 2000-2005) has been successful in gaining a position as an Officer with The Royal Australian Navy and heads of to Australian Defence Force Academy on January 24 2006, to do Bachelor of Arts. He has secured his dream as an Observer; this means he will be a navigator on helicopters when he completes his degree and flight training in years to come.
- Robert Re (SPC 1955-63) has had his first book published glowingly reviewed in the 'Human Resource Magazine' February edition. 'Robert Re has been a HR manager for two major manufacturing organisations, and currently provides training and consultancy services in areas such as leadership and management development, team building and conflict resolution. In his book, Leadership at Work: Letting the Apes Go

Free, Re enlightens readers with 30-odd years worth of experience in workplace change and work/life improvements. Based on the writer's leadership at work and management development program, the book demonstrates how the culture and structure of organisations can create an unproductive work environment, and how common sense tools can be used to help organisations of any size operate effectively. The book's layout is clear and simple, using point form with relevant diagrams and comedic illustrations. This makes the book totally unlike the more academic texts that cover the topic. Broken up into 12 chapters which cover issues and techniques such as setting corporate direction, creating a positive culture, managing individual performance and more, this is the ideal book for obtaining the "how to" of managing and developing an effective work life'. Robert's book is available from Ballarat Books, the AIM Bookshop or at [www.robertre.com.au](http://www.robertre.com.au) and is well worth the read.

- Anthony Merrett (SPC 1985-89) lives in Germany and is working as a physiotherapist, osteopath and naturopath. Anthony is working in a hospital in Wiesbaden and also works in private practice. He is married to Biggi, also a physiotherapist and they have one child, Lea who is three.
- Damian Stewart (SPC 1991-1996) is currently living and working in London. He is playing football for the West London Wildcats in the thriving ex-pats League. Hopefully he is wearing his SPC 1st XVIII jumper to training from time to time to display the famous green, white and blue on the world stage!

## WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS, BIRTHS, BEREAVEMENTS

### SPC Weddings

- Davey – Justin (SPC 1990-95) married Lauren Carter on January 7 in the College Chapel.
- Kinnane – Mark (SPC 1992-97) married Melinda Jones on March 12 in the College Chapel.
- Petrie – Scott (SPC 1994-99) married Andrea Quaife on March 25 in the College Chapel.
- Reus – Chris (SPC 1989-94) married Cindy Loxton on February 25 in the College Chapel.
- Verberne – Mark (SPC 1991-96) married Lauren Cornips on January 14 in the College Chapel.

### SPC Engagements

- McMahon – David (SPC 1989-94) to Michele in Venice on Christmas Eve 2005.

### SPC Births

- Bottrall – Warrick (SPC Staff) and Trish welcomed Bailey Gray (9lb 10 oz.), their precious first child on February 28, 2006.
- Edmonston – Jessy (SPC staff) and Leigh welcome Stella Jane (8lb 10oz.), sister for Eliza.
- Maier – Christopher (SPC 1990-95) and Melissa welcome with love Teagan Jane (9lb. 9 oz.), born at the Geelong Hospital on December 7, 2005. A darling niece for James (current Year 10).

### SPC Deaths

Theresa Arnts, died February 14, 2006, mother of Patrick (SPC 1982-1988), Robert (SPC 1983-1988), Phillip (SPC 1986-1989 and Christopher (SPC 1987-1992).

Leigh Conroy (SPC 1973) passed away tragically on March 22, 2006. Brother to Jim Conroy (SPC 1980-82), Denis Conroy (SPC 1966-1971) and Edmund Conroy (SPC 1978-1983). Uncle to Ewan Morris (Year 9) and Ben Morris (SPC 1987-1992).

Fr Luke Fay, CSSR (SPC 1930-1933) passed away on April 2, 2006. Fr Luke was a highly respected and dedicated Redemptorist Priest.

Michael Harrison - Brother-in-law of Geoff Crawford (staff member).

Peter Torpy (SPC 1961-1966) passed away on March 18, 2006. Brother to Anthony Torpy (SPC 1968-1971), Frank Torpy (1957-1962) and Daniel Torpy (SPC 1957-1962). Uncle to Kieran Torpy (SPC 2004) and Brendan Torpy (Year 10).

Siobhan. Tuppen - Sister of Darcy Tuppen (Year 7), Jai De Silva (SPC 1997-2002) and Sanjay De Silva (SPC 2000-2006).

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.



Christopher Storey (SPC 1987 - 1992) who was tragically killed in a motor cycle accident in Vietnam in late 2005



Staff musos Mark Walsh and Michael Goss perform at the St Patrick's Day Mass



Br Jim Ward (1948) and Brian Hogan (1949) at the 1920-69 Reunion Luncheon



Staff Mrs Fiona Carroll, Mrs Tracey Brennan and Miss Laura Thompson singing at the Opening Mass



2006 Footy Camp



Mr Knight, Mr Bone and Mrs Taylor cooking up a storm at the 2006 Galvin House Welcome BBQ



2005 Graduate Elliot Sizeland with his prized art work displayed as part of the VCE Exhibition at the Ballarat Art Gallery



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