

# the SHAMROCK

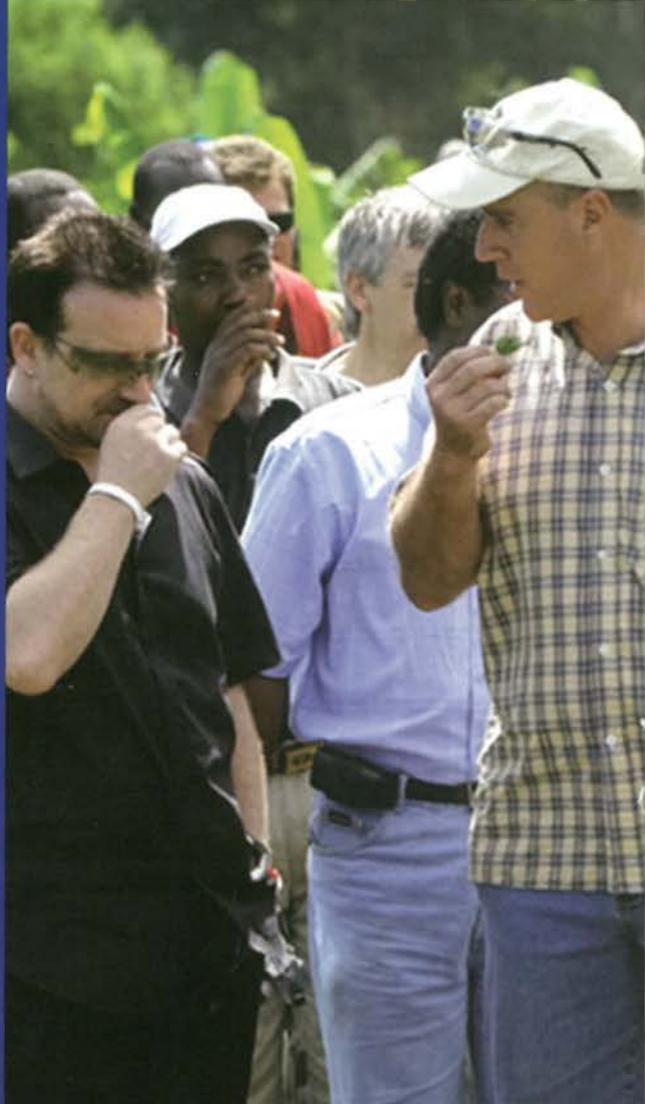
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ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE  
BALLARAT



## EXPANDING HORIZONS

Welcome to the second edition of The Shamrock for 2006. With a short Term One due to the memorable Melbourne Commonwealth Games, Term Two has been a very busy and demanding term for students and staff alike, but has once again highlighted the amazing breadth of educational opportunities available to students at the College. These opportunities are provided by dedicated and talented teachers and aim to raise the aspirations and consciousness of students. Staff have also undertaken considerable professional development to support boys in such areas of endeavour.

The recent term break illustrates the range of experiences undertaken by staff and students to expand the horizons of boys at the College. The Headmaster leads the charge enjoying well earned long service and enrichment leave in Italy, Ireland and Africa. During his time away he will visit Edmund Rice schools in Ireland and Africa and will see first hand such projects as the Rubens Medical Clinic, a project in Arusha supported financially by students through the Edmund Rice Day Walkathon. The next edition of The Shamrock will contain a full report on his adventures.

On a social justice theme, during the recent break staff members Mr Danny Moore, Mrs Jenny White and Mrs Maree Moore attended the National Gathering of the New Zealand Edmund Rice Network. At the conference Br Donal Leader, Congregational Promoter for Advocacy and Justice, and Br Moy Hitchen, Congregational Promoter for Eco-Justice delivered the plenary sessions and was attended by 100 delegates from New Zealand, together with representatives from the four Australian Provinces. The experience provided rich insights into the Brothers' future directions, as well as opportunities to network with other members of the Edmund Rice Network, which will in time provide students with a range of exciting and challenging opportunities relating to this foundational area of College life.

To commence Term Three all College staff participated in two days of professional development focusing on the Ballarat Diocese new religious education curriculum, 'Awakenings' and its relationship to staff working in a Catholic School, and on Eucharist and the integral role it plays in the life of the College. The two days were rewarding and informative for all, giving staff much food for thought.

Students also have been travelling far and wide in recent times. As the following pages of The Shamrock highlight these opportunities are extremely diverse and immerse students in real life learning situations. Under the guidance of Madame Bernadette Brouwers and Monsieur John Christie, a party of students spent a memorable two weeks in France, taking in the sounds, sights and smells of this beautiful country. The party also got to experience first hand the nation's obsession with football, as France progressed to the final of the world's biggest sporting festival; the World Cup.

Perhaps at the other end of the comfort stakes, a group of students under the leadership of Mr Art Nicholls, Ms Karina Leon and Ms Donna Birch, enjoyed two weeks in the 'top end' spending time in Indigenous communities in Wadye and Daly River. The visit is part of an emerging programme being developed by Mr Art Nicholls to raise the awareness of social justice issues in our own backyard. Wadye

in particular has received considerable adverse publicity in recent times making this a challenging and confronting trip for students and staff alike. However the common links of simple pleasures such as football and music quickly opened up the lines of communication and provided the boys with unique insights into Indigenous culture. Whilst the group are now looking at ways in which the visit can be reciprocated, there is one thing they are very keen not to re-produce here in Ballarat; gravel football grounds!

On a day to day level, opportunities abound for boys to challenge themselves beyond the gates of the College. Under the guidance of Director of Music Mr Hugh McKelvey our bands are busily preparing for the Melbourne Music Festival and Geelong Eisteddfod. This involves great sacrifice and commitment but provides students with rewarding experiences as they benchmark their individual and collective talents against students from across the State.

Similarly, under the astute leadership of 1st XVIII Coach Mr Howard Clark the 1st XVIII will contest the semi finals of the MCC Herald Sun Shield for the third year in succession. This is a remarkable achievement and underlines the quality of the football programme developed by Howard and his team of assistants in recent years. A win against St Joseph's, Geelong will enable the team to defend its 2005 title on the hallowed turf of the



Arc de Triomphe de l'Etoile, the world's largest triumphal arch, France.

MCC. On an individual level the influence of Howard Clark has also been a significant factor in the development of players Shaun Grigg and Nathan Brown who were selected in the Under 18 All-Australian Football team which was announced at the conclusion of the National Championships in Melbourne in June.

As a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition we are called to continually raise the sights of boys and expand their horizons so that they can go out and make a significant contribution to the communities within which they work, play and live. Equipped with the values inherent within an Edmund Rice education we are confident that not only will they achieve great things in all areas of endeavour but they will also live out Edmund's teaching and put something back into their communities, particularly keeping in mind those who are at the margins of the community. For this is God's calling and underpins our vision as espoused in the recently promulgated 2006-2010 Strategic Plan.

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."*

Matt 25:35-36

### Front Cover (Top - Bottom)

- 2006 French Trip
- 1982 College Captain Michael Baddeley and Bono
- Top End Adventure

## LE TOUR DE FRANCE 2006

Mr John Christie, Mrs Bernadette Brouwers and ten intrepid students participated in the first ever St Patrick's College trip to France. The programme began on the sunny Riviera at Nice, with a swim in the Mediterranean and a visit to the Fragonard Perfumery at Grasse, the world centre of perfume making.

We continued on our way to Aix-en-Provence, the home of artists, writers and filmmakers, where we wandered around the markets taking in sumptuous smells and taste experiences. On our way to Montpellier we visited the home of Nostradamus to brush up on our knowledge of history, mathematics and science.

Montpellier was our base for a four-night homestay experience. This was a challenge to our French speaking skills and all the boys definitely improved their language skills as well as their knowledge of French family life. From Montpellier, we had excursions to the mighty Roman arena at Nimes, where bullfighting still draws big crowds and acts, such as U2, entertain during the summer months. We also visited the world's largest and best preserved aqueduct, the Pont du Gard as well as the famous bridge at Avignon. While visiting the Palais des Papes at Avignon, we discovered some hidden talent in the group and almost lost Andy Kirkpatrick to a career as a street mime.

After saying 'au revoir' to our host families, we took the TGV at 300 kph north to Paris and met the coach which took us to the D-Day beaches at Normandy. Will van Keulen set up a mini battlefield on the basketball courts of the hostel to use up some of the energy we had from the wonderful food of the region (cheeses, chicken and apples galore). While in the region, we explored the historic gardens of the impressionist painter Monet and visited the exact spot where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake in Rouen.

Paris was our final destination, amidst French World Cup fever! Our hostel was in the backyard of the Paris Town Hall. We did all the things tourists do - climbed la Tour Eiffel, visited the Louvre to see the Mona Lisa, walked down the Champs Elysees to the Arc de Triomphe and cruised down the Seine. We explored the quartier, visited Notre Dame and had a wonderful dinner Aux 3 Bourriques on the left bank, where some more adventurous members of the group tried escargots. Last, but not least, we bought souvenirs and gifts for families back home, before a weary journey home.

A big thank you to Rhys Arnott, Eamon Coughlan, Joe Ford, Dylan Gloury, Jono Holmes, Richard Keys, Paul King, Andy Kirkpatrick, Pat McGlade and Will van Keulen for being adventurous enough to be part of the trip as well as to Mr Christie for taking on the challenge of brushing up on his French and for sharing the experience with us.

## A MEMORABLE TRIP TO THE TOP END

Jay Pelchen Year 11

In the closing days of Semester One all Year Eleven students were offered the opportunity to participate in a unique journey to the Northern Territory. The aim of the journey was to be immersed in the culture of an Aboriginal community and to explore the possibility of St Patrick's developing an ongoing relationship with a remote Indigenous community. Of the fifteen students that expressed interest in the experience, nine were selected and departed early on the last day before the term break. At dusk on the final day of a marathon four day drive we finally arrived at our destination, a remote Aboriginal community – the much publicised Wadeye.



Our group was shocked to see the condition of the town. Graffiti covered the walls, stray dogs roamed the streets and there were high fences everywhere. The town seemed uninviting and many of us wondered just what we had volunteered for. In the morning on the next day and as we came to meet people, we were relieved to recognise that despite the town's rough exterior the locals were some of the friendliest people we had ever met.

We were all warmly welcomed into the community and it was great to see that despite quite confronting levels of poverty the locals always had something to smile about. We spent the following days working at the school and playing football against a local team in the evening. This was extremely rewarding as it was the first time since the 'riots' took place that members of the two dominant clans (Evil Warriors and Judas Priests) had been together without violence occurring.

We helped at the school, assisting with

classes, running sports clinics and kicking the footy at lunchtime with eager and amazingly friendly students. Our group was also permitted to attend an excursion with the senior students to Fossil Heads, a local beach and sacred site. After our fourth day in Wadeye school holidays began with many students returning to their various tribal lands. We were left to explore and experience the town and the surrounding countryside.

Over the following week we were given the opportunity to experience Aboriginal culture first hand. We went fishing several times with the locals who taught us much about their land and culture. We learnt how to find longboms (shellfish) that could be used as bait, how they catch ku balli (mud crabs) and even witnessed a group of aboriginal youths call a pair of dolphins closer to the shore. The local's knowledge of their land was amazing.

After a week in the community we re-packed our bags and just after sunrise

we departed, leaving the community full of good memories. After another four day drive, stopping to visit Katherine Gorge and Coober Pedy, we finally arrived home. We all had a great time, made possible by the group's compatibility and willingness to be open to new learning and to pitch in and help out.

The trip has commenced the process of identifying exchange opportunities for students from remote communities such as Wadeye. Tour participants will be working hard to raise funds to help bring boys and girls to Ballarat to share our cultural and family experiences with them. Whilst they are very nervous about the cold weather they are eager to learn more about life outside of their traditional lands.

We would all like to thank our drivers; Mark Robinson (an ex-Grammar student currently studying medicine), Miss Karina Leon, Ms Donna Birch and especially Mr Art Nichols whose preparation and enthusiasm made the trip a great success.

## WORLDSKILLS SUCCESS

Once again highlighting the breadth of activities that students participate in and the amazing depth of skills possessed by boys, three senior students recorded outstanding results in the 2006 WorldSkills National Finals. Congratulations to Joshua Ryan (Silver Medal in VET in Construction) and Kieran Sullivan (Bronze Medal in VET in Construction) for their fantastic result at the WorldSkills National Finals. Jarrod Rice (VET in Electro-technology) is also to be highly commended for his effort in participating



Jarrod Rice, Kieran Sullivan, Education Minister Lynne Kosky and Joshua Rice

in the National Titles over three days of competition at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre, Southbank. The boys stayed at the luxurious Crown Plaza throughout the entire event and came away with a healthy perspective on their abilities and futures in their chosen trades.

The College hopes that the outstanding performance of the boys in the competition will be a fillip for other VET students to enter regional WorldSkills titles in 2007 to qualify for State and National competitions. The success of the boys highlights the quality of the College's Technology programmes and underlines why so many of the College's graduates are keenly sought by local and regional employers for apprenticeships and traineeships. Well done Josh, Kieran and Jarrod.

## EDMUND RICE DAY

On May 5 students enjoyed Edmund Rice Day whilst working diligently to raise funds for charities supported by the College. The boys enjoyed a range of activities, some of which had to be moved indoors due to the inclement weather. Well done to the organising committee led by Brenton Carey who were able to raise in excess of \$20,000. In celebrating Edmund Rice Day each year it is important that members of the College community appreciate the significance of the day and the charisma that calls students and staff to action – Edmund Believed in a Better Way!

Throughout Australia approximately 4000 men and women work as professionals and volunteers in education, welfare and community groups which take their inspiration from Edmund Rice. As a school in the Edmund Rice tradition, we are part of that number.

Edmund Rice was an Irish businessman who used his wealth for the service of the poor, particularly through education. A small proportion of the 4000 working in Australia in education, welfare and the community are Christian Brothers, members of the Catholic Religious Order founded by Edmund Rice. The vast majority are not, but are part of the Edmund Rice Network. In varying ways they draw inspiration for their lives and work from Edmund and from his service of the most disadvantaged.

In the tradition of Edmund, education is seen as a key way of assisting young people to develop as people who are able to live fully human lives and make their best contribution to the human community. A special emphasis is placed on the values of social justice. Apart from mainstream schools, the Edmund Rice Network includes a number of schools established to serve the needs of young people who are not suited to the structure of traditional schooling.

Through Edmund Rice Camps, young people assist in providing holidays for children who would otherwise not have this experience. Edmund Rice Network volunteers can also be found in Aboriginal communities throughout Australia, in East Timor, in Africa and other places throughout the world.



## FAREWELLS

### Mrs Eileen Sharp

Following the retirement of Mrs Clare Fanning at the commencement of the year, the College community lost even more experience with the mid year retirement of the much loved Mrs Eileen Sharp. Eileen has been the Headmaster's Secretary for the past 25 years, having commenced on a short term fill in basis with Br Bill Wilding. What an inspired choice Br Wilding made! Eileen has retired to spend more time with husband Brian, her children and grandchildren and to work on her short game on golf courses around the country. One of her first points of business was to travel to England to catch up with son Anthony (SPC 1985-90) and to have a celebratory lunch with Headmaster Dr Peter Casey in London. Thank you Eileen for the wonderful contribution you have made to the College and for the outstanding care you have given to staff and students.

### Mr Peter McDonald

Mr Peter McDonald (SPC 1962-64) departed at the end of Term 2 after a long association with the College. Peter has been a leading member of the Student Services Team as well as an old boy of the College, having been a talented student and sportsman. Peter was appointed to the College staff in 1988. Peter has undertaken a number of roles at the College beginning as a Careers Coordinator moving into a role as Student Counsellor. Peter has worked hard for the College and has always had the boy's interest at heart. Peter has contributed greatly to the development of the Student Services Team over the past four and half years. We wish Peter and his wife all the best in their future directions as they take on a number of new challenges, one of which will be supporting son-in law Andrew Strauss during the highly anticipated 2006/2007 Ashes series.

### Mr Michael Goss

Mr Michael Goss (SPC 1981-82) has taken up the challenge of working with OCA President Andrew Watson, as Year 7 and 8 Co-ordinator at Mercy College, Camperdown. Michael did an excellent job as a Teaching and Learning Team Leader within the College's Junior School and will be greatly missed by students and colleagues.

### Mr Marty Montgomery

Prior to the end of Term Two, the College farewelled Mr Martin Montgomery who is departing for England to further his teaching career. Marty has been at the College for three years and has done a wonderful job in the IT Centre, bringing lots of new ideas and innovations to this area. He has also been an inspiring and much loved soccer coach. His unique dress sense has also been appreciated by the boys – and probably raised the ire of the fashion police at times!

## WELCOME TO ST PAT'S

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

A warm welcome to:

### Ms Donna Birch

Donna joined the staff following the resignation of Mr Michael Goss who joined the staff at Mercy College, Camperdown – under the leadership of OCA President Mr Andrew Watson.

### Mr Evan Duggan

Evan has joined the staff in a part time capacity to work within the College's Music programme.

### Mrs Shannan Sosinski

Shannan has joined the staff as a Pastoral Care Assistant, replacing Peter McDonald. Shannan has a strong link to the College being married to old boy Kurt (SPC 1986-91) who has been a long time rowing coach at the College.

### Ms Cheryl Vincent

Cheryl has also joined the College as a Pastoral Care Assistant having had extensive experience within community wellbeing and counselling services.

### Mr Chris Maciejewski

Replacing Martin Montgomery, we welcome Chris (SPC 1995-98) as the Director of ICT. Chris joins us from the Ballarat CEO where he has been for five years.

### Ms Michelle Lloyd

Michelle has joined the Administration Team as Administration Office (Accounts). She will work in the Front Office and provide a welcoming smile to all visitors to the College.

## YEAR 9 MELBOURNE EXPERIENCE

### Mr Terry Blizzard

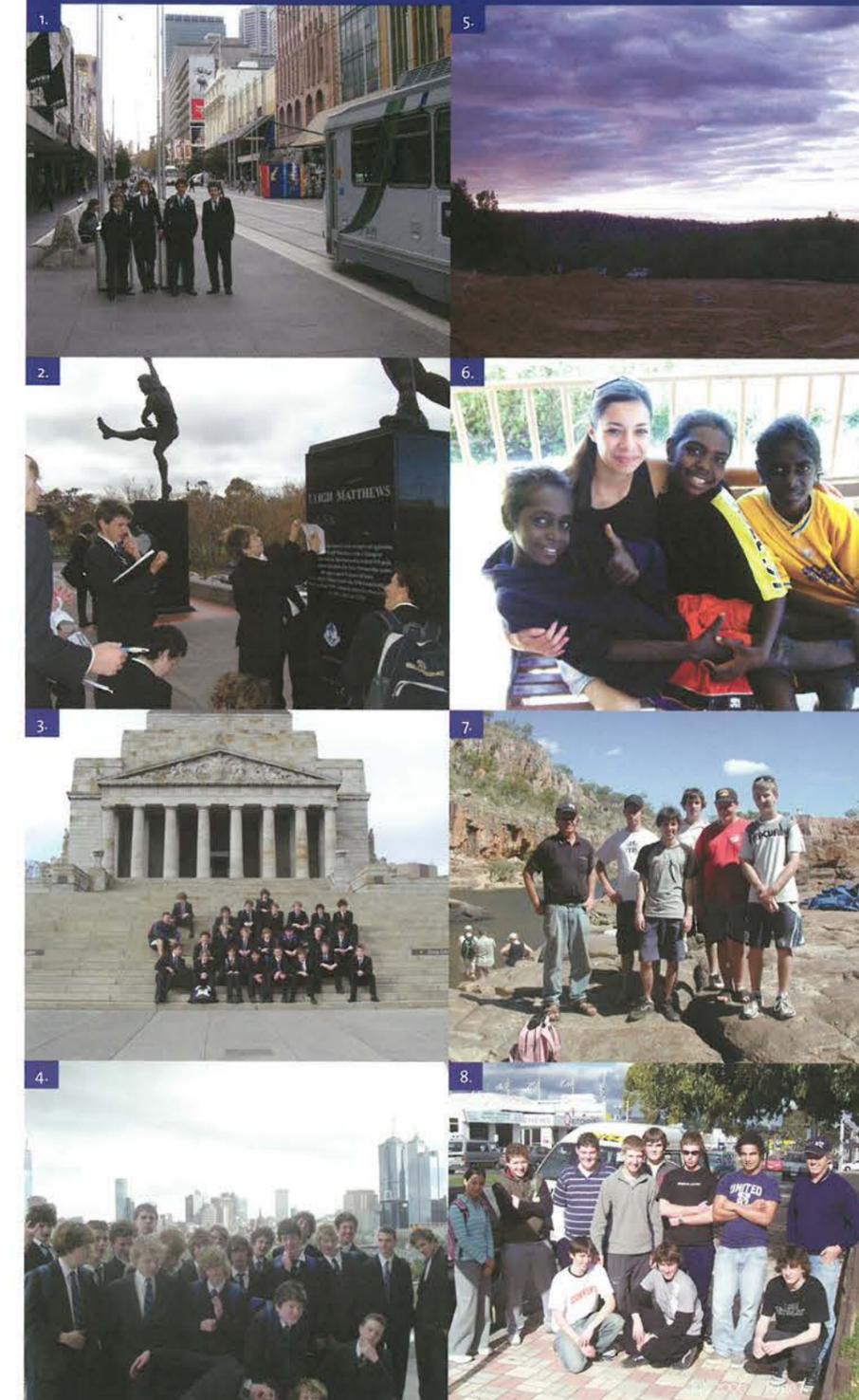
The Year 9 Melbourne Experience was again a very positive and enriching experience for boys involved in the College's innovative and challenging Middle School Programme. The week in Melbourne provides boys with an educational experience outside their normal programme which is both engaging and rewarding for all participants. Boys visit a range of attractions including St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne Museum, IMAX, State Library, Art Gallery and MCG as well as taking on all forms of public transport and culinary delights. The week is an eye opening experience for all boys and links in with the term's curriculum theme; civics and citizenship.

All reports indicated that the week was a very positive one with all boys being outstanding in their cooperation and maturity. Reluctance and apprehension on the first day very quickly turned to confidence and self-assuredness thereafter. Michael Near, Tom Lees, Daniel McIntyre, Brodie Ticehurst, Tim Slater, and Brett Lockyer among others – what stars!

There were so many instances during the fortnight when I was reminded of how fantastic our young men are as ambassadors for the College. To see Tom Campbell, Ben Couch and Dylan Roger take the time to stop and help a gentleman at the market whose trolley had broken, the great leadership shown by Luke De Jong and to see the level of respect shown by all at the Shrine of Remembrance (including making voluntary donations to the Shrine Maintenance fund) was wonderful. Even the perennial issue of how the uniform was worn was in nearly all cases a non-issue. Of course their worldliness came to the fore as they searched the market for a piecost!

1. Year 9 Melbourne Experience - Trams
2. Year 9 Melbourne Experience - M.C.G.
3. Year 9 Melbourne Experience - The Shrine
4. Year 9 Melbourne Experience - Group meeting
5. The Top End tour - Dusk
6. The Top End tour - Ms Karina Leon and friends
7. The Top End tour - Katherine Gorge
8. The Top End tour - on the road

## Photo Gallery



# SPORT 2006

## House Athletics

The first Athletics Carnival under the College's new House structure was a closely contested event. All students were involved throughout the day, with the final result of House Champion going down to the final relay race. In the end history was created, with the Nunan winning streak in athletics being stopped by a fast finishing Ryan House.

The final results were:

### House Shield

1st	Ryan	4128 points
2nd	Keniry	4116 points
3rd	Nunan	4064 points
4th	Galvin	3852 points

### Year Level Champions

Year 7	Aaron Preddy
Year 8	Benjamin Watson
Year 9	Kenneth Briody
Year 10	Daniel Bailey
Year 11	John Dwyer
Year 12	Ryan Luke

## SPC Lap of the Lake

Cold and blustery conditions greeted runners in the 2006 Cross Country races with a talented field of 44 junior runners undertaking the challenging 4km race, while a hardy bunch of 46 senior runners tackled the arduous 'Moneghetti Lap of the Lake' over 6000m.

In the Junior race, Tom Nankivell (Year 7) led from start to finish, eclipsing the previous 4km record by almost two minutes! Tom's time of 14.38 saw him breast the tape some 60 seconds ahead of Clay Jenkins (Year 8), with Aaron Preddy (Year 7) third home in 16.04 (also breaking the existing Year 7 record).

In the Senior race, pre-race favouritism focussed upon Simon Ward, Ryan Berg and Chris Munn whose performances at the BAS Athletics suggested they would

be very hard to beat in the difficult conditions. However, it was Luke Laux (Year 11) who assumed control of the race and completed a very slick lap in 21.41 to finish ahead of Ryan Berg (Year 11) 22.14 and Chris Munn (Year 10) 22.19.

The final results were:

### Juniors

1st	Tom Nankivell	14.38
2nd	Clay Jenkins	15.36
3rd	Aaron Preddy	16.04

### Seniors

1st	Luke Laux	21.41
2nd	Ryan Berg	22.14
3rd	Chris Munn	22.19

### House Results

1st	Keniry
2nd	Galvin
3rd	Ryan
4th	Nunan

## 1st XVIII Football

### MCC Herald Sun Shield Semi Final The End of the Title Defence

On Wednesday July 12 the 1st XVIII travelled to Melbourne to once again compete in the semi-finals of the MCC Herald Sun Shield. It was the first time in ten years that any school had achieved the honour of consecutive appearances. The match was played at TEAC Oval in Port Melbourne against a very strong fellow Edmund Rice School, St Joseph's College from Geelong.

The preparation for this game was hampered by the withdrawal of key players Nathan Brown, Ryan Gurton and Matt Austin, who have been dominant performers in the qualifying round. However, the team, led by Mr Howard Clark, went into the game full of confidence and seeking to play a very attacking brand of football.

Unfortunately, from the first bounce St Joseph's gained the ascendancy in the game, establishing an early lead through hard running and direct attacking

football. The SPC boys were battling hard, however key players such as Shaun Grigg were not as influential as St Joseph's showed our players great respect and did not allow them any free space to move in.

The start of the second half began more positively with SPC kicking two quick goals to place the team within striking distance. St Joseph's then steadied and went into the final change with a margin that was extended in the final term.

Throughout the game Nick Suban and Shaun Grigg battled enormously against the tight playing conditions, aided by the ruck work of Matthew Elder who was the dominant ruckman at stoppages. Mitchell Jenkins also worked tirelessly on the wing and Tylah Saunders worked well as a half forward and support midfielder.

In the end SPC were defeated by a team that displayed a lot of passion and a belief that as a team they could knock off the 2005 Premiers. The focus now for Mr Clark and his team is the local BAS competition to demonstrate that we are still the premier football school in our region.

**St Patrick's College 5.8.38** lost to St Joseph's College Geelong 11.8.74.  
**Goals:** J. Caldwell, R. Clifton, C. Leach, C. Quinlan, N. Suban  
**Best:** N. Suban, M. Jenkins, S. Grigg, M. Elder, T. Saunders

## Junior School Football Match

SPC v Nyangatjatjara College, NT

	G	B	P
SPC:	9	7	61
NT:	1	1	7

On Thursday May 25, a combined team of footballers from the Junior School played a good will match against a team from outback Northern Territory.

After a delayed start the game was underway when central umpire Mr Michael Weadon bounced the ball to commence the game. Quickly from the centre bounce the NT side went into attack leaving many of the SPC boys flatfooted and dumbstruck by the speed and agility of the opposition. It was only the steady defence of the St Pat's team that prevented the Territorians from scoring in the early minutes of the first quarter.

Tom Nankivell played a steady role from the half forward flank with two good goals in quick succession. Many other players contributed to the early success of the SPC team, with Matt Begbie, Matt James and the dynamic O'Brien brothers playing important roles at either end of the ground. Jason Leonard battled hard for the side as did many others.

The next two quarters saw a balanced team effort by SPC with Isaac Kirby in amongst the action as was Mitchell Suban and Nick Aringo having a spell in the ruck and displaying his athletic ability for the good of the team. The surprise packet of this period of the game was big Chris Burgess with his two goals at full forward one of which coming from a good mark thirty metres out from goal. The Territorian's posted a goal at the mid point of the third quarter and treated the large crowd to some ambitious shots at goal and footballing acrobatics throughout the rest of the period

In the final quarter the St Pat's team ran away, eventually winning by fifty-four points.

In the end the result was unimportant. The true success of the day came after the match with players from both sides mixing in a social afternoon tea attended by players, umpires, teachers and many parents. The NT boys also displayed some of their musical skill in the band room. Thanks to Mr Hugh McKelvey for making this opportunity possible.

**Best Players:** An excellent team effort  
**Major Goal Kickers:** Tom Nankivell, Chris Burgess 2

1. St Patick's College defeated St Kevin's in all three 2006 College fixtures, James Petrie (Soccer Captain), Shaun Grigg (Football) and Simon LaFranchi (Basketball)
2. Rugby v Ivanhoe Grammar
3. Juior School Football v Nyangatjatjana College Northern Territory.
4. Juior School Football v Nyangatjatjana College Northern Territory.
5. Rugby v Ivanhoe Grammar
6. Rugby v Ivanhoe Grammar
7. Rugby v Scotch College - Matt Polmear
8. Rhys Prosser on work experience

## Photo Gallery



1. French Tour 2006
2. French Tour 2006
3. Year 12 Formal 2006
4. Shaun Grigg and Maddy Cartledge
5. Renee Sealey and Christian Fenyk
6. Joe McLean and Emily Rathgaber
7. 2006 Fire Drill
8. Business Manager Mrs Shirley Walters coordinating the 2006 Fire Drill

Photo Gallery



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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

- Year 12 students Joel Van Miltenberg and Maluatu Avene have been selected to play in the Victorian Chairman's XV against a touring English Schoolboy rugby team in July.
- Joel Parnis (Year 12) is in the Final of the Mars Young Performer of Year on June 17.
- Lawrence Heenan (Year 9) for his involvement in the Arts within the community and for taking on the lead role in 'The Mad Hatter' in this year's BCMA production.
- Junior School boys Jake Belsar, Dermot Conaughton, Patrick Cashin, and Thomas McKinnon participated in the Legacy Public Speaking Competition.
- Liman Lee (Year 11), David Blomeley (Year 10) and Aaron Blomeley qualified for the Victorian Schools table Tennis Championships by winning their respective sections of the Ballarat region qualifying events.
- Grant Bell (Year 11) won the Ballarat Cricket Association (BCA) Under 16 Gold 2005/2006 Best Player award by four votes.
- In an unprecedented five way tie in the BCA Under 14 Green Best Player Award, two of the winners were from SPC – well done to Zac Tunbridge and Sam Higgins on their outstanding seasons in 2005/2006.
- Corey Collier (Year 11) for being selected in the Victoria Country Basketball team for the Australian National Championships in Adelaide.

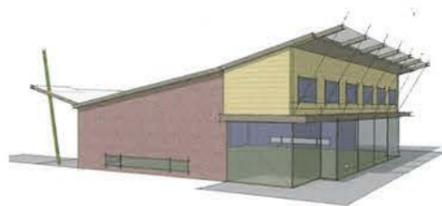
- Lachlan Madder (Year 9) for being selected for Victoria Country in the National Under 16 Championships in Ballarat.
- Shaun Grigg (Year 12), Nathan Brown (Year 11) and Mitchell Brown (Year 11) were selected to play for Victoria Country in the AFL National Under 18 Championships in Melbourne. Well done to Shaun and Nathan who were selected as All-Australian Team members following the carnival. Mitchell was also very close kicking three goals in the first two games of the carnival. Class of 2004 members Matthew Tyler and Justin Hardy also represented Victoria Country at the championships, an important part of the process for boys seeking to be drafted to AFL clubs at the end of the year.
- James Forbes and Michael Nolan have been selected to represent Victoria in the Under 16 Australian Polocrosse Championships that will be held in Camden, NSW.
- Year 8 students Sean Keem and Michael Ferguson competed in the Open Men's National Futsal Championships in Sydney.
- Year 7 boys Alex Antonelli and Hayden Carr have been selected to play in the Victorian Under 13 Soccer Team.
- Richard Bauer, Edward Caine and Jacob Hughes have been selected in the Under 16 Victorian Rugby Union side which will tour Tasmania in August.
- Max Hughes and Luke Govers for being selected in the Victorian Under 14 Rugby team.

1. David Blomely on work experience
2. Jarryd Robson on work experience
3. Kane Fitzpatrick on work experience
4. Josh Ryan
5. Josh Ryan and Keiran Sullivan
6. Technology - Unit 1
7. Technology - Unit 1
8. Technology - Unit 1

Photo Gallery



## PAVILION APPEAL UPDATE



The OCA Pavilion Appeal continues to proceed well with over \$450,000 being raised in cash and pledges. The College Board have given in principle support for the project and it is currently being considered by the Christian Brothers Education Commission for approval. All things going well we are looking forward to turning soil later in the year – a very busy construction time for the College as work will also be done on upgrading the Br Miller Wing Science Rooms at this time.

The OCA are extremely appreciative of the expertise 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 experience and is working closely with College Architects Morton and Dunne and other local trades people with a view to commencing the project in September 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 please contact the Appeal Director Mark Waddington on 0429 90 980 or [mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au)

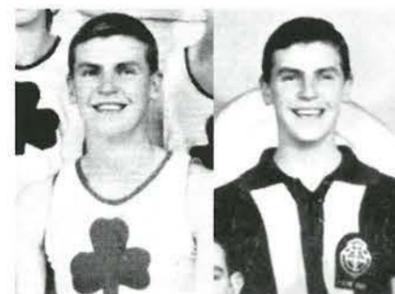
An Appeal Donation form is contained with this edition of The Shamrock.

## 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 Racing Victoria Limited 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!

## GRAHAM DUFF (SPC 1956-59)

Br Brian Davis - College Archivist



Graham Duff hailed from Colac in Western Victoria and boarded at St Patrick's College from 1956 to 1959 whilst he studied from Sub Intermediate through to Matriculation In a distinguished athletic career at St Patrick's Graham was Age Group Champion from Under Fourteen to Under Sixteen and was a member of the St Patrick's Athletics team from 1957 to 1959.

In his first year at the College Graham, in winning the 'Ashkar Cup' for Under Fourteen Athletics Champion, won the

100 yards and the Broad Jump as well as coming second in the High Jump.

In 1957 with wins in the 100 yards, 200 yards, Hurdles and Broad Jump, Graham easily won the Under Fifteen Championship and was a member of the Athletics team which won not only the Ballarat Public Schools' title but also the Associated Catholic Colleges of Victoria title. In 1958 Graham won a trophy for being the Ballarat Public Schools Open Hurdles Champion and was the SPC Under Sixteen Age Group Champion. In 1959 Graham won the Open Broad Jump and came second the BPS Open Hurdles.

In Australian Rules Football, Graham represented the College in the Under Fifteens in 1957. As a member of the 1959 Premiers and Champions SPC 1st Eighteen, regarded by good judges as one of the best St Patrick's First XVIII teams, Graham kicked five goals against Ballarat Grammar.

Graham's participation in College life was not confined to sport as was evidenced by the fact that he was a member of a winning Debating team and was a member of Our Lady's Sodality and progressed satisfactorily in his studies to matriculate in 1959.

Since leaving St Patrick's College Graham has become an impressive member of the community and was honoured during the Australia Day festivities on Thursday, January 26 this year when he was announced by the Governor General Michael Jeffrey as an Order of Australia recipient. He is Chairman of the North Melbourne Kangaroos Football Club, Chairman of Racing Victoria Limited, having previously been Managing Director of John Holland Holdings and Fletcher Challenge Construction and a Director of the World Masters Games Inc.

The response to the dinner has been excellent, so please round up your mates, get a table together and make this a night to remember. A flyer for the dinner is included with this edition of The Shamrock.

## 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 and Shepparton Regional Dinners. The dinner in Shepparton dinner was a great night and it was wonderful to see a few new faces in attendance. Future dinners will be held in 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.

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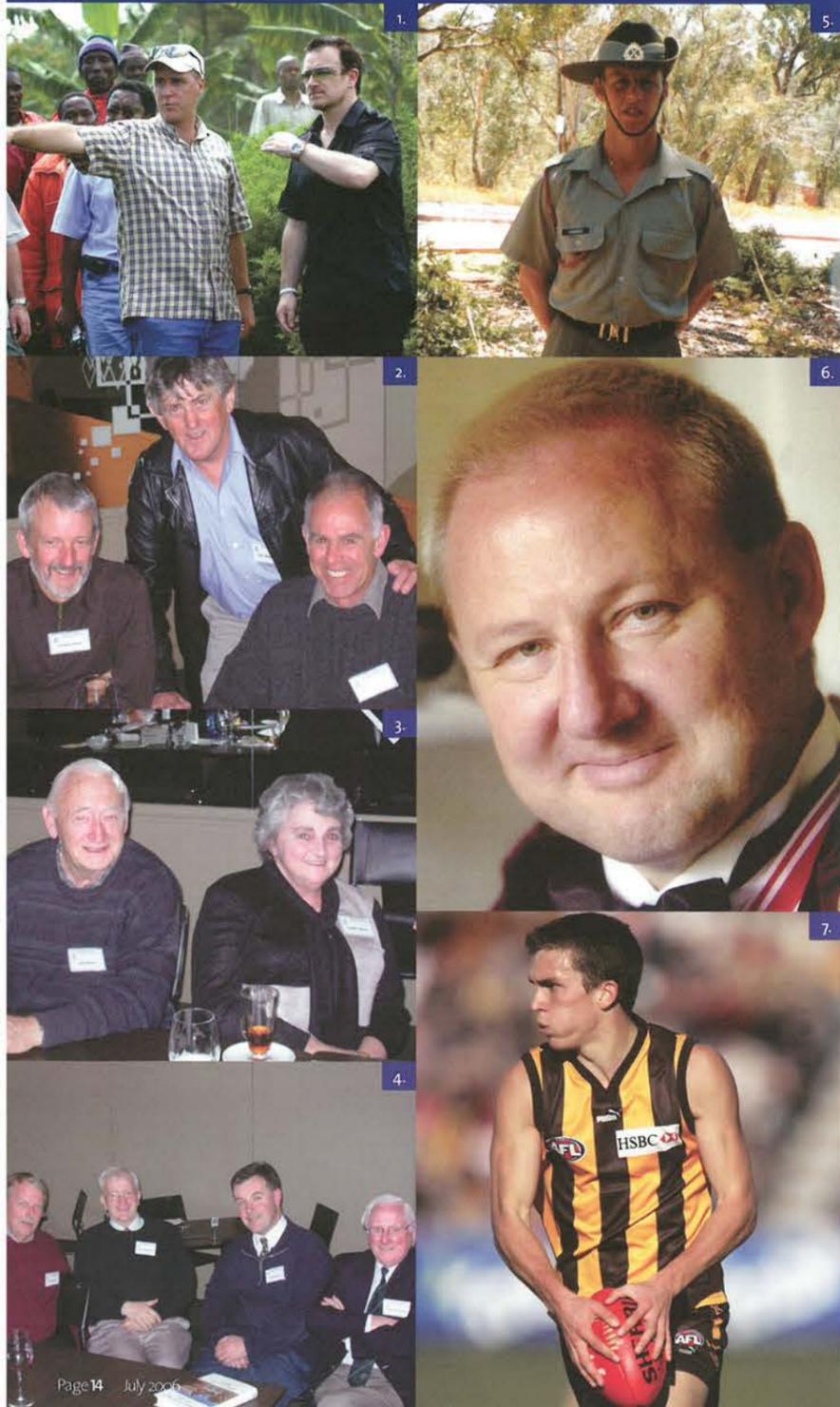
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ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE  
BALLARAT

1. Michael Baddeley and Bono
2. Patrick Ryan, Ray Donovan and Ray O'Shannessy at the 2006 OCA Shepparton Dinner
3. Leon and Maree Walsh enjoying the 2006 OCA Shepparton Dinner
4. Leon Preston, Patrick Kempton, David Walker and Patrick McCrudden enjoying the 2006 OCA Shepparton Dinner
5. Cameron Hardy
6. Count George Helon
7. Clinton Young

Photo Gallery



## MIXING WITH THE GREATS!

Who is that fellow rubbing shoulders with SPC Legend, 1982 College Captain Michael Baddeley?! U2 lead singer Bono recently visited Michael to learn more about his crucial work in Tanzania where he is working with a dedicated team on a plant growing-malaria vaccinating project in Arusha. The project is crucial with malaria still being a major health issue in third world countries across the globe.

Michael is a wonderful example of the amazing work being undertaken by old boys across the globe. This meeting and photo will be a precious memory and keepsake, a fitting tribute to his outstanding humanitarian work.

## ST PAT'S RISING STARS!

In Round 10 and 12 of the AFL season, old boys Matt Rosa (SPC 2004) and Clinton Young (SPC 2003) were nominated for the prestigious NAB Rising Star Award, an honour previously won by AFL star players Nathan Buckley, Nick Reiwoldt and Brett Deledio. Matt has enjoyed a consistent year and has worked hard to force his way into the Eagles powerful midfield, no mean feat with the names of Judd, Cousins, Kerr and Embley to contend with. In Round 2 against Adelaide he had 28 touches in an eye catching display. Unfortunately in the clash against Carlton he was concussed, missing the following game. Matt was recruited by the Eagles with pick 29 in the 2004 draft.

Clinton has followed a different path to the AFL. Having been overlooked in the 2004 draft he was able to secure a place on the Hawthorn Rookie list. After some promising performances with affiliate club Box Hill in the VFL he was promoted to the Hawks senior list for the last seven games of 2005. He played the first eight games of 2006 before returning to Box Hill. His re-call in round 12 against Richmond was perhaps his finest game for the Hawks, amassing 25 possessions in a

polished display in Launceston. Clinton's exquisite kicking skills have attracted the admiration of many informed pundits – nothing new for his peers who saw him slot many fine goals for the green, white and blue. Well done to Matt and Clinton upon their outstanding achievements.

## THE 1944 ATHLETICS RECORD BREAKERS

Br Brian Davis - College Archivist

When 'The Courier' Perpetual Challenge Cup for 1944 was handed to Captain Bernard Leonard at the City Oval it was the twenty eighth time in thirty four years that the College had won the Interscholar Athletics. St Patrick's overtook an early lead by High School and gradually increased that lead throughout the afternoon.

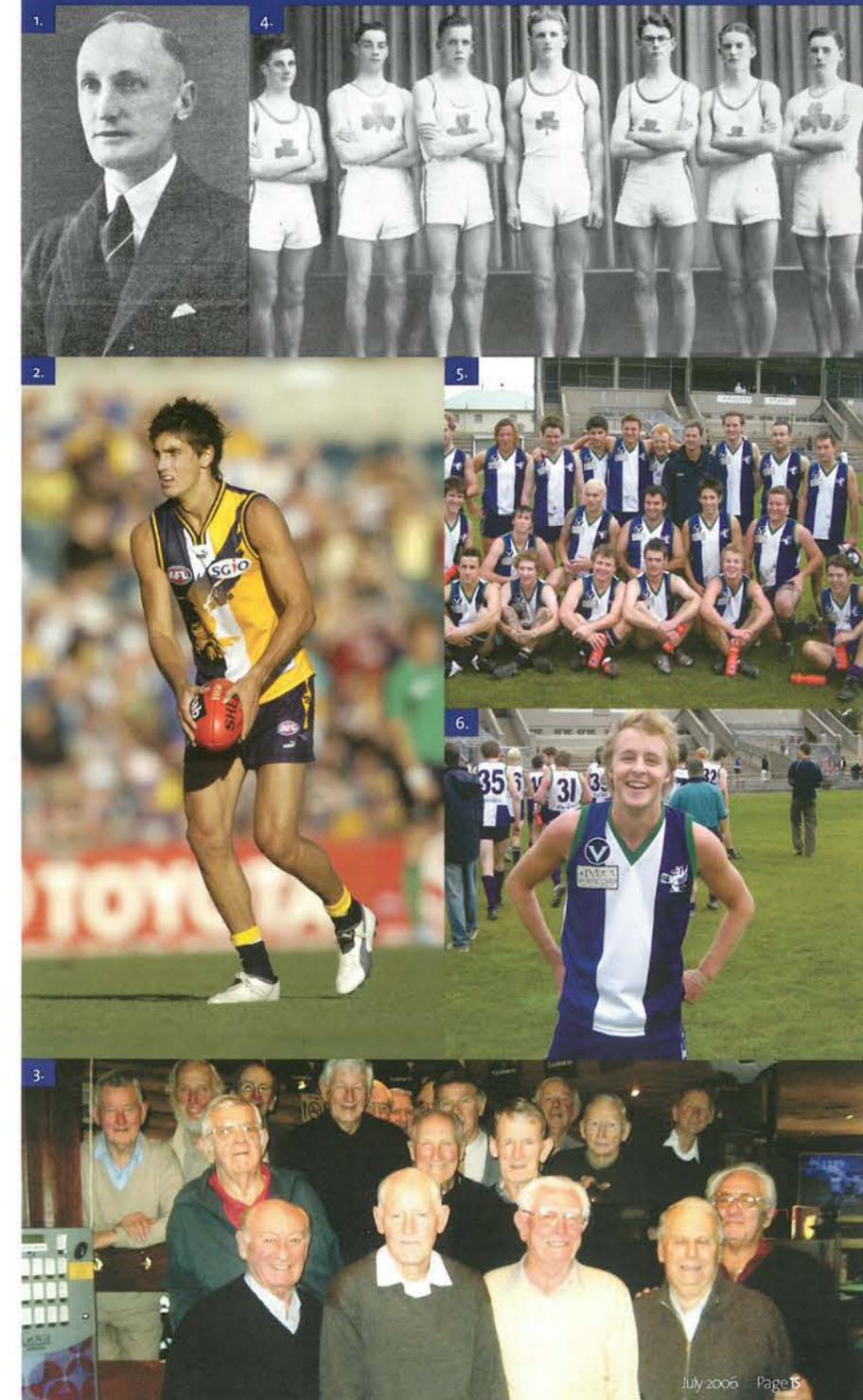
The fine effort was spearheaded by our record breakers: John McArthur, the best mile runner the College had ever had, who won the mile for St Patrick's College for the first time in fifteen years in a new record time of 4 min 48.30 seconds; Roy Griffin equalled the 100 yards Under 16 record of 10.8 secs and was equal first in the 200 yards and won the Under 15 100 yards at the Melbourne Combined Sports; Jim Dowie created a new B.P.S. record for the 880 yards with a time of 2 min 3 secs; Captain Bernard Leonard broke the High Jump record with a leap of 5 ft 91/2 inches and set a new SPC Shot Put record of 39 ft 11 inches, while Barry O'Sullivan set a new SPC record of 16.2 sec in the Open Hurdles.

John Pitcher set a new record of 13.9 seconds in the Under 16 Hurdles and Tom Molan set SPC records in the Under 15 High Jump with a leap of 5 feet and in the Long Jump with 18 ft 41/2 inches.

St Patrick's College won with 122 points to High School's 99 points with Ballarat Grammar on 80 points and Ballarat College on 57 points. Much credit is owed to our revered coach, Mr M. Sheehan.

1. Mr M. E. Sheehan
2. Matt Rosa
3. SPC School Mates from the 40s  
Front Row (L-R) Bert Caneva, Fr Chris Baker, Peter Stafford, John Nason  
Middle Row: John Lawler from Caloundra, Qld, Fr Kevin Sweeney, Len Watkins, Kevin Raphael  
Back Rows: Fr Leo Baker, Jim Farrell, Archbishop Sir Frank Little, Peter Hyland, Joe Delaney, Bill Keating, John McArthur, George Groutch, Brian Feery, Vin Brennan and John Croft.
4. 1944 Record Breakers (L-R) John McArthur, Roy Griffin, Jim Dowie, Bernard Leonard, Bart (Barry) O'Sullivan, John Pitcher and Tom Molan.
5. Triumphant NOB-SPC Reserves first win against Ormond AFC
6. NOB-SPC Football Club Vice-President Lachlan Keen (College Captain 2003)

Photo Gallery



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



## NORTH OLD BOYS St Patrick's College Ballarat<sup>afc</sup>

The season has reached the half way point and the club are enjoying mixed fortunes. The 1st XVIII are currently in last place, however highlighting how close the competition is, they are just one game and percentage out of the finals. A few wins in the next few games could see the club challenge for finals action and more importantly avoid the dreaded amateur curse of relegation! Currently we are in C Section and very keen to avoid D1.

The Under 19 team which boasts nine old boys is just out of the top four at present and is showing positive signs for the business end of the season. 2005 1st XVIII Captain David Ronan is Co-Captain of the team and also made his debut in the senior 1st XVIII in round 10. Other regular players include Chris Ford, Jordan Molloy, Andrew Forbes, Jihad Clark, Anthony Torpy (who kicked nine goals in the opening game for the season) and big Dave Treppo.

The club has a fantastic website – [www.nobspc.org.au](http://www.nobspc.org.au) which has all the details of upcoming events plus a weekly match review service. Scores and ladder updates are usually available within 24 hours of the game being played. Please get along and support our new team and make the club your base for catching up with old mates in Melbourne.

2006 Results			
Round	1st XVIII	2nd XVIII	Under 19
1	Lost to Ormond AFC by 48 points	Defeated Ormond AFC by 13 points	Bye
2	Defeated Hampton Rovers by 21 points	Defeated Hampton Rovers by 82 points	Defeated Old Westbourne by 58 points
3	Lost to Old Paradians by 33 points	Defeated Old Paradians by 24 points	Lost to Rupertswood by 38 points
4	Lost to AJAX AFC by 38 points	Lost to AJAX AFC by 59 points	Lost to Aquinas by 63 points
5	Lost to Parkdale Vultures by 4 points	Defeated Parkdale Vultures by 131 points	Lost to Bulleen Templestowe by 9 points
6	Lost to Fitzroy Reds by 22 points	Lost to Fitzroy Reds by 76 points	Defeated Kew AFC by 13 points
7	Lost to St Bedes/Mentone Tigers by 48 points	Lost to St Bedes/Mentone Tigers by 84 points	Lost to Fitzroy Reds by 18 points
8	Defeated Old Camberwell by 17 points	Defeated Old Camberwell by 4 points	Lost to Old Xaverians by 18 points
9	Defeated Monash Blues by 2 points	Defeated Monash Blues by 17 points	Lost to Therry Penola OB by 3 points
10	Lost to Ormond AFC by 47 points	Lost to Ormond AFC by 38 points	Bye

The club also has a 'Club XVIII' for those who like their footy with more of a social flavour – and don't have the inclination or time for training! The 'Clubbies' play as a curtain raiser to the Under 19s, commencing at 12 noon. Contact the club if you would like to resurrect your footy career and meet some great people in the process.

All club contacts are listed on the website – [www.nobspc.org.au](http://www.nobspc.org.au)

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

## OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

• Thomas Andrews, David Hall, James Kerr (SPC 2000-2005) and Michael Tolhurst (SPC 1999-2004) have been awarded University of Melbourne Access Scholarships. The scholarships provide the boys with a HECS exempt place and \$2000 per year for up to four years to support their studies. This is a wonderful acknowledgement of the boys' efforts as well as for the staff who supported them over the six years they attended St Patrick's College.

• Luke Boatman (SPC 1994-96) sends his apologies for the Class of 1996 Reunion Dinner. He is currently in London working as a Production Account Manager (Graphic Accounts) for Xerox UK.

• Anthony Buckle (SPC 1991-92) recently married Kim Palmer from Ballarat in Queenscliff on January 27. The newlyweds have relocated to Townsville where Kim is resuming her Marine Biology studies. Anthony has commenced his own Small Business Consulting Service in affiliation with The Better Business Institute.

• John Croft (SPC 1940-47) sent in this wonderful photo from the 'Harp of Erin' Luncheon group who gathered on May 30 for a special luncheon to welcome back Fr Chris Baker (SPC 1942-43) who is living and working as a Columbian Mission in Lima, Peru – the same Mission as Fr Leo Donnelly (SPC 1940-50).

• Cameron Hardie (SPC 1997 – 2002) has just finished a Certificate and Diploma in Sport and Recreation at the Victorian University and entered the Infantry Division in the Australian Defence Force. He has finished his initial training at Wagga Wagga and is currently completing his advanced recruit training at Singleton NSW.

• George Helon (SPC 1980-82) has recently become a 'bona fide' Polish Count by hereditary right and has been appointed the Australian Representative

of the Polish Nobility Association Foundation (PNAF) which is based in the USA. In addition he also represents the Imperial Ethiopian Order of Saint Mary of Zion, an order constituted by His Highness Crown Prince Zere Yacobe Asfa Wossen Haile Selassie, as a genuine, valid and chivalric Order of Knighthood established and developed for the specific purpose of providing aid and support to the children of Ethiopia. In addition George has been extremely active in local affairs having received numerous awards for services to others including being given the tribal name 'Buralnyarla' in recognition of work completed for, and behalf of the Gooreng Gooreng tribe in SE Queensland. Count George is hoping to visit Ballarat later in the year to speak to students about his philanthropic work and his rise from being an 'underdog' as a student to today being active in worldwide affairs. He acknowledges the positive guidance and encouragement provided to him by the Christian Brothers and teachers in assisting him reach his current position.

• Norm Houghton (SPC 1963-65) is residing mainly in Brisbane and only gets back to Geelong for a day or two dash, here and there. His current work involves appraising and culling masses of time expired records for Queensland Rail. He is selecting the historically valuable for deposit in the Queensland State Archives and throwing out the rest! The task involves sorting through 60,000 archive boxes. In an average day Norm can get through 200 boxes containing five files. His job also takes him to Toowoomba, Rockhampton and Townsville to examine stored records. Norm is not complaining however, greatly enjoying the average temperature of 27 degrees at present in Toowoomba.

• Alastair Lee (SPC 1989-90 & 1992-3) has been living and working in Geelong over the last five years where he has managed the Deakin University Alumni programme. He is also heavily involved

in the music scene in the central Victorian and Geelong areas as a singer/songwriter which keeps him pretty busy. Alastair has just released his debut CD on independent label Guinlee Music entitled Influences which is a jazz album - for more information on the CD visit Alastair's website [www.alastairlee.com.au](http://www.alastairlee.com.au)

• Michael Loader (SPC 1998-2003) has escaped the cold of Ballarat and moved to Bundaberg Queensland. He is currently working in information technology with Link Solutions and enjoying playing his sport in much more temperate weather conditions.

• Luke McCarthy (SPC 1998-2000) has returned to his home town. He attended University for six months and has subsequently worked for a number of IT companys. His current role is as a Project Manager. He and wife Katharine purchased a house in Kyneton and commute to work together each day. They have travelled overseas this year and plan to do this annually - hopefully! Katharine went to Loreto in Ballarat so they catch up with the Ballarat crew regularly.

• In a frenetic household Stephen McMahon (SPC 1986-91) has just finished his Master of Education at Deakin, a minor miracle he claims with wife Kylie also in her last year of Physiotherapy at the University of Melbourne. All this whilst looking after son Sean who has just turned 3. Stephen is working at Haileybury College as the Assistant Dean of Studies (VET Manager) and is still running, finishing fourth at the 2006 Open Victorian Titles held on the MCG in February. He is coaching young athletes at the school and still chasing an APS Premiership in Athletics and Cross Country. Haileybury believe their First XVIII are the best in Victoria as they are APS Champions, so he ponders how a Main Oval grudge match would turn out. To add to Stephen's busy schedule his brother David McMahon (SPC 1989-94), a

regular correspondent, is coming home! He finishes work after Wimbledon. Fiancée Michelle doesn't finish until the end of July so he will have the fun job of packing the flat up and getting ready to get out of town. David and Michelle are off to Italy for ten days, then back to London for a couple of days before flying out of Heathrow on August 7. They arrive back in Melbourne on August 12, after which he is eagerly looking forward to catching up with as many old boys as possible for a few beers!

- The amazing business career of Mark Nolan (SPC 1966-71) was profiled in the Herald Sun on Saturday May 13. Under the heading 'Farmer's son gets to be global oil giant's local man' the article highlighted the amazing rise of Mark to the position of Chairman of Exxon Mobil Australia. 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 Strait 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 the challenge of leading one of the nation's leading organisations. He still has links to the area spending holidays on the family's farm south of Ballarat. The farm has remained in the family and was the place where Mark first discovered his love for things mechanical through the active teachings of his father from life on a working farm.

- Dr Mark O'Brien (SPC 1927-31)

continues to remain busy in Horsham after his outstanding medical career serving communities in the Wimmera. He retired 19 years ago and was this year given Life Membership of the Australian College of General Practitioners. Mark had the rare distinction of being Dux of the College, College Captain and Prefect and was in Br Bill O'Malley's first class in 1928.

- Jim Peters (SPC 1926-30) recently celebrated the 60th anniversary of his wedding to Moira O'Collins, niece of the late Bishop of Ballarat, Bishop Sir James O'Collins. After World War II service (1940-45), in the AIF as a Lt-Col and studies in England and the United States, he practiced in Melbourne as a specialist surgeon for over 40 years. In retirement Jim and Moira now spend most of their time at their farm near Kilmore.

- Ken Pike (SPC 1948-54) wrote in to share some memories from his involvement with the SPC teams in the Amateurs in the 1960s. He claims to be involved as the team's fundraiser – which in truth meant he ran the 'swindles' that kept the club afloat, literally just keeping their heads above water for much of the time! He also acted as runner, boundary umpire and even played a few games for the seconds. He recalls conducting a 'Crown and Anchor' board at Brian Gleeson's home which made just over 200 pounds – a small fortune in those days!

- Martin Porter (SPC 1994-99) is living in Adelaide completing the third year of his Bachelor of Education (PE/English) at Flinders University. He is playing football with the Broadview Tigers in Division 1 of the Adelaide Amateur Competition. He played in the team's 2004 premiership side and was selected as a back pocket in the SA Amateur League 'Team of the Year'.

- Matthew Rieniets (SPC 1983-88) has moved back to Ballarat to work for Kevyn Joy Architects. After working as a Building Designer for several years, Matthew returned to Deakin University and graduated with a Bachelor of

Architecture. His final thesis was focussed on 'school architecture and learning environments'. Matthew and wife Karina have three future SPC boys Aidan (4), Toby (2) and James (3 months).

- Br Leonard Sheahan (SPC 1953) is currently at the Christian Brothers Glenburn Centre for Ecology and Spirituality and recently sent his apologies for the Class of 1956 Reunion Dinner as he will be in Broome on the night. He spent one year at the College with Br Murphy as his teacher in Form 3, joining the Christian Brothers after the completion of the year. Coming from Whycheproof he has vivid memories of cold winters, snow, playing football on the Hill Oval in the sleet and opening the batting for the Under 14s. He acquired the nickname 'Jubby' and recalls marching out of step in the cadets.

- Ryan Waight (SPC 1998-2003) has been selected to play for the VCFL team in the 2006 Australian Country Football Championships in Queensland. He plays for Redan in the BFL and starred at the Victorian titles in Albury-Wodonga in May.

- Robert White (SPC 1970-71) recently contacted the office to share the following news – 'Br H.D. Fogarty recently celebrated 70 years as a Brother, Br Ted or 'Flogs' as he was referred to by students, worked in the Boarding House in the 1970s. He taught Economics, Biblical Studies and RE, looked after Kenny House in an extremely patient and caring manner only ever raising his 'Gat' for medicinal purposes! He was a great innovator and had incentive programmes for keeping your room clean, managed to keep a cantankerous hot water system going and was occasionally known to head to the Main Oval for golf practice – stress relief, I imagine now! He coached the 2nd XVIII in the 1st XVIII competition, taking the team to games in the back of the school truck. He also coached the 2nd XI. Anyway enough of my reminiscences, Robert states, – 70 years in the order is

a wonderful achievement and deserves recognition, particularly his contribution to St Pat's and the boys he cared for so well'.

- Bernard Wilson and Hayden O'Doherty (SPC 2000-2005), have been accepted as volunteers at Edmund Rice Simon, Arusha, Tanzania. They will take up their positions in September this year. Bernard and Hayden are currently collecting items to help furnish the school's recently completed senior campus. The items will be packed in a container coordinated by two other young volunteers, Paul Daly and Liam Lucas and shipped to Tanzania. The boys follow in the footsteps of Simon Harwood who worked in Tanzania in 2005.

- Tim McKinnon (SPC 1998-2000) was selected as Captain of the VAFA Under 23 team to play against the South Australian Amateurs in July. This comes on top of his performance in being named an All-Australian player in 2004 and a member of the Australian Under 23 team that toured Ireland. Tim plays for University Blues and is working as a Property Valuer.

- Lucas Reid (SPC 1989-94) is Manager of The Victoria Hotel at Port Fairy. He has recently caught up for dinner with James McKinnon (SPC 1992-94), Matt Conheady (SPC 1992-93) and Matt Heffernan (SPC 1992-94). St Pat's boys are very well represented in the hospitality industry in Port Fairy with 1979 College Captain Damian Gleeson (SPC 1977-79) owning the Star Hotel in Port Fairy. If you feel like a winter getaway or a spring indulgence contact either Lucas or Damian to arrange a special 'Paddy Boy' price.

## WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS, BIRTHS, BEREAVEMENTS

### SPC Weddings

- Buckle (SPC 1991-92) Anthony married Kim Palmer from Ballarat in Queenscliff on January 27, 2006.

- Kydd (SPC 1997-2002) Garth married Cynna Neal on April 24 2006 at Mitchelton Estate Winery. Both share a love of netball Garth having represented Australia and Cynna being a goal shooter for National League team the Melbourne Phoenix.

- McTigue (SPC 1994-2000) – Danny married Carmen Clark on March 11 at St Patrick's Church, Gordon. The wedding was celebrated by Fr Michael O'Toole.

### SPC Births

- Agterhuis (SPC 1987-92) Matt and Sharna welcomed Demi York on April 24, 2006. A little sister for Brydie.

- Healy (SPC 1981-86) – Martin (College Captain) and Kellie welcomed into the world Matisse Rose on March 31, 2006. A beautiful sister for Chloe Grace.

- Maddocks (SPC Staff) – James and Helen welcomed Joseph Michael Maddocks on May 18, 2006.

### SPC Deaths

- John Lamaro (SPC 1962-67) died on July 5, 2006. John was the youngest of five Lamaro brothers to attend SPC between 1947 and 1967 – Fr Richard (Dec), Bernard (Dec), Raymond and Kevin. John was Head Prefect in 1967, a member of the 1st XVIII, stroke of the 1st crew and a member of Our Lady of the Sodality. He greatly enjoyed his

time at the College according to sister Kathleen Tobin. Requiem Mass for the repose of John's soul was celebrated on July 11 at St Joseph's Church, Iona, close to his beloved farm at North Garfield, where he lived with wife Trudy and ran a racing agistment establishment.

- Peter Auchettl passed away on May 23, 2006 (SPC 1972-76).

- Kevin Bawden (SPC 1948-52) passed away on 20th October, 2005.

- Mrs Elizabeth Chatham on May 14, 2006, mother of John (SPC 1977-83) and Andrew (SPC 1980-86).

- Jim Craig, father of Patrick (Year 10) passed away suddenly in July. Deepest sympathies to Catherine, Patrick and Kirsty.

- Desmond Delahenty (SPC 1935-37). Well known Ballarat resident who swam at the Aquatic Centre each morning at 6.00 am. His brother, Fr Meredith Delahenty (SPC 1928-30) celebrated Requiem Mass for Des at St Columba's on June 29.

- Mrs Annie Fitzgerald passed away on May 13, 2006. Mother of Fr John Fitzgerald (SPC 1966-69), Chaplain of the College from 1981-84.

- Patrick Gleeson (SPC 1951-52) died suddenly on March 14, 2006. Pat always spoke fondly of his years at St Pat's according to wife Pauline, who recalls he earned pocket money whilst at the College by writing a book – or is that running a book! Pat was on the debating team, played 1st XVIII football, cycled and ran. Pat went on to Geelong Teachers College and the University of Melbourne and became Commerce Master at Camberwell High School. In 1966 Pat joined Prentice Hall Publishing and successfully rose to the position of Managing Director and Vice president of the International Division. He was asked at one time to go the US and become President, but declined due to the challenges of raising six children, all of whom followed Pat's example and completed tertiary degrees and moved into successful careers in



medicine, commerce, finance, mathematics and landscaping. Pat was a wonderful family man and loving grandfather to ten grandchildren.

- Ian Gray, father-in-law of Warrick Bottrall (Staff) and Trish Gray (Loreto Staff/ Boarding staff).
- Fran Hogan widow of Frank Hogan, (SPC 1929 – 33).
- Pat McNamara (SPC 1936 –38) Prefect 1938, 1st XVIII, BPS Athletics, Australian Navy, and had a distinguished public service career in the Defence Department.
- Fr John O'Brien (SPC 1931-1935) passed away on April 22, 2006. After a long life of service to the people of the Diocese, Fr Jack O'Brien died in Melbourne at the age of 89 years. Fr O'Brien was born in Camperdown and was ordained for the Diocese on July 25, 1943. He served as Assistant Priest in the parishes of Ballarat East, Colac, Koroit, Inglewood, Charlton, Terang and Warrnambool and was Parish Priest of Sea Lake from 1960 – 1990. Concelebrated Requiem Mass for the late Father Jack O'Brien was celebrated in Saint Patrick's Church, Camperdown on Thursday 27 April. Fr Jack held the goal kicking record in the BPS for many years and was recognised as an outstanding school boy athlete.
- Mrs Shirley Porter passed away on June 1, 2006. Mother of Tim (SPC 1979-1984), Jason (1982-1987) and Andrew(1999-2004).
- Maurita Mills beloved sister of Cathy Walls (SPC Staff) and Daniel Mills, nephew of Cathy passed away in July.

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 September 15, 2006. All contributions from members of the SPC community are gratefully received. Contributions can be mailed, faxed or emailed to the Editor:

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