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ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE
BALLARAT



Welcome to the third edition of The Shamrock for 2006. This edition focuses upon some of the outstanding student successes of the past term as well as some of the wonderful community celebrations that have occurred in recent times including the Melbourne OCA Dinner and a reunion of some of the 315 Priests that have been educated in the classrooms of the College over its 112 year history. The recent travels of the Headmaster are also documented, in particular some wonderful photos from Africa and the many social justice projects supported by our students and some photos highlighting our rich Edmund Rice traditions. As ever there is a wealth of sporting and cultural news from Ballarat and beyond – please enjoy!

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dr Peter Casey

Travels and Travails

The Crest, the College's weekly newsletter of May 12 2006 carried the following lines in my column, 'From the Headmaster':

I will be on leave from the College until early August. I am travelling with my wife on Long Service Leave to Europe until the start of July. I will then study in Ireland at Trinity College for four weeks before returning via Africa where I will visit the Edmund Rice initiatives that our fundraising supports. Mr Rob Brennan will act as Headmaster in my absence while Mr John Richards will act as Head of the Junior School.

Holidays

May seems a long time ago now! Long service leave with my wife in Italy was a delight, seeing the sights from Venice, down through Florence and Rome to Naples, Campania and Puglia and then back up to Verona and Ravenna. Training through the Alps led to family in Stuttgart and the World Cup before a week on a canal boat in England. From Wales we ferried to Waterford and friends before a week of touring the south-west of Ireland. A few days living just off Trafalgar Square in London rounded off a great trip.

Sabbatical Leave

Then I was on my own back in Ireland. My sabbatical leave was to centre on the life and times of Edmund Rice, the circumstances which motivated him to relinquish his career as a successful merchant and instead dedicate his life and his wealth to the education of the poor. I was interested in the early times of Edmund Rice, Nano Nagle and the religious institutes they founded, the sociology of Edmund's times, the history of Ireland, the Church and education.

Mission Accomplished?

I think that I achieved my goals but the path taken was not what I had anticipated. On arrival in Dublin I was informed casually by a friend that my course at Trinity College had been cancelled- some Middle European country had withdrawn its support! So my relaxing time in academe in historic Trinity with mature conversations about history, religion and society seemed to evaporate. But new opportunities opened up. I moved out of Trinity College into a one-bedroom apartment off St Stephen's Green so I could cook for myself and have some space. I was invited to an international invitational conference at the university college, St Patrick's College, Drumcondra. The conference boasted a renowned cast of educational leaders and the theme of developing educational policy.

I visited Blackrock College whence came the Holy Ghost Fathers who established the first school on our Sturt Street site in 1889. There I saw the chalice given to Fr Reffe, former rector of Blackrock, in 1888 by his old boys to bring to Australia. I spent a great deal of time with the historian, Daire Keogh. Daire specialises in Irish sociology and has been commissioned by the Christian Brothers to research the life of Edmund Rice. With Daire and a Presentation sister, I visited the Toir course in Belfast where 21 staff members of Australian Edmund Rice schools and 20 other international staff were learning about Edmund Rice and the founder of the Presentation Sisters, Nano Nagle.

I visited the most significant places in Edmund's life: his home at Westcourt in Callan, his first permanent school at Mt Sion in Waterford, the schools at North Richmond Street in Dublin, the North Monastery in Cork, the South Monastery in Cork, the Presentation Brothers' Mardyke House in Cork, and the Christian

Brothers' former training houses and congregational head houses at Waterford, North Richmond Street Drumcondra, Marino, and Baldoyle. It was these centres that gave us the first Christian Brothers to staff St Patrick's College. At Marino, the elevated and illuminated statue of Our Lady was visible by day and night from Dublin harbour as the brothers set off for Australia. I visited the graves of many of the Superior-Generals from the founder in Waterford to Br Colm Keating at Marino. I even found the resting place of the 'Great McCarthy', Br William Mark McCarthy, who was Head of St Patrick's College, Ballarat, on three occasions: 1899-1904, 1909 and 1919. It was he who purchased most of the playing fields and built the theatre and the Pell Wing which was the main teaching block from 1902 until 1966.

The Death of the Old Ways

In Ireland I found schools being closed, decaying school sites, and even the question of a school continuing at Mt Sion, the first permanent site of the Congregation. At Baldoyle, the former training college, I found the St Patrick's Nursing Home and many famous names, leaders and legends. The talk was of the current national enquiry into child abuse in institutions and the merging of the three brothers' provinces of Ireland and England. This situation mirrored the Australian scene as I read the emails from home: the death (of Br Jim Ahern), the movement of elderly community members from the Ballarat residence to Parkville's Mt Sion Hostel and St Kilda's Edmund Rice Hostel; cases of abuse and the merging of the Brothers of Oceania.

The Question Mark

The June/July edition of the Christian Brothers newsletter, 'Across the Skies', in the context of the new community in the Philippines, included the following clause: 'The Brothers, while still discerning what their exact ministry will be,....' This line echoed the quest of many members in recent years as the Congregation interprets the call of the Spirit in a new age.

The Rebirth

But the signs of hope and rebirth for the work of Edmund Rice far outweighed the signs of the past. The Toir course was energised by Edmund's spirit alive in 40 people from five continents. Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) has been announced as the body which from October 2007 will be responsible for the life of the Edmund Rice schools in Australia. The young brothers from India and Africa, Pakistani Presentation Brothers, lay volunteers like Dr Elissa Kennedy at Ruben Clinic in Kenya, our own volunteers in Tanzania: Bernard Wilson (2000-2005) and Hayden Doherty (SPC 2000-2005), have been inspired to liberate through education and that was Edmund's own inspiration and motivation.

From Ireland I moved to Africa to catch up on the work carried on by many of our former staff and friends including Brothers who were SPC identities: Brothers Tom Kearney (Nairobi),

Laurie Collins (Embulbul), Brian Bond (Melbourne Social Justice Ministry), Bob Aron (Ghana) and Peter Cole (Balozzi). Others hard at work were Brothers Frank O'Shea (Edmund Rice Sinon-Arusha), Barry Callan (Ruben- Nairobi) and Frank Chappell (Otiende). I was moved by the vibrance of the Brothers' engagement in the work of these new settings. While far from pretty, there was an air of useful service and identification with the needs of those being served. I think Edmund would have been proud of his modern-day followers as they show the heart of being brother to the world.

I also confirmed that our newsletter, The Crest and quarterly magazine, The Shamrock, are read with interest in far-flung corners of the world. Our former colleagues appreciate catching up with the news and appreciate the continuing link with Ballarat. I thank them for their welcome.

I concluded that long-ago May 2006 paragraph in The Crest with these words:

'My prayer for us all is that the College may proceed at its measured pace in my absence, focussing on the boys, on liberation through quality education, in right relationships, and on the hope that we find in our faith in Jesus and in each other'.

I say thank you to Mr Rob Brennan and the members of the Leadership Team for their fantastic efforts in my three-month absence. They have dealt with many serious issues and handled them well. Rob has done a great job and is duly rewarded with his appointment as Principal of Nagle College Bairnsdale. Mr John Richards (SPC 1983-1988) did so well in his role as Head of the Junior School that he has been appointed to the position in his own right from the start of Term 4 2006.

Peter M Casey



Anna Casey, Michael Kearney (SPC 1962-67) and Christine Kearney catching up in Italy



Br Frank O'Shea and members of the Edmund Rice Sinon Secondary College senior choir in Arusha, Tanzania



Br Laurie Collins, Br Tom Kearney and student at the Br Beausang College site in Embulbul, Kenya

STAFF FORMATION Director of Mission, Mr Mark Walsh

Central to our mission of being an authentic Catholic school in the tradition of Blessed Edmund Rice, it is critical that staff spend time reflecting upon what it means to educate boys within this context. Term three commenced with a two day professional development seminar for staff which focused on the topic of staff formation.

The professional development centred on the Awakenings curriculum and our role as people who work in a Catholic educational community, charged with 'the development of the person from within', so that they may become 'a fully integrated human being'. As such we recognise that the 'school must begin from the principle that its educational programme is intentionally directed to the growth of the whole person'. (The Catholic School, n. 29)

This includes the physical, the intellectual, the emotional and from a Catholic perspective the spiritual development of students at St Patrick's College. In order to help the staff explore this, we participated in a number of workshops centred primarily on the theme of Eucharist. Reflecting on the call to love all as Jesus did and to welcome all into the body of Christ we were called to think about our relationships as an educational community comprised of staff, students, parents, Old Collegians and others linked to the College.

This is reflected in the following quote taken from the Church document: 'The school must be a community whose values are communicated through the interpersonal and sincere relationships of its members and through both individual and corporate adherence to the outlook on life that permeates the school'. (The Catholic School, n. 32) Just as we are called to engage in the work of the College to bring about the growth of the whole person through our curricular and co-curricular activities, so to are we called to nurture and care for one another as staff members and as members of the broader College community.

May we be conscious of the Biblical call to love all found in both Testaments of our scriptures and may we live out the challenge given to us in the life of Jesus to be fully integrated human beings, who will not tolerate injustice, exclusion, and oppression in a world where so many people are excluded from the Eucharistic table.

SENIOR CONCERT BAND Geelong Eisteddfod

The Senior Concert Band competed in the Geelong Eisteddfod participating in the Intermediate Bands section. Out of seven bands in the section, they placed equal third, sharing the honours with the band from Loreto College. The performance represented the debut in competition for Director of Music Mr Hugh McKelvey who praised the boys for playing extremely well, receiving a positive critique from adjudicator Norm Harris and a score of 89 out of 100.

The College band enjoyed a wonderful tour of Queensland during the September break. They played to enthusiastic and appreciative audiences during several successful concerts. Full details in the next Shamrock.

COLLEGE LEADERSHIP 2007

The Headmaster recently announced the appointment of David Ranger as College Captain for 2007.



David has great support from students and staff alike, borne of his whole-hearted participation in study, sport and social justice over the past five years. He continues an impressive family record of leadership with older brother Michael serving as College Captain in 2000.

David will be supported by James Spencer and Denis McKinnon as Vice Captains. James and Denis share David's enthusiasm for all that is best in the College. We thank them for their acceptance of the responsibility of leadership.

COLLEGE BUILDING WORKS 2006-2007

The College Board and Buildings Committee is working closely with College Architects Morton Dunn on a range of exciting Building Projects that will change the landscape experienced by students and staff at St Patrick's. A range of projects is set to commence in Semester two, 2006 including:

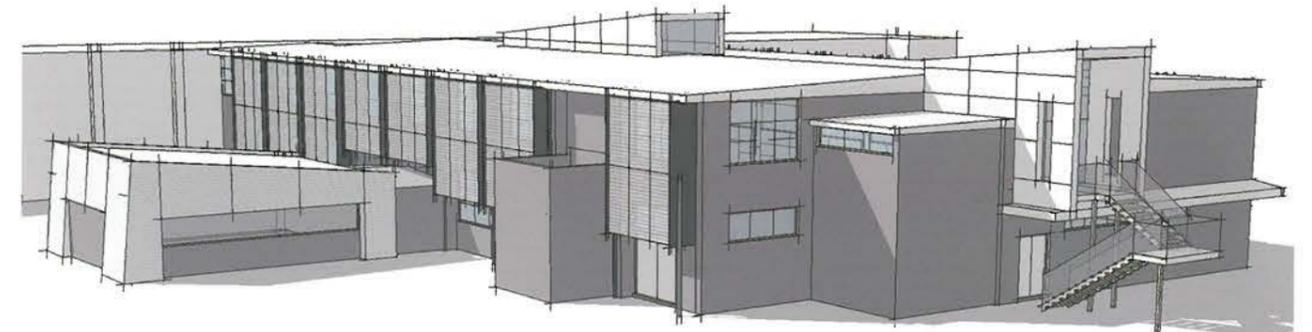
- Planning for the re-location of the Arts Faculty into the Purton Building at the end of Term 3. Plans have been developed by the College and Grounds and Maintenance Team members Garry Werdley and Julian Ryan have done an excellent job in creating an innovative and stimulating new home for the Arts;
- Final planning for the refurbishment of the first floor of the Miller Wing.

The refurbishment will provide the College with high class science facilities that embrace the latest in teaching and learning technologies whilst taking into account all Occupational, Health and Safety requirements;

- The final stages of planning for the construction of the Old Collegians Pavilion are underway with the hope that these will shortly be submitted to the City of Ballarat for approval; and

- The College has been successful in accessing funding from Catholic Capital Grants Victoria for the refurbishment of the technology rooms on the ground floor of the Miller Wing.

Whilst these projects have kept many staff busy, when they all come to fruition it will greatly enhance the teaching and learning environment enjoyed by all students and staff at St Patrick's.



Sketch of Miller Wing



Sketch of OCA Pavilion

FAREWELL

Mr Rob Brennan

The College community experienced mixed feelings recently with the announcement that Deputy Head Rob Brennan had been appointed to the position of Principal at Nagle College Bairnsdale for the commencement of the 2007 academic year. Whilst the College is delighted for Rob, and Catholic education in general, Rob's positive approach to school leadership and his affable, inclusive nature will be greatly missed by students and staff. Wife Tracey a dedicated Integration Aide at SPC and sons Tyson and Jackson will also be greatly missed by their friends – and the College's academic, sports, music and drama programmes.

The following announcement was made by the Br Kevin Buckley on behalf of the Christian Brothers' Leadership Team, the Governing Council of St Patrick's College.

Mr Rob Brennan, Acting Headmaster of St Patrick's College has been offered appointment to a position of senior leadership in another Catholic school. Mr Brennan has accepted that offer, and is to be appointed Principal of Nagle College, Bairnsdale, a Year 7 to 12 Catholic co-educational school in the Diocese of Sale. The appointment will take effect from the commencement of the 2007 school year.

We congratulate Mr Brennan on this appointment, express our sincere thanks to him for the excellent leadership and commitment that has characterised his five years of service as Deputy Headmaster of St Patrick's College, and wish him well for the future in his new role of educational leadership and responsibility.

Well done Rob on behalf of all members of the St Patrick's College community.



Mr Rob Brennan

FAREWELL

Mrs June Brae

Mrs June Brae a wonderful supporter of the College has announced that she will be retiring from her position in the Kelty Resource Centre at the end of 2006. June has been of great assistance to students and staff in the Library over the past 16 years and has also been an active member of the College Foundation, serving on the Executive for close to a decade. Son Andrew attended the College from 1988-93. We wish June well as she enjoys a well earned retirement with husband William and thank her for her great support of St Patrick's.

WELCOME

Mr Steven O'Connor

Following an extensive recruitment and selection process to replace Mr Rob Brennan, the College on behalf of the Christian Brothers Leadership Team is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Steven O'Connor as the new Deputy Headmaster of St Patrick's College for 2007. Steven is currently Deputy Principal of Thomas Carr College, Tarneit, a co-educational school of 1250 students. He has a strong background in the education of boys and boarding schools, having served at St Ignatius College Riverview, St Stanislaus' College Bathurst, All Saints College Bathurst and Toowoomba Grammar School. Steven holds the qualifications of Bachelor of Arts, Diploma of Education, Master of Letters in History and Master of Education in Educational Administration. He is currently completing his Graduate Diploma of Religious Education. Steven is a member of the Australian College of Educators and Australian Council for Educational Leadership. Steven and his wife, Trudy, are looking forward to moving to Ballarat with their children, Patrick (5) and Hilary (3). We look forward to providing Steven and his family with a warm welcome as is the nature of our community.

INDIGENOUS YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Following on from the College's successful trip to the Top End in July, as reported in Edition Two of The Shamrock, the College was greatly honoured to receive the news in June that it had been selected as one of only two schools in Victoria to be selected as a IYLP provider in 2006. Prime Minister Mr John Howard announced the schools on ABC Radio – St Patrick's College, Ballarat and Geelong Gramma School.

The College was recognised for its ongoing support of Indigenous students in the Ballarat region and some of the excellent leadership programmes already in place for students at the College.

The first recipient of an IYLP scholarship to St Patrick's College is Tylah Saunders, a talented student and sportsman from Beechport in South Australia and a member of the Gundiymara tribe. The scholarship will assist Tylah, both at St Patrick's College and at University should he decide to embark upon tertiary study. Tylah has already made a significant contribution to leadership at the College, being a member of the trip to Wadey in the Northern Territory, playing a significant role in the mentoring of young Indigenous students at the College as well as being a leader within the College's football programme.



Tylah Saunders

FATHER'S DAY MASS

On Friday September 1, over 260 people gathered for the fourth annual Father's Day Mass and Breakfast at the College. Mass was celebrated by Fr Greg Tait and involved a number of past and current students, parents and staff members. The Mass and Breakfast have become a very special College tradition providing families with an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the special bond that exists between fathers and sons. It has been great to see students share the morning with fathers, grandfathers and other significant males, all of whom provide great love, friendship and play a special role in shaping boys lives.

Thank you to our Catering team led by Tracey Downes who did a wonderful job in feeding fathers and sons so quickly and enthusiastically.

YEAR 10 LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

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

In 2006 the Leadership programme has been fully reviewed by the Director of Pastoral Care Mr Kelvin Porter and a new programme developed – 'LEAP' – Leadership Education in Action Programme. The programme has taken some of the key features from the Leadership Days conducted in 2004 and 2005 and placed them into an integrated programme to run over Semester two.

1. College Captain Edward Grinter from Hexham with parents Sharyn and Peter
2. Year 10 Leadership Day
3. Year 10 Leadership Day
4. Friends of Music Wine Tasting concert
5. Year 10 careers information evening
6. SPC/Loreto College Ski trip to Falls Creek
7. Friends of Music Wine Tasting concert

Photo Gallery



Sessions will also be complemented by activities within the classroom as well as within Pastoral Care groups.

The merits of an ongoing leadership programme will be evaluated over the semester, however some of the initial feedback from Year 10 students have been very positive.

On Monday August 28 Year 10 students participated in a Leadership Workshop with Jim Plunkett, former AFL footballer and Leadership consultant. Throughout the day Jim facilitated a series of 90 minute workshop style sessions. The theme for the day was 'Positive Choices' and included sessions on control of one's life, support networks available, goal setting, and how to influence friends positively.

That evening Jim conducted a session for Year 10 students and their parents to consolidate the sessions covered during the day. The session also explored the important issue of parent and son relationships and understandings. The following observation of the day comes from student Ben Jenkins:

On Monday, Year Ten students had a session with Jim Plunkett and Kelly Vennus from a group named Athlete Development Australia. It is a group of athletes who speak about the issue of leadership with schools, corporate groups and sporting clubs. We went through our session with Vanessa, a former Australian netballer turned marathon runner. Kelly led us through an activity which required the students to ask some questions about ourselves and present our answers to the class. It was an interesting session, which I think everyone enjoyed.

Jim Plunkett, who worked with other Year 10 groups throughout the day, also facilitated a parent/son workshop in the evening in the College Dining Room. Parents and their sons were guided through activities which provided opportunities for discussion and communication, looking at dreams, goals, hopes and particularly 'Positive Choices' with particular focus on issues related to alcohol.

Parents guide their sons through decision making processes at various stages in their lives, but when parents are not around to watch over and guide their sons, that is when being able to make "positive choices" is crucial to boys being able to live an enjoyable and healthy lifestyle.

On September 5 students participated in a session titled, 'Leadership in the Workplace'. Presenters Meg Filip, Leadership Consultant for the Committee for Ballarat and Mark Patterson, CEO at the North Ballarat Football Club (and past CEO of the Western Bulldogs Football Club) spoke to all boys about the requirements of a rapidly changing workplace. Employees today seek leadership from staff as they try to maximise the input from their human resources to create forms of sustainable competitive advantage in highly challenging national and global marketplaces. With many boys entering the workforce in the next 12-24 months the insights of two industry leaders was invaluable for students.

Another engaging part of the LEAP programme was conducted on Friday September 8 and featured Lorin Nicholson a blind guitarist, who presented a one hour session to all the Year 10 students. This was followed by a 45 minute workshop for guitar students. Lorin, though legally blind, is one of the most accomplished acoustic guitarists in Australia and a finalist in the recent Golden Guitar Awards in Tamworth, NSW. Lorin incorporated his fabulous music into an award-winning presentation that addressed such issues as teasing and bullying, resilience, encouragement, goal-setting, persistence, determination and awareness of others with disabilities or other challenges. More information on Lorin can be found by visiting his website www.seesharp.com.au

MINDSHOP EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME

Each year five highly capable Year Ten boys are chosen to work in a local industry for one week. In this week they are briefed on the industry, given a real life problem, formulate solutions and then present and their solutions back to the company. Once again our boys gave an excellent account of themselves, in the way they set about gathering information, worked as a team and in the solutions they presented at the end of the week. Of special note was their dedication to the task. Below is a brief account written by the team.

On Monday August 7, Rhys Allan, Thomas Kavanagh, Hugh Spencer, Matt Stewart and Tyson Brennan, the five Year Ten boys chosen by St Patrick's to complete the challenge of Mindshop Excellence, presented themselves at The Courier Head Office on Creswick Road.

On arrival we were welcomed and were given a quick tour of the place we would call 'work' for the next week. We were then trained by the owner and founder of Mindshop Excellence global programme, Chris Mason. He took us through all the tools that we could use to help us complete and solve the problem that we were to be given later in the afternoon.

On Monday afternoon, we were presented with the problem of increasing the number of younger readers of The Courier in and around Ballarat. Tuesday saw us down to work and we designed a survey that would later be handed around for the youth of Ballarat to complete. This survey was the major and most vital part of the program for us as it gave us data to back up our ideas.

Throughout the week we compiled the results from the survey and formed our ideas and plans. We came up with many ideas that we presented to The Courier on that Friday morning. We believe that the week was a major success and we gained and experienced a real understanding of what life is like at work.

BOARDING WEEKEND AT ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE

On July 29 members of the College's Boarding community gathered for the annual Family Weekend. The weekend brings together boarding students, parents and staff for a series of events including Mass at St Columba's parish, a sumptuous three course meal in the College Dining Room, breakfast on Sunday at Gee Cees and for the brave, ten pin bowling or golf. The weekend comes right in the midst of the Ballarat winter and is a timely break in routine for students. There were many great conversations had and friendships developed and strengthened. The weekend is becoming an integral part of the pastoral model of Boarding provided by the College and augurs well for the future of boarding at St Patrick's.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10 students completed work experience during the first week of term. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn more about vocational areas of interest in a practical, real life situation. As ever boys applied themselves in an exceptional manner and staff were gratified to learn of the wealth of positive comments made by work experience employers. The following comments are but three examples of the overwhelming endorsement of our students on work experience:

'Jake was a wonderful asset to our school this week'

'James is a hard working, motivated, and enthusiastic worker.'

'Ethan was cooperative and always chasing the next challenge.'

1. Mindshop Excellence participants (L-R) Hugh Spencer, Thomas Kavanagh, Rhys Allan, Matt Stewart and Tyson Brennan with The Courier Editor Angela Carey
Courtesy The Courier
2. Musicians departing for the Queensland Band Tour
3. Loading the bus for the 2006 Band Tour
4. Year 8 visit to the Melbourne Museum and Science Works
5. Year 8 visit to the Melbourne Museum and Science Works
6. Gymnastics Team (L-R) Back: Dylan Chandler, Marcus Jolly, Julian Atwood
Centre: Elliott Hill, James Elford, Simon McMaster, Ethan Jones
Front: Jakob Henderson, Darcy Tuppen, Jackson Turner and Digby Fraser
7. 2006 College Arts Assembly
8. 2006 College Arts Assembly

Photo Gallery



1. Tom Burgess in the BAS Soccer Grand Final against BCC Courtesy The Courier
2. Junior Rugby Award winners Matthew Dewar, Blake Davis, Scott Azarnikow and Luke Govers
3. Junior Rugby Award Winners James Seary, Dr Peter Casey and James McDonald
4. 1st XV Best Player Sam Martin with Dr Peter Casey
5. Victorian representatives in the National Taekwondo championships (L-R) Jason Dyer, Tony Burton and James Hocking Courtesy The Courier
6. Sean Mathews in the rucks against Xavier College

Photo Gallery



YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO BRISBANE 2006

Nathan (Year 10) and Christopher Antony (Year 9) participated in the pilgrimage to Brisbane conducted in July. 'Why are you living behind bars?' This was a common question posed by the young pilgrims from Melbourne who visited the Carmelite nuns at Lismore on their way to Brisbane. The response given by the nuns took many by surprise. 'We are not behind bars. It is you who are behind bars. We are free and happy here; to pray and contemplate on the word of God. You are slaves of the world!'

Many pilgrims were deeply moved by their experience with their encounter of the contemplative order of the Carmelites who share a great history of saints such as Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, Therese of the Child Jesus and Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

Brothers Nathan and Christopher Antony were part of a contingent of over 320 youths from all over Australia who ventured on a pilgrimage to Brisbane in July 2006. The pilgrimage was organised by the church community in response to Pope Benedict's call for local churches to organise yearly pilgrimages in their respective countries. The theme for this year's pilgrimage was 'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path' (Psalm 119:105).

Nathan is no new comer to youth pilgrimages. He participated in the 2004 Adelaide pilgrimage and the World Youth Day 2005 in Cologne, Germany. He described this year's pilgrimage as 'inspiring'. Christopher, on the other hand, had no idea what to expect as it was his first time. He said, 'it was challenging at times when we had little sleep and had to sit on the coach for hours.' However, the highlight for him was the visit to the Carmelite nuns.

The pilgrimage commenced from St Paul's Coburg on the night of the July 5 and ended on July 11. Numerous

catechises were given on biblical characters such as Job, Abraham, Ester, Jacob and Joseph while on the coaches. This was blended with morning prayers, daily masses, rosaries and popular missions in the streets of Sydney and Brisbane. Archbishop Bathersby welcomed the 320 young pilgrims at St Cathedral during the 9am Mass and thanked them for their enthusiasm and spirit. He echoed the words of Pope John Paul II; 'Don't be afraid to announce the Gospel from the rooftops and the streets!' He called on them to prepare for the World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney.

RUGBY: A SEASON TO REMEMBER

The growth of the College's Rugby Union programme was evident in 2006 with the College fielding three teams for the first time – the 1st XV, Under 16 and Under 14 teams. Whilst the Under 14s coached by Mr Tim Young had to wait until the final game to record a victory, the Under 16 team and 1st XV enjoyed excellent seasons proving very competitive within their divisions. A number of players were rewarded for their seasons with State selection. The depth within the programme and the excellent coaching provided by staff, parents and old boys has developed a solid platform from which to launch a successful 2007 rugby season.

The verse below penned by enigmatic Under 16 coach Mr Geoff Brodie highlights the spirit and enthusiasm inherent within the College's Rugby Union programme, a spirit that is starting to make some of our established Melbourne rivals just a bit nervous!

The Reck of the Pitchleal
*The mastering thrill
 Of skill! Of game and tactic;
 Of forced breath for team-mates sake.
 The game played in heaven.
 We have had broken bones and
 shattered knees,
 But fastened to the bind and holding in
 the tackle*

*And running wide and back
 between uprights;
 Over and over again we prevail.*

*Power perfected perfection
 forward! In Mills Rudd Deming;
 Of locked embrace row second row.
 McNiece peace Walter One!
 Past present future enlightened one
 in Brown
 With a fling of the forelock Govers at
 the breakdown
 And Seery bold to boast and Gram sinew;
 Left and right again the Red Sea parts.*

*We number the run
 And dodge! On plovers wing swoop;
 Within Ambrose back for Smardon
 double score.
 In the hardened hearts centrifuge.
 Bauer steady harmony, five points the
 mark of Caine,
 Toward second sea Ignatius, mystery
 unstressed, safe McPherson;
 Wilson on, on, Prosser from grande
 jeté Costa;
 Halyard hames harkened hostility Hughes.*

*No balustrade but
 On side! Given heart and pain;
 Russell and Dwyer bound back restrain.
 Game played by us for them.
 The game creates and skills sin
 unseemly slips,
 But redemption comes in moments
 hard fought
 And joy in standing still, smile by side;
 Over and over again we prevail.*

1ST XI SOCCER: A TRIUMPHANT SEASON

The 1st XI completed a triumphant soccer season by being dubbed co-premiers after a hard fought nil all draw against Ballarat and Clarendon College. This comes on top of excellent representation in the BAS Combined team and perhaps the sides crowning glory, a long awaited win over traditional rival St Kevin's College.

This year's BAS Grand Final was a great game to watch as the two teams faced each other in an epic battle, that St Patrick's threatened to win many times, but in the

end couldn't quite conjure up the delivery. After eight wins and a draw St Patrick's were the obvious favourites but early on the match appeared in the balance with St Patrick's strong attacking followed by College forwards putting pressure on us in the counter attack. Tom Burgess and Dom Cocomazzo were stopping their assaults while Travis Emtsis and Xavier Ryan appeared to be our best avenue to goal early on. College hemmed us in on the downward side and our decisive delivery was lacking with Simon Murphy up front being squashed for room by their back line.

Golden Goal play is like walking the plank, and players and supporters were put through 20 minutes of high suspense as St Patrick's continued to dominate the play. Our centres were picking off College's attacking moves and continually sending the ball into our scoring zone. Xavier Ryan and James Petrie lifted their efforts and twice our forwards were put through but luck was not on our side.

After the conclusion of extra time it was deemed that St Patrick's College and Ballarat College would share the 2006 BAS trophy. A fitting end to a great season and a great platform for success in 2007.

SPC 0 drew with BCC 0 (After over time)
Better players: Geoff Caine, Xavier Ryan, Chris Thornton, Luke Petrie, Tim Beggs, Ryan Berg, Tom Burgess, Simon Murphy.

1ST XVIII 2006: A YEAR OF NEAR MISSES

2006 BAS Grand Final
 Once again SPC met arch rival Ballarat and Clarendon College in the BAS Grand Final. Having won the home ground advantage with a convincing win last week, Mr Howard Clark and his team went into the match confident that the leadership and dedication of the players would guide SPC to victory.

The game began with a strong wind pushing play towards the scoreboard wing. BCC began well in the middle, negating

1. John James and Br WT O'Malley Trophy winner Shaun Grigg
2. John James Medal Night guest speakers Anthony Stevens and Alex McDonald (SPC 1982-87)
3. John James medal winner Ryan Gurton with SPC Legend John James
4. Greg Dowd Memorial Trophy winner Luke Davison with parents Geraldine and Brian
5. John James medallist Ryan Gurton in action during the BAS Grand Final

Photo Gallery



our on ball division at the stoppages preventing the SPC running game that has been a trademark of the team. In a very low scoring first quarter SPC trailed by five points.

The second quarter turned out to be the match breaker, with BCC kicking four goals to SPC one goal. BCC controlled the centre of the ground, continually putting the football long into their forward 50. The SPC defenders worked tirelessly, and stopped many scoring opportunities. Without the continual hard work of the back six the deficit could have been much more than 25 points.

The third quarter was played in a similar vein to the second, however the SPC midfield, led by Shaun Grigg, Nick Suban and Mitch Jenkins, began to break even. The SPC play became more direct, with the control of the centre of the ground slowly coming back into SPC control.

The last quarter was by far the best for SPC for the day. Ryan Gurton established some dominance on the game and Mitchell Brown began to control the stoppages around the ground. Our forwards led with more purpose and kicked three goals for the quarter to BCC one goal. However, it was a case of too little too late with BCC winning the BAS Grand Final by 25 points.

St Patrick's College 6.5.41 lost to BCC 10.6.66

- Goals:** M. Austin 2, M. Rice, N. Barnes, A. Gilbert, N. Suban
Best: R. Gurton, M. Jenkins, S. Grigg, N. Suban, N. Barnes

JOHN JAMES MEDAL NIGHT

On Monday September 11, 144 members of the SPC football community gathered for the annual John James Medal. John James, one of two SPC Brownlow Medallists was in attendance, as were representatives from the North Old Boys/St Patrick's College Football Club (Victorian Amateurs Football Association), North Ballarat Rebels staff, former coach Gerard Ryan and Tony Paatsch, an SPC

old boy and victorious MCC Herald-Sun Shield winning coach with St Joseph's College, Geelong. The guest speakers for the night were old boy Alex McDonald and ex-Kangaroo's Captain Anthony Stevens

Award Winners 2006

Br W. T. O'Malley 1st XVIII

Best and Fairest Shaun Grigg

Runners-up Peter Bergman
Nicholas Suban

John James Medal Ryan Gurton

North Ballarat Rebels MVP Shaun Grigg

SPC Most Promising Year 10 player Nicholas Suban

Greg Dowd Memorial 2nd XVIII Best and Fairest Luke Davison

Jim Toohey Memorial Trophy Intermediate Best & Fairest Alec Wiltshire
Robbie Lockett

Junior Blue Best & Fairest Matthew James

Junior Green Best & Fairest Jason Leonard

Junior White Best & Fairest Ben Quinlan

GYMNASTICS: STATE CHAMPIONS 2006

The St Patrick's College Gymnastics Team coached by Br Bernie Scott topped off a stellar season by being recognised as the premier gymnastics school in the Victoria at the recent State Championships. The talented and dedicated team performed exceptionally at the two major events for the season, the APS Invitational Event at Wesley College and the State titles at the Donvale Sports Centre.

Associated Public Schools of Victoria (APS) Gymnastics Championships

St Patrick's College competed by invitation in the APS Competition held at Wesley College on Saturday July 22.

In Division 'D' for gymnasts in Level Three, SPC gained second and third team places, finishing behind Xavier College.

The team of Ethan Jones, Digby Fraser, James Elford and Darcy Tuppen finished in second place, recording the following individual results.

Digby Fraser 1st Vault and High Bar
Ethan Jones 2nd Floor and Vault
Darcy Tuppen 3rd Floor

The team of Elliot Hill, Jackson Turner and Jakob Henderson gained a creditable third team placing.

In Division "C" for gymnasts of levels 4-5-6, the team of Julian Atwood, Marcus Jolly, Simon McMaster and Dylan Chandler was placed first in team competition ahead of St Michael's Grammar School and Xavier College.

Julian was first on pommel and rings and second in the all round competition. Marcus was first on parallel bars, second on rings and third in the all round competition. Simon was second on parallel bars.

The Men's Artistic section of the Victorian Interschool Gymnastics Championships was held at Donvale Sports Centre on Wednesday, August 30.

Section D: For Gymnasts: Level 3 Standard Team Event

1st SPC (Darcy Tuppen, Ethan Jones, Elliott Hill, Aaron De Keulenaer)
2nd SPC (Jack Jenkins, Matthew Norman, Jackson Turner, Jakob Henderson)
Individual 1st Jack Jenkins; 2nd Darcy Tuppen; 3rd Ethan Jones

Section C: For Gymnasts of Level 4, 5 or 6 Standard Team Event

1st SPC (Dylan Chandler, Digby Fraser, Marcus Jolly, James Elford)
Individual
 2nd James Elford; 3rd Dylan Chandler; 4th Marcus Jolly

Section B: For Gymnasts of Level 7 Standard

Julian Atwood and Simon McMaster combined with Kevin James of Parade College to win the team's event.
Individual 3rd Julian Atwood; 6th Simon McMaster

Congratulations to the team and coach Br Scott on being ranked the best Boys' School in Victoria for 2006.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following boys for their recent outstanding achievements:

- Congratulations to Mr Hugh McKelvey (Musical Director), Gareth Prosser (Year 12) and David Kay (SPC 2006) who featured in the Ballarat Lyric Theatre production of 'Cabaret'.
- Nathan Antony for his participation in the Catholic Youth Pilgrimage to Brisbane.
- Year 8 student Dermot Conaughton enjoyed success at the Warrnambool Eisteddfod. Dermot, a talented singer competed in a number of sections and came away from the competition with three second and a third place result.
- Kyran Taylor for being selected in the Under 14 Country Victorian Soccer Team.
- Joel Parnis of Year 12 achieved first place in both the Bendigo and Warrnambool Eisteddfods, first, third and an Honourable Mention in the South Street Competitions. Joel was also named the Mars Young Performer 2006 - Open Vocal Performance.
- Eamon Coughlan won the Victorian State Irish Dancing Championships on the weekend for the third year in succession - this year he took out the Senior Boys section. Well done to Eamon on this outstanding performance. Eamon is a multi talented student excelling in dance, music and academic studies.
- Kieran McDowell for being selected in the Victorian Under 15 Soccer team.
- Marcus Lynch for being selected in the Victorian Under 15 Soccer team.
- Alex Antonelli and Hayden Carr on selection in the Victorian Under 15 Soccer team.
- Grant Bell for his outstanding achievement in winning the Central Highlands Football League's Under 18 Best and Fairest Award.



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RE-MEMBERING OUR OLD COLLEGIANS

Some Reflections - Dr Peter Casey

From 1893, the myth of St Patrick's College has been built on three foundations: academic excellence, religion, and sport. In the 1880s Ballarat's Bishop Moore established a school on the Sturt Street site and entrusted it to the Holy Ghost Fathers.

The Irish model of church called for a college to prepare the diocese's potential candidates for the priesthood, giving them Latin. Those wishing to enter the University of Melbourne needed somewhere to prepare to matriculate. When the Spiritans fled in 1891 leaving the bishop with an empty school and empty dreams, the Christian Brothers reluctantly took charge of the site and founded St Patrick's College. The establishment of a non-Melbourne or Sydney boarding school became a necessary, but welcome, conduit for country Victorians and Riverina Catholics wishing to matriculate or enter the seminary or religious life.

315 Old Collegians have since been ordained with four being made bishop, two have received the pallium of an archbishop and one has been made a cardinal. 46 Old Collegians have been finally professed as religious brothers. This ecclesial aura is relevant to this article in that these men have taken the legend of St Patrick's College to the church of Victoria, New South Wales and beyond through missionary congregations. The academic path of the

earliest graduates of the College established a reputation for excellence which is hardly exceeded elsewhere but might be paralleled in the fortunes of Xavier College and after 1918, St Kevin's College. One needs to be mindful that opportunities for matriculation and Latin were extremely limited across Victoria. The third plank of the tradition is found in sport. With the mandating of a school leaving age, someone had to cater for those sons of farmers who marked time awaiting their destined entry to farms and trades. Given the numbers of boys at St Patrick's College relative to their Ballarat neighbours and even many of the Melbourne schools, it is not surprising that they achieved the status of invincibility in many realms, none less so than in Australian Rules Football: 49 years without defeat in the Ballarat Public Schools Association for starters. Much of this became enshrined in the legend of Br Bill O'Malley. The school of these early days was much celebrated and generally revered by our Old Collegians.

Over time conditions changed. The school was hit by rural decline and the consequent drop in boarding numbers, legal cases arose about sexual abuse and bullying, a regime of stern discipline had emerged, and there were rising concerns about legal responsibilities for the supervision of boarders housed in ageing facilities. The College community was divided by the announcement of the closing of boarding, rumours of the conversion the Chapel into an arts centre, and the relevance of Catholic schools to achieving outstanding academic success. This division was accompanied by the growth of independent schools, the merging of three of the other Catholic secondary schools and the establishment of a senior secondary government school in Ballarat.

St Patrick's College was at a point where it was better loved and respected outside the city of Ballarat than in it. This presented a challenge: how to reignite that affection which now lay dormant in many hearts. The path taken in recent years has had several foci: the teaching and learning culture within the school for different age groups; the public presence of the school in the town and in the media; the access of the parent community to the school and its leaders; the faith dimension of the school;

the growth of student participation and representation in all areas of co-curricular activity; and the re-membering of the Old Collegians.

Many Old Collegians of every generation have gathered and continue to gather regularly to celebrate the friendships and camaraderie that the Green, White and Blue brought to their young lives in their formative years. They have been bound together by those hallmarks of the College's tradition: faith, excellence and joy. Sometimes it was this solidarity that enabled them to survive the Ballarat winters and the homesickness and the harsh conditions of the hard times. In Melbourne there had been times when the Old Collegians had played in the Amateur Football Association. There was an annual gathering at the Pakenham races for the running of the Br O'Malley Cup. There was an annual luncheon at the College in March. But more often it was simply gatherings of friends in a fairly ad hoc manner, even though some of these had been happening for sixty years! At the College, a database had been established for the centenary of the College in 1893 and a useful history collated by Br P.C. Naughtin had been published. A Foundation had been established in the 1980s but this had withered in terms of fundraising.

If one accepts that welcome is a hallmark of the Edmund Rice tradition, then where was the school in these remembrances of the Old Collegians? How did the current leadership of the College include its Old Collegians in its life? From these musings arose the focus on friend-raising rather than fundraising. We set about actively pursuing our Old Collegians to let them know that their alma mater was still alive, valued their contribution and their stories, and was keen to keep in touch with them. We would serve their needs as best we could. Some of the signs of good faith that encouraged the Old Collegians were the re-establishment of boarding, the restoration of the Chapel, the focus on the positive in the media, and the appointment of a Director of Development who would work with the Old Collegians Association, the Foundation and the current Boarders.

Accordingly we set about facilitating gatherings of Old Collegians: ten, twenty, thirty, forty and fifty year reunion dinners at the College were added to the annual luncheon (1930-1969) which was moved to coincide with St Patrick's Day and the investiture of our College Student Leaders. Themed dinners have been put in place, one per year, with the gatherings so far being College Captains (2003), College Duces (2004), Purton Orators (2005), and Old Collegian priests and religious (2006). We believe that we could offer these on a five or ten year cycle. We have tried under-30s nights in Melbourne and Ballarat. Melbourne has worked well and Ballarat not- the locals see each other all the time! SMS text messages are our preferred means of communications with the younger OCA members. We have initiated regional dinners in our traditional boarding strongholds of Terang, Warrnambool, Mildura, Horsham, Shepparton, Deniliquin, Geelong and Melbourne. The numbers at any of these gatherings vary from five to 150 but we believe that they are an avenue for the school to tap into its rich history of Old Collegians and to inform its current directions. The Melbourne Old Collegians have organised the last two Melbourne functions, at the Kooyong Club. We are already working on the 2007 August dinner with Sir Frank Little (SPC 1938-1942) as guest speaker to follow on from 2006's inspirational speaker, Graham Duff (SPC 1955-9), Chairman of Racing Victoria and the North Melbourne Kangaroos Football Club.

The Foundation has initiated an annual Dinner in the Halls of History, with the Legends of the College, and this has been a great success- both socially, financially but more importantly, as a reminder of the esteem in which the College is held because of the calibre of its Old Collegians. They in turn invariably radiate warmth which inspires our current student leaders and young Old Collegians who are in attendance. The quarterly magazine introduced in 2002, The Shamrock, is circulated to all current and enrolling families as well as the full Old Collegian database. The future of the Old Collegians Association has been shored up by the inclusion of life membership within the



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enrolment fee at the College. This supports the view that all of our students, whether with us for a day or for eleven years as in the case of Cardinal George Pell (SPC 1949-1959), all add to our story. They have all added to our diverse richness.

The Old Collegians Association (OCA) now allocates \$3000 annually to send recent graduates to Africa and is exploring formalising this relationship with Kenya and Tanzania. Each old boy receives a 21st birthday card. Through the Development Office we now have staff available seven days a week to welcome old boys who drop in – many are making their first visit in 30-40 years. The restoration of the Chapel has seen a marked increase in weddings in the Chapel. The old boys are now recognised within our enrolment policy. We are trying to make connections with generations of the SPC community through Mothers Day and Fathers Day Mass and breakfast and these have proved embarrassingly popular. On our community golf day, we now have several teams with three generations and our focus is on participation not fundraising.

For the future we believe that we should be nurturing our recent Old Collegians. With the support of the College, the Old Collegians in 2006 have established a Melbourne base through a merger with North Old Boys Football Club in the Victorian Amateur Football Association. NOBs have long had a base in Brunswick. This has provided a gathering point as well as employment for many setting up house in Melbourne for study and employment.

As we move forward on many fronts, the re-remembering of our Old Collegians is important as they have made our history and they are now influential in honouring our traditions. Word-of-mouth is the strongest endorsement a school can have, so we want to be thought of fondly, both in Ballarat and beyond. Some of the past will continue to haunt us and rightly so but, on balance, no one can dispute the traditions of faith, excellence and joy upon which the good name of the College was established. The re-remembering programme is built on a commitment of hours, lots of good will from Old Collegians and staff, but most of all it is about recapturing the good in people and building up the body.

2006 MELBOURNE OCA DINNER

On Friday August 18 over 120 old boys and friends gathered for the second annual Melbourne Dinner held at the prestigious Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club.

The night recognised Old Collegian stalwart Noel Moore (SPC 1947-51) who has served the Melbourne OCA Committee as Secretary for five decades and is a major reason why the College today has such high quality databases that enable it to communicate regularly with members. Noel has been a tremendous ally in maintaining links with Old Collegians over many years, particularly those who have been Melbourne based.

Keynote speaker for the night was Racing Victoria Chairman Mr Graham Duff (SPC 1955-59) who has been busy working his way through the construction industry, racing industry and most recently taken on the leadership of the North Melbourne Kangaroos Football Club. Graham has been distant from the College since returning initially to Colac and then moving to Western Australia, but he put a good case for acknowledging the foundational contribution of the College to forming the values and work ethic that have made him a leading actor on the Australian and multinational corporate and racing stages. Graham's story and his speech were highly entertaining and inspiring and it was fitting that he be recognised as one of the College's finest sons. Significantly he has vowed to come and visit the College in the not too distant future and share of his experiences with present generations of St Patrick's students.

The 2007 Melbourne Dinner will be held at Kooyong on Friday August 10. Keynote speaker will be College Legend Archbishop Sir Frank Little (SPC 1938-42). Please

put this date in your diary now and start gathering your peers for a not to be missed St Patrick's event. Ticketing details will be included in coming editions of The Shamrock.

MR NOEL MOORE

Melbourne OCA Secretary 1960-2005

Noel Moore came from Tocumwal in New South Wales, and encouraged by the Groutsch family of Tocumwal, boarded at St Patrick's College from 1947 to 1951 and completed his studies from Grade 6 to Intermediate.

His long term involvement with the Melbourne Old Collegians commenced in 1960 when the then Secretary, Dr Michael Bourke, an old classmate, invited him to the AGM at the Celtic Club and nominated him as the next Secretary. Eddie Williams, brother of Br Lu Williams was a great support to Noel in the role. The Melbourne OCA have never been officially disbanded so technically he is still Secretary. He was Secretary of the OCA Football Club in 1964 and 1965, when Brian Gleeson was Coach and two premierships were won.

Increasing family commitments (eight children by 1969) meant the relinquishing of the role of Secretary of the OCA Football Club. His wife Philomena's sister, Rita, died and Noel and Philomena took on the task of raising Rita's six children as well. Noel continued to work in the background as the supreme contact person, instrumental in keeping old boy groups together; sending out flyers and information for such events as the annual race meeting at Pakenham.

In recent times he worked closely with Mrs Sharyn Kennedy of the Development Office in the role of liaison officer in keeping contact with Old Boys with Sharyn supplying him with full lists of Old Boys and Noel doing the contacting of them. He kept in contact with one person from each year, one of whom was George Groutsch of Tocumwal, the eldest son of the family, who encouraged him to St Patrick's in 1947.

2007 LEGENDS DINNER

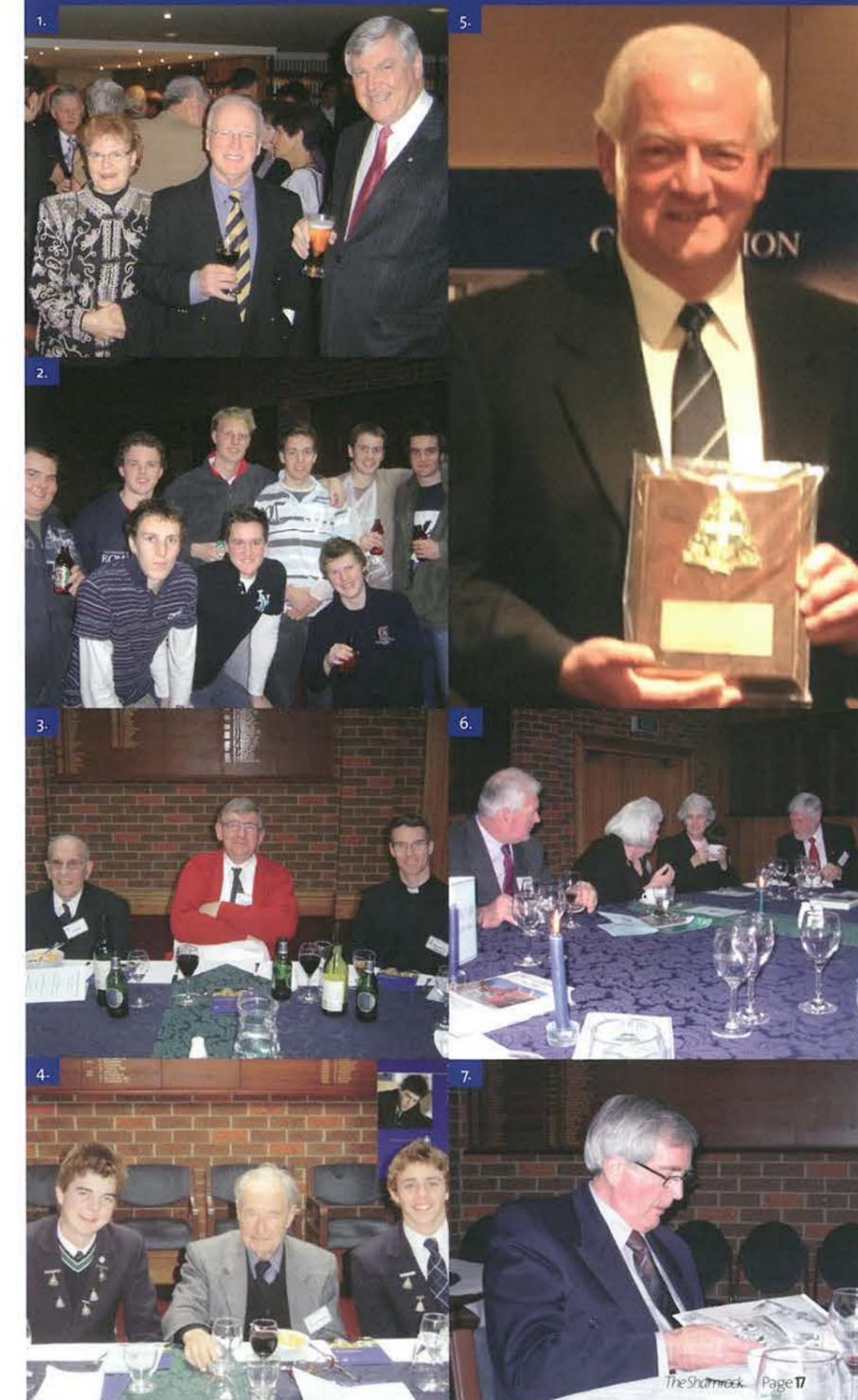
The sixth annual 'Halls of History Dinner with the Legends' will be held on Saturday February 24, 2007 in the Old Assembly Area at the College. Keynote speaker on the night will be Mark Nolan (SPC 1966-71). Mark completed his HSC in 1971, the same year as Premier Steve Bracks. After leaving the College, 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 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.

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 last issue of The Shamrock detailed John's role in the Athletic record breakers of 1944.

The Legend's Dinner is always a fantastic night and greatly enjoyed by all in attendance. Ticket information is contained in this edition of The Shamrock, so please start to round up your friends and make this a night to remember.

1. Re-establishing old networks: The Melbourne OCA members have organised the Kooyong Dinner for the last two years. Graham Duff (far right) and Ian and Rosemary Slockwith at the Kooyong Dinner
2. Strengthening the Edmund Rice Network: young Old Collegians at the Missioning Ceremony for Bernard Wilson and Hayden O'Doherty (Far right at rear) who are now in Arusha, Tanzania, as volunteers.
3. Recognising our tradition of faith: Br Herb Breach (SPC Staff 1974- current), Fr Bill Van de Camp (SPC 1962-1966) and Fr Anthony Denton (1984-1989) at the 2006 Luncheon for Priests and Religious Brothers.
4. Brenton Carey, Fr Robert Markey and College Captain Edward Grinter
5. Mr Noel Moore at the Melbourne OCA Dinner
6. 1956 Reunion Dinner - Barry and Anne Joyce and Irene and Frank Moloney
7. 1956 Reunion Dinner - Brian Hickey

Photo Gallery



PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS REUNION LUNCHEON

On Monday August 14 the College welcomed the Patron of the College, Bishop Peter Connors, and a number of Old Collegian priests and religious for Mass and lunch. The 315 Old Boy Priests and 46 Old Boy Religious Brothers are a distinguishing feature of the St Patrick's College tradition, so it is appropriate that we recognise their contribution to our story. Their work has carried them to every continent and there they shared through service what they learned from the families, their parishes and the College - Jesus' message of hope and joy. The group that gathered was representative of the decades and the breadth of work of those who have served in ordained and religious ministry and we are grateful to them for their attendance, especially those who serve in our St Patrick's College communities and Ballarat parishes.

GOLDEN JUBILEES

A number of our esteemed old boy Priests have celebrated their golden jubilees this year including Fr Kevin Mogg (SPC 1942-48), Mons. Henry Nolan (SPC 1938-48), Fr Damian Heath (SPC 1946-48) and Fr Dan Arundell (SPC 1945-48).

Jubilee Mass was celebrated by Fr Mogg at Padua College in front of over 700 guests to mark the golden anniversary of Fr Kevin's ordination as a Priest. Archbishop Mark Coleridge delivered the homily for Fr Kevin who is Parish Priest at St McCartan's, Mornington.

Fr Kevin has been a social worker, parish priest and prison chaplain. He was co-founder of Catholic Social Services Victoria in 1980, a body charged with the responsibility of bringing together a range of Catholic welfare organisations.

He was made a Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia in the 2004 Queen's Birthday Honours, in part recognising his work at the Turana Juvenile Justice centre and Pentridge prison. He is greatly loved by members of the Parish, young and old, with one of the features of Mass being the singing of the Choir from St McCartan's School.

OFF TO AFRICA

The OCA have committed funds each year to support old boys who take up the challenge of working alongside Christian Brothers in Africa. Sunday August 20 witnessed the missioning of two members of the Class of 2005, Bernard Wilson and Hayden O'Doherty by the Edmund Rice Family and Christian Brothers as they head off to Kenya and Tanzania for voluntary service for several months. It was a ceremony of mixed but high emotion as they were commended by family, classmates, staff and the network for their aspiration to serve in the spirit that we have seen them serve locally through the Year 12 Council, the Student Congress, leadership in sport- rowing and basketball particularly, the Social Justice Group and St Vincent de Paul Conference.

We wish them well and pray for their safe return. It is good to be young and bullet-proof but to see young men nobly inspired by their experiences at St Patrick's College to take the invitation of our 2005 College Captain, Michael Huckstepp, to walk to the cliff-top and leap in faith that they can fly, is inspiration. It was hard not to be inspired by the gathering, the restrained energy of the occasion and all that reflected the beauty of our College community. We look forward to sharing details of their journey and their invaluable work in future editions of Green, White and Blue.

REGIONAL DINNER

In September the OCA again convened for the annual regional dinner in Warrnambool. It was great to welcome some younger members of the old boys fraternity in Lucas Reid, Matthew Conheady, David and Matthew Buckle as well as regular stalwarts David Ryan and Keith Jubb. Pat Crowe was also in attendance and provided some wonderful photos from his time at the College in the 1930s, including a priceless photo with the 'Father of SPC Football', Br O'Malley.

It was also great to welcome back to the fold Phillip Younis who recalled many fond memories of boarding at the College in the 1970s. Phillip's son Simon is considering joining the boarding community in 2007 - he will have some challenges to meet if he is to exceed some of the stories recounted by Phillip on the night!

10, 20 AND 30 YEAR DINNERS

Invites have been mailed out for these dinners to be held at the College in October and November, 2006 (See back of mail sleeve for full details). If you have not received an invite directly please contact Caitlin Bennett on 53 311 688 or cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au to organise an invite and to update your contact and alumni details.

These nights are as good as you make them - we will provide a great meal, wine, entertainment, some former staff members and an opportunity to see all parts of the College, the rest is up to you and your peers. So please start to gather up your peers and make sure they are in attendance.

We have already had two wonderful reunions in 2006. The Class of 1956 and Class of 1966 have enjoyed catching up with old friends at the College. The Class of 66 partied till the wee small hours - reports on one leaving just last week may be slightly exaggerated!

FOUNDATION GOLF DAY 2006

A reminder to all Old Boys that the fifth annual Foundation Golf Day will be held on Sunday November 12 at the Ballarat Golf Club. This is always a great day with all players enjoying a great social day of golf, with a fine array of prizes on offer. The event is a four person ambrose event, providing everybody with an opportunity to have at least one moment of inspiration. In 2005 the event was fully subscribed so please get your entries in as soon as possible. Being a College community event we are particularly keen to have some more associated in the field, so ladies please get busy and get your teams together.

With some great prizes on offer the field filling quickly please return the entry form (included with this edition of The Shamrock) and your entry fee as soon as possible. It is always wonderful to see all parts of the College community; students, staff, parents, grandparents, old boys, friends, suppliers and players roped in at the last minute, come together for a great social occasion in the name of St Patrick's. Fore!

PAKENHAM RACES 2007

The traditional OCA Race Day is 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 make the 2007 Race Day a huge success. Further details about ticketing will appear in the next Shamrock.

1. The McKinnon Family: James, Mark, Xavier, Tim, Des, Bernadette, Julia and Denis circa 1995
2. Ryan Waight (SPC 1998-2003) wearing the Big V at the National Country Football Championship
3. 2006 Central Highlands Premiers - Waubra Football club *Courtesy The Courier*
4. 1956 Reunion Dinner
5. Br O'Malley and the 1935 1st XVIII
6. Melbourne OCA Dinner - Aaron Jackson and Matthew Penhall with OCA President Andrew Watson and Dr Peter Casey

Photo Gallery



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



NORTH OLD BOYS St Patrick's College Ballarat^{afc}

The first season of the new entity ended on a high note with the Christian Brothers' Old Boys (COBs) defeating Monash Blues by ten goals to maintain their place in C Grade. Going in to the last game the team was in the dreaded relegation zone being second bottom on percentage. However a strong performance has given the club a chance to consolidate upon a season of great change, and occasionally great promise, and enthusiastically look forward to a successful 2007.

The Club has been a wonderful initiative and has provided old boys with a Melbourne meeting place. With nine members of the Class of 2005 playing in the Under 19s in 2006 it has also greatly assisted with the transition of students into University life with the club being very proactive in assisting players with part time employment and numerous social opportunities.

The prevailing theme of the club for 2006 has been inclusiveness, hardly surprising for a club steeped in the tradition of an Edmund Rice school. President Terry Scanlon supported by Vice Presidents Lachlan Keen (SPC 1998-2003) and Peter O'Farrell have done an incredible job in embracing players emanating from St Patrick's College. Perhaps more significantly the club has embraced the SPC football culture, including the colours and our wonderful

2006 Results finish on ladder

1st XVIII	EIGHTH
2nd XVIII	SIXTH
Under 19	NINTH
Club XVIII	NINTH

traditions including recognition of the Old Boys premierships in the VAFA in the 1960s and the place of St Patrick's legends such as John James and Brian Gleeson.

Terry Scanlon and 1st XVIII coach Tim Kilworth were guests of the College at the 2006 John James Medal as well as being regular visitors to games in Melbourne this season. It is hoped that this will be the commencement of a successful union between two great Edmund Rice network schools. The enthusiasm of Class of 2006 footballers to get to the club next year augurs well for a successful 2007!

FROM THE ARCHIVES

By Brian Davis

The McKinnon Family

The McKinnon family connection with St Patrick's College began with the McKinnon brothers Des, John and Brendan. Des attended the College from 1963 to 1966, John in 1970 and 1971 and Brendan in 1977 and 1978.

In 1964 Des won the Christian Doctrine prize in Intermediate A and in 1965, the "Father V. Ryan" Memorial Prize for Leaving Christian Doctrine as well as the Chemistry prize. Des was on the Executive of Our Lady's Sodality in 1966. In sport, Des played in the Under Fourteen, Under

Sixteen and 3rd XVIII Football teams. John McKinnon played in the 2nd XVIII football team. In each of his two years at St Patrick's, Brendan was a member of the 1st XVIII and gained selection the Ballarat Public Schools' Combined 1st XVIII. The coach writes of him:

"he burst into the team in the sixth game and made a real impression with seven goals in his first game. He managed to hold down the full forward position quite capably after this."

Brendan represented the College in 2nd XI cricket in both 1977 and 1978 and was a member of Our Lady's Sodality.

Des McKinnon married Bernadette Conheady, whose five brothers had attended St Patrick's College. Michael and Francis Conheady, who attended SPC in 1961 and 1962 were both members of the Under Sixteen Football team.

Kevin (SPC 1968-1969) played in the Under Fourteen and Fifteen football teams and won the Religious Knowledge prize for his class in Intermediate. Denis (SPC 1970-1971), played in the Under Fifteen Football team and was, to that point, the youngest player to play 1st XVIII football. He gained selection in the SPC athletic team in 200 and 800 metres. Both Kevin and Denis were tragically killed at their road gate in 1972. The youngest brother, Gerard attended St Patrick's College in 1971 and 1972 and as a member of the Under Fourteen and Under Fifteen Football teams was described as good team player, who had natural speed, could mark strongly and handle the ball well.

Des and Bernadette's family continued the McKinnon and Conheady tradition at St Patrick's College with their eldest son, James (SPC 1992-1994) who achieved distinction as a member of the Student Council and College Vice-Captain and selection in the 1st XVIII, 1st XI and BPSA football.

Next son, Xavier (SPC 1994-1996) continued the fine family tradition by winning the Year 10 and Year 11 Religious Education Prizes as well as the Year 11 Economics Prize. He was a member of the Student Council membership and

was elected College Vice-Captain. He gained selection in the 1st XVIII and BPSA football teams as well as the 1st IV rowing and the 2nd XI cricket.

Tim McKinnon (SPC 1998-2000) was a member of the Student Council, Captain of the 1st XVIII football, Captain of the 1st XI cricket and a BPSA football and cricket representative.

Mark McKinnon (SPC 2000 -2002) was a member of the Student Council, Captain of the Cross Country team, a member of 2nd XVIII football and 2nd IV tennis teams and won the Year 10 Religious Education prize.

The youngest McKinnon son, Denis, currently at St Patrick's College, has been Dux Year 10 A and won the Year 11 History Prize as a Year Ten student. He is a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society and is Vice Captain of Debating. He has represented the College in Year 10 cricket and football and in the 2nd XI cricket team. Denis has been elected College Vice Captain for 2007, following in the footsteps of James and Xavier.

OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

- On August 7 2006, Patron of the College Bishop Connors announced the appointment of Mark Bromley (SPC 1969-74) as Diocesan Business Manager. Mark is a native of Ballarat, educated at St Columba's Primary School, Ballarat North and St Patrick's College, Ballarat. He brings a wealth of Diocesan experience to the role, with eighteen years undertaking various responsibilities in finance and administration as well as management of the Catholic Development Fund, Ballarat.
- Adam Bylsma (SPC 1985-86) recently sent in his apologies for the Class of 1986 reunion. Adam has established an impressive career in education, having graduated as a Mathematics/Science teacher in 2001. He then spent one year at St Paul's College, three years at SPC prior to two years abroad teaching in London and then in Ipswich, Suffolk,

UK. He is currently teaching Psychology and Mathematics at St Kevin's College, Toorak, a position he has held for seven years. He is married to Emma (Scientist at Ludwig Cancer Research) and has no Children, but one dog!

- Dominic Kerr (SPC 1995-99) is working as a Chemical Engineer for GHD and is based in Albury/Wodonga. His father Michael (SPC staff 1995-2005) who looked after boarders for many years has moved to the 'big smoke' to take up a position in the SOSE Department at Mt Lilydale Catholic College.

- Jason Hegert (SPC 1997-2002) and Patrick Shaw (SPC 1998-2004) were leading contenders at the National Cycling Championships held in Ballarat in August. Jason and Patrick both rode well in the criterium race around the streets of Ballarat, with Jason finishing a highly credible seventh and being awarded The Courier's Ballarat's Best Rider Trophy. Patrick's experience in Europe came to the fore with an exceptional third place finish in the gruelling race around the environs of Buninyong, finishing just 18 seconds behind the race winner.

- Jarrod Hughes (SPC 1982-87) has recently become engaged to Luana and is working at IBM at Southbank as GSI Partner Manager. He and Luana are presently building a home at Port Melbourne.

- Travis Hughes (SPC 1984-89) and wife Andrea and their four young boys, moved to Hobart in 2005, where Travis operates a Chiropractic clinic.

- Joseph Hurst (SPC 1980-84) has been working all around the globe over the past decade and recently contacted the Development Office to update his details. He is working for Thiess Contractors in Indonesia and provided a snapshot of his exploits over the past decade. 'I have been working in plant management roles since 1995 for Roche Bros, CAT, Komatsu, Thiess Australia and presently Thiess Indonesia across WA, NSW, Queensland and now Indonesia. I am the Plant Operations Manager for Thiess Contractors, Indonesia. I have been married 11 years to Thalia with a wonderful three year old daughter

Alice and groovy four month old son Caleb. We have been in Balikpapan, Borneo nearly four years and enjoy the challenges of the location. The people are great and so to is the education of living as an ex-pat in a developing nation. Future plans include India and China, working and travelling appeals to us and allows our children to grow and learn about the world and its people'.

- Kieran Lamond (SPC 1996-2001) is rapidly forging a career in the transport industry and has just been appointed an air traffic controller. He is the youngest recipient of such an honour in Australia's aviation history.

- James Marburg (SPC 1995-2000) has recently returned from rowing in the World Championships held at Eton, England. He was been a member of the Australian Men's Eight this season and has rowed in two Rowing World Cup regattas. In the first, in Munich in May, the Australian Men's Eight came third and then in the second, in Poznan, Poland in June, the crew won a gold medal. After Poland they returned to Australia for further training at the Australian Institute of Sport before leaving to compete in the World Championships. At these Championships they had a win in their heat and then in the semi-final, but managed only fourth in the final, behind Germany, Italy, and U.S.A. Christian Ryan (SPC 1993-95) was the emergency for the Australian crew at Eton. The crew is now setting its sights firmly on the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

- Congratulations to James McDonald (SPC 1989-94) who was recently selected in the prestigious AFL All Australian team for 2006. This is a wonderful achievement for one of the games hardest working and most respected players. James has enjoyed a stand out season and also won the Demon's Best and Fairest in 2006 – a great achievement for a player who was a late entrant to football (via Old Xaverian's) and fought back from a serious knee injury that kept him out of the 2000 AFL Grand Final. As part of the honour a trip to Ireland beckons and the thrill on donning the Australian jumper in the International Rules test Series against Ireland in October.

OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS (CONT)

- Luke McInerney (SPC 1992-97) has been very busy in recent times as his email to the Development Office highlights. 'Currently I work as an economic policy analyst at the Commonwealth Treasury and have had the excellent experience of working on international economic issues concerning the Australian Government, especially in regard to the Government's economic and assistance cooperation with Papua New Guinea and the Pacific. I have also recently been selected as an Australian Government Liaison Officer for the planned G-20 Meeting in Melbourne in Australia in November. The G-20 meeting is expected to be one of the most significant international meetings that Australia has hosted and is a major priority for the Government. Prior to joining Treasury in 2004 I worked as a business English teacher in both Ukraine and Russia after graduating from the University of Melbourne with three degrees, including a Masters of International Relations. Currently I am involved in further study and am writing a book detailing my family's history in Australia, and I am a regular contributor to policy debates regarding the politics and economics of Eastern Europe. I remember fondly my times at St Patrick's, especially the passion for history that men such as Br Breach and Mr Spittle instilled in me, as well as the indispensable broad liberal perspectives offered on issues from teachers such as Mrs Purcell. I owe much of my subsequent academic and career achievements to these people'.
- Congratulations to Anthony Paatsch (SPC 1978-79) who coached St Joseph's College, Geelong to a premiership in the prestigious MCC Herald Sun School Football Competition (won by SPC in 1999 and 2005). According to Brendan McKinnon (SPC 1977-78) Anthony was an accomplished school boy footballer, rower and athlete and has gone on to forge a successful career in education. He is currently Deputy Headmaster at St Joseph's. The win was the first by a St Joseph's team, despite the school being the educational home to current AFL

stars Matthew Scarlett, Cameron Ling and James Kelly. St Joey's last made the Grand Final in 1979, losing narrowly under the guidance of pioneer coach Dr Peter Casey!

- Brendan McKinnon (SPC 1977-78) was himself a very handy footballer having played A Grade Amateurs with North Old Boys. He is now passionate about the NOBS/SPC alignment and has made it his life's work to convince nephew Tim (SPC 1998-2000), Captain of this years VAFA Under 23 team, to come across from the 'dark side' and line up with North/St Pat's.
- Michael Ranger (SPC 1995-2000) flew from Mackay in August for LaTrobe University Annual Presentation of Prizes. Michael received the Aquatic Physiotherapy Group Prize, presented by the Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, Dr Lindsey Howie. The prize is awarded to the student who shows outstanding ability in the field of hydrotherapy in their final year studies. Michael is happily and successfully practising Physiotherapy in the beautiful North Queensland city of Mackay.
- The football rise, and rise, of Ryan Waight (SPC 1998-2003) continued recently at the 2006 National Country Football Championships played on the Gold Coast. Ryan a fringe 1st XVIII player during his time at the College has worked hard on his game and has been a stand out player in the Ballarat Football League (BFL) for the Redan Football Club over the past four seasons. In his last season of Under 18 football he won the League Best and Fairest, in 2004 he was the BFL 'Rookie of the Year' and in 2006 was selected to play in the Victorian Country team after stand out performances at the Victorian Country Championships representing the BFL. At the National Championships Ryan impressed many astute football judges with his ferocious attack on the ball, hard running, strong marking and good use of the football in wet conditions. This culminated in Ryan being selected in the All Australian team, a wonderful

achievement for a genuine hard working player – and perhaps the flowing blonde locks help just a little bit as well!

- Continuing the football theme the Waubra Football Club recorded its first Premiership in 25 years in the Central Highlands Football League with a crushing 87 point win over reigning premier Hepburn. The team captained by former 1st XVIII Captain Michael Sordello (SPC 1995-2000) was largely comprised of old boys, highlighting once again the depth of talent that participates in the College's renowned football programme. Well done to John Coleman (SPC 1998-2003) who was voted the VCFL Player of the Game, Lachlan Oliver (SPC 1994-99), Stuart Oliver (SPC 1992-97), Ben Naylor (SPC 1995-99), Tim Mullane (SPC 1998-2003), Shaun Mullane (SPC 1994-99), Matthew Clark (1993-98), Danny Liston (SPC 1988-93), Jimmy Rushton (SPC 1995-2000), Paul Dodds (SPC 1995-2000), Chris Bourke (SPC 1996-2001) and Leith Pellisier (SPC 1998-2003). Perhaps the team should look at adding some green to their blue and white Kangaroos jumpers!
- Great to hear from Dr Maurice Wallin (SPC 1956-63) who must truly be one of the College's great all-rounders being a Medical Practitioner and Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria. He has been kept busy of late moving house but is always pleased to receive The Shamrock.
- At the OCA Melbourne dinner Andrew Lewis (SPC 1976-81) spoke quite passionately – and emotionally about his peer Martin Walter (SPC 1978-81) who has been forging a successful business career in Canada. The following information is taken from his company's website: 'Martin Walter (Vice President of Exploration) brings to the company more than 12 years of mine operational and international mineral development experience. From 1989 to 1993 Martin worked as a mine geologist for Western Mining Corporation in Western Australia's prolific nickel and gold camps of Kambalda and Kalgoorlie. He

has extensive mine geology operational experience especially in open pit gold mining. In recent years he has worked on a number of precious metal projects worldwide as a consulting geologist for the Toronto based geological and mining consulting firm of Ironbark International Limited. Martin has a degree in geology from Ballarat University, Australia as well as an MBA from the University of Toronto and his role at Aquiline is to oversee the technical development of the company with the special focus on bringing the Calcatreu Gold Mine into production'.

WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS, BIRTHS, BEREAVEMENTS

SPC Weddings

- Bingham – Patrick (SPC 1994-96) married Sally Uebergang on Saturday September 16 in the College Chapel. Following the service family and guests enjoyed afternoon tea in the College Dining Room, before moving on to the Reception.

SPC Engagements

- Brick – David (SPC 1991-96) to Phoebe McDonagh in 2006
- Hughes – Jarrod (SPC 1982-87), eldest son of Geoff and Dorothy to Luana Baines, only daughter of Ross and Elizabeth from Brisbane, in August 2006. The couple were engaged in Tahiti.

SPC Births

- Buckle (SPC 1989-90) – David and Leah welcomed Sarah Elizabeth (7 lb. 11 oz.) on June 27, 2006, a sister for Georgia.

1. Patrick Shaw competing in the mens road race at the Australian Cycling Grand Prix
Courtesy The Courier
2. Patrick Shaw and Pippa Doyle after the race at the Australian Cycling Grand Prix
Courtesy The Courier
3. Jason Hegert in action
Courtesy The Courier
4. Chris Harwood, Bill Walsh and Michael Kearney at the Melbourne OCA Dinner
5. David Buckle and Matthew Conheady at the Warnambool OCA Dinner
6. Vale Bernard John Clohesy (SPC 1938-42)
7. Jarrod Hughes and his fiancée Luana Baines

Photo Gallery



- Ewing- Joseph (SPC 1990-92) and wife Gabrielle welcome the arrival of a daughter Brigid Frances, a sister for Sarah.
- Hexter – Nicole (SPC Staff) and Peter welcomed first child William on December 10 weighing in at a very healthy 9 lb, 3 oz.
- McCrum- Hamish (SPC Staff) and Anne were thrilled with the safe arrival of Hannah Louise on August 30.

SPC Deaths

- Bernard John Clohesy (SPC 1938-42) died on July 7, 2006. Husband of Audrey, and father of William, Patricia (dec), Colleen and Peter. His brother William (SPC 1937-18), son William (SPC 1962-1967) and grandsons Anthony Geljon (SPC 1985-1990) and Joshua Stewart (SPC 1996-2001) also attended the College. He married Audrey in 1949 and they had four children, William, Patricia (dec). Bernie's parents died when he was a teenager, he nursed his mother throughout her illness whilst still a student at the College. His working life was at McKay McCleod's in Mair St and then as the very friendly, helpful doorman at the State Bank. Bernard was a member of the St Alipius Parish for over 56 years. He was an active member of the St Vincent de Paul Society for 43 years and like St Vincent himself he... 'served the poor with tenderness and commonsense...' Whilst a member at the St Alipius Conference he was Treasurer, Secretary and President. He was also Regional President and President of the Store Committee. Like St Vincent de Paul Bernie was 79 when he passed away after a long struggle with Parkinson's...his journey was not an easy one and his wife Audrey was by his side each and every day. The love and care she gave was inspirational and she too has shown to others the true meaning of love and compassion.
- Mr Thomas Lourey (SPC 1948-49) passed away on August 1, 2006. Tom was a very proud old boy and according to his daughter loved receiving The Shamrock and keeping up with news from the College and his peers.

- Sister Clare Mary Murphy (Brigidines), sister of Morgan Murphy and aunt of Morgan (SPC 1983-1984), Sean (SPC 1980-1985) Dominic (SPC 1986-1991) and Julian SPC (1986 – 1991)
- Mrs Joy Nicholls, mother of Art (SPC Staff) passed away in August after an extended illness.
- Lloyd Reale (SPC 1964-68) died on July 10, 2006. Requiem Mass was held at the Mildura Catholic Church. His brother Neville attended the College from 1964-69.

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 November 24, 2006. 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



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