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## ST PATRICK'S 'FAB FOUR'

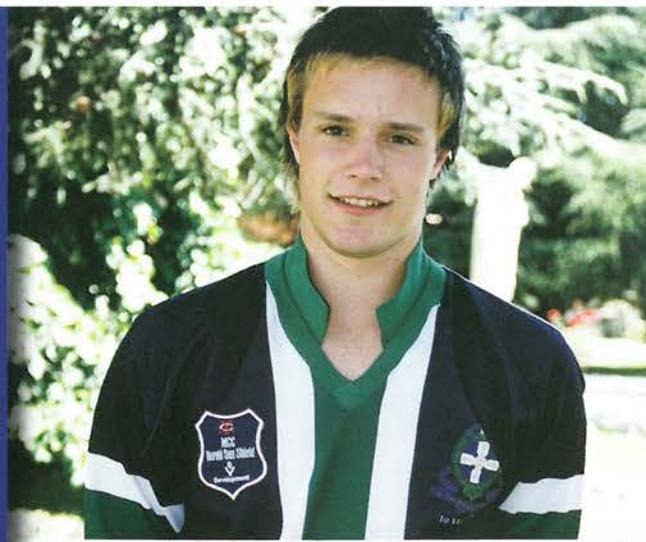
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ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE  
BALLARAT



Welcome to the final edition of The Shamrock for 2006. Where has the year gone many will ask? It has been another exciting year in the life of the College and brings to a close the first five years of the leadership of Headmaster Dr Peter Casey and other members of the Leadership team including Mr Rob Brennan and Mr John Christie all of whom commenced service on the first day of 2002. Many significant changes have occurred during this period and it is timely to stop, albeit briefly, to reflect upon some of these changes.

This edition of The Shamrock featuring the OCAs Green, White and Blue chronicles many of these changes as well as news from old boys around the globe as well as some wonderful photos from OCA Reunion Dinners and the Foundation Golf Day.

## FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dr Peter Casey

### Learnings and Outcomes

Schooling is not a preparation for life- school years are a part of life. As we journey, we are shaped by our interactions and our choices. We are becoming, but that process does not start with school nor end with the transition to further study or the workplace. We continue to be formed. Only when we cease to breathe will we stop hoping for what might be. Only then will we know the fullness of our being, and the fullness of God. Then we stand to be judged on the decisions we have made and who we have become.

Along the way there are significant measures of how we are travelling, sometimes with relatively subjective comparisons. Our surveying of students and parents continues to indicate that our students are happy to be at school, that they feel safe, and they feel they are being taught well. External measures such as national competitions, VCE results, university offers, apprenticeship offers all point to our continued progress and the high regard in which we are held as a learning institution.

A recent significant measure of our standing was the Christian Brothers Education Commission Review of the College. I am happy to share a number of excerpts from the Review report which is a most positive document.

'In speaking of the culture of St Patrick's interviewees referred to the social justice focus, the call to excellence, the valuing of tradition, the strength of relationships, the sense of belonging and pride in the place, the strong pastoral care, the valuing of individual differences and the celebration of different achievements, the inclusivity yet monocultural nature of its

enrolment, the support for staff but expectation of accountability and of course the focus on sport.

'Sport is a very dominant part of St Patrick's culture and tradition. Nevertheless the panel was not under a strong impression that anyone whose gifts lay elsewhere was undervalued.

'The call to excellence, not only in an academic and sporting sense was evident to the panel. In articles in various College publications the Headmaster and others make frequent reference to being the best possible in a range of endeavours. Academic excellence is being strongly encouraged. Increasingly the Arts, Music, Public Speaking are being valued and the students recognized this.

'Currently teaching and learning is being emphasized and ... big improvements have been made in this area so that the College has within its focus the provision of a sound learning culture that enable students to experience success within a safe and healthy environment as sought by the Edmund Rice Charter.'

'It is the view of the panel that the College sits firmly and identifiably within Edmund Rice network.

'It may be that a culture of change is developing at St Patrick's. The panel was of the view that there had been a good number of changes in the last few years to curriculum, pedagogy, College organization into schools, administrative structure, pastoral care provision, buildings. While the view of the panel is that much change was necessary, it also wonders if much more change in the immediate future would be sustainable and it suggests an opportunity for consolidation and refinement.'

## ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE'S 'FAB FOUR' – AFL DRAFT 2006

The College community are celebrating the incredible news that four of our students were drafted to the AFL on November 25 – a record unmatched by any school since the inception of the draft in 1986. This achievement was highlighted in The Age in a wonderful article by Geoff McClure, from which the following excerpt is taken.

'Victoria's metropolitan footballers may have fared poorly in this year's AFL draft, with only two being picked up in the first two rounds, but there were no such problems in the State's country areas. Well certainly not at one of bush's footy heartlands, Ballarat, which has been rejoicing all week after its TAC Cup team, the North Ballarat Rebels had six of its youngsters picked up by AFL clubs. But what is quite remarkable is that four of the group - Nathan Brown who was drafted by Collingwood as its pick 10, twin brother Mitchell (West Coast, 16) Shaun Grigg (Carlton, 19) and Matt Tyler (Brisbane, 54) all come from the one school, Ballarat's St Patrick's College. Which is not only a record for any Australian school since the draft's inception in 1986, but to find a better result in the history of the game you need to go back to 1969, during the heady days of Kilmore's Assumption College, a prolific supplier of league players for more than a century, when not only were five of its players snapped up by league clubs but all went on to play at senior level. The achievement of Nathan, Mitch, Shaun and Matt is a great story for Ballarat but it is also a result of some very special collaboration between each boy, their parents, school and the Rebels'.

The achievement is testament to the College's developmental programme. Whilst the achievement and pride of the North Ballarat Rebels, (and in particular the outstanding work of Gerard FitzGerald (SPC 1973) was noted publicly,

recognition needs to be made of the College's role in this historic event. Howard Clark in particular has worked tirelessly with the boys to develop their skills and provide each with an holistic education that will equip them for life in the AFL. Having assisted with the development of Matt Rosa, Clinton Young, Drew Petrie and Tristan Cartledge in recent years, Howard has played a pivotal role in the development of the College's latest four sons to make it to the AFL.

Well done to the boys. The College community is very proud of each of the boys for all their achievements whilst students at the College and looks forward to following their progress in years to come.

## ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE HOUSE COMPETITIONS 2006 Inaugural Winners

At the commencement of 2006, the College House System was overhauled to encourage greater participation and identification across all facets of College life and to enhance pastoral care support for all students. This included the retirement of Treacy and McCarthy Houses, the assignment of Year 7s to their pastoral and teaching groups by House, and the vertical alignment of pastoral groups in the Senior School with Heads of House rather than Year Level Coordinators.

The College has instigated four individual shields representing the four identified areas for student participation in the College and one overall shield which will be determined by combining the results of the four individual shields. The four individual shields will be:

As we approach the end of the beginning, there are many signs of hope that we are moving forward. Perhaps the next phase may be at a slightly more reflective pace. We will continue to evaluate ourselves in all areas but we may be able, with lots of other things now in place, to enjoy the luxury of concentrating on our core business, our teaching and learning culture.

Thank you to all of our readers for their interest in this grand enterprise which is St Patrick's College. May this Shamrock find you well, enjoying Christmas with those you love.

'While I breathe, I hope and therefore I persevere'.

### Mr Rob Brennan

As we conclude the 'end of the beginning' it is with mixed emotions I thank and farewell Mr Rob Brennan, our Deputy Headmaster 2002-2006. He heads to Nagle College, Bairnsdale, as Principal where he has new challenges and new successes ahead of him. Rob has been a great support to me throughout the five years here. He has always been honest in stating his opinion to me but supporting me publicly. He has worked tirelessly in class, in positions of responsibility, in co-curricular pursuits, and in leadership, always guided by principles of fairness and transparency. He has been supported in turn by his wife Tracey who also leaves the staff, along with Tyson (SPC 2003-06) and Jacson (SPC 2006). We wish all the Brennans joy in their new adventure - they are all part of our story, a most successful chapter.



Mr Rob Brennan

## Community

Frank Doolan (SPC 1908): One of the founders of Legacy. Frank introduced Legacy's work for the widows and children of deceased servicemen.

## Academic

Fr Michael F Quinn (SPC 1893-1894), foundation student of the College, dux of the College 1893, matriculated 1894, ordained 1900 for the Diocese of Ballarat, first parish priest of Charlton, died October 11 1932.

## Arts

Sir Bernard Heinze (SPC 1906-11). Conductor of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, Knight of the Realm 1946, Australian of the Year 1975.

## Sport

David Bourke, CBE (SPC 1944-48): College Captain (1948), Captain of 1st XI Cricket (1948), Captain of 1st XVIII Football (1948), Chairman of the VRC (1991-97), Asian Racing Conference (1991-98), Victorian Country Racing Council (1969-91), Secretary of the Pakenham Racing Club (1961-82) and made a commander of the British Empire in 1981.

## Overall Champion House

Br William Mark McCarthy Shield: The Shield is named in honour of Br William Mark McCarthy, Headmaster of St Patrick's College 1899-1904, 1909, 1919. Br McCarthy will ever be regarded as one of the great pioneers for the Christian Brothers at St Patrick's College. He bought most of the land we now have for ovals, built the Pell Wing which served as the main teaching block from 1902 until 1964, and the McCarthy Wing named in his honour in 1919 which now houses the Mackey ICT labs and much of the Kely Resource Centre.

### Results of Competitions

#### SIR BERNARD HEINZE SHIELD FOR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Keniry	43
Ryan	37
Nunan	31
Galvin	24

#### DAVID BOURKE SHIELD FOR SPORTS ACHIEVEMENT

Ryan	64
Keniry	63
Nunan	59
Galvin	39

#### FRANK DOOLAN SHIELD FOR COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Ryan	873
Keniry	840
Galvin	825
Nunan	821

#### FR MICHAEL QUINN SHIELD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Keniry	77382
Nunan	69306
Galvin	68547
Ryan	65822

#### BR WILLIAM MARK MCCARTHY SHIELD

1st Keniry - 34 pts



2nd Ryan - 30 pts



3rd Nunan - 20 pts



4th Galvin - 16 pts



Thank you to Mr Rob Brennan and House staff who have coordinated the inaugural year of competition. The stakes have already been raised for 2007 and with the growing sense of House spirit amongst students it is sure to be a keenly contested year.

## MUSIC 2006: QUEENSLAND BAND TOUR

Eamon Coughlan Year 11

During the first week of the Term 3 break the Senior Band went on tour to Queensland. We flew up to Brisbane early on Monday morning and were then transported to Chandler Lodge. That night we attended the music performance of the Junior School of Iona College. Following this performance we were taken on a tour of the school's music department which was fantastically equipped with a yearly budget of \$100,000!

The next day we held a performance for Iona's Year 5 and 6 students and again in the afternoon for visitors from the primary school camps. After the performances, we travelled to the local shopping centre and saw 'Nacho Libre' at the cinema.

Dreamworld was the highlight of the trip for many of the students and everyone enjoyed the experience from the rides to the Big Brother House. Thursday was the final day of the tour. In the morning we performed at Belmont Primary School in front of the entire school. Once all the autographs had been signed, we moved on to spend the rest of the day shopping at the Queen Street Mall. We then bid farewell to Queensland and flew back to Avalon Airport, arriving late home on Thursday night.

The tour was a great experience for all who attended. Special thanks must go to Mr Hugh McKelvey and the Friends of Music for organising the tour

## YEAR 8 MEDIEVAL DAY

In early November the boys in Year 8 participated in the annual Medieval Day at Kryal Castle. The day rounded off nearly two terms of work in SOSE and English. It was pleasing to see that the staff and boys entered into the spirit of the day by

dressing in appropriate and historically accurate medieval dress.

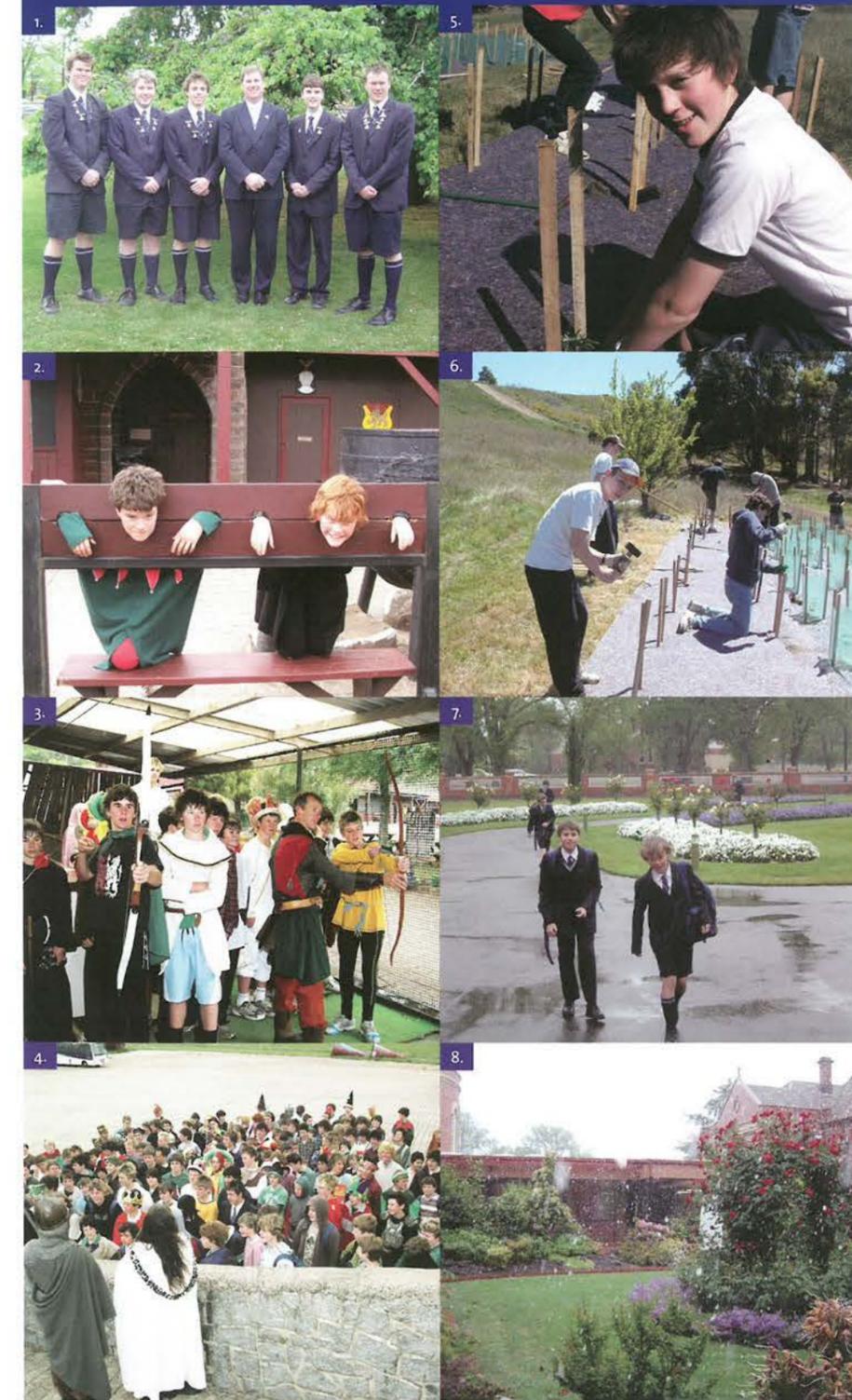
Whilst at the Castle the boys were given an insight to the structure of medieval society through a role play activity. The boys were also given the opportunity to test their archery skills in shooting at stationary and moving targets. They were introduced to the ancient art of falconry, participated in medieval games, music, and equestrian. Some of the boys also had the opportunity to try out their skills in constructing chain mail in an armour making session. Some also gained an insight into the culinary world of the middle ages.

Staff were particularly impressed with the general conduct and participation of the boys in the activities provided. It was extremely evident that this was a topic that fully engaged the boys and in many cases got them to move out of their comfort zones.

Thank you to Mr Fred Spittle for his planning of the day and Mr Peter Brady for his fine tuning and organisational skills which ensured that the day progressed smoothly. Rumours of the introduction of 'stocks' to the grounds of St Patrick's College are grossly overstated!

## DEBATING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

At 1.30 pm on the fifth of October, the Boardroom was alive with nervous tension. This was the day of the 2006 Oratory and Debating Competitions. The afternoon commenced with students from Years 7 to 9 competing for the title of Breach Orator 2006. This competition originated in 2003, and is named after Brother Herb 'Theo' Breach who supports our speakers of the future. The students were required to present a five-minute speech on a topic of their choice, followed by an impromptu two minute speech. With the confidence of students much older and experienced, the students delivered at a very high standard. Nabeel Elias (9), Dermot Conaughton (8), Isaac Kirby (8), and Patrick Cashin (7) certainly gave Tom



1. Dr Peter Casey with the 2006 Award Winners Matthew Polmear, James Harrison, Edward Grinter, Brendan Harding and Simon Ward
2. Year 8 Medieval Day - SPC boys experiencing punishment of the medieval times
3. Year 8 Medieval Day - Taking aim
4. Year 8 Medieval Day
- 5/6. Year 8 Tree Planting at Yarrowee Creek
- 7/8. Wednesday November 15 - rain, hail and snow!

## Photo Gallery

McKinnon of Year 9, the eventual winner, a challenge for the title.

The Purcell Debate named after previous Head of English Mrs Mary Purcell in recognition for her guidance to our boys, was argued well from both sides with the winners, Paul King (10), Liam O'Riley (9), and Michael Keem (10), arguing more strongly on the day against Tom McKinnon, Liam Young and Lachlan Barker, all in Year 9. The WT Doyle Debate, named after a noted Old Collegian, was strongly debated between Michael Ferguson, Brenton Carey and Tristan Lambert (all Year 12), and the eventual winners, James Harrison, Brendan Harding, both in Year 12, and Denis McKinnon currently in Year 11.

After a short break, the students competed for the title of Purton Orator. The Purton Oratory was established in 1940, being named after Br D G Purton, staff member and Headmaster of St Patrick's. Brendan Harding, Brenton Carey, Michael Ferguson and Tristan Lambert spoke with passion and strength on their chosen topics. James Harrison rose brilliantly to the challenge laid down by the previous speakers, convincing the adjudicators that he was a deserving winner. James spoke passionately about the crisis of world poverty and the sad relativities that exist between children in western countries such as Australia and children in Third World Countries.

In doing so James has ensured his place in the history of St Patrick's as he is the first student to win both the Breach Oratory (2003) and the Purton Oratory (2006). The Debating Association of Victoria has also awarded the Swannie Award to James for Best Speaker of The Ballarat Region, A Grade. Tristan Lambert was awarded the Sir Hugh Devine Impromptu Award, named in honour of an esteemed old boy who was a gifted orator and a world leading authority in surgical techniques.

Congratulations to all students who participated in these time honoured events and in so doing upheld the rich tradition of the College in regards to public speaking and debating.

## SPEECH NIGHT & VALEDICTORY DINNER 2006

Mr Hamish McCrum  
Head of Senior School

The Class of 2006 bade farewell to the College community following their VCE examinations in two fitting and moving events: the annual Speech Night, which also recognises all prize winners from other year levels, and the Valedictory Dinner, a formal dinner for graduates and their parents. Both events provided opportunities for boys to display their talents and whether it be bands, public speaking or singing, the talent certainly came to the fore.

Congratulations to the many and varied award winners on Speech Night. Well done also to Gareth Prosser and Tristan Lambert who did a tremendous job as Masters of Ceremony, entertaining the audience and keeping the night on track; always a tough task! After stopping to appreciate the talents and efforts of the young men at St Patrick's, we look forward with hope as we ponder what they will achieve in the years ahead.

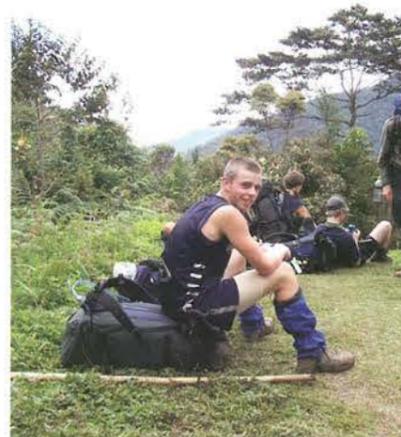
The Valedictory Dinner was a very warm and positive conclusion to our graduates' time as students. I commend all the speakers on the night, all of whom had all prepared well and spoke eloquently. Thank you also to Joel Parnis who again entertained us with his magnificent singing. Well done to our newest 'Old Boys'.

## AWARDS 2006

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

**Headmaster's Award for Leadership:**  
Edward Grinter

Traditionally the College Headmaster presents this award for leadership to the College Captain in recognition of his leadership in the College community



Edward Grinter on the Kokoda Track

**Howard Award for Excellence:**  
James Harrison

First presented in 1955, this award is the gift of the Howard Family in gratitude for all St Patrick's did for the four sons who attended SPC from 1923 through to 1937. It is given for All Round Excellence, Character, Leadership, Participation, Academic Pursuits and Culture or Sports.

**Little Family Award for School Spirit:**  
Matthew Polmear

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

**Dorothy Irene Ellis-Thomas Scholarship:**  
Brendan Harding

This scholarship is awarded each year to one deserving student from St Patrick's College who will be pursuing Tertiary Studies next year and who has achieved outstanding academic results during his time at St Patrick's College.

**Edmund Rice Spirit Award:**  
Brenton Carey

This is the inaugural presentation of the Edmund Rice Award for Ministry. It recognises a student who has embodied the spirit of Edmund Rice through his involvement in justice, action and reflective practice within the College, the community and the Edmund Rice Network.

**De Coubertin Award for Sportsmanship:**  
Simon Ward

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

## Music Awards

**Bandsman of the Year**  
Anthony Read

**Band Executive Award for Dedication and Commitment**  
Ben O'Shea

**Sir Bernard Heinze Award for Overall Outstanding Musical Achievement**  
Joel Parnis

**Junior Music Award**  
Patrick Adeney

## Academic Awards Senior School

**Religious Education 11 A**  
James Spencer

**Religious Education 11 B**  
Stephen D'Arcy

**Religious Education 11 C**  
Nicholas Sculley

**Religious Education 11 D**  
Denis McKinnon

**Religious Education 11 E**  
Alexander Blizzard

**Religious Education 11 F**  
Matthew Wheelahan

**Accounting (Prowse, Perrin & Twomey Accounting Prize)**  
Dominic Vogels

**Architectural Design**  
Nathan Connell

**Biology**  
Michael Keem

**Business Management**  
Dominic Vogels

**Chemistry**  
David Ranger

**Design and Technology Metal**  
Cody Stewart

**Design and Technology Wood**  
Kieran Sullivan

**Drama**  
Jordan Trewavis

**English**  
David Ranger

**Food Technology**  
Alexeander Nunn

**French**  
Eamon Coughlan

**Foundation Mathematics**  
Steven Edwards

**General Mathematics**  
Alexander Parker

**General Mathematics (Specialist)**  
Michael Keem

**Health and Human Development**  
Nicholas Garner

**History**  
Matthew Van Der Ploeg

**Information Technology**  
Nathan Connell

**Japanese**  
Clancy Homewood

**Mathematical Methods**  
Dominic Vogels

**Mathematical Methods CAS**  
David Ranger

**Media Studies**  
Christopher Smith

**Music Performance**  
Matthew Doolan

**Physical Education**  
Nathan Brown

**Physics**  
David Ranger

**Studio Art**  
Christopher Burke  
**Systems**  
Kieran Sullivan

**Systems and Technology**  
Kristopher James

**VET Sport and Recreation**  
Nathan Barnes

**VET studies**  
David Porter

**Visual Communications & Design**  
Michael Clark

**Year 10 Dux – Ballarat University Prize**  
Michael Keem

**Dr Frank McArdle Prize Year 10 Science**  
Michael Keem

## THE CLASS OF 2006 – DIRECTIONS!

At the commencement of Term 4 Middle School team member Art Nicholls provided a moving and poignant reflection for staff about the many talents our boys have and the many directions they take. In

keeping with our Edmund Rice ethos of being an inclusive school, it is worth taking the time to read Art's reflection and to dwell upon the many life changing outcomes that are produced from a close collaboration between students, parents, teachers and the College.

The reflection reminds us that not all the boys we take annually at Year 7 go on to complete Year 12. Many of these boys will not achieve great academic results as measured by an ENTER score, however these boys do achieve personal excellence in areas that they are passionate about. Therefore it is imperative that we take great pride in these performances just as we do with those students who excel in academic studies, music, sport or the arts. Art read out the names of boys who started with the Class of 2006 and who are no longer studying at the College, including:

Jeremy Barrell, Brendan Berlund, Dylan Bourke, Ashley Brici, Jesse Britton, Dylan Clarke, Joshua Conroy, Ashley Coxall, Michael De Jong, Clinton Dickie, Josh Dudley, Chris Ellis, Jason Elshaug, Stuart Feetham, Scott French, Rob Furness, Cory Galea, Justin Giovanetti, Mark Goralski, Ben Harvey, Paul Hicks, David Kay, David Kelly, Jarryd King, Luke Laubsch, Luke Lee, James Lillie, Tomas Lineker, Nathan Livitanos, Anthony McKay, Chris Mega, Zac Mennen, Rhys Moller, Dominic Morrison, Daniel Nykoluk, Sebastian Oliver, Kel Paulson, Joshua Pearson, Corey Quinlan, Jake Richardson, Brendan Rix, Sean Robson, Kristian Rodoni, Mathew Romeo, Nicholas Rouhan, Nicholas Sullivan, Joel Tabbitt, Nelson Tchia, Josh Troon, Michael Vallance and James Wernly.

Of the initial intake in 2001, 31% of boys have left the College prior to completion of Year 12;

- 75% of these boys have apprenticeships
- 10% are completing Year 12 elsewhere
- 15% are in the workforce.
- Worth noting is that of the initial intake in 2001, 24% (42 boys) were of a Year 4 or below standard when they started in Year 7. Of these 42 students, 50% of these boys were able to successfully complete VCE in 2006; a remarkable achievement in its own right.

Whilst it is easy to get caught up in ENTER scores and University destination data it is important to remind ourselves of our Edmund Rice Charter and the challenges inherent within it. We should never lose sight of the fact that these boys have achieved personal excellence in their chosen fields and that the school has been enriched for having them as part of the Class of 2006.

## LEADERSHIP 2007

After an extensive selection process that involved feedback from students and staff the College's Leaders for 2007 have been announced. For the first time elections for Student Council were held along House. Other positions of leadership have also been announced by the Headmaster.

Congratulations to the following students:



**College Captain:**  
David Ranger



**College Vice-Captains**  
Denis McKinnon and James Spencer

**President of the Student Congress**  
Denis McKinnon

**Music Captain**  
Eamon Coughlan

**Vice Captain**  
Mark Torpy

**Band Leader**  
Nathan Antony

## Boarding House Leaders 2007

**McCann House Captain**  
Luke Davison

**Vice Captain**  
Dominic Vogels

**MEMBERS OF THE 2007 STUDENT COUNCIL**

<p><b>Captain</b> John Dwyer</p> <p><b>Vice Captains</b> Dominic Vogels Kyle Foley</p>	<p><b>Captain</b> Jason Lyle</p> <p><b>Vice Captains</b> Daniel McLoughlin Jay Pelchen</p>	<p><b>Captain</b> Alexander Blizzard</p> <p><b>Vice Captains</b> Matthew Denton Linton Chillingsworth</p>	<p><b>Captain</b> Nathan Barnes</p> <p><b>Vice Captains</b> Adam Gilbert Nicholas Garner</p>
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**Nangle House Captain**  
John Brady

**Vice Captain**  
Tylah Saunders

## St Vincent de Paul Conference:

**President**  
Denis McKinnon

**Vice President**  
Matthew Denton

**Secretary**  
Callum Bigarelli

**Treasurer**  
David Ranger

## Sports Captains

### Rowing

**Captain of Boats**  
Kyle Foley

**Vice Captain**  
John Brady

**Vice Captain**  
Nathan Edgar

### Swimming

**Captain of Swimming**  
Aidan Kennedy

**Vice Captain**  
Alexander Blizzard

**Vice Captain of Swimming**  
Matthew Leonard

### Tennis

**Captain of Tennis**  
Jason Lyle

**Vice Captain of Tennis**  
Mark Carey

### Cricket

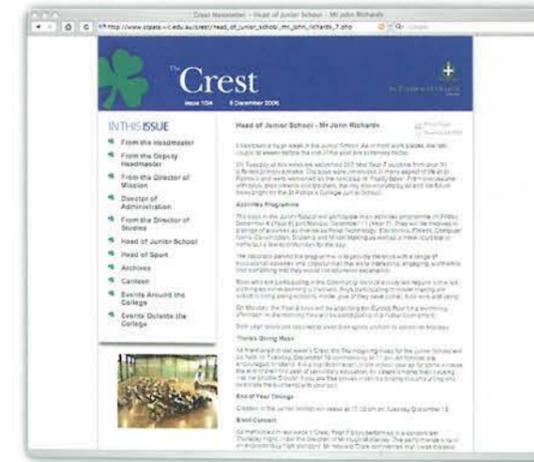
**Captain of Cricket**  
Adam Gilbert

**Vice Captain of Tennis**  
Tim FitzGerald

Congratulations to all boys who have been appointed to positions of leadership for 2007. The College community looks forward to these boys displaying leadership through words and deed in an honest, compassionate and just manner.

## FAREWELL BR BREACH

Br H. T. Breach moved to Nazareth House in December. Brother has been more than a part of the furniture at the College for the last thirty years. He has been in everything: the classroom, the boarding house, the Brothers community, the staffroom, the playground, the dining room, the cricket, the athletics, the hockey, the canteen and the list goes on. The canteen ladies have been the most vocal in their wishes for his happy retirement at Nazareth but they have put into words the feelings of many who have enjoyed Br Breach's presence and friendship. We wish him well as we congratulate him on 75 years as a Christian Brother, and on his impending 90th birthday in January. Whilst he has moved off the property he is not too far away and there are no shortage of volunteers to pick up and bring him back to his beloved Main Oval to watch the cricket and pick out the College's next 'gun' batsman or 'tearaway' quick - and of course to ensure his visit is timed to coincide with afternoon tea!



## AN ELECTRONIC REVOLUTION - THE CREST

Following extensive research and community consultation by the College's Marketing and Public Relations Committee in 2006, the first edition for Term 4 of the College's weekly newsletter The Crest was distributed electronically to members of the College community. To improve the timeliness of information and to save some trees, it has been decided that this will be the preferred method for distributing the newsletter into the future. The e-newsletter format also has additional benefits that enable more information to be distributed and archived by parents.

Paper copies of the newsletter will still be available for those who prefer a hard copy to read. These can be collected from Student Reception or mailed to families - the ongoing challenge with the first option is of course prising The Crest from boy's bags - along with uneaten lunches, sports gear and hopefully the College diary! The weekly newsletter is also available from the College website - [www.stpats.vic.edu.au](http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au)

As with most initiatives there have been some teething problems with the technology and we have been pleased to receive some great feedback from members of the College community, including improved protocols for a 'Print Friendly' version and improvements to other formats.

If you have any additional feedback please contact Ms Caitlin Bennett on 53 224412 or [cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au). If you would like to update your contact details or add another email address to receive The Crest, please contact the College Data Liaison Officer Mrs Aileen Loader on 53 224414 or [aloader@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:aloader@stpats.vic.edu.au)

## EAST TIMOR FORUM:

A Journey of friendship and discovery for our students

In November schools from Ballarat gathered for the second annual East Timor Forum. This forum was the work of the Ballarat Ainaro Friendship Schools Committee and was supported by the Ballarat Friends of Ainaro Committee. St Patrick's College is involved in a friendship partnership with two schools in the Sub-district of Maubisse, which is in the District of Ainaro. These schools are St Paulus Maubisse Catholic Pre-Secondary and St Inacio de Loiola Maubisse Catholic Secondary.

### Reflection

by Jack Ferguson, Tom Kavanagh and James Seery

A number of Year Ten students attended ACU with the College's Director of Mission, Mr Mark Walsh, for a day of information about East Timor and a chance to meet other schools involved in the Friendship Schools Project with East Timor. Throughout the day we participated in a number of activities and workshops and learnt about East Timor's culture and how the people of East Timor live.

The Australia East Timor Friendship Schools Project, which St Patrick's is part of, aims to foster mutual understanding and respect; seek common ground and similarities with schools in East Timor. In sharing our stories with these schools and hearing the stories of the East Timorese people we are attempting to 'personalise' our relationship with our friendship partners. We are seeking to ensure 'like' exchanges of communication and support. We are realistic about what we can achieve and seek to sustain our relationship with our friendship schools through an ongoing commitment to the project.

As a group we gathered much knowledge on East Timor and are planning to execute our own project with our friendship schools. The group plans to raise funds,

raise awareness, and donate things such as balls, pens, pencils, and stationery items. These are all things that are very common and things that we take for granted in Australia, but to the people and particularly the children of East Timor these things are few and far between.

We also met a number of East Timorese people, one of whom, Ismenio, was the actual person who was portrayed in the ABC drama 'Answered By Fire'. Another, Salvio, was the 'East Timor Idol winner'. Our day was very informative, enjoyable and a worthwhile experience. It opened our eyes to the plight of the people of East Timor and showed us ways in which we can help.

## 1956 OLYMPICS Golden Anniversary Commemorations

On Tuesday November 28, two Year 7 classes, 7A and 7F represented the College at the 50th Anniversary Olympic Torch Relay held at Lake Wendouree. This relay celebrated Ballarat's involvement in the 1956 Olympic Games. Close to 300 international and Australian Olympians were present on the day to see the unveiling of the new Olympics Precinct on the shores of Lake Wendouree. This was significant given that Ballarat staged the rowing and canoeing regattas as part of the 1956 Games. St Patrick's College Old Collegians and Olympians Bryan Thomas (SPC 1974-78), (father of Nick in Year 7) and Tony Benson (SPC 1957-61) participated in the relay.

Tony Benson was renowned as a sub four minute miler and Australian record holder, participated in the 1972 Munich Olympic Games, representing Australia in the 5000m, and at one point he was ranked fifth in the world in this event. Bryan Thomas represented Australia in the 1988 Seoul Olympics as a kayaker in the K4 class.

St Patrick's College 2006 Captain, Edward Grinter and 2007 Captain, David Ranger accompanied Tony Benson for his

leg of the relay starting from the Ballarat City Boat shed and Year 7 student Nick Thomas, accompanied his father Bryan in the relay commencing at the Prime Ministers' Avenue in the Botanic Gardens. The original torch from the 1956 games was used in the relay around the Lake.

The Relay was a unique opportunity for our boys to participate in a little bit of Ballarat history and to represent the College in celebrating the achievements of two the College's esteemed old boys.

## STAFF FAREWELLS

At the conclusion of 2006 we will say farewell to a number of staff who are moving on to pursue other vocational and lifestyle opportunities.

- Mrs June Brae has been the College Librarian for sixteen years and has been an active member of the St Patrick's College Foundation Committee. June has been a supportive colleague, an excellent librarian and a marvellous reference point for boys and teachers alike. She has a huge knowledge of the Kely Resource Centre collection, a keen sense of humour and a professionalism that shall be sorely missed.
- Mr Rob Brennan – as detailed in the last Shamrock, Rob has been appointed to Principalship at Nagle College, Bairnsdale. He has enjoyed more farewells than Melba, highlighting the regard with which he is held by the College community and the extent to which he will be missed by staff and students.
- Mrs Tracey Brennan – part of the package to Bairnsdale, Tracey has been a wonderful integration aide who has worked tirelessly to support students with learning needs. Her enthusiasm and passion for her work will be sorely missed. Tracey has been appointed as an Integration Aide at St Mary's School, Bairnsdale.
- Br John De Bock - will be moving to Melbourne to work at the Mt Sion Aged

Care Facility. John has been on study leave in Sydney for most of 2006. He has been at St Patrick's College for almost twenty years, teaching English, working in Boarding and most recently in the Kely Resource Centre.

- Mr Paul Kingsman joined the College in 2006 and has made a significant impression with students with his challenging, engaging and thought provoking teaching in English and Religious Education. Paul is returning to Sydney to teach.
- Mr James Maddocks has been at the College since 2003 and has worked closely with the College's performing arts students. James directed the joint production with Loreto College, 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' which was staged within the College grounds. Despite some inclement weather it was a great hit and highlighted James' skills as a teacher and producer. James is taking up a position at Aitken College in Greenvale.
- Mr Julian Porter (SPC 1994-99) has worked as payroll Officer for the past 12 months. A talented footballer Julian is moving interstate to play with the West Broadbeach Bombers in the prestigious QAFL competition who are coached by former East Ballarat coach Gary Odgers.
- Mr David Rowland – after a distinguished year at the College where he quickly gained the respect of students in senior English classes David is returning to Melbourne for family reasons. He has been appointed to fellow Edmund Rice school, CBC St Kilda.

We would also like to sincerely thank staff who are completing short term relief contracts with the College including Mrs Toni Brady and Mr Bill Powell as well as our 2006 Trainees Danny Hay and Jeremy Wirges who have provided great support to the College's Sport, Physical and Outdoor Education programmes.

We thank all these staff members for their contribution to the education of boys at St Patrick's and wish them well with their future endeavours. Profiles of new staff will be included in the first edition of The Shamrock in 2007.

1. Valedictory Dinner: Mr Graham Swinton addresses the guests at the Year 12 Valedictory Dinner
2. Mitchell Young and Rob McKenzie with Headmaster Dr Peter Casey at the Valedictory Dinner
3. Year 12 boys are presented with their leaving package
4. Canteen volunteers wish Br Breach well on his retirement to Nazareth House.
5. Speech Night 2007: College Captain Edward Grinter delivered the 2006 valedictory speech
6. Speech Night 2007: Mrs Sarah Dwyer conducts the Year 7 Choir
7. Speech Night 2007: Mr Hugh McKelvey conducts the Senior Concert Band
8. Speech Night 2007: The Year 12 Choir

## Photo Gallery



# TERM 4 SPORTS RESULTS

## Daniel Bailey

### Victorian All Schools Athletics Champion

Daniel Bailey represented St Patrick's College at the Victorian All Schools Athletics Championships. He achieved two gold, one silver and one bronze medal:

Gold: U17 400m Hurdles 55.15 sec;

Gold: U17 Long Jump 6.77m;

Silver: U18 Pole Vault 3.60 m (U17 PV clashed with LJ timing)

Bronze: U17 110mH 15.75 sec;

Daniel has also achieved AA qualifiers in the above events and will represent St Pat's and Victoria at the Australian All Schools and Youth Athletics Championships in December. Well done Daniel!

## Luke Jones

### Cycling Star of the Future

On Saturday November 25 Luke Jones (Year 10) competed in the Melbourne Cup, one of Australia's premier track Cycling Events. Luke competed hard and was given much valuable experience against world and Olympic champions. Unfortunately things didn't go Luke's way on the night and he had a puncture early in the race. However to Luke's credit he took it all in his stride and performed admirably.



Luke Jones

## Joe Merrylees

### Schools Teams Time Trial

On Wednesday October 18, students from St Patrick's took part in the annual Joe Merrylees Cycling event, students were required to ride a distance of 16 kilometres on an out and back course in a race against the clock. The riders were set off into a strong head wind for 8 km where they were turned around for a speedy return.

This year the event attracted competitors from nine schools in and around Ballarat with around 85 riders making up 30 teams.

The Junior Under 17 Males was strongly contested with 10 teams competing. St Patrick's number one team consisting of Luke Jones and Marcus Jolly was too strong, winning their event and recording the fastest time for the day to win the Joe Merrylees Shield by the narrowest of margins (only 5 seconds) from the Ballarat Grammar team who were going for their fourth consecutive victory. All students competed in tough conditions and recorded good results. Well done to all boys and congratulations to Luke and Marcus.

## National Indoor Rowing Championships

On Saturday October 28, our senior rowers travelled to Caulfield Grammar School, to compete in the Australian Indoor Rowing Championships. This is a very special event as it is one of the few on the rowing calendar that allows school rowers to 'rub shoulders' with the sports greats. At this event our rowers witnessed members of the Australian rowing team competing, and in open events, were competing against some national level rowers.

St Patrick's College was well represented at the championships, competing in the Open 500m, Junior Heavyweight 4min and 2000m and Junior lightweight 4min and 2000m. All of our rowers did exceptionally well with many personal best times and some outstanding performances from Matthew Gillett receiving two bronze medals, one in the lightweight 4 minute event and one in the lightweight 2000m and Michael Treppo receiving a silver medal in the heavyweight 4 minute event, coming second by a mere one metre.



Ballarat Indoor Rowing Regatta

The team took out the Schools Premiership at the event winning a state of the art rowing 'ergo' for their efforts – a great return and due recognition of the boys' outstanding efforts. The performances augur well for the shortened BAS Rowing season with the Head of the Lake to be rowed on February 17, 2007 due to drought conditions in the region and a bone dry Lake Wendouree!

Below are some photos from the Ballarat Indoor Regatta held in the gym. A special thank you to Glenn, Stuart and Br. Zoch for assisting in the setup and pack up. All in all a great day and SPC did very well with the following boys winning their divisions.

- Ben Peters Yr 9 4min
- Jake Belsar Yr 8 4min
- John Brady Senior 4min

## First XI Cricket

### Br H.T. Breach Cup

#### St Patrick's Ballarat 10/229 defeated by St Patrick's Launceston 10/283.

Launceston retained the Br H.T. Breach Cup with a 54 run win on November 30 and December 1. It was a great match and a great opportunity for our players to play a match of this duration, a two-day match with 104 overs per day. Given the weather conditions the team batting first was always going to have a significant advantage with mid thirty-degree heat and a strong northerly wind preventing any bowler, bowling from the Southern end, gaining rhythm.

Launceston won the toss and elected to bat and although their progress was slow over the course of the day, it was measured and sensible. There were two significant partnerships (79 and 70) that proved to be the difference between the two teams. Our bowlers were magnificent in dreadful weather conditions as they toiled all day, finally bowling their opposition out with only minutes to spare before stumps.

Pick of the bowlers were Adam Gilbert 19/7/2/34 and Grant Bell 18.3/3/4/38.

We started very slowly in our chase, but there was never any panic. The innings was highlighted by an 86 run partnership between Matthew McKenzie and Matthew Begbie for the fourth wicket, and a last wicket stand of 54 between Peter Colbourne and Brad Hallam.

Matthew McKenzie continued his terrific form with the bat with 87 and Peter Colbourne remained not out on 31. Matthew Begbie and Drew Tyler got starts but were unable to take the opportunity that was presented to them and go on to bigger scores. Unfortunately the remainder of our batting list were disappointed and disappointing. The players showed great character and learnt a great deal from the game.

Special mention must be made of the efforts of opening batsman Matt McKenzie in season 2006/2007. After four games in the BAS he has made two tons, carrying his bat for 101 not out against Ballarat and Clarendon College and making 119

1. Speech Night 2007: Mr Hugh McKelvey with the Stage Band - Phunk PSI
2. Speech Night: Bishop Peter Connors presents Brenton Carey with the Edmund Rice Award for Ministry
3. Deputy Headmaster Mr Rob Brennan joins in the celebrations at the Ladies Night Out
4. Deputy Headmaster Mr Rob Brennan presenting the Lifestyle Travel \$3000 voucher to P&F Raffle 1st prize winner Andrew Goetz
5. Canteen Ladies Night Out
6. Boarding Farewell Dinner: Edward Grinter and Denis McKinnon
7. Boarding Farewell Dinner: Boarding Staff: Jacinta Waddington, Mark Waddington, Peter Hutchins and Howard Clark
8. Daniel Bailey

## Photo Gallery



1. Year 7 boys taking part in the 50 Year Anniversary celebrations for the 1956 Olympic Games
2. Bryan Thomas (SPC 1974-78) with wife Fiona, daughter Sophie and son Nicholas Year 7
3. 1956 Olympics 50th Anniversary Celebrations held at Lake Wendouree
- 4/5. Orientation Day 2007
6. Orientation Day 2007: Year 7 2007 boys stroll the paths of the Junior School area familiarising themselves with the College for next year
7. Orientation Day 2007: Year 7 2007 Parents were a bundle of nerves on Orientation Day!
8. John Dwyer talks to a guest from the Dandenong English Language Centre

Photo Gallery



against High School. His solid technique and powers of concentration have set a wonderful example for his team mates and has sent Director of Cricket Mr Damian McKee to the record books to see the highest number of hundreds made by a 1st XI player in one season. Well done Matt!

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION RAFFLE 2006

The annual P&F major raffle was drawn on Saturday November 18 at the 2006 Valedictory Dinner. Proceeds from the raffle are used to purchase equipment that benefits all students at the College. Thank you to the following businesses for their support of the annual raffle: Mrs Leonie Spencer, Lifestyle Travel, Ballarat, Mr Lucas Reid, Victoria Hotel, Port Fairy and Mr John Davis, Harvey Norman Electrical, Ballarat.

**Results of the 2006 Raffle:**

- First Prize**  
Michelle Goetz - \$3000 Travel Voucher
- Second**  
Zak & Rima Zreikat - Weekend at Victoria Hotel, Port Fairy
- Third**  
Paul Sharp - \$300 Harvey Norman Voucher
- The book sellers' prize was won by Liam and Julian Atwood - Play Station 2.

## VET AWARD

The College was thrilled to receive the news from Senator Julian McGauran that Brenton Drummond had been awarded a \$2000 Vocational Education Award from the Australian Government for his excellent work in Vocational Education and Training (VET). This continues the College's fine traditions in the area of

VET, in particular the performances of the World Skills team members in 2006 and 2005 Award winners Brent Flood and Andrew Carey.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

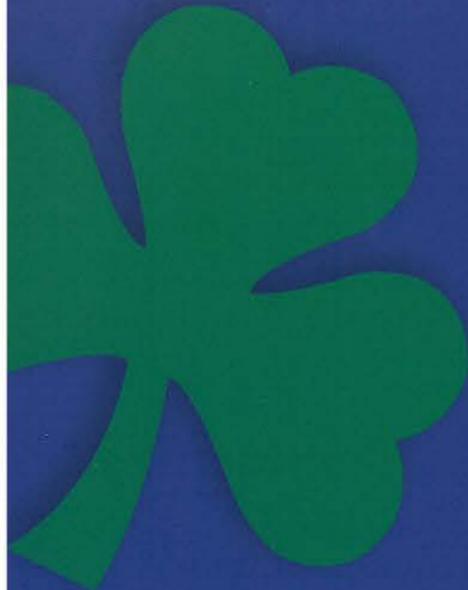
Congratulations to the following boys for their outstanding achievements in recent times:

- Sean Keem (Year 9) has been selected to play in the National Men's Futsal team at the World Championships in Spain in December 2006.
- Matthew Callahan (Year 7) for being chosen to play for Victoria Country in the 2007 National Basketball Championships.
- Ethan Tibbles (Year 10) has been selected in the Under 16 Victorian Provincial Baseball Squad. Ethan will be representing Victoria in the National Championships in January 2007 in Adelaide.
- Bradley Crouch (Year 7) has been selected to play for the Victorian Under 13 Cricket side. Brad's selection comes after participating in an exhaustive selection process where an initial squad of forty-six potential players was cut to a list of thirteen.
- Patrick Cashin (Year 7) has been selected to take part in the Ballarat Regional Bowls Association junior development squad.
- Mitch Taylor (Year 7) won the Ballarat Under 14 Tennis championship in November.

- 1/2. English Skills: SPC boys practice with students from the Dandenong English Language Centre
3. Year 12 Leadership Camp at Apollo Bay
4. Year 12 Leadership Camp at Apollo Bay: Team work activities with Mr Warrick Bottrall
5. Year 12 Leadership Camp at Apollo Bay
6. Year 12 Farewell Mass celebrated by College Patron Bishop Peter Connors
- 7/8. Year 12 Farewell Mass

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## NOB-SPC AMATEUR FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS Season 2007 is Here!



### **NORTH OLD BOYS** St Patrick's College Ballaratafc

Season number two for the North Old Boys-St Patrick's College AFC has commenced under coach Tim Killworth. The Club is looking to consolidate upon its solid start in season 2006 and to capitalise on the development of players from the Under 19 ranks such as David Ronan, Chris Ford, Jordan Molloy and Anthony Torpy. The Club is training at the AC Gillon Reserve in Brunswick, an excellent base for Melbourne based old boys. Full training details can be found on the Club's website [www.nobspc.org.au](http://www.nobspc.org.au) which is updated regularly.

The Club held its AGM on Wednesday December 13 at the AC Gillon Club rooms with a palpable sense of optimism in the air. Green, White and Blue will again feature a NOB-St Patrick's College AFC column and we hope that old boys will follow the club with great interest. The AC Gillon Reserve boasts great social facilities and so it should be a great opportunity for old boys to gather, support the club and enjoy a few beers after the final siren has sounded.

For all details about membership, sponsorship, team or training details please visit the website or contact Mark Waddington:  
[mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au)

## EDMUND RICE CAMPS GO OFF SHORE

On Sunday October 29 at the Christian Brothers Retreat Centre, Amberley, a Commissioning service was held for 16 young people who were to travel to India during November to help develop the Edmund Rice Camp movement in other countries. Among the group of volunteers was St Patrick's College Old Boy Jeremy Beggs (SPC 1994-1999) who has been heavily involved in Edmund Rice Camps since his Year 11 at the College.

The moving ceremony was attended by parents, families and the young people taking on this service and culminated in a blessing by Br Frank Hennessy. He commended them in sharing the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice in their journey and used eucalyptus oil in his blessing with the symbolism of drawing the strength and freshness of Australian youth going out into other communities.

The volunteers were all required to commit to the programme by self-funding the project and they have achieved their first goals with the help of their communities and personal sacrifice.

The OCA have committed \$3000 annually to support old boys who take up the challenge of supporting the selfless, challenging and sometimes perilous work of the Christian Brothers. The OCA commend Jeremy on his personal commitment to social justice as he joins Class of 2005 members Bernard Wilson and Hayden O'Doherty working in Africa.

Bernie Wilson (SPC 2000-2005) recently scaled Mt Kilimanjaro, the highest point of Africa. Bernie and Hayden O'Doherty are working with the Christian Brothers in Tanzania.



Sketch of OCA Pavilion

## PAVILION APPEAL UPDATE

Plans for the construction of the OCA Main Oval Pavilion are currently with Council and we are eagerly looking forward to obtaining all necessary permits to enable building work to commence in early 2007. The project is being managed by current parent Mr Tony McMaster, a member of the College's Buildings Committee and Director of leading Ballarat firm, McMaster Homes. The Pavilion will provide the College with a much needed flexible learning space for student programmes as well as a function centre and viewing space for events on the Main Oval.

Thank you to all members of the College community for your continued support of this exciting project. Further updates will be outlined in the next edition of The Shamrock.

## REUNION DINNERS

Over the past months members of the OCA Executive have been busy staging reunion and regional dinners in Geelong and Bendigo. It was great to have over 20 old boys and friends at the Bendigo Dinner, proof that all of our old boy events can be a great success if all attendees commit to 'bringing a friend'. Not only does it help to double the numbers but it also increases the connections within the

group and always makes for some fascinating family, school and work connections.

In Term Four reunions were held for the Class of 1996, 1986 and 1976. The Class of 1976 commenced planning for their reunion in December 2005 and were able to track down many 'long lost old boys', thanks in no small part to the efforts of Noel Ronan, Ed Sullivan and Brendan Maher. Tony Frawley provided much of the initial momentum before heading off to Darwin to take up the position of CEO for the AFL (Northern Territory). Tony returned a couple of days prior to the night and led the 'charge' in terms of celebrations - some of his peers were relieved to see him return North to catch up on some sleep!

## FOUNDATION GOLF DAY 2006

On Sunday November 12 close to 100 players teed off in the Foundation's 5th annual Golf Day. The event is a four person ambrose event and was played in great spirit with the course being presented in excellent condition despite the recent hot and dry weather. As ever all players entered into the spirit of the day and it was great to have Team Wiggles in attendance as well as the usual array of Hawaiian shirts on display! A number of family teams were also in attendance as well as a number of student teams who were competing for the annual Foundation Student Trophy.

Scoring on the day was particularly impressive with the team of Jake, Phillip and Tony Trevenen and family ring-in Matthew Hills recording an amazing net score of 50.5 to win the handicap section. In second place was the team led by Chris Foley with a score of 51.125. Lee Iafrate, a regular supporter of the golf day, and his team saluted the judge in third place with a score of 52.875.

After four near misses Deputy Headmaster Rob Brennan led his team to victory in the non-handicap section with a sizzling score of 61. In second place was team Haase (Kyle, Daryl, Neil and Corey) with a 65, beating team Waddington on a count back.

Other prize winners on the day were: Shaun Lyle, Jason Lyle, Nick Sculley and Mark Carey who won the Foundation Student Trophy and Nearest the Pin winners Don Moran, Tony Trevenen, Kevin Walsh and Peter O'Connor. Longest drive winners were Peter Hexter and Danny Dwyer.

The Foundation Golf Day is always a great day primarily due to the broad range of players from the College community. Some teams comprised three generations of family members whilst others boasted old boys from all parts of the State.

The day is also a great success thanks to the efforts of sponsors. Please try to support the sponsors who support the Foundation in its aim of assisting the College in providing the best possible learning facilities for students. 2006 sponsors were: Mr Ron Jennings, Barker and Jennings Accountants, Leonie Spencer, Lifestyle Travel, Damian Franzman, Angelsea Golf Club, John Davis, Harvey Norman Electrical, David Canny, Red Lion Bar and Bistro, Laurie and Helen Gillett, Men Only, Craig Haase, Ballarat Pro Shop and Mr Dennis Foley, Ballarat and District Trotting Club.

The Foundation Golf Day will be held on Sunday November 11, 2007 at the Ballarat Golf Club. Please mark this date in your diaries

## FOUNDATION 'HALLS OF HISTORY – DINNER WITH THE LEGENDS' 2007

The sixth annual 'Halls of History Dinner with the Legends' will be held on Saturday February 24, 2007 in the Old Assembly Area at the College. Keynote speaker on the night will be Mark Nolan (SPC 1966-71). Mark completed his HSC in 1971, the same year as Premier Steve Bracks. After leaving the College, he studied Mechanical Engineering and worked with a number of mining company's in remote locations before making a return to 'civilisation'. His current role involves managing the company's oil and gas assets in Australia as well as overseeing its network of over 1200 service stations. Mark has worked for the organisation for over 30 years and has been involved in both exciting and challenging times including Bass Straight explorations, five years working in the US and the tragic Longford Gas Explosion in 1998. This was just months after he had taken up the role of Exxon Mobil's Operation Manager. Mark has four sons aged 14-23 and is an avid cyclist, riding to work each day and annually taking part in the 'Round the Bay in a Day' cycling event with a work team. Mark no doubt has many challenges ahead but is greatly enjoying leading one of the nation's most influential organisations.

Other old boys to be inducted on the night include Olympian Tony Benson (SPC 1957-61) and John McArthur (SPC 1941-44), who has been a pioneer in the Human Resource Management industry over the past thirty years. John's business is now one of the leaders in the growing human resource management field and John continues to lead from the front. The June issue of The Shamrock detailed John's role in the Athletic record breakers of 1944.

As with past Legend's Dinners the night is sure to be a wonderfully entertaining night and a great opportunity to catch up with old boys and friends from all eras. So please start rounding up your friends and family and make this a night to remember. It could also be the last dinner to held in the old canteen area with the Pavilion coming on line for 2008. This is a night for all members of the community – old boys, partners, past parents and friends of SPC. Your support for the Foundation is greatly appreciated.

A Booking form and further information about the Dinner are included with this edition of The Shamrock or can be obtained by contacting the Development Office.

## PAKENHAM RACES 2007

The traditional OCA Race Day is again being organised by Gavan Bourke and will be held at Pakenham on Sunday January 21, 2007. The day features the prestigious Br O'Malley Welter and a race in memory of the late, great David Bourke OAM. The day 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 meet at the 2007 Race Day.

## FROM THE ARCHIVIST

Br Brian Davis

### 1922 Head of the Lake

With the early finish to the 2007 Rowing season due to the extended drought in Victoria it is timely to look back in time to the Head of the Lake, rowed on Lake Wendouree in 1922. At the time of writing this piece the last remnants of water have evaporated from the Lake leaving it dry for the first time since 1967. Whilst crews

have been able to maintain some water based training at Newlyn Reservoir the big dry has predicated the decision to move 'Boat Race' forward to February 17, 2007. Crews will complete their preparations for the big day at rowing camp in Horsham from January 21, a far cry for the more gentlemanly pace of rowing training and racing in 1922!

One of the memorabilia items in the Museum Cabinet in the front foyer of the College is a silver oar presented to Bill Wilding (SPC 1918-1922), who was a member of the successful First Rowing Crew in 1922. His son, Br Bill Wilding, Headmaster of St Patrick's College from 1979 to 1984 donated this item to the College Museum prior to his departure from the College.

The three competing schools in 1922 were St Patrick's College, Ballarat College and the Church of England Grammar School. The Cup, presented by Mrs W.D Woolcott, which had to be won three times, not necessarily in succession, before becoming the property of any school, was won for the first time in 1921 by the Grammar School.

The following is a report of the race from the 1922 College Annual: 'St Patrick's jumped away for the lead and were striking at a faster rate than the others. They soon had a length and half advantage, which was increased to about two lengths as the College sheds were passed. St Patrick's controlled the race from there and won by one and half lengths from Grammar School and Ballarat College'.

Whilst we all pray for rain, particularly given the plight of our farmers, it would also be wonderful to see one of the jewels returned to Ballarat's rich sporting crown; the excitement of 'Boat Race' day on Lake Wendouree.

(Sources: Museum Cabinet; 1922 Rowing Photo; 1922 College Annual Magazine).

1. Bernard Wilson at Uhuru Peak volcano, Tanzania's highest peak
2. 1922 Head of the Lake Crew Standing: (L-R) R.Dickinson (No 2), Mr F.Luke (Coach), F.Utber (Stroke). Sitting: (L-R) W.Wilding (Bow), F.Dwyer (Cox), R.Carroll (No 3)
3. Silver oar presented to Bill Wilding (SPC 1918-1922)
4. 2006 Foundation Golf Day: Lee Iafrate (SPC 1974-79) tees off on the 5th
5. 2006 Foundation Golf Day: Foundation Committee member Michael Kearney with Shaun Lyle, Nick Sculley, Jason Lyle and Mark Carey winners of the Foundation Student Trophy
6. 2006 Foundation Golf Day: The best-dressed team on the course – the Wiggles!
7. 2006 Foundation Golf Day: Ms Tracey Downes and Rick Keen cook up a hearty breakfast before the players hit the course
8. Team Iafrate - 2006 Foundation Golf Day

## Photo Gallery



## OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

- Congratulations to James Dickinson (SPC 1999-2004) who has been starring since making his 1st XI debut in Premier League cricket with finals contenders Essendon. James has made some very timely contributions with bat and ball and joins a number of prominent old boys in the Premier League including Andrew Dickinson (SPC 1991-96), Michael Sheedy (SPC 1993-98), Chris Sheedy (SPC 1998-2003) and Justin Graham (SPC 1989-94). James is studying Physiotherapy at La Trobe University alongside 2005 College Vice-Captain David Ronan who is gearing up for another season with the NOB-SPC Football Club.
- Mr Matt De Jong (SPC 1978-83) is currently Deputy Principal at St Mary's College, Katherine in the Northern Territory. Returning from Darwin recently with two students on board, he had to evade an oncoming car. His actions saved his life and that of his passengers, but Matt has a broken pelvis. He is now in the Royal Adelaide Hospital and is likely to be out of action for the next three months and on crutches for a further three months. We wish Matt well for a speedy recovery.
- Brian Gleeson (SPC 1947-52) was recently featured in an article titled 'Medallist's Tragic Fate' in the Mordialloc Chelsea Leader. The article detailed his wonderful sporting achievement of winning the Brownlow Medal in 1957 as well as the agony of having his football career prematurely ended by a knee injury in 1958. The article cites St Patrick's College as being his 'breeding ground for being a disciplined footballer'. Needless to say Brother O'Malley's 'no bounce edict' and the consequences associated with breaking the edict were pivotal in developing this disciplined approach to the game!
- David Hallam (SPC 1953-55) communicated his apologies for not being able to attend the Bendigo reunion dinner in October. David was kind enough to donate a number of annuals, a McCarthy

- House ribbon (athletic sports) as well as some other pieces of memorabilia to the Archives. David is still in regular contact with Terry Brennan, Brian Dillon, Pat Moloney and Jim O'Bierne. David notes that, 'although it is 50 years since I left St Pat's the bonds are still intact with these guys'. David was very excited that he and wife Hilma were busy celebrating the arrival of their first grandchild in early October.
- Stephen Holding (SPC 1984-89) is the Administration Manager, Field Air Group of Companies and the Ballarat Airport. He is living in Napoleons.
  - Jack Morganti (SPC 1946-50) returned to the fold this year after stumbling across a copy of The Shamrock. He has been living in Queensland for the past years and called into the College whilst visiting Melbourne for a number of anniversary celebrations.
  - Great to hear from Br Geoff Whitefield (SPC 1975-80) who is a Primary School Principal in Tasmania. Geoff provided the following information about what he has been up to - I began studying education after leaving St Pat's and joined the Christian Brothers a year later. Next year I will celebrate 25 years since joining. I have worked mainly in Parish schools. I taught twice in Ballarat: once at Villa Maria and once at St Alipius'. A good number of my Ballarat students are now St Pat's old boys themselves! I have also taught in Melbourne, Walgett (in outback NSW) and Tasmania where I have been appointed Principal at two schools, both in poorer suburbs, where hopefully I have helped promote the spirit of Eddie Rice. A couple of years back I had the wonderful opportunity of a sabbatical overseas where I experienced the 'third world', living in Lima, Peru and Freetown Sierra Leone (West Africa) and working with people in giant slums and refugee camps. I love reading the Shamrock and Green White and Blue and hearing what my old class mates and former students are up to!
  - Chris Whitefield (SPC 1996-2001) is working as a Communications Officer for Centrelink. He has landed a role with an office address many of his peers are very envious of - Cavill Avenue Surfers Paradise! From all accounts he is well and truly enjoying life on the Gold Coast and

- has played host to many old boys including former SPC Rowing Coach David Stott (SPC 1989-94) who is also living on the Coast.
- Rimon Ashkar (SPC 1947-51) and his wife Ellen are celebrating their Golden wedding anniversary in June 2007 and this year celebrated a very special family event when their son Eugene was ordained as a Priest at St Patrick's Cathedral by the Archbishop of Melbourne on September 16. Fr Eugene is currently relieving at St Gerard's parish in North Dandenong. Rimon has a great connection to St Patrick's College - his parents were the owners of Ashkar's Pies in Sturt Street, an extremely popular haunt of boarding students when they were allowed down the street to visit the doctor or dentist. They were without doubt the best pies in Ballarat! At SPC Rimon won a Newman Scholarship and studied law at the University of Melbourne for 12 months. Sadly his father passed away at this time and he returned to Ballarat to help his mother run the family business. Rimon married Ellen in 1957 and they had nine children. Two of their beloved children died whilst young and the family left Ballarat in 1967 for the sun in Queensland when Eugene was just five. Rimon spent many years working in the Commonwealth Public Service holding high level positions in the often volatile Industrial Relations field. Rimon and Ellen are greatly enjoying retirement and looking forward to their big day in June next year - we all wish them well.
  - The Herald Sun on September 16 contained a feature article on Father Anthony Denton (SPC 1984-89) titled, 'Father's fist of faith'. The article drew upon comparisons between his commitment to faith and his commitment to boxing. 'Boxing is about self-discipline, balance, courage and learning to judge situations - I see no contradictions between that and what we believe and strive to live as Christians'. Anthony has been boxing for 12 months and trains at the Maribyrnong Boxing Club. Anthony is the Vocational Officer at St Patrick's Cathedral and his boxing has enabled him to cross paths with people from all walks of life. As he notes, 'my involvement in boxing is partly motivated by my desire that people see that

Priests are representatives of God who come from normal backgrounds and have normal interests'.

- The outstanding courage and determination of Class of 2006 graduate Anthony Draffin were chronicled in a moving back page article in The Courier in October. Anthony lost his left eye in a freak accident when a golf ball he struck rebounded off a fence post on the family farm and struck him. Despite losing his sight he has continued to remain positive and has thrown himself into his studies and his other great passion - cricket. Anthony is a talented off spinner and is playing 1st XI cricket for North Ballarat in the Ballarat Cricket Association. Anthony is an inspiration to his team and school mates and has had to re-train himself to be able to field and bat at 1st XI standard. However with his customary positive attitude he will overcome this challenge and will no doubt be looking to spin may batsman out on the hard, dry wickets in season 2006/2007.
- Ron Flynn (SPC 1957-59) is now enjoying retirement although he is still a regular visitor to the College as a relief driver for Gold Bus, Ballarat.
- Jason Hegert (SPC 1997-2002) has continued his rise in the sport of cycling, competing in his first Herald Sun Tour in October. The seven day tour was raced at break neck speeds and whilst he did not feature on the podium it was an invaluable experience for the rapidly improving cyclist. Jason was part of the seven member FRF Couriers Team. He was selected after impressive performances in the Tour of Murray and the South Grampians Tour which he won in 2006. Riding against the likes of Robbie McEwen and winner Simon Gerrans was the fulfilment of a boyhood dream for the young star and the first step in his goal of one day representing his country.
- Another cyclist in the news is Patrick Shaw (SPC 2003-2004) who capped off an exceptional season by being crowned 'Sprint King' at the Tour of Tasmania. Patrick's sprinting blitz included capturing all 11 intermediate sprints and the leading sprinter jersey at Stage 5 at La Trobe. The talented Victorian Institute of Sport cyclist

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1/3. 1996 Reunion

4/8. 1976 Reunion

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was also named most aggressive rider in a stage of the Herald Sun Tour in which he finished ninth. Patrick is hoping to ride for an Italian team in Europe in 2007.

- Brian Hogan (SPC 1944-49) recently won the 2006 C Grade Nett Championship at Eastern Sward Golf Club. Playing off a 23 handicap his nett scores for the four rounds were 73, 82, 74 and 77 for a total of 306. Brian has been a playing member at Eastern Sward since 1997 having transferred from Churchill Park Golf Club.
- The rather besieged looking umpire in the recent International Rules series between Australia and Ireland was none other than St Pat's old boy Shane McInerney (SPC 1983-88). The series attracted a huge amount of interest for some of the wrong reasons and has been suspended for 2007. However it is important to keep the series events in context and to recognise Shane's achievement in being selected to officiate, due reward for an excellent AFL season in 2006. Shane umpired the AFL Grand Final in 2004 and continues to be regarded as one of the AFL's leading whistle blowers.
- Brendan Maher (SPC 1971-76) has been appointed as foundation Principal of the yet to be constructed Catholic primary school at Mt Clear. Brendan the current Principal at St Alipius Primary School is looking forward to working with architects and parents to select staff and to construct the school which will be located adjacent to Damascus College. The school will be the first Catholic primary school to be built in the Ballarat Diocese since 1990. Brendan has worked in education for 27 years, 15 years of which he has served as Principal.
- Daniel Monaghan (SPC 1976-80) is a snow sport instructor at Mt Buller and Beaver Creek in Colorado, USA. He is also a trainer and examiner for the Australian Snow Professional Snow Sports Association and an Australian representative at Interski 2007 in Korea. He also enjoys bike racing, skateboarding and surfing.
- Peter Nolan (SPC 1995-2000) continues to make great strides in his professional golfing career. After just missing the cut at a number of tournaments in 2005/2006 he recorded a very encouraging four round total of 290 (4 over) at the Australian

Masters at Huntingdale in November. With scores of 71, 71, 72 and 76 on the testing layout Peter appears to have a very bright future in the game.

- Lots of old boys news from the Hampden Football League courtesy of our many scribes in the region. In September the Warrnambool Standard featured an article on Nick Hider (SPC 1988-89) titled 'Mr Untouchable'. Nick retired at the end of season 2006 having enjoyed a stellar football career which took him to the AFL (four games with Collingwood and a stint in the Geelong Reserves under Malcolm Blight) and to the status of legend in Country football. Nick spent two years at the College and states in the article that 'it was at St Patrick's College that I blossomed as a footballer'. Playing under coach Gerard Ryan he only lost two games in his two years and was noted as a skilful and courageous player who was a prolific ball winner. In country football Nick's record is perhaps only surpassed by the College's other 'Legend' of bush footy Tony Hickey (SPC 1979-81) who was still winning League Best and Fairests into his forties! Nick won two Maskell Medals, was runner up twice, has won eight club best and fairest awards, played in a premierships at Camperdown and had a number of near misses at Koroit and Warrnambool. Nick is looking forward to a well earned retirement and spending more time with partner Linda and children Jeremy and Zac.
- In a fitting segue, Warrnambool Football Club have appointed Dustin McCorkell (SPC 1997-98) as their Senior Coach for 2007. Dustin has been a highly successful player at a number of levels including stints with North Ballarat (VFL), Broadbeach (QSFL) and Geelong West. He is the third generation of his family to pull on the famous navy blue jumper with grandfather Ron and father Peter being past Best and Fairest winners at the Club. At 26 he recognises that it is a big challenge, however he gained invaluable experience in 2006, spending the year recuperating from a season ending knee injury in Round 1. Dustin's four years under Gerard FitzGerald (SPC 1973) will no doubt shape his coaching philosophies as will time spent with Gerard Ryan at St Pat's.

- Leon Lynch (SPC 1953-55) has been retired for five years after 20 years of share farming and 22 years of working for the Northern Grampians and Kara-Kara Shires. He has been married to wife Kath for 44 years and has seven children and 11 grandchildren. He has lived around St Arnaud all his life but now enjoys his annual three month caravan holiday to Queensland each year. He is a very keen lawn bowler and spends any spare time he has working on the greens at his local club.
- Dr John Stekelenburg (SPC 1974-79) has won another world championship! John is a highly decorated barefoot water skier and won the Over 35 Barefoot World Title in Seattle. John, who won the title in 1999, trains on the Barwon River and won the Australian title in April. He is already aiming for the next world titles in Italy in 2007, after which he may consider retirement.
- The sports pages of The Courier in December profiled Xavier Watson (SPC 1996-2001) who is enjoying a wonderful year with North Ballarat in the Ballarat Cricket Association. Xavier has stepped up from the hard wicket competition club VRI-Delacombe to play turf cricket at North Ballarat with other old boys Peter Cartledge and Michael FitzGerald. Xavier had his grounding in turf cricket on the Main Oval under the tutelage of current Director of Cricket Mr Damian McKee and is a talented keeper-batsman. Xavier is working as a mine guide at Sovereign Hill.

## WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS, BIRTHS, BEREAVEMENTS

### SPC Weddings

- Brick-David (SPC 1991-96) and Phoebe McDonagh celebrated their wedding in the beautiful bush garden of the McDonagh family at Merton, Victoria on November 25, 2006. The wedding

ceremony was followed by a garden party and bush dancing.



David and Phoebe Brick

- Dunne – Mark (SPC 1987-92) married Karina Leon (SPC staff 2006) on Saturday November 18 in the College Chapel. Karina duly reported for work two days later to ensure her students were ready for exams!

### SPC Engagements

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### SPC Births

- Ryan – Patrick (SPC 1988-93) and Shelley welcome Lily Margaret, born at the Hamilton Hospital on December 5, 2006. A little sister for Molly, Isabel and Matthew.
- Vanderkley – David (SPC 1992-1997) and wife Kyle were thrilled to announce the arrival of their first child, Charlie Theo Vanderkley on June 19, 2006. A nephew for Mark (SPC staff and student 1985-90)

### SPC Deaths

- Mr Tony Conti, a long time passionate supporter of the North Old Boys and NOB-SPC in 2006 passed away at the start of October. Condolences to Mrs Conti, Robert, Bruno and their families. Mr Conti's two sons Robert and Bruno are favourite sons of the Club and while Mr Conti didn't attend a lot of their games, when he was there, he'd quietly view the game and offer an affirming gesture to players after the game; win lose or draw. In the mid-80s, at a time when multi-cultural values and respect were not so

prevalent or shared, Mr Conti was a fantastic role model for the students who attended St Joseph's College with his sons and continued on to play football with North Old Boys. This sense of appreciation and respect for people, no matter their background forms the foundation that makes our club the welcoming community it has been for a long time and continues to be today. It should never be underestimated.

- Mrs Maureen Gibcus passed away on Thursday September 28 after a long battle with cancer. The College extends its deepest sympathies to husband Harry Gibcus (SPC past staff member) and sons Darren (SPC 1985-1986), Steven (1985-1990) and Wayne (SPC 1997-1992). Aunty to Kane (Year 12) and James Crocker (Year 9).
- Peter John Kenny (SPC 1945-1948) died on August 10, 2006. Peter was the third of four brothers from a farm at Yarroweyah, who attended St Patrick's following Byrne, Jim and later, Gerald. As a boy Peter developed a very strong throwing arm and was a fine axe-man. As a boarder at St Pat's he was an excellent student, and in the Athletics team excelled in the Shot Putt. After St Patricks Peter studied Electrical Engineering at Geelong and after graduating, initially worked around Victoria. Geelong had however become his home town. On August 24, 1957 he married Barbara Jeffs at St Mary's Geelong, and so commenced nearly 49 years of marriage, living always in Geelong. Peter devoted himself to his wife and family of five children, and his love for his family and the care of them was ever present. As a person he was happy by nature, renowned for his amazing memory, and always able to see good and value in most situations. As an Electrical Engineer Peter worked for Ford Motor Company and The International Harvester Company, in later life in Private Practice. He was a very capable Engineer, with exceptional integrity and work skills, and great practical expertise in all things engineering. Peter in his long illness remained stoic and understanding of life, and loyal to his own strong principles. His wife Barbara, as during the whole of their

married life, was totally supportive of him in his illness. The numbers at his Requiem Mass were indicative of his high standing in the community.

- James McCarthy was born in Geelong and attended St Patrick's Primary School in Geelong West in 1917 before attending St Mary's Technical School in Central Geelong from 1918 to 1926. After completing his training as a Brother he taught for eight years in Queensland and eleven in Melbourne before arriving in Ballarat at the age of thirty six. He spent sixteen years from 1949 to 1964 teaching at St Patrick's Primary School in Drummond Street and living at St Patrick's College. After one year at Whyalla in South Australia, he spent the remaining forty one years of his life in Western Australia, where he died on the eve of his 95th birthday.
- Father Kevin O'Brien, priest of the Diocese of Ballarat, died on Sunday, September 24 at the age of seventy-five. Fr O'Brien had been retired since 1997 and had not enjoyed good health in recent times. Ordained in 1975, Father served as Assistant Priest, Parish Priest and Administrator in the parishes of Mildura, Warrnambool, Ballarat East, Harrow, Nhill, Warracknabeal, Casterton and the Cathedral parish. Father O'Brien's Funeral was conducted at St Mary's Church, Colac on October 2 at 11 am and was followed by the Burial at Moonlight Heads Cemetery.
- Douglas White, father of Pam Waight, Grandfather of Tristan (Year 12), Nathan (Year 10) and Jamie-Lee (Year 8) passed away on September 16.

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

# NEXT EDITION

The deadline for the next edition of The Shamrock is Friday March 23, 2007. All contributions from members of the SPC community are gratefully received. Contributions can be mailed, faxed or emailed to the Editor – Mark Waddington, [mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au)

# PHOTO OF CLASS OF 2006

The Old Collegians Association congratulates all members of the Class of 2006 upon their rich and significant achievements during their time at the College and warmly welcomes them to the ranks of 'Old Boys' – 'Stick with the Green, White and Blue'!



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