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ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE  
BALLARAT



Welcome to the second edition of *The Shamrock* for 2008. It has been an action packed term at St Patrick's with students and staff involved in a wide range of exciting, engaging and informative educational experiences and initiatives.

A highlight for the College community was the completion of the Old Boys Pavilion which stands majestically next to the hallowed turf of the Main Oval. It is a stunning structure and will be an invaluable addition to the landscape of the College. This will be evident to all who attend the College's inaugural Art Exhibition which will feature 75 works from some of the nation's finest artists on the weekend of September 13 and 14, 2008.

There is a great deal to read about in this edition of *The Shamrock*, featuring Green, White and Blue, so find a quiet spot, get comfortable and please enjoy!

Front Cover

1. AFL Legend Tom Hafey with Head of Senior School Mr Hamish McCrum, VCE Teacher Mr Andrew Chamings and boarding students Dale Missen, Dominic Bushell and Dermott Sullivan
2. Richard Bauer bursts through a tackle - 1st XV Rugby action
3. Blake Davis was selected to be a flag bearer for the Wallabies v Ireland Rugby Union Test as recognition of commitment to representative programmes in 2008
4. Julian Morrow from 'The Chaser' entertains Senior School students

## FROM THE HEADMASTER

### Chris Nolan Awards

The July 22 College Assembly was a significant occasion where we as a College recognised publicly the work across all subjects of our boys through the Chris Nolan Awards for Consistent Academic Achievement. The celebration of the achievements and courage of Chris Nolan and his family was a great occasion. I include a few of my words to the assembled College:

'I encourage you to reflect on the work it has taken these boys to make it to the top of their year level. I encourage them and each of you to lift your sights on what you can achieve, pursuing your personal best. I say this in emulation of Chris Nolan, our principal guest today and after whom our awards are named.

'Chris Nolan graduated from St Patrick's College in 1985 as College Captain, completed his Law Degree at Monash University and went on to practise law in Vietnam. Chris was highly respected by all for his commitment and enthusiasm to all aspects of College life and demonstrated his intelligence and ingenuity shortly after leaving the College through being one of the co-founders of the highly acclaimed Meredith Music Festival.

'After several years in Vietnam, Chris tragically acquired severe brain injuries from a viral infection leading to total organ failure. Chris is profoundly disabled physically and in his communication systems. He has continued to fight against these disabilities and has developed various means of communication. Through the efforts of his mother, Mary, and with the support of his father, Jack, Chris is now the public face of people developing awareness of and fighting for young people requiring care in nursing homes.

'As a student at the College, Chris regularly achieved strong academic results and in his final year he was awarded:

- the Headmaster's Award for Leadership;
- the History Prize;
- the Sir Hugh Devine Prize for Impromptu Speech;
- the W.T. Doyle Prize for Debating; and
- the 1st XI Cricket Bowling Award.

'Clearly, during his time at St Patrick's College, Chris exemplified the pursuit of excellence across the College's broad range of educational programmes and activities. I am pleased that Chris and his family are present today to witness the presentations and to applaud the boys who receive them. I am disappointed that another former College Captain, Lachlan Keen of 2003, is overseas at present as he more than anyone else has reconnected us to Chris and his story. I honour Lachlan in his absence.

'Today the College will present a certificate to the top 15% of students in each year level, determined by the aggregation of each boy's end of semester results made up of exams and common assessment tasks. Certificates for Semester II results will be presented at the beginning of the following academic year. Students who receive this award for both semesters will also be presented with a College Academic Excellence Certificate

to acknowledge their consistency in their academic pursuits. We are always pleased to recognise our boys' achievements and their success in later life as priests and cardinals, as sportsmen and great fathers, but we are first and foremost a school and so we need to recognise and make palatable the notion of academic endeavour for all boys.'

The inaugural Chris Nolan Awards drew a sincere letter of thanks from Mary Nolan on behalf of Chris and his father. I offer you part of Mary's letter as a source of inspiration and motivation:

'So many regard someone like Chris as a non-contributor and worthless - he strives as much as he always did and can be as inspiring and challenging and stubborn and engaging as he always was. And to make a difference for himself and others with the added experiences of being 'locked in' a profoundly disabled body and communication system. That is one of the richest aspects of this Award - the SPC recognition of his will to live life fully as he is and to continue to make a difference for himself and others. As I said on Tuesday, friends are vital for Chris to do that, and SPC is very dear to him. I pray that boys who receive Chris Nolan Awards are graced with a desire to live life fully, in spite of life's obstacles, and to make a difference in their own lives and networks.'

This speaks to my heart as I hope it does to yours. Live each day and take no-one for granted.



Chris Nolan with some of his former teachers, Br Brian Davis, Mrs Nerella McDonald, Mr Juri Kaczkowski and Mr Michael Brady

## Anzac Day 2008

Over the Easter break I was in Europe. I spent time travelling across Flanders fields in Belgium, and in the North of France. The miles of flat land were boggy, with snow and water lying everywhere. I envisaged the trenches, the mud and the misery of the First World War. I thought of our 43 Old Boys who were killed in that war. I thought of my great uncles from the western districts who returned scarred for life by the trench gases.

Seeing the region helps one understand the horror and the stagnation of such combat. And I was able to return to Ballarat, to our beautiful, peaceful land. We should honour those who have in the past and today, are prepared to put their lives on the line to defend our freedoms and the freedoms of those who cannot defend themselves. Our students appear to have a growing interest and appreciation of the importance of Anzac Day and honouring those who have sacrificed so much on their behalf. Let us not forget. +

## Mr Steven O'Connor



It is with pleasure I announce that Mr Steven O'Connor, our Deputy Headmaster, has accepted the position of Principal of the Trinity Anglican College, Albury-Wodonga. This relatively new co-educational school has campuses in Thurgoona (Albury) and Baranduda (Wodonga) and already enrolls more than 800 students from Prep to Year 12. This is a great opportunity for Steven who has served us well in his role as Deputy in 2007 and 2008. We wish Steven and Trudy and their children Patrick and Hilary, every best wish in this venture.

Kind Regards  
Peter M Casey

## EDMUND RICE DAY A great success!

Edmund Rice Day 2008 has been and gone and was an overwhelming success. The boys raised in excess of \$33,000 for the four major charities - the Edmund Rice Camps, Caritas, the Edmund Rice Centre at St Albans and the Christian Brothers Overseas Aid Fund. This is approximately a 10% increase on the amount raised in 2007 and we wish to thank all boys who worked so hard to reach the \$40 individual target and the many boys who went well beyond this amount.

The Year 12 Student Council hosted a lunch on Wednesday May 7 for the boys who raised in excess of \$100 for Edmund Rice Day and it was great to see David Ranger, College Captain from 2007 (and a terrific supporter of Edmund Rice Day during his six years at the College) back at the Mass on Monday to present the Shield named in his honour to the boy who raised the most money on the day - Chris Forster of Year 8, who raised more than \$400. This is a tremendous effort and the College congratulates Chris for his efforts in supporting Edmund Rice Day.

Sincere appreciation also to members of the Year 12 Student Council for their hard work in preparing and executing Edmund Rice Day. All members of the Council worked particularly hard and they can be very pleased with their efforts!

The message we put to the boys about Edmund Rice Day was that they could make a difference to those living on the margins. Without doubt every boy who contributed to the day has made a difference to the lives of someone whose circumstances are far more difficult than their own. Well done, boys!

## SOCIAL JUSTICE ASSEMBLY

The College conducted one of its great Assemblies - the Social Justice Assembly, on Wednesday May 28. The work of a large number of boys involved in the St Vincent de Paul Conference and the Social Justice Group under the leadership of Mrs Maree Moore and Mr Danny Moore culminated in a tremendous gathering with some very important messages for the College community to ponder.

The reports from the President of the St Vincent de Paul Conference, Tim Milroy and the leader of the Social Justice Group, Ashley Jan were very well delivered and received - congratulations to both Tim and Ashley. The gathering witnessed the presentation of cheques from the funds raised at Edmund Rice Day to the nominated charities - the Christian Brothers' Overseas Aid Fund, Edmund Rice Camps, the Edmund Rice Centre St Albans and Caritas Australia - and also provided an opportunity for representatives from these organisations to thank the boys and briefly explain how their contributions and support assist their organisation.

The Assembly reminds all boys of the charism of a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition and due appreciation for the boys who have committed to a range of fund raising initiatives throughout the year.

## YEAR 9 MELBOURNE EXPERIENCE

Mr Terry Blizzard

The annual Melbourne Experience was conducted in Term 2 and I can only report positives. We were very impressed with all groups that participated in the experience. The behaviour, cooperation and attitude of all boys was fantastic. The staff always get a great deal of satisfaction watching the young men become confident and adept over the week at navigating their way around the city using public transport and in particular using trams to move around the CBD.

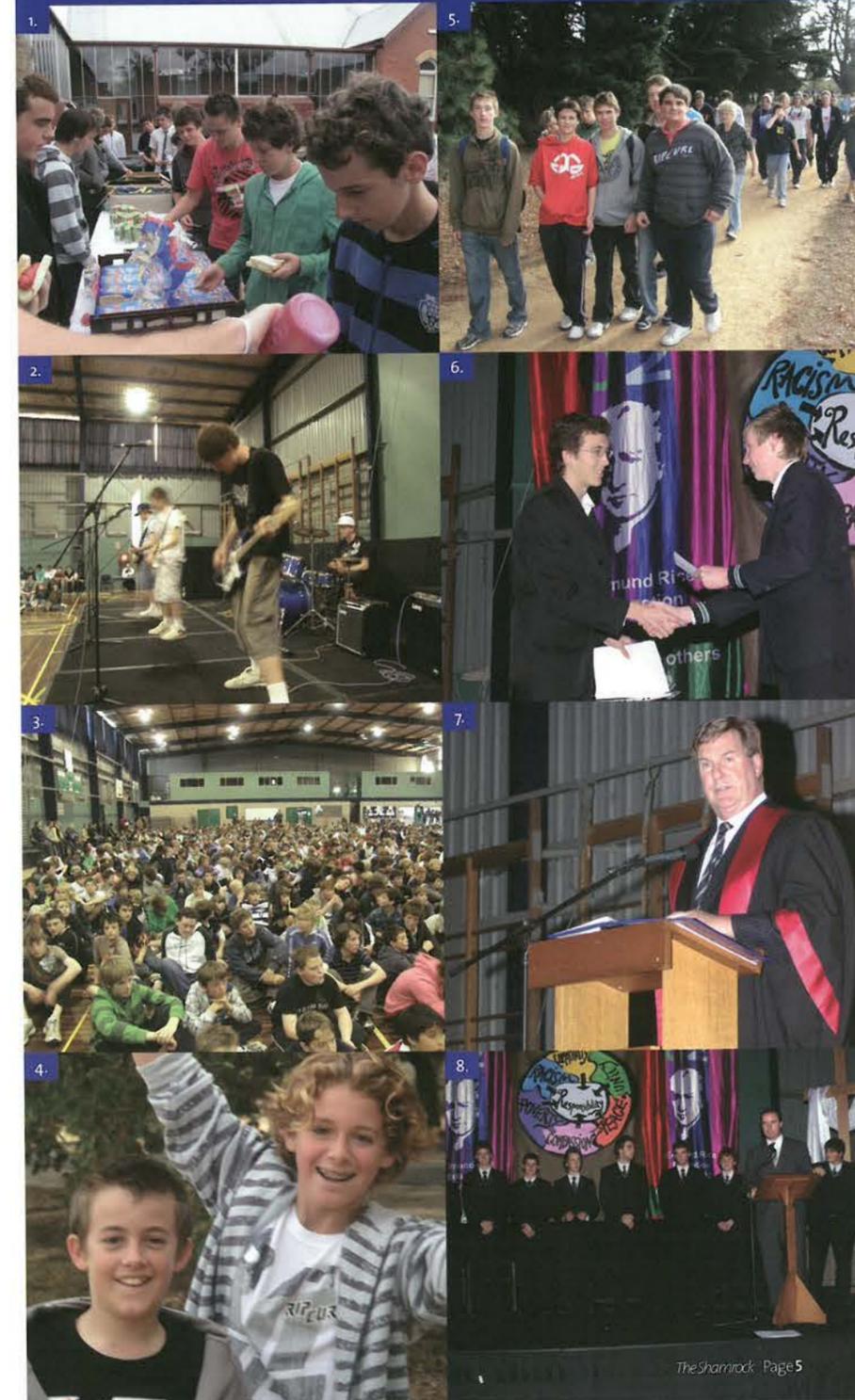
The boys participated in a range of experiences including the Shrine of Remembrance, the Museum, National Gallery of Victoria and the MCG. The challenge for staff was to instil an understanding in the boys that all of these experiences are aimed at giving a broad view of Melbourne and to some extent a broader view of life. We did find ourselves at times responding to the comment, 'but I don't like art so why should I go to the gallery?' The answer is relatively simple; 'this week is about participating in a range of experiences that broaden and enrich our lives'. It would be very beneficial if parents in their discussions with the boys about the Melbourne Experience emphasise this point.

Teachers followed up the week by undertaking an assessment on each student focussing on the three Stepping Stones of Respect, Responsibility and Awareness and how they fared in each area. The boys will also be required to do a self-assessment in a similar vein and these will then come home for parental perusal.

The Melbourne Week continues to be an important feature of the Middle School Programme and will be further refined and developed for students in 2009.

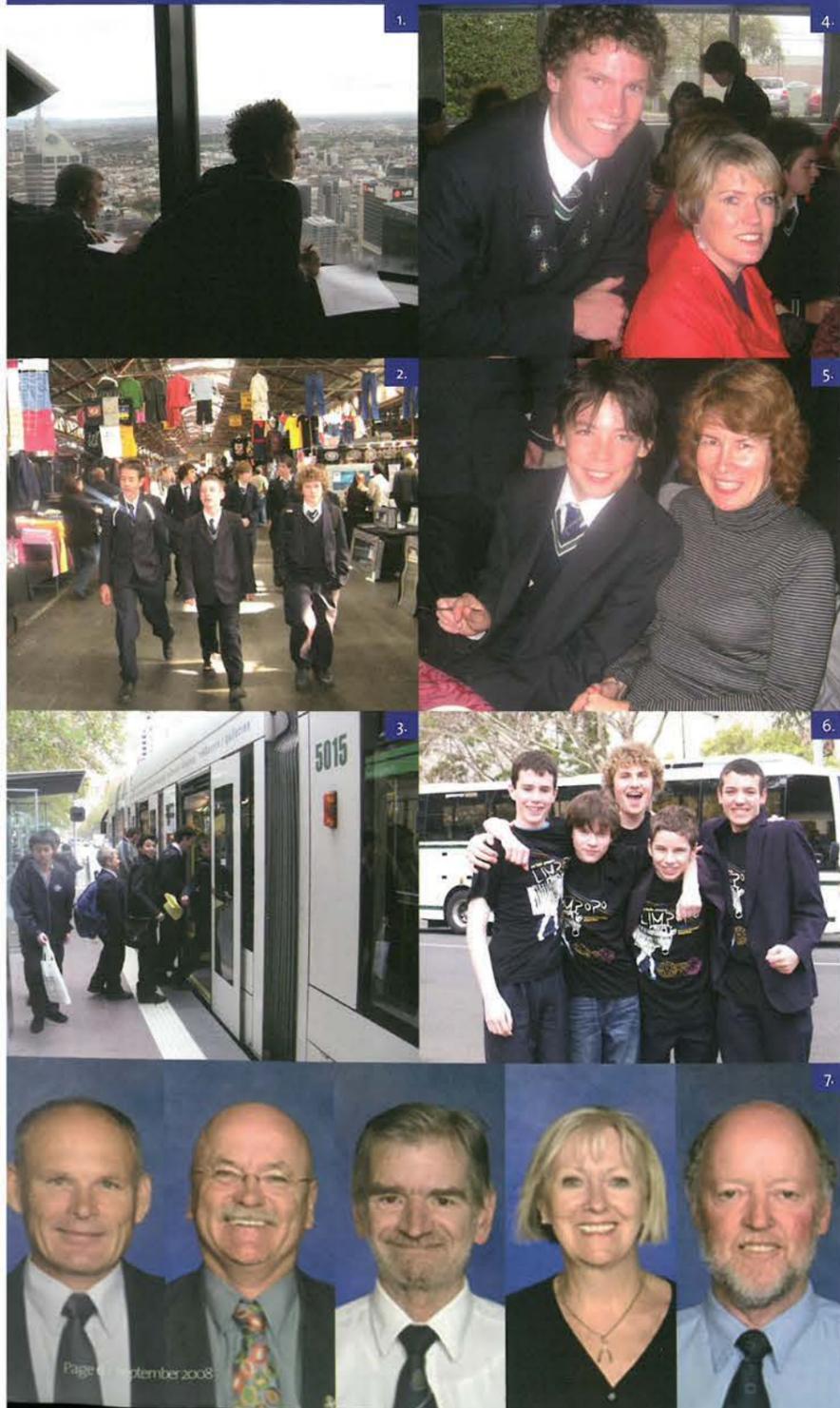
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1-5. Edmund Rice Day  
6-8. Social Justice Assembly



- 1-3. Year 9 Melbourne Experience
- 4. College Captain Thomas Kavanagh with mum Clare at Mother's Day Breakfast
- 5. Mother's Day Breakfast - Nicholas and Suzanne Beaver
- 6. Vocal Band members pumped up!
- 7. Staff recognised by the CEO for thirty years of dedicated service (L-R): Mr Juri Kaczowski, Mr Kelvin Porter, Mr Michael Brady, Mrs Nerella McDonald and Mr Tim Bennett

Photo Gallery



## A VISIT FROM 'THE CHASER'

The cast and crew of 'The Chaser' were in Ballarat and performed two shows on Tuesday April 29 at Her Majesty's Theatre. The College was lucky to have Julian Morrow, one of the original cast members of 'The Chaser' and Executive Producer of the show, visit and talk to the boys in a Senior School Assembly during the day. Julian attended a school in Sydney not too dissimilar to St Patrick's College and was a student of Deputy Headmaster Mr Steven O'Connor. Julian was able to relate to boys at St Patrick's very easily and surprised many by demonstrating that whilst his on stage persona can at times be self-deprecating and often outrageous, he is a very compassionate and socially aware person.

Julian was very interested to hear about the College's involvement in and commitment to numerous social justice and community service activities and the \$40,000 target students set for Edmund Rice Day. Importantly too, Julian is an impressive and entertaining speaker and enjoyed the opportunity to talk with our boys, answer a few questions and leave us all laughing.

## MOTHERS DAY MASS

On May 11 over 200 boys and their Mums gathered in the College Chapel for a Mass to remember Mothers Day and the unconditional love that our mothers bless and nurture their children with. It was a lovely Mass celebrated by Br Bill Van de Camp and a poignant reminder of the special bond between mothers and their sons, a bond which sometimes get tested with the pressure to keep rooms tidy, get to school on time or remember to retrieve notes and food items from school bags! Thank you to Mr Joe Doolan and Ms Tracey Downes for their work in preparing the liturgy and the breakfast that followed in the College Dining Room. The Mass and Breakfast are always greatly appreciated by mothers and is one of the very special days on the College calendar.

## STAFF RECOGNITION

In July at a prestigious evening to launch Catholic Education Week, the Diocese of Ballarat recognised staff for their contributions over the past thirty years to Catholic education. The collective efforts of these people are reflected in the fine schools we now enjoy across the Diocese and the good men and women who now send their children to us in turn.

From St Patrick's College, five staff members were recognised for their work: Mr Tim Bennett, Mr Michael Brady, Mr Juri Kaczowski, Mrs Nerella McDonald and Mr Kelvin Porter. Mr Porter and Mr Brady are themselves Old Collegians and that Mrs McDonald and Mr Kaczowski have both served a full thirty years at St Patrick's College. Thank you and well done to these fine, experienced educators!

## MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC...

Mrs Kathleen Plastow  
Director of Performing Arts

### Music Camp

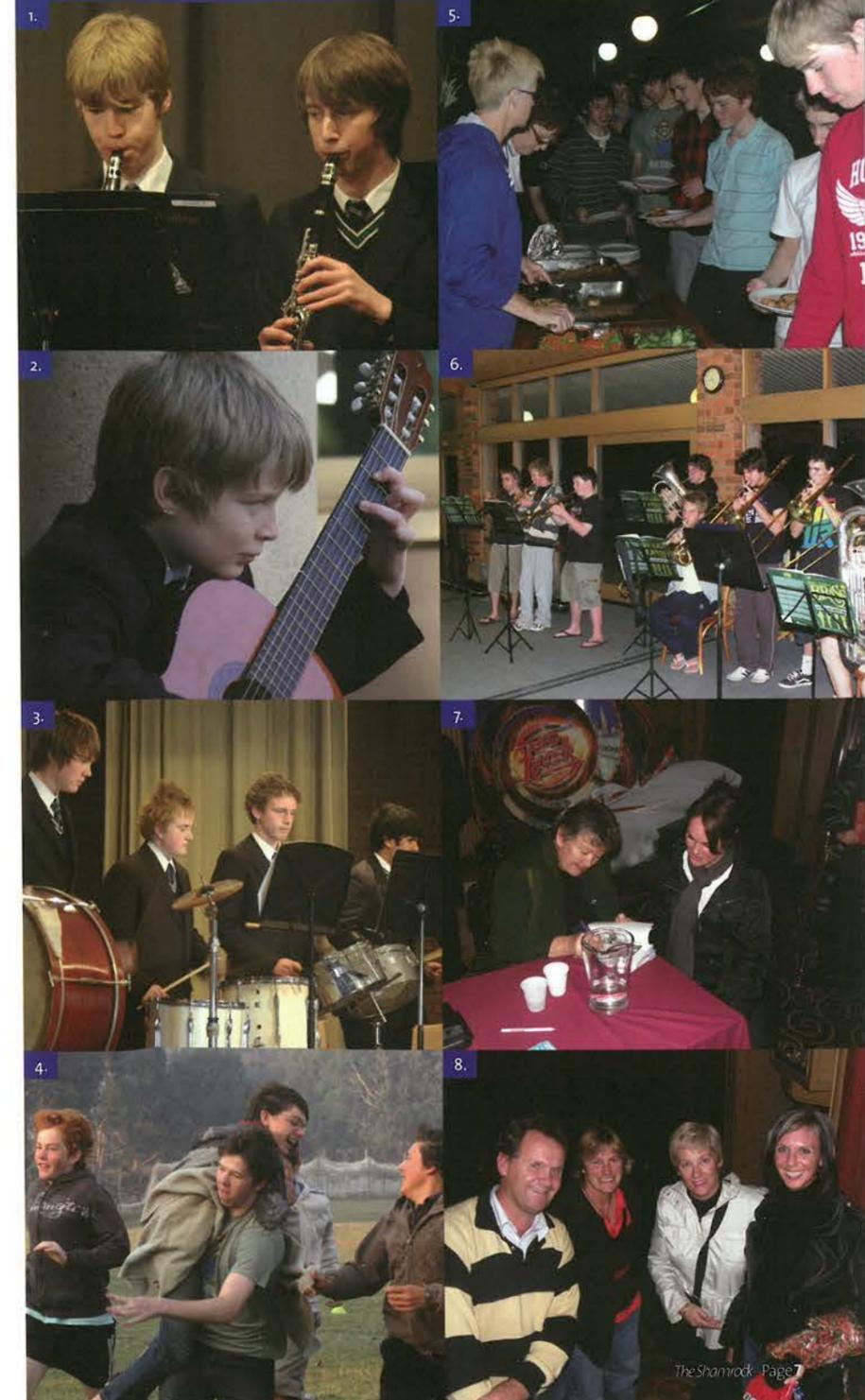
The annual St Patrick's College Music Camp was held at Cave Hill Creek over the weekend of Friday April 18 to Sunday April 20. The experience was extremely intense with approximately 16 hours of rehearsal time! Concert Band 1 is now well on the way to being prepared for the competition season with the Melbourne School Bands Festival as the primary goal for the Semester.

### Bendigo Eistedfodd

St Patrick's College musicians travelled to Bendigo for the annual Bendigo Music Eistedfodd. In an outstanding lead up to the Royal South Street Competitions and the prestigious Melbourne Music Festival, students from the College performed

- 1. Bendigo Music Eistedfodd - Ben O'Shea and Richard Keys
- 2. Bendigo Music Eistedfodd - Charles Robinson
- 3. Bendigo Music Eistedfodd - Percussion Ensemble
- 4-6. Music Camp
- 7. Internationally renowned author Celia Lashlie signing her book for parent Karen McMaster
- 8. Year 7 Coordinator Mr Howard Clark, his wife Jane and parents at the Celia Lashlie Evening

Photo Gallery



1. Year 9 Rebellion
2. Next Generation Art Exhibition Sam Donegan
3. Next Generation Art Exhibition Josh Kennedy
- 4-5. Educators from across the region gathered in the OCA Pavilion for the 2nd annual Health and Wellbeing Seminar presented by the College's HaPE Faculty.
- 6-8. Martial Arts Exhibition

Photo Gallery



exceptionally well attracting lavish praise from Chief Adjudicator Mr Simon Brown from Caulfield Grammar.

Under the guidance of the College's Director of Performing Arts Mrs Kathleen Plastow, the boys played with great maturity, flair and technical precision. Stars of the day were the Junior Guitar Ensemble of Joseph Zreikat (Year 8), Charles Robinson (Year 7), Mitchell O'Keefe (Year 7) and Andrew Groch (Year 7) who received the highest commendation for the day - an Honourable Achievement Certificate, for their performance. The feedback from the judges highlighted the quality of their performance: 'an outstanding performance. Tuning, balance, rhythm were all attended to. Good attention to dynamic contrast. Excellent work. Congratulations to you and your teacher (Peter Camm) on your preparation. Much potential'.

The College's Concert Band, Woodwind Ensemble, Brass Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble also performed exceptionally well attracting plaudits from the judging panel. The panel noted in regards to the Concert Band; 'Excellent ensemble playing'. 'Very good rhythmic playing particularly through difficult passages'.

Overall an exceptional warm up for the Melbourne Music Festival and South Street Competitions.

Year 7 Vocal Ensemble

On Friday July 25, sixteen boys represented the College at the local ABC Radio's fifth Birthday Celebrations at the Queen Alexandra Bandstand in Sturt Street. This celebration was also used to raise awareness of homelessness and to collect donations for the Victorian Winter Blanket Appeal. The boys only had three days to learn the song, "Oh Ballarat", that had been especially written by Greg Champion from the 'Coodabeen Champions' for the celebrations.

The boys sang the song live-to-air after only one rehearsal with "The Little Brass Band" and they performed admirably to a very appreciative audience. After the live performance, the boys were invited back

to the ABC Dawson Street studios to record the song again with the band. Although it was very tight in the studio, the boys sang with gusto.

Congratulations to Zachary Weightman, Darcy Osborne, Joshua Tooley, Brandon Appleby, Adam Murphy, Jesse Nicholls, Lachlan Dodd, Lachlan Murphy, Joshua Minto, Sean Houlihan, Andrew Howlett, Jakob Currey, Jakob Baric, Jerome Wallace, Max Rawlings and Harrison Antoniazzi for being such wonderful ambassadors for St Patrick's College.

Bugsy Malone

Heartfelt congratulations to the students and staff who collaborated with Loreto College to present a marvellous rendition of Bugsy Malone. Luke Wilson was outstanding in the lead role, carrying it off with consummate grace and poise. He was ably supported by many fine performances, great costuming, innovative set design, fluid musical backing and very smooth transition from scene to scene in a fast moving cavalcade. Congratulations to Director of Performing Arts Mrs Kathleen Plastow for her support for this venture as well as her outstanding guidance, mentoring and direction provided to boys and girls in the production.

AN EVENING WITH CELIA LASHLIE

Parents and Friends Association

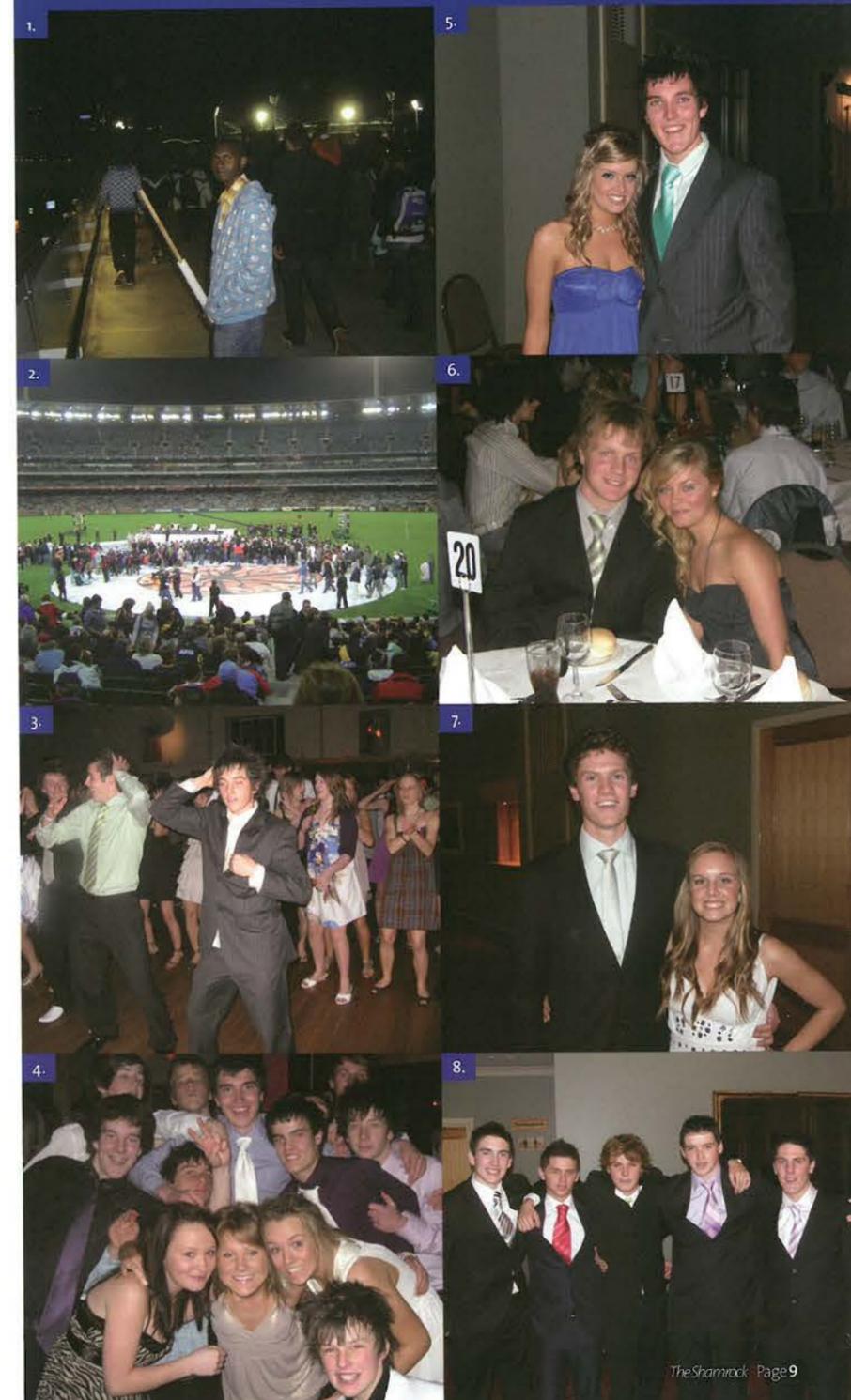
Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men

On Monday May 19 the Parents and Friends Association hosted international author and scholar, Celia Lashlie, at the Regent Multiplex with the support of The Courier, the Lake Inn and the City Hotel.

Over 350 people gathered for this entertaining, challenging and inspiring

1. Norman Tipiloura from the Tiwi Islands at 'Dreamtime at the G'
2. 'Dreamtime at the G' - five SPC boys from Timber Creek and the Tiwi Islands were involved in pre-game entertainment on the MCG
- 3-4. Year 9 Social
- 5-8. Year 12 Formal

Photo Gallery



1. The HaPE Faculty organised for a number of students and staff to donate blood at the Red Cross in Terms 2 and 3
2. Headmaster Dr Peter Casey setting an example for students
3. College Vice Captain Seamus Herrick making a valuable contribution to the Red Cross
4. Head of HaPE Mr Jeremy House relaxing after giving some of his blood
5. The College and St John of God joined forces to present a Men's Health Night for fathers and sons
6. Renowned chef Peter Ford at the Men's Health Night
- 7-8. Men's Health Night

Photo Gallery



evening with New Zealand author Celia Lashlie who has written the book; 'He'll be Okay - Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men'. It was wonderful to share the night with many members of the St Patrick's College community as well as significant representation from many of the College's feeder primary schools.

Celia spoke very humorously and pragmatically about the challenges of raising teenage boys - in particular working with them to cross the bridge of adolescence to realise their enormous potential. It was gratifying to hear Celia speak so passionately about how beautiful our boys are and the sheer wonder within each of them.

St Patrick's College follows in the tradition of Edmund Rice who aspired to raise young boys to the status of men. This goal reflects an appreciation of the dignity and inherent worth of those entrusted to us. Edmund Rice, like ourselves, sought out those who had no other opportunity of a Christian education in a spirit of inclusivity- something reflected in the diverse backgrounds, interests and abilities of our boys today. One thing remains constant - our vision for raising hope, the lifeblood of a future for any young man. As ever we seek to support our families as the first educators of their young and some times we do it in spite of their families in this broken time for many.

Thank you to the Public Relations Committee for supporting this initiative and to Mr Damian McKee for putting in place all arrangements with Celia for the evening. Damian's passion for boys' education is evident for all to see and he was the driving force behind this event, which also underlined the Parents and Friend Association's passion for supporting events that support all boys and families within our community.

# NETBALL FOR BREAST CANCER

The Year 12 Council played in a highly competitive and enjoyable netball match against their counterparts in leadership from Loreto College to raise awareness of breast cancer and to raise funds for research. The initiative stemmed from the enthusiasm of 2007 Council members Dominic Vogels and Alexander Blizzard and was widely supported by students from St Patrick's, Loreto College and Ballarat High School who kindly hosted the event.

Led this year by College Captain Thomas Kavanagh the boys were no match for the girls from Loreto. A large number of pink iced donuts, wrist bands and drinks were sold by student leaders with all funds going to breast cancer research. A large crowd supported a very entertaining match with the boys sporadically demonstrating their athletic prowess, understanding of the rules and their agility!

# THE LONG MARCH

A visit from Rostrevor College, Adelaide

On the weekend of May 24 and 25 the College was honoured to host a visit from 23 Indigenous boys with seven staff from Rostrevor College in Adelaide, another Edmund Rice school. Rostrevor has established an Indigenous Sports Academy and like St Patrick's are a registered Indigenous Youth Leadership Programme (IYLP) school. Rostrevor's weekend's activities included a football game against St Kevin's College, Michael Long's Dreamtime Walk to the MCG, the Essendon-Richmond Match, lunch and the Lady Miners' game versus Knox courtesy of the Ballarat Miners and then the Roosters' match and dinner courtesy of the North Ballarat Football Club.

- 1-4. Restoration works on the College Chapel - to be completed in September 2008. The carpet covering the altar has been lifted to reveal the Verona marble which has been restored to its original condition. The altar rails have been shortened, with the marble removed to be used to create a new altar and lectern for the OCA Memorial Chapel.
5. The St Patrick's College banner - proudly displayed on the 'Pope's Boat' as it docks in Sydney as part of World Youth Day
6. Damien Farrell tests the defence of Mentone Grammar - 1st XV Rugby
7. A keenly contested line-out
8. Ben Jenkins kicks for touch

Photo Gallery



The College have publicly committed to doing whatever it can to facilitate reconciliation for our nation, and to work with anyone who is prepared to partner us to advance the standing of Indigenous Australians. The highlight of the weekend was watching Indigenous and Non-Indigenous students from both schools walking together to the MCG and enjoying a night of great fellowship in the spirit of reconciliation. We look forward to additional contacts with Rostrevor in the future as they further develop their Sports Academy Model and are currently looking at opportunities for the College's Indigenous students to visit Adelaide in the not too distant future.

## SPC BLOOD DRIVE

St Patrick's College and the Ballarat Red Cross have formed a partnership in order to rally as many blood donors from the College community as possible to provide blood for those in need. The challenge was met by students and staff from the College with great enthusiasm and the resulting donations were well appreciated by the Red Cross on behalf of all recipients. All donors, most of whom were first timers, displayed great courage, with some overcoming their fear of needles! All were rewarded with a great sense of having made a difference through a selfless act of kindness. We hope to extend this partnership well into the future.

Thank you and well done to the following donors:

### Students

Aaron Eastick  
Luke Whitehouse  
Lachlan Whitehouse  
Joel Staub  
Nathan Earls  
Brian Taylor  
Josh Kelly  
Dylan Rodger  
Daniel Considine  
Nick O'Keefe  
Seamus Herrick  
Tom McKinnon

### Staff:

Dr Peter Casey  
Mr Nathan Barnes  
Mr Ryan Berg  
Mr Chris Gleeson

## MEN'S HEALTH NIGHT

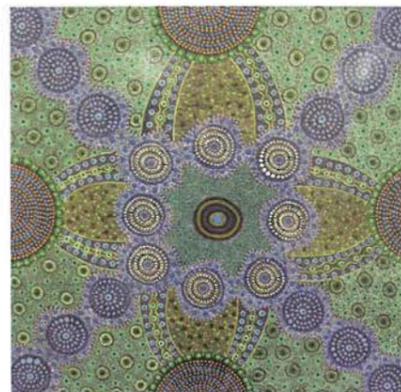
Also in May the College, in conjunction with St John of God Hospital, hosted a Men's Health Night. More than 120 men attended from within St Patrick's and from the wider Ballarat community. Presenters included Mr Brett Valance (alcohol in perspective), Dr Charles Flynn (SPC 1971-72) (exercise), Dr Wayne Spring (sleep), Mr Peter Ford, a chef and current SPC parent (healthy eating), Mr Bob Maika (bringing it all together) with a poignant summary from Mr John Fogarty (SPC 1976-81), CEO of St John of God Hospital. This very helpful and informative night was orchestrated by current parent, Mrs Genevieve Martin, Business Development and Medical Liaison at St John of God Hospital and Year 7 Coordinator Mr Howard Clark.

## AN INTERPRETATION OF OUR INDIGENOUS ART WORK

Mr Joe Doolan  
Director of Mission

Patricia Oliver's painting features elements of ancient rock art and petroglyph designs found throughout the traditional country of Eastern Arnhemte.

The College recently took delivery of a new Indigenous art piece commissioned by Headmaster Dr Peter Casey from Patricia Oliver of the Santa Teresa Station near Alice Springs. The wonderful



patterns of the work incorporate what might be a Celtic cross at the centre, our four pillars on the compass points, and the College colours. What is immediately arresting are the eight circles around the centre of the piece which symbolise, for me, the elements of God. I have long known the importance of this number from scriptural and liturgical texts but the scholarship of Robert Barron and his riveting work *And Now I See...* Theology of Transformation (Crossroads) 1998 reinforced these divine components of our God.

### 1. God Is Unknowable, All Powerful

In some respects, the Islamic religion has it right when they refuse to attempt a depiction of God in any of their mosques. When they took over the largest church in the world in Istanbul, called Hagia Sofia, they removed all the Christian icons, pictures of Mary, pictures of Jesus. In the medallions around the ceiling they placed their Arabic script.

In some respects, this is very accurate, for the first component of God is that you cannot know this person, this Creator, this Eternal Being. So often we will see pictures of the Father as an old man with a beard, much like Michelangelo's fresco in the Sistine Chapel. We can contemplate that perhaps God is like a father. This is to miss the first element of God, that we can never know this Eternal Being.

### 2. God Possesses All Knowledge

It is intriguing to note, in advances in science, how in each new addition of *Cosmos* magazine, *Scientific American*, or *New Scientist* we continue to have new

discoveries. Some of them are in the macrocosm and some in the microcosm. New telescopes will discover not only the new galaxy, but will show us the exploding super nova. It seems that each year we discover the magnitude of the cosmos in our continual research. Similarly, the synchrotron with its collision of atoms, is also exploring the boundaries of creation in the most minute components of our world. What we find is that our understanding of the universe is continually growing. This forces us to ask the question posed in Psalm 8:

*'When we see the moon and the stars which you arranged*

*What is mortal man that you keep him in mind?*

*You have made him little less than a God With Glory and Honour you crowned him.*

The psalmist is asking us to look at the universe to see the immense power and creativity of God.

### 3. God is Trinity

Our Christian God is Triune: a Father, Son and Spirit. In order to explore this we need to go to the start of John's Gospel with the prologue. Unlike the synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, John's prologue asserts that Jesus is the same essence, the same Being as the Father. Jesus is not merely a Son of God. Jesus is equal to the Father. In John's prologue we read:

*'In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. All things were created through Him, all life and light and for those people who believe in Him, God gives power to become a child of God'.*

This concept, which is called the high Christology of John was accepted by the Christian Church in the council of Nicaea of 325AD. Jesus is God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, begotten, not made. So this third concept of God is that God is made up of a Father and a Son and these two Beings share a Holy Spirit. This God, the Father, Son and Spirit, who created the world, has left the Holy Spirit as the life and energy of God, working today.

1-2. SPC 1st XVIII v St Kevin's College, Toorak  
3-5. BAS Grand Final action against traditional foe Ballarat and Clarendon College  
6-7. BAS Senior Soccer - SPC v Ballarat and Clarendon College

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#### 4. God is the Beginning

As scientific theories today look at the 'big bang' and try and speculate as to what occurred in the instant of the creation of our cosmos, in Christian theology we believe that God existed before Creation, as God is Eternal. The concept of a beginning of time and a beginning of space is not the beginning of God. The fourth component asserts that God is eternal and existed before anything else.

#### 5. God is the Endpoint of Creation

The doctrine of the last things, Eschatology, is bound up in our hope for the future and the final reign of God over the cosmos. The Last Judgement from Matthew's Gospel and many of the parables explore this theme of God's power and mercy extending to the end of Salvation history.

#### 6. God is Creative

The book of Genesis and the Psalms all demonstrate that God created the world and is intimately present in every element of creation. We look at the sunset, the ocean, the forest, the plants, the wisdom literature of the Bible and the Psalms that celebrate creation, and we can see God in the macrocosm and the microcosm. Through the seven days of creation it is asserted that while each of these days is good, the sixth day - the creation of humankind was very good. Humans are the highpoint of that creation. Not merely is God the origin of our created world; God's creative action is ongoing.

#### 7. God is Faithful

The story of the Hebrew people and the story of the Christian people present the concept of God being one who is loyal to God's people. The term used in the Old Testament for this is that God makes covenant. God's covenant is made with Abraham, a covenant is re-asserted with Noah, seen in the rainbow at the end of the Flood and is made again with Moses and the people wandering the desert. Even though humans will break that covenant, God's side of the arrangement can never be broken.

There are three components to this faithfulness: God is merciful, kind and trustworthy. This God is loving and kind, patient, understanding of human weakness and eternally merciful, eternally forgiving, reflecting the mother's bond with the child in her womb.

God's kindness is not a mere action of affection or warmth but a steadfast, unswerving love of God's people. This God is a covenant God and is therefore totally trustworthy. This God is the truth, this God can be relied upon, but just as Abraham left his town and walked in companionship with his God, trusting his God completely, so the covenant people can trust that God will never leave them.

#### 8. God is Humble

One of the key motifs of the story of Jesus, found in the New Testament, is His humility. Firstly, the infancy accounts found in Luke and Matthew's Gospels, present Jesus in the most meagre of surroundings, with no ostentatious trappings. Luke's Gospel has him born in a stable and he is visited by shepherds. The Isaiah quotation says that ox and ass are present and the medieval creation of the Christmas crib underlies this humility of Jesus. Though Matthew's Gospel presents the wise ones from the East bringing their gold, incense and myrrh they still maintain the theme of the humility of this Child. Later Jesus enters into Jerusalem on a donkey, again a sign that the King comes without the trappings of the upper class.

Our new art piece evoked this theological response. We look forward to hearing and publishing other reflections upon the work in the future.

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## SPORT 2008

### BAS 1st XVIII Grand Final St Pat's Premiers 2008

**St Patrick's College 8-8-56 Defeated  
Ballarat College 6-7-43**

**Best Players:** Shaun Lyle, Josh Cowan, Nick Suban, Daniel Nicholson, Ben Hayes, Luke Gunnell, Daniel Ross-Smith and Rex Hickman

**Goal Kickers:** Lucas Cook 3, Jared Hall 1, Glen Kirby 1, Rex Hickman 1, David Lang 1 and Josh Cowan 1

After a long season, which started in Darwin, the SPC 1st XVIII were up against Ballarat and Clarendon College in the BAS Grand Final. Going through the season undefeated in the BAS competition is a fine effort but it would have been disappointing to lose the big one. Winning the right to host the final was a small advantage but with conditions extremely windy it was sure to be a fierce contest. The boys were asked to "honour their team mate" before the match and to enjoy the occasion, which for some, would be the last time they would pull on the traditional long sleeved blue, green and white.

Kicking into a stiff breeze, BCC jumped SPC to kick the opening two goals. The SPC backline got itself sorted out and the midfield started to win more of the contested football. Jared Hall opened the SPC account after a 50m penalty brought him to the goal square. Lucas Cook then started to exert his presence up forward; his second goal from near the boundary line into the breeze was a 'ripper'. Mr Gleeson showed little faith in Lucas by stating he was "1000 to 1" to kick the goal. Glen Kirby had been contributing well at ground level and snapped truly to extend our lead to 10 points at quarter time.

Kicking with the breeze we failed to capitalise on the scoreboard. The backline was cutting everything off and pumping the ball long into the forwards who peppered the goals to kick 2 goals 4 behinds for the quarter. BCC kicked a late

goal to bring the margin back to 19 points. At half time the boys were instructed to still attack into the breeze, be accountable and most importantly continue to win the contested ball.

BCC, kicking with the aide of a three goal wind, out scored SPC two goals to one in the third quarter with Rex Hickman converting from 35 metres after continually presenting at half forward. Seamus Herrick, Tom Frawley, Josh Cowan, Ben Hayes and Luke Gunnell continued to mop up across halfback and showed lots of desperation in many contests. Nick Suban was instrumental in the midfield whilst Shaun Lyle gained numerous possessions and continued his fine season. The margin at the last break was 11 points. At the huddle the boys needed little motivation as all players were determined to walk off the ground winners.

The last quarter was a scrappy affair as players from both sides threw themselves at contests with twenty two 1%ers being recorded by SPC. This is a good indicator that everyone was playing for each other. David Lang managed to snap after earlier receiving a heavy knock. BCC had more of the play but could only manage one goal. When the siren sounded the final scores stood at 8. 8. 56 to 6. 7. 43 with SPC victorious for the second year running.

Congratulations must be extended to the entire 1st XVIII playing squad who went through the BAS season undefeated. This is a significant achievement considering 44 players represented the College at 1st XVIII level in the BAS competition. It was equally significant that 33 players played a minimum of five 1st XVIII games throughout the season and deserved the right to be presented with the time honoured 1st XVIII jumper at the seasons end.

Many thanks must be extended to 1st XVIII support staff Mr Andrew Chamings, Mr Gavin Webb, Brendan James and Mr Chris Gleeson who provided specialist coaching and mentoring to each boy in the Senior programme. Their wonderful support contributed greatly to the success of the programme. Thanks must also be extended to Mr Ryan Berg who was an effective and supportive Team Manager.

### BAS 2ND XVIII GRAND FINAL SPC Premiers!

The BAS 2nd XVIII Grand Final was played on Tuesday July 22 in cold and slippery conditions and was a celebration of St Patrick's football with the top of the ladder Green team playing arch rivals SPC Blue. The pressure in the first quarter was intense and players made many skill errors, compounded by the slippery conditions. At half time it appeared as if we may have to resort to a penalty shoot out to decide the Grand Final with both teams locked on one goal apiece!

However following an insightful and passionate half time address from coach Peter Blanchfield the Greens finally got their running game going and were able to kick four goals in an inspired team display. The impetus for the relative goal bonanza came from hard working on-ballers Nathan Sobey, Dom Bushell, Matt Gillett and Ash Mullane. As has been the case all year Daniel James provided a compelling forward target drawing the ball and numerous opponents to him which created opportunities for crumbers Trent Clark, Norman Tipiloura and debutant Mikey Smiler who kicked a clever check side goal.

The Greens added two more goals in the last quarter whilst keeping the Blues to two points, thanks largely to a tight knit backline led by Dermott Sullivan, Jacob Krusche, Tom O'Loughlin and Liam Toohey.

The comprehensive win by the SPC Green team reinforced their dominant status in the competition this year and was a great reward for the committed group of players who played throughout the season. The players have enjoyed an excellent year thanks largely to the coaching of Peter Blanchfield, a noted senior player in the BFL who has provided the players with sound contemporary coaching, delivered in a positive and educative manner for all players.

The sight of players from both teams sharing a war cry after the game highlighted the positive spirit that has characterised the 2nd XVIII football competition in 2008. Sincere thank you to

Director of Football Mr Howard Clark who has established a competition and a football programme that encourages all boys to strive for personal excellence and provides opportunities to represent the College at a level commensurate with their ability, commitment and enthusiasm. The development of some players in this competition in 2008 has been noteworthy and augurs well for the 1st XVIII competition in 2009.

## JOHN JAMES MEDAL NIGHT 2008

Director of Football  
Mr Howard Clark

On Monday August 25, over 150 members of the St Patrick's community gathered for the annual John James Medal. John James, one of two SPC Brownlow Medallists was in attendance to present the trophy named in his honour for the Best Player in the BAS Grand Final. In 2008 the award was won by promising Year 11 player Shaun Lyle who played an inspirational game on Grand Final day despite being struck down by the flu in the lead up to the game. The night also featured the presentation of other marquee awards including the Br O'Malley Memorial Trophy for the Best and Fairest player in the 1st XVIII and the Greg Dowd Memorial Trophy for the Best and Fairest player in the 2nd XVIII competition.

The guest speakers for the night was Melbourne Co-Captain and veteran of 200 games James McDonald (SPC 1989-95) who has won his club Best and Fairest the 'Bluey Truscott Trophy' for the past two seasons. He was also named as an 'All Australian' player in 2006. James was skilfully interviewed by brother Alex (SPC 1982-87), himself a veteran of over 100 AFL games and who is currently a noted manager of AFL players working with Stride Sports. It was also great to have Shaun Grigg (SPC 2001-2006) in attendance who enjoyed a stellar season culminating in him being nominated as a NAB Rising Star for 2008. Both James and

Shaun spoke to students about the importance of hard work, perseverance and believing in yourself, both in football and in life off the field. In a poignant lesson for all in attendance James explained how he had just completed his Bachelor of Commerce after seven years of study!

The John James Medal was a fitting end to another successful season of St Patrick's College football.

## Award Winners 2008

### Best and Fairest Winners

#### Junior Gold

1. Lachlan Phyland
2. James Costigan
3. Eden Marson
4. Glen Coleman

#### Junior SPC White

1. Richard Zelencich
2. Harley Inglis
3. Mitchell Robertson and Jamie Powell
5. Joshua Cullinan

#### Junior SPC Blue

1. Charles Cook
2. Matthew Lewis
3. Jacob Lench
4. Sam Troon

#### Junior SPC Green

1. Zeb Morcombe
2. Nick Hartly
3. James Vanderkley
4. Kane McAuliffe

#### Year 9 Football

1. Mathew Begbie
2. Nicholas O'Brien
3. Scott Spriggs
4. Blake Prozzo
5. Zane Thompson

#### Year 10 Football

1. Jessie Dundon
2. Hayden Walters
3. Hamish Blake
4. Justin O'Brien
5. Tom Lamb

#### 2nd XVIII Blue Football

1. Hayden Walters
2. Jarryd Allan
3. Richard Impey
4. Josh Brown

#### 2nd XVIII Green Football

1. Daniel James
2. Kane Fitzpatrick
3. Dominic Bushell
4. Marshall Rippon
5. Nick Clifton and Ashley Mullane

#### 1st XVIII Football

**Br W. T. O'Malley Best and Fairest Trophy**  
Winners: Rex Hickman and Ben Hayes  
Runner Up: David Lang

#### North Ballarat Rebels

**Most Valuable Player Award**  
Nick Suban

#### John James Medal

**Presented to Best on Ground in BAS 1st XVIII Grand Final**  
Shaun Lyle

#### 1st XVIII Year 10 Most Valuable Player

Lucas Cook

## Representative Honours

#### Under 18 All Australian Selection

Nick Suban

#### Under 16 Australian Institute of Sport Scholarship

Lucas Cook

#### Under 15 All Australian Selection

Nicholas O'Brien

#### Victorian Country State Selection

Nick Suban - Captain Under 18  
Ben Peters - Under 18 (squad member)  
Lucas Cook - Under 16  
Nicholas O'Brien - Under 15  
Zane Thompson - Under 15

## ANNUAL FIXTURES v St Kevin's College, Toorak

On Thursday April 24, St Kevin's College, Toorak played host to our Football, Soccer and Basketball teams in the annual Challenge Matches. All matches were keenly contested affairs, however all three St Patrick's College teams were defeated. The football fixture is the oldest St Kevin's College sporting fixture on its calendar and the clash between these great Edmund Rice Schools is eagerly anticipated each year.

The 1st XVIII battled all day however were outplayed by classier opposition. The 1st XI Soccer players had many more chances, however failed to capitalise with a late goal to SKC making the score line look more comfortable than it was. Despite a very even first half, the 1st V Basketball team could not cope with an onslaught after half time that saw SKC go on a 10 point to nothing run. With only seven players compared to St Kevin's 12 the difference was unable to be made up

The competition standard was extremely high and as always, played in good spirit as befitting such a significant and historic occasion. Results:

#### Football

St Kevin's 17.14.116  
def St Patrick's 10.12. 72

#### Soccer

St Kevin's 3  
defeated St Patrick's 1

#### Basketball

St Kevin's 53  
defeated St Patrick's 42

Next year we look forward to hosting SKC with the possible inclusion of Rugby on the esteemed programme.

## ST PATRICK'S ATHLETICS VICTORY A Proud Tradition

In April the College continued its proud record of success by winning the annual BAS Athletics Championship. After some conjecture about our recent performances Archivist Br Brian Davis provided the following information.

In the years since 1957 there have been six occasions when the College has not been victorious:

#### 1973

3rd (1st loss in 25 years) to Ballarat and Clarendon College and Ballarat Grammar

#### 1974

2nd to Ballarat Grammar

#### 1975

No competition held due to a double booking of venue. It rained all day anyway!

#### 1983

2nd to Ballarat and Clarendon College

#### 2000

2nd to Ballarat Grammar

#### 2004

2nd to Ballarat Grammar

#### 2005

2nd to Ballarat Grammar

The victory in 2008 is our 45th since 1957 and our 54th since 1948 following a second placing to Ballarat Grammar in 1947.

## New Records

There were a few records broken on the day. In particular three were broken by St Patrick's Competitors. They are as follows:

#### 1500m - Under 13: Boys

##### Existing record

J.McVitty (DC) 2003 4.58.70s

##### New record

Laiton Sullivan (SPC) 4.48.00s

#### 200m - Under 13: Boys

##### Existing record

J.Porter (SPC) 1996 0.25.40s

##### New record

Thomas Vadala (SPC) 0.25.04s

#### 800m - Junior Boys

##### Existing record

T.Mitchell (BCC) - 2003 2.16.20s

##### New record

Jack Murch (SPC) 2.15.87s

## Boys' Results 2008

St Patrick's: 1030

Ballarat Grammar: 932

Ballarat High School: 887

Ballarat & Clarendon College: 799

Damascus College: 758

## RUGBY UNION Some Long Awaited Silverware!

A great finish to a great season for our Rugby Union players. The Under 16s had a great win over Ivanhoe Grammar who also provided the opposition in the Grand Final for the First XV. Having played two close games during the regular season the Grand Final was always going to be a tight struggle between the power forwards of Ivanhoe and the creative running backs of St Patrick's.

Despite having the greater part of the play for the day, St Patrick's were unable to put points on the scoreboard meaning that scores were level at the final whistle. However St Patrick's were the recipients of a game ending penalty meaning that we had a shot at a converted kick to take the VRU 2nd Division Title. As the sporting cliché says, 'cometh the hour, cometh the man' and Ethan Clarken the team's designated kicker, withstood the pressure to goal, delivering the College with its first piece of rugby silverware since re-entering competition in 2004.

Congratulations and well done to Director of Rugby Mr Graham Swinton and his supporters for a memorable opportunity for our three teams who front

up each Saturday in full uniform, often leaving very early to set off for far flung destinations around greater Melbourne and Geelong. The Rugby Union Programme offers a wonderful participation opportunity for a wide selection of boys at SPC. Well done!

## AGSV/APS/ BAS GOLF

The annual golf day for these associations was played at the prestigious Royal Melbourne Golf Course. It was an outstanding display of Golf with SPC finishing second on a countback from Caulfield Grammar school with a total score of 240, three shots ahead of Marcellin College with Ballarat Grammar the next best BAS school on 269. Congratulations to Luke Hickman, Ash Haase, Shaun Lyle for their play and to Mr Jeremy Daniel for coaching the team. Ash Haase recorded the best score for the day by four strokes carding a sizzling 73 on the testing lay out - well played Ash!

## BAS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Mr Shane Hayes

Director of Athletics

On a typical cold and windy day the best of Ballarat's junior distance runners competed in the annual BAS Lap of the Lake. St Patrick's was well represented in the U/16 division by the following students with six top 10 finishers. Congratulations to Tom Blood, Angus Martin, Aaron Preddy, Mitchell Taylor, Tom Nankivell, Charles Martin, Bart Harney and Nick O'Brien. In the U/14 division SPC had five participants with three top five finishes. Congratulations to Jack Murch, Laiton Sullivan, Mitchell Thompson, Patrick Blood and Joel Karlake. In the Open Division, SPC had seven participants with three top

ten finishers. Congratulations to Chris Munn, Scott Berg, Clay Jenkins, Kyle Coutts, Jack Gudgeon, Angus Lennecke and Andrew Wallis

Congratulations to Captain Chris Munn and the entire team in taking out the Boys Aggregate competition.

## Boys Aggregate

1st	SPC	121pts
2nd	BG	142pts
3rd	BCC	240pts
4th	DC	260pts
5th	BHS	341pts

## GYMNASTICS

### St Patrick's College – Number One in Boys' InterSchool Gymnastics in 2008

At the 2008 Victorian Inter School Gymnastics Championships held at Donvale on Tuesday, September 2, 2008, the St Patrick's College Gymnastics team maintained its mantle of the number one school in Victoria with an impressive display. The team coached by Br Bernie Scott, a nationally recognised leader in the coaching of gymnastics put in a polished, consistent display to win both individual and team honours in the highly competitive event which saw boys pitted against opposition from some of the State leading Independent and Government schools.

Boys within the College's renowned gymnastics programme train after school throughout the year and compete at events across the State. The development of core strength and technical expertise is pivotal to the success of each boy and is testament to the high level of coaching provided by Bernie Scott, an experienced judge and coach of gymnastics. Don Pennell, an experienced senior coach and judge lends his assistance to the programme.

In a strong all round performance the following results were achieved:



Back (L-R): Br Bernie Scott (Head Coach), Julian Atwood, Dylan Chandler, Nathan Willey, Mr Don Pennell (Coach)  
Third Row: Zeb Morcombe, Caleb McGrath, Daniel Christie, Anthony Zreikat, Ben Rodger  
Second Row: James Fahey, Matthew Norman, Sam Cosgriff, Sam Micich.  
Front Row: Jarrod Cosgriff, Jeremy Seymour-Quest, John Brown, Zachary Robertson, Zacari Poole, Thomas Thorpe

#### DIV E [Level 3]

##### Team SPC 1st

C.McGrath, J.Brown, J.Fahey, J.Seymour-Quest, J.Cosgriff.

#### Individual

1st J.Brown  
2nd J.Fahey  
3rd J. Seymour-Quest

#### Div D [Level 4]

##### Team SPC 1st

D.Christie, S.Micich, Z.Poole, Z.Robertson, T.Thorpe, Z.Morcombe, N.Willey

#### Individual

1st S.Micich  
3rd Z.Poole

#### Div C [Level 5]

##### Team SPC 1st

S.Cosgriff, A.Zreikat, M.Norman, B.Rodger

#### Individual

1st B.Rodger  
3rd A.Zreikat

#### Div B [Level 6]

J.Atwood and D.Chandler were members of the winning team with J.Atwood placed 3rd in the individual competition.

## FIRST XI SOCCER

Mr Tony Beggs

#### Senior Soccer BAS Grand Final

St Patricks 1 Defeated Ballarat and Clarendon College 0

After two years of tied results in the BAS Senior Soccer Grand Final played on the Ballarat and Clarendon College main oval. St Patrick's was finally able to secure a result over College and win the pennant outright with a 1-0 win.

In a high speed and hard at the ball game, the College defence, namely the tall goalkeeper Sam McDonald, were able to repel numerous attacks from the St Patrick's College attackers until the deadlock was broken through the second half. Captain Kieran McDowell was able to regain possession of the ball on the far right of the goals and delivered a ball into the 18 yard box. Marcus Lynch got a shot off at the goals from close in, but it was fended off until Daniel McIntyre tapped it over the line.

St Patrick's continued to attack and was able to stop College's desperate attempts to recover from the centre of the pitch.

Despite the tight score line from the outset, the match was a great spectacle for the supporters of both schools that lined the pitch. The match began with great passing down the ground by both teams and many crosses into the danger area especially by the St Patrick's forwards Tim Beggs and Tom Young. The College defence was constantly breached with a few very well measured shots, but anything in the air was claimed by College's goalkeeper who was clean handed throughout.

Kyran Taylor in the centre for St Patrick's showed a class touch as he joined with Marcus Lynch and Scott Berg to deliver to the forwards. The St Patrick's backline was able to stop most moves at centre defence through Angus Martin, with David King and Jacob Krusche very solid also. BCC put a major scare through the St Patrick's supporters when the ball came in from the front right. It was rebounded, but crashed towards the goals by Tom Shepherd only for it to be taken cleanly by keeper Tom McKinnon.

Leading up to the goal, St Patrick's attacked relentlessly with many great chances to score. A powerhouse shot from 30 metres from Tom Young went wide and a dribbled ball from Kieran McDowell went perilously close to the right post. Players were nearing exhaustion due to the constant pace and pressure and College swung more forward but were thwarted through the centre by the efforts of Kyran Taylor, Tom Young and David King.

College coach Michael Low summed up the match; "What a great game to end the season on. Our boys were disappointed but I think gracious in defeat against a talented St Patrick's side."

A light tea for the team was held in the Dining Room after the match and during the celebration the best and fairest count was held with Kyran Taylor winning with 20 votes from Marcus Lynch (13 votes) and Angus Martin (12 votes). Congratulations to all team members who

played this year, keeping the team undefeated for the season.

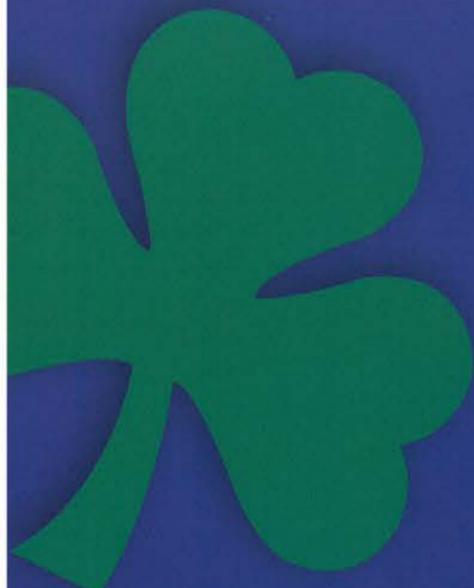
**Goal:** Daniel McIntyre

**Best:** Tim Beggs, Tom Young, Marcus Lynch, David King, Kyran Taylor, Scott Berg, Kieran McDowell, Angus Martin, Jacob Krusche, Alex Georgiou, Tom McKinnon, Daniel McIntyre, Jack Parry, Tim Parry.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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

- Jacob Bowker was selected as second trumpet for the Ballarat Secondary Schools Symphony Orchestra after selection trials in May.
- Mitchell Rodd and Matthew Peters of Year 10 have been accepted as part of the STS High School Foundation Exchange Programme for 2008/2009. Both boys showed great initiative in applying for a position and were rewarded with an exchange experience in Sweden. Mitchell will be absent from the College for three months in 2008 and Matthew for ten months from August 2008 to June 2009. The College congratulates both boys upon this outstanding achievement and wishes them well for an enriching, rewarding and enjoyable educational experience.
- Mr Howard Clark and members of the College's football programme sent 225 pairs of football boots and shoes to the Tiwi Islands in May. Special thanks to Toll Express who have agreed to send the 13 Boxes free of charge. The delivery of shoes has enabled students from the Tiwi to participate in educational programmes in Darwin where such footwear is compulsory!
- Year 12 students David Lang and Rex Hickman were selected to represent the Ballarat Football League in the Under 18 VCFL Division 1 Carnival in Shepparton.
- Joe Byrne, Tom Stewart, Shannon Donegan, Cameron Rix, Cameron Dunne, Matthew Cullinan, Justin Hobson, Aaron Mullane, Ashley Mullane and Jason Leonard were selected to represent the Central Highlands Football League in the Ballarat and District V/Line Junior Challenge on June 15.
- Thomas Blood, the College's Cross Country Vice Captain, has been invited to train in the Athletics Victoria (AV) Institute of Sport, Development Squad for 2008. This involves Thomas attending training taken by AV accredited coaches, at various venues across Victoria.
- Blake Davis was selected to lead out the Australian Wallabies before their rugby union Test against Ireland at Melbourne's Telstra Dome on Saturday June 14 as the Australian flag bearer. This opportunity was a result of Blake's work ethic with the Victorian Under-16 Rugby Union team.
- Callum Leonard was selected to umpire the AFL Indigenous Curtain Raiser played prior to the Richmond v Essendon clash at the MCG on July 19. Callum is an up and coming goal umpire and is a member of the V/Line Umpiring Academy.
- Zane Thompson and Nick O'Brien from Year 9 were been selected in the Vic Country Under 15 football team that participated in the Australian School Sport Competition from July 19 and 26.



## PAVILION

The St Patrick's College OCA Pavilion has finally been completed and will soon become an integral part of the educational landscape at the College. The Pavilion has impressed all with its size - the size of the function space is deceptively large to first time visitors and will no doubt be the venue for some memorable OCA and College events in the future.

The OCA Pavilion will have the capacity to be divided into three distinct rooms which will be invaluable for school activities, meetings and assemblies. In late 2008 the College will commence work on Stage 2 of the Pavilion project which will be the construction of a two storey change facility to replace existing facilities and to complement the Pavilion. The construction will complete an impressive landscape at the southern end of the College property and will greatly enhance facilities for spectators, players and officials.

The OCA Pavilion was blessed by Project Patron Cardinal Pell on St Patrick's Day 2008. All honour boards and recognition pavers should be in place for the commencement of 2009 to honour the generosity of donors from the St Patrick's community.



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



### NORTH OLD BOYS St Patrick's College Ballarat AFC

#### Season 2008 Oh So Close!

The 2008 season was promoted by coach Terry Scanlon and members of the coaching group as a landmark season that would herald the start of the club's climb back to the top of the VAFA competition. Training tops proudly proclaimed, 'Don't take your holidays in September' and the season commenced in fine style with the team winning ten on the trot. However after a flying start to the season the team got the staggers at the business end of the season losing a number of matches to fall to second place on the ladder. The team coached by Club 'Legend' Terry Scanlon was confident that with a number of players returning from injury for the finals that they could make a serious September assault! Former SPC star Simon Harwood (SPC 1998-2003) enjoyed a stellar season regularly kicking bags of goals and pinch hitting in the ruck from time to time. Chris Ford (SPC 2000-2005) also made a significant contribution and got better each week as his confidence as a senior player continued to grow.

Sadly the team only got as far as Saturday August 31, falling short in the Preliminary Final by 19 points against Old Geelong in a wind affected game. Once again the Cobba's commenced slowly, an unfortunate hallmark of the second half of the season. So it is back to the drawing board, however with the considerable

RND	1st XVIII	2nd XVIII	Under 19
1	Defeated Fitzroy Reds by 22 points	Lost to Fitzroy Reds by 34 points	Defeated Fitzroy Reds by 68 points
2	Defeated Aquinas by 90 points	Defeated Aquinas by 22 points	Lost to Aquinas OC by 130 points
3	Defeated Old Mentonians by 22 points	Defeated Old Mentonians by 24 points	Defeated St Bernards by 56 points
4	Defeated Old Geelong by 10 points	Lost to Old Geelong by 19 points	Lost to Ivanhoe AFC by 24 points
5	Defeated Prahran by 35 points	Defeated Prahran by 91 points	Defeated Fitzroy Reds by 43 points
6	Defeated Bulleen Templestowe by 62 points	Defeated Bulleen Templestowe by 48 points	Lost to Old Geelong by 5 points
7	Defeated South Melbourne District by 28 points	Defeated South Melbourne District by 125 points	Defeated Old Xaverians by 26 points
8	Defeated Peninsula by 24 points	Defeated Peninsula by 74 points	Defeated Emmaus St Leos by 15 points
9	Defeated Yarra Valley by 63 points	Defeated Yarra Valley by 64 points	Defeated Rupertswood AFC by 14 points
10	Defeated Aquinas by 24 points	Defeated Aquinas by 4 points	Lost to Therry Penola by 45 points
11	Lost to Old Mentonians by 28 points	Lost to Old Mentonians by 87 points	Lost to Aquinas OC by 48 points
12	Defeated Prahran by 71 points	Defeated Prahran by 3 points	Lost to St Bernard's by 3 points
13	Lost to Old Geelong by 78 points	Defeated Old Geelong by 3 points	Defeated Emmaus by 14 points
14	Lost to Fitzroy Reds by 4 points	Defeated Fitzroy Reds by 20 points	Defeated Old Geelong by 20 points
15	Defeated Yarra Valley by 12 points	Defeated Yarra Valley by 81 points	Lost to Fitzroy Reds by 37 points
16	Lost to Bulleen Templestowe by 32 points	Defeated Bulleen Templestowe by 48 points	Defeated Therry Penola by 12 points
17	Defeated South Melbourne Districts by 17 points	Defeated South Melbourne Districts by 130 points	Lost to Rupertswood by 21 points
18	Lost to Peninsula by 20 points	Lost to Peninsula by 2 points	Lost to Ivanhoe by 54 points

improvement in 2008 and the further addition of players and supporters from Ballarat the future looks extremely bright. Underlining this the 2nd XVIII won the Premiership in convincing style adding the first bit of silverware to the NOB-SPC trophy cabinet. The next piece will not be too far away.

The club has a fantastic website [www.nobspc.org.au](http://www.nobspc.org.au) which has all the details of season 2008 and details of post season events.

## Reserves: 2008 Premiers!

**NOBSPC 11.15.81 def Old Geelong 6.7.43**

The sun was shining, the birds were singing, there was the smell of finals in September, that only Victoria has.

With the agony of selection done and those who sadly missed out on a berth informed the hard job of winning a Grand Final was to be done.

A pre-match speech by the coach had even the supporters ready to pull on the boots and it was reflected in our opening quarter. We were absolutely hard at every contest and delivering as much ball as we could to the forward line, sadly we couldn't get the radar right and eventually kicked 1-5 to 2-2.

The second quarter was much the same we continued to be hard at the ball, never letting the opponent get an easy kick, but once again our accuracy was amiss and this was allowing the opponent to have a chance. At half time we led 3-8 to 3-3.

With the coach highlighting the many facets of the game that we were on top, he was now expecting us to execute and put heaps of scoreboard pressure on. The boys answered with a 4-1 to 2-3 quarter to lead at 3/4 time by 15 points.

We were in control, they were starting to tire, our run and carry was wearing them down, but with the words from the coach ringing in their ears to bury the opponent we went about doing that with a 4-6 to a 1-1 last quarter to run out winners by 38 points.

It was superb, fitting and the sense of achievement coming to fruition was evident for all to see.

Congratulations to the coaching staff of John Rush, Josh Buckley and John Murphy. Players who represented the club in this historic game, the new entities first Grand Final were:  
Tom Alsop, Jarryd Browne, Michael Carney, Phil Doolan, Jamie Fisher, Kelvin Grace (SPC 1996-98), Chris Horsley, Josh Hunter, Damien Joyce, Chris Le Maitre, Jeremy Newland (ex- Ballarat Grammar), Jack Nihill, Chris Puntton, Tom Reilly, Dave Ronan (SPC 2000-2005), Joel Scanlon, Brendan Sheehan, Chris Stribley, David Stribley, Joe Van Dyk, Ryan Veal (SPC 1998-2003), Jason Weidner, the emergencies-Luke Fogarty, Alex Johnson, Andrew McLarty, Matt Perry, Brad Watt.

Well done, this premiership is only the beginning and should lay the foundations for a very successful 2009!

## NOBSPC News

26 September - Presentation Night - venue BrunswickTown Hall - 2 course meal +bar + music. Presentations from 7.00 to 9.30pm and live music until 12 midnight. Tickets available from [www.nobspc.org.au](http://www.nobspc.org.au)

## REUNION DINNERS

The OCA annual series of reunion and regional dinners continued with successful evenings held in Shepparton and Melbourne. The dinner in Shepparton dinner was a great night and it was wonderful to see a few new faces in attendance. Upon reading of the demise of the 'jerks courts' in the last Shamrock, Patrick Crudden (SPC 1942-46) recounted to guests that during WW2, the US serviceman based in Victoria Park were regular visitors to the College, many having been introduced to the game by the Christian Brothers working in the US. Patrick recalled that they were very skilful

players. He also noted that the soon to be moved handball pavilion was referred to by boys as the 'gunya'.

Such tales often emanate from these dinners which are always highly enjoyable evenings. Future dinners will be held in Bendigo, Geelong and Warrnambool in 2008. The OCA will also conduct 10, 20 and 30 year reunion dinners in October and November.

On Edmund Rice Day the OCA conducted a five year reunion for the Class of 2002. Over 35 old boys attended Friday drinks at the Clyde Hotel. Many of the boys had not caught up since leaving the College and the stories flowed thick and fast as the night wore on.

## ST PATRICK'S BOYS ON THE RISE

In 2008 two old boys have been recognised for their outstanding seasons with nominations for the prestigious 'NAB Rising Star' Award. Collingwood defender Nathan Brown (SPC 2002-2006) picked up his nomination in Round 10 following some excellent early season performances against some of the game's power forwards including Jonathon Brown, Brendan Fevola and Matthew Richardson. Nathan has played every game in season 2008 after spending his first season honing his skills and building his strength with former VFL affiliate Williamstown.

Carlton's Shaun Grigg (SPC 2001-2006) was nominated in Round 19 following a string of impressive performances in recent weeks. Shaun has also played every game in 2008 after making his AFL debut in 2007. Shaun's excellent performances in an emerging team have drawn public praise from coach Brett Ratten as well as many noted pundits within the media.

Clinton Young (SPC 2003) is also having an excellent season playing the first 16 games of the season with powerhouse Hawthorn before being sidelined with a back injury. Clinton was featured in the Round 16 edition of the Football Record in an article entitled 'Watching the Young Improve'. Clinton's penetrating left foot and his pace and ability to spot up forward targets have been critical to the success of the Hawks in season 2008 and all at St Patrick's will be keeping their fingers crossed that he can consolidate a place in the Hawthorn line up as they make their charge for that 'one day in September'.

## AN AFRICAN ADVENTURE

Brenton Carey (SPC 2001-2006)

Each year the OCA set aside funds to support old boys who wish to travel to Africa and support the work of dedicated Brothers and other volunteers who are working on important Edmund Rice network education, social and health projects. The following moving account is from Brenton Carey, who not surprisingly was awarded the College's first Edmund Rice Service Award in 2006.

### "Nipo kwasababu Tupo"

The Tanzanian proverb 'Nipo kwasababu Tupo' goes a long way to describing life and community within Tanzania. 'Nipo kwasababu Tupo' literally means, 'I am because we are' or 'without you being the person you are, I couldn't be the person I am' and it describes a way of life where community and interconnectedness permeate all aspects of life. This proverb is lived every day and speaks of warm greetings, fancy handshakes, constant 'Karibu' (welcome) and of a simple way of living within a community from which all members can learn.

## Photo Gallery

1-4. 50 Year Reunion - Year of 1958

5-7. Class of 2003 Reunion drinks at the Clyde Hotel



The East African way of life is still quite fresh in my mind. I arrived back in Australia earlier this year having spent a little over five months living in Tanzania. During this time I taught at Edmund Rice Secondary Sinon and was also involved in an immersion experience for young adults from the Edmund Rice Network.

I first experienced this East African way of life last August when, after many years of thinking and dreaming about being there, I finally arrived in Kenya. Before taking up my volunteer placement in Tanzania I spent a few weeks staying with some of the Brothers communities in Kenya where I met up with Br Tom Kearney and Br Laurie Collins (both former Principals of St Patrick's). During this time I had the opportunity to see some of the amazing work the Edmund Rice Network is doing in Kenya, including the medical clinic, community centre and school at Ruben, the Edmund Rice Special School on the edge of Kibera (Kenya's biggest slum) and the Br Beausang School, a secondary and primary school in the Embulbul community.

Arriving in Arusha comes somewhat as a shock, as banana trees, green flora and the magnificence of Mt Meru surround you suddenly after hours of driving through flat scrub and dust on the journey down from Nairobi. My arrival at Edmund Rice Secondary Sinon coincided with the holidays and also the opening of the new school library but it wasn't too long before I was standing in front of classes of around 50 students. I taught English, Maths and a little bit of drama to forms one, two and four. Forms one to six are roughly equivalent to our Year seven to twelve, however the level of expected knowledge required in order to pass is higher than in Australia and each class has a variation of ages between early teens and late twenties. The difference in ages is due often to a lack of places for primary school leavers to continue with their education. Others have important roles to play in their families that prevent them from continuing. Despite this variation in age all members of the class are eager to learn, excited about playing games and thrive on the opportunity to be creative.

One student I have very fond memories of is Raphael. Raphael is an inspiring young man whose enthusiasm and excitement for learning is infectious. Raphael's motto is 'anything is possible' and his position in the top half of his class is the result of much hard work and is proof that anything truly is possible. Raphael assumed massive responsibilities as a young person when his mother died and he along with his older brother became the primary care givers for his younger brother John, who is deaf.

Raphael struggled through primary school and finished a number of years ago. After primary school Raphael sat entry exams at a number of secondary schools but was unable to get in anywhere. Knowing of his story, the Brothers at Edmund Rice Sinon helped him get into a skills-based course and he became a carpenter, using his income to support his family. He kept learning and sitting entrance exams, until last year when he at the age of eighteen passed the form one entrance exam at Edmund Rice Sinon and to his delight began form one. Now as a student, Raphael's enthusiasm to thirst for knowledge is enormous.

The amazing thing about Raphael is his complete selflessness and desire to contribute to his community. Raphael places himself in the centre of the learning in each class and he is always to be found actively encouraging others, helping them and asking questions of them. Raphael constantly talks of his heroes, his two brothers, and is so proud of both of them, and he has also quietly shared with me his concern about what his younger brother John will do once finishing his school. Raphael works still, to provide for his family, as a photographer on the weekends at weddings and other special occasions. Raphael dreams of becoming a teacher. He wants to educate people, he wants to give them the chance to be whoever they want to be and in his own words he wants them to see that 'anything is possible'.

Raphael is gifted with a sense of community that goes beyond living with people or even having a sense of what is possible for those around him. Raphael

lives, dreams and actively works to contribute to his community. Raphael's belief that 'anything is possible' is not for himself alone but a strong belief in the possibility of a better future for his community. Raphael's communal sense of possibility is a belief from which we can all learn.

In Tanzania individuals sustain themselves on the energy of the community. In a place of no TV people come home after a long day's work and share funny stories and sing with their neighbours. Children fashion simple toys from wire and make soccer balls from clumps of plastic bags and the entire neighbourhood's kids run around playing games together. In a place of no social security or aged care the younger generations care for their elders, children of blind parents guide them around the town and, whether it is to care for the younger children or to get water from the local bore, everyone has a responsibility within their family. In a place where many die young due to the impacts of poverty and HIV/AIDS, I met many families who had, without question, accepted and were caring for the children of relatives who had died.

In my time in Tanzania I met hundreds of students who dream of becoming teachers, lawyers, doctors and engineers and who like Raphael want to use their skills to create a better, more inclusive and more sustainable future. Their dreams are inspiring and their hope is contagious. Their personal stories have already worked to strengthen the bonds that I have to my family, friends and also to the members of my community who are on the margins. I now see more clearly that my actions point towards our common future. I am learning from the people of Tanzania, "Nipo kwasababu Tupo," that I am because we are.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

Br Brian Davis  
College Archivist

### The St Patrick's College Bell

After calling students and staff to duty from the earliest years of the College's existence, the old College bell became a victim of progress and was replaced by an electronic system in early 1990.

It then spent several years languishing in a corner of Collegians (Cocky) Court until Maintenance Officer Julian Ryan took it to the workshop, where it hung idle until rescued in August.

It has subsequently been polished up and Julian has constructed a fine metal cradle in which it now hangs. It will now be used for ceremonial occasions and those rare times when modern technology fails the students and staff of the College!

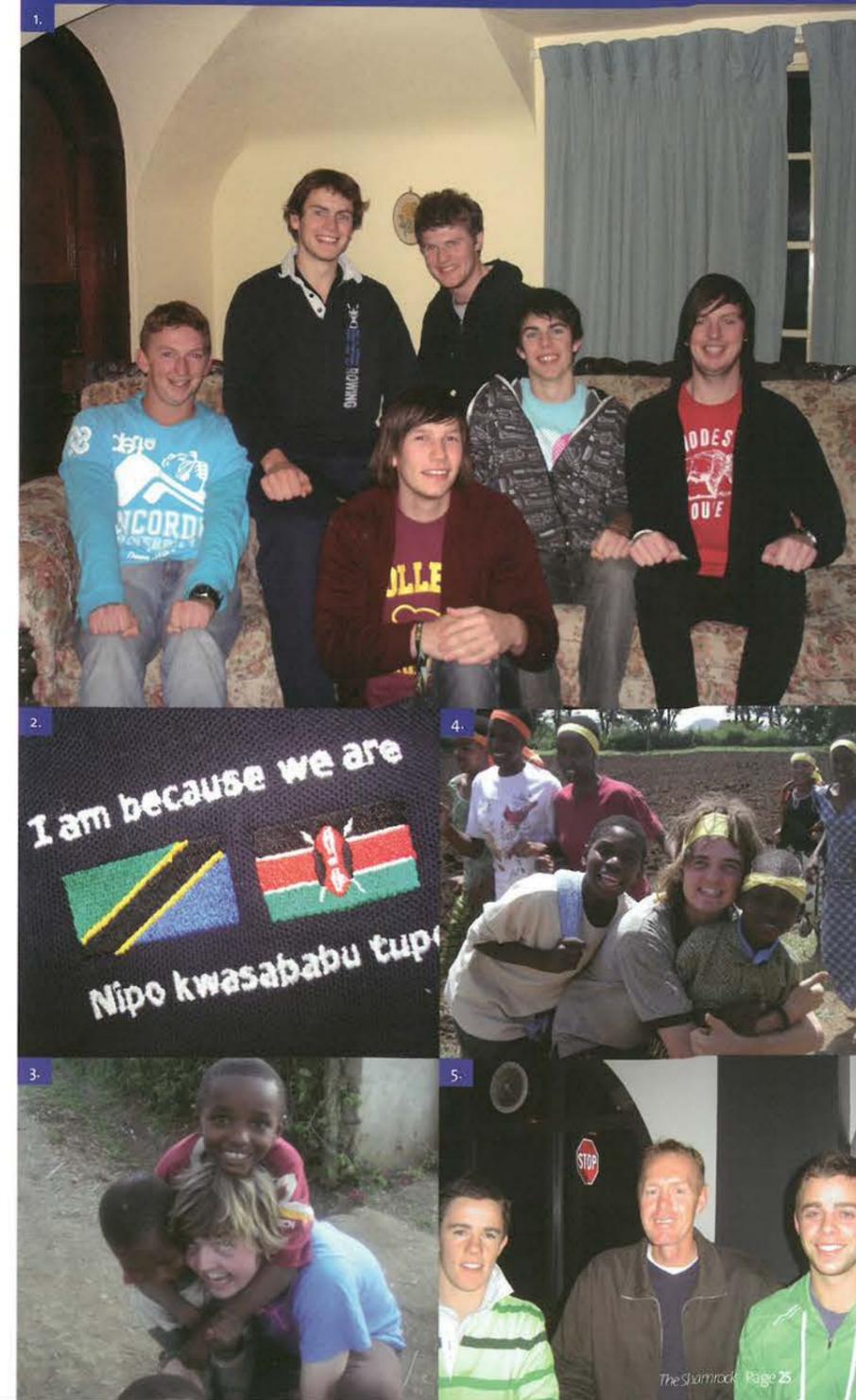
Inscribed upon the bell is the following interesting statement:

"Successfully Purloined and returned Class of '75".

If anybody can shed some light on the history of the bell and the rationale behind the inscription, the Archivist would love to hear from them. Br Brian assures all old boys that the statute of limitation has well and truly passed and any information will be treated with the strictest confidence – unless it is a story too good to be true!

1. SPC old boys continuing their involvement with Social Justice activities - Daniel Parry, Dane Harney, Kieran Casey (directly back from serving with the ADF in Afghanistan), Bernard Wilson, David Francis and Brett Trevenen relaxing after a day's work as part of Edmund Rice camps.
- 2-4. Photos from Brenton's Carey's African service project
5. Development Manager Mr Mark Waddington catching up with 2007 College Vice Captain Denis McKinnon and 2006 College Captain Edward Grinter

## Photo Gallery



## 2008 OCA GOLF DAY

A reminder to all Old Boys that the seventh annual OCA Golf Day will be held on Sunday November 9 at the newly designed Ballarat Golf Club. This is always a great day with all past players enjoying a great social day of golf, with a fine array of prizes on offer. The event is a four person ambrose event, providing everybody with an opportunity to have at least one moment of inspiration. In 2007 the event was close to being 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 females in the field, so ladies please get busy and get your teams together.

With some great prizes on offer the field will fill 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!

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

In January 2007 the College received confirmation that it had been granted Designated Gift Recipient (DGR) Status for its Scholarship and Bursaries Programme. The College is extremely appreciative of the ongoing support provided by members of the St Patrick's community to assist families and students who require some level of financial support to enable boys to enjoy the benefits of a St Patrick's College education. The College has a long and proud tradition of assisting families in need and some of our foremost scholars were the beneficiaries of bursaries provided by the Brothers.

We acknowledge the support of the following groups, families and individuals in making scholarships and bursaries available to the families of students in need:

- St Patrick's College Old Collegians Association
- St Patrick's College Foundation
- The family of Robert (Bob) Connelly
- Dr Brendan Hyland
- Dr Chris Targett
- Marion Popplewell Charitable Trust

All donations to the Scholarship and Bursaries Fund are tax deductible. If you would like to assist a boy in accessing a St Patrick's education via a donation to the fund please contact the Development Manager, Mark Waddington on 03 53 311 688 or mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au for more information.

## OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

- Greg Allan (SPC 1990-95) has been lured west by the nation's continuing mining boom. Greg is a Mining Engineer and has recently moved to Guildford after having been based at Kalgoorlie for the past two years.
- Fr Leo Baker (SPC 1939-41) on July 25 celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his ordination. He shared the occasion with Fr Don O'Neill (SPC 1937-40). Fr Leo's brothers Fr Chris Baker (SPC 1942-43) and Fr Pat Baker (SPC 1952-55) celebrated their 80th and 70th birthdays respectively, in March 2008.
- Jonathon Barlow (SPC 1995-97) continues to forge a stellar football career in Canada and recently on a return to Melbourne dropped in to train with the NOB-SPC Football Club. The Club was delighted to see him and a photo was forwarded by Club President Trevor Ludeman. The photo features Laurie Conheady (SPC 1980-82), Jonathan Barlow (SPC 1995-97), Martin Walter (SPC 1979-82) and Daniel Noone (SPC 1984-85) John provided the following

update on the club's progress: 'The Hawks have won their first two games and look like they should challenge this year after a few teething problems. More excitingly though is the fact we've finally got enough numbers playing Aussie Rules in Canada that we've started a reserves side. The game is really developing here so hopefully some exciting things will happen in the future. We've identified at least three players that will be in contention to head over to play for the Cobba's next year so we'll see how they progress throughout the year'.

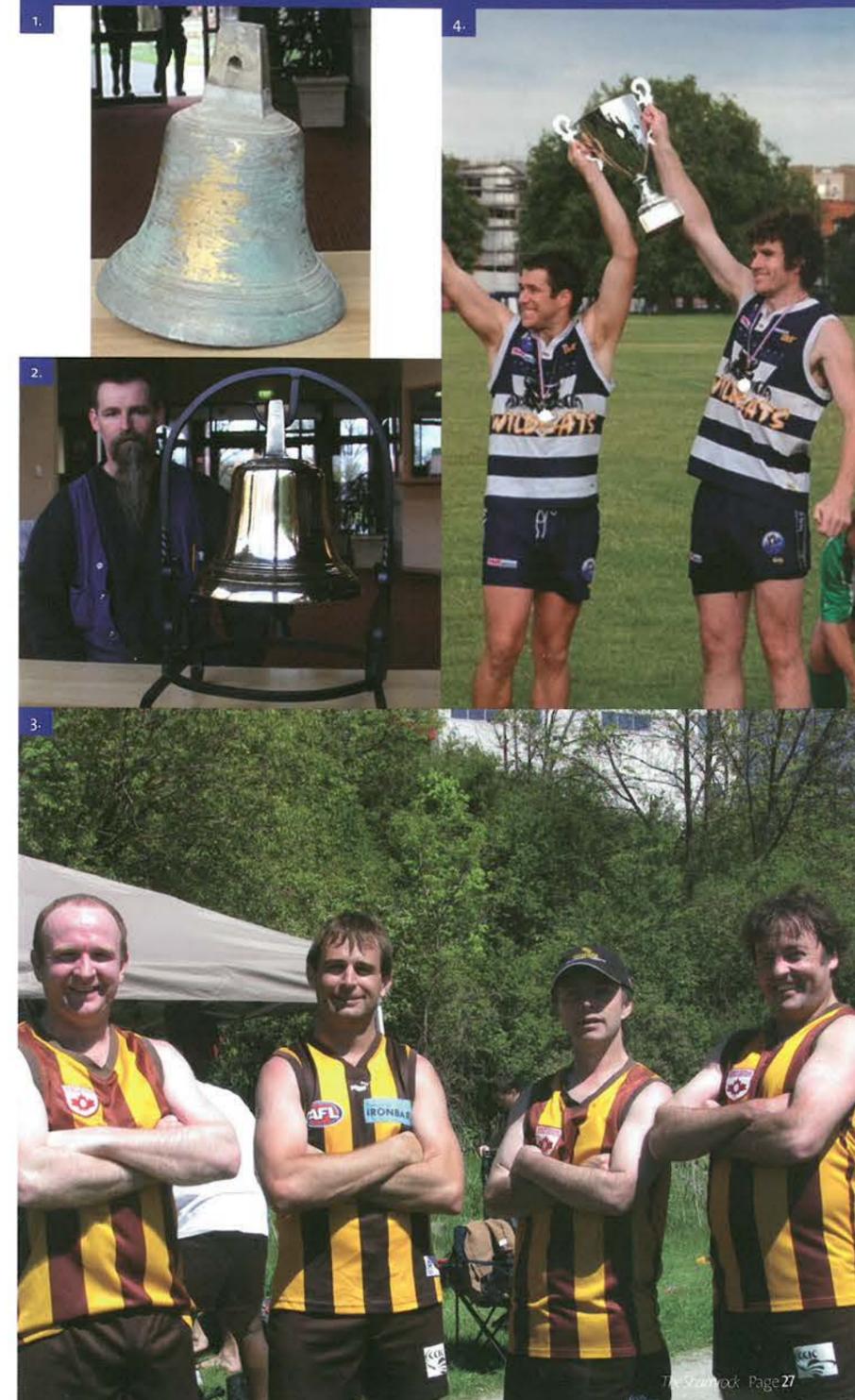
- Dr Anthony Gerard Britt (SPC 1968-73) received the Public Service Medal (PSM) in the 2008 Queen's Birthday Honours for outstanding public service to Victoria's livestock industries and animal health through the establishment of the National Livestock Identification System.
- Blair Brown (SPC 1999-2004) was named in the Australian Under 23 coxed eight to compete at the World Championships in Scotland in July.
- John Coffey (SPC 1965-69), the College Captain of 1969 has recently achieved fame as a song writer. His latest song about his beloved Richmond Tigers, called "I'll be crying on the Train" was sung by the "Coodabeen Champions" Greg Champion on ABC radio on June 7, 2008.
- Jude Cook (SPC 2003-2005) is one of fourteen recruits from Nauru to play Australian Rules Football in the Horsham and District League in 2008. The recruits arrived in April and will head home once their three month visas have expired. Jude and his fellow recruits however will return to play as the Nauru Chiefs in the International Cup in Warrnambool and Melbourne in August. Jude's peers will not be surprised to learn that during his time with the Stawell Swifts he incurred the ire of the judiciary copping a one week ban for 'rough play'!
- Arthur Davis (SPC 1938-41) recently wrote to the Development Office from his home in Trafalgar and recounted some wonderful memories of his time at St Patrick's. Arthur is a retired Barrister and Solicitor, having come to the College from Ararat with brothers Kevin, Vincent and George. After leaving Ballarat he worked for the Commonwealth Public Service in Melbourne. At 18 years of age he enlisted with the AIF and served overseas with an infantry battalion until the conclusion of WW2. After a short spell at the Heidelberg Repat Hospital

Arthur enrolled at the University of Melbourne and graduated with an LLB in 1950. Arthur founded the firm O'Halloran Davis servicing the Gippsland region until his retirement in 2000. Tragically Arthur's wife died at the age of 36, leaving him to raise four children, a job he did with great aplomb and he is immensely proud of his children who have all established fine careers and remain his closest friends!

- Anthony Edwards (SPC 1985-90), James Marburg (SPC 1995-2000) and Chris O'Brien (SPC 1980-85) have all been selected in the Australian team for the Beijing Olympics. Anthony will row in his fourth Olympics in the Men's Lightweight Fours, James will contest the Men's Coxless Fours and Chris will coach the fancied pair of Drew Ginn and Duncan Free. A full report of the boys' performances in Beijing will be featured in the next edition of The Crest.
- James Foley (SPC 1996-2001) in 2006 graduated from Deakin University, Geelong, with a Bachelor of Architecture with Honours. After living and working in Melbourne for a year he has headed for a warmer climate and has moved to Brisbane to work with an architectural firm Hassell. Hassell has offices all over Australia and overseas. James is currently working in the design team for the new Gold Coast Hospital as well as the Queensland Police Academy, and enjoying the warmer weather up north! In his spare time he has recently entered a design competition in Italy and is currently working on an entry for a competition in London.
- Joshua Flynn (SPC 2001-2006) is currently studying for a Bachelor of Archaeology at La Trobe University in Bundoora, Melbourne. He is living on campus in Menzies College and is constantly surrounded by a large contingent of international students. At the end of last year he was invited by both the Archaeological and History Departments to join an Honours program, in both courses, due to the standard of his marks. Joshua recently volunteered for, and took part in the 'Ned Kelly Dig' at Glenrowan. He thoroughly enjoyed the experience and is looking forward to getting his hands dirty in the future.

1. The St Patrick's College Bell - as found
2. The restored Bell in cradle and Julian Ryan
3. Xavier McKinnon - Premiership coach of the West London Wildcats in the AFL London Competition
4. Old boys Laurie Conheady, Jonathon Barlow, Martin Walter and Daniel Noone playing for the Hawks in Canada!

## Photo Gallery



- Gerald Hogan (SPC 1955-57) arrived at St Pat's in 1955 via Nullawil State School and "Drummo". He commenced with the Education Department in 1958 where he remained until retirement at the end of 1994 as the Principal of the Spring Gully Primary School, Bendigo. Currently he is employed as a part time rental consultant at Luke Goggin Real Estate when he is not on the bowling green with his wife of 43 years, Geraldine. In an effort to emulate the Ballarat bowling successes of his younger brother, Jim, he is the current White Hills Bowls club champion. Although this is his third success in the past five years he admits he still has a long way to go!
- Rod Kennedy (SPC 1986-90) was recently featured in an article in The Courier recognising his achievement in playing 300 games for his beloved Skipton Football Club. Rod became only the sixth player to represent the 'Emus' on 300 occasions and has played in three Premiership teams. His brothers Mark and Craig have also played for the club, Mark having forged an amazing career winning best and fairest honours in Ballarat and Cairns where he is still currently playing.
- Luke McNerney (SPC 1992-97) recently wrote to the Development Office to detail a notable advancement in his career which might inspire up-and-coming students of history and economics (his favourite subjects). After working for four years at the Australian Federal Treasury in an international economic section and on domestic economic policies, Luke has since (this year) pursued a career in the British Civil Service at Whitehall, London. He was fortunate to take up a position as an economic analyst at Her Majesty's Treasury which involves working on issues relating to European Union regulation and the UK Government's current regulatory agenda. Life in London is fast paced and rewarding, with a very cosmopolitan atmosphere and an appealing array of cultural activities. His long-standing interest in history has found fertile soil here and he is completing a book on the origins and history of the McNerney family and has managed to publish several articles in Irish journals relating to aspects of medieval Irish history. His connections to St Patrick's - and also to St Mary's College at Melbourne University - have always put him in good stead and instilled important lessons such of social justice and a desire to work in the centre of

government policy making to influence positive public policy outcomes. Luke wishes the St Patrick's College community all the best for the future years and hopes to encourage students to maintain an interest not only in their chosen subjects, but also in the wider world of politics and current affairs.

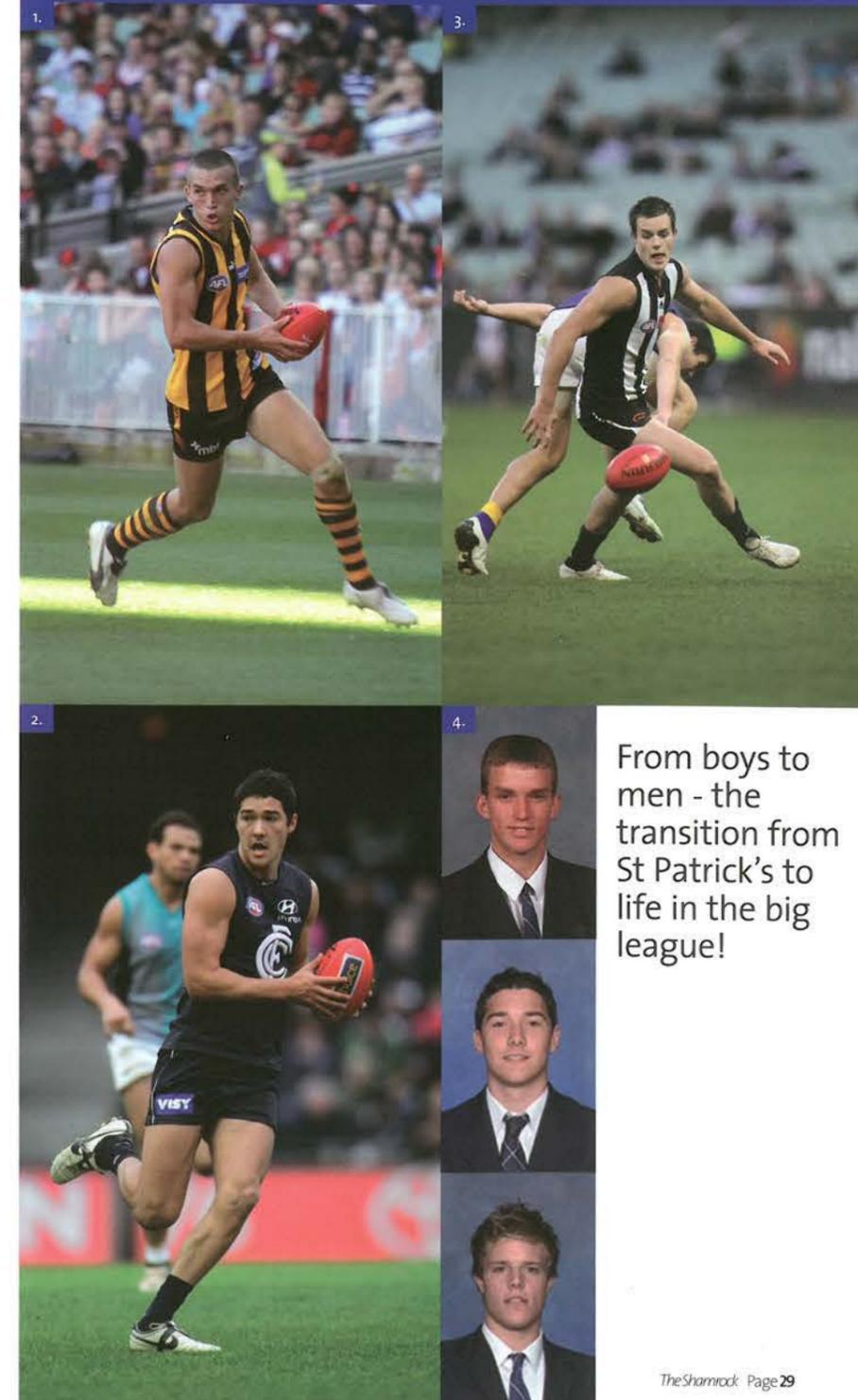
- Xavier McKinnon (SPC 1994-96) Captained/Coached the West London Wildcats to their fifth successive flag on August 16, 2008. The Wildcats play in the AFL London competition, and the seconds team - The Shepherds Bush Raiders, took out the reserves competition for the eighth straight year, and in the social competition, the club's team - The Ealing Emus, won their first flag in the second year of the competition, for a grand slam of all three flags. The Wildcats had finished on top of the ladder but lost in the second semi final. After winning through to the Grand Final there was a tight tussle for the first three quarters of the game, but then the Wildcats overran Putney and with an eight goal last quarter they recorded a 13.8 (86) to 4.3 (27) victory. The London competition in the top grade requires half the team to be from the European Union and the other half from the rest of the world, meaning only nine Australians on the field at any one time. West London, like Collingwood and Sydney, have tapped into the Irish population with many Gaelic football players switching codes and adapting extremely well. Five of the West London team will be in Australia playing for Great Britain in the International Cup being held in Warrnambool and Melbourne in September. Over the past five years all West London premiership teams have contained St Patrick's old boys with Damien Stewart (coach 2006), Sam Heffernan (Captain 2007), Daniel Lee, Mark McCudden, Mick Oldfield and Xavier McKinnon all playing. Anyone interested in playing football whilst in London, (and the standard is quite good with ex VFL, WAFL and SANFL players involved in the competition) should visit the club's website at [www.wildcatsfc.co.uk](http://www.wildcatsfc.co.uk) A highlight of the season is always the pre-season footy trip - this year to Copenhagen, and a week long footy trip to the Greek island of Corfu. It is a great way to meet people, keep fit and possibly bump into old classmates! Perhaps the Bears need to incorporate a shamrock into their playing strip?!

- Tim McNamara (SPC 2000-05) since leaving the College has served as a regular member of the Australian Defence Forces and was injured on Holy Thursday in an accident in Thailand during a break from military exercises in Malaysia. After two weeks in intensive care, Tim has been flown to Melbourne and is now in the Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre. He is potentially quadriplegic, but given his exceptional fighting spirit, fitness and attitude, doctors are hopeful of improvement in his mobility.
- Ben Melham (SPC 2000-2003) is currently in sixth place in the 2008/2009 Jockey's Premiership. Ben is based in Melbourne and has had great success over the past two years riding winners in Melbourne and at country tracks across the state. He is known for his intuitive and aggressive riding style, a style that has produced some impressive wins but has also raised the ire of stewards with Ben being suspended on a number of occasions over the past two seasons.
- Jack Morganti (SPC 1946-50), an Olympic bronze medallist in rowing wrote to the Development Office to recount the story of 'The International VIII'. Jack noted that visitors to the College in 2006 were disappointed to learn that the old SPC Boat Shed had burnt down and the International VIII had been lost. Jack in concert with Brian Dawes had arranged to borrow an eight because he hated cold training mornings in a pair! The eight based themselves at the SPC shed and prepared feverishly for the 1956 Olympics. To accommodate training numbers Jack and friends boated an eight two or three times a day and it wasn't long before they were approached to race against other eights. In competition with all eights, including medallists, the International VIII from St Patrick's remained undefeated - the only unbeaten eight of the 1956 Olympics!
- Bernard O'Sullivan (SPC 1988-91) completed Agricultural Science at the University of Melbourne and a Master of Public Affairs from the University of Sydney. Bernie is currently the Executive Director of the Sheepmeat Council of Australia, based in the National Farmers' Federation House in Canberra. Bernie married Belinda Walsh (sister of Simon Walsh - SPC 89-90) in 2000 and they have 4 children (Eliza, Abigail, Sebastian and Matilda).

- Tylah Saunders (SPC 2006-2007) a participant in the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program, has been offered a tertiary scholarship to continue his education at university after having successfully completed Year 12. Tylah was one of six successful scholarship applicants selected from a group of 31 students that graduated Year 12 from schools across Australia in 2007. Tylah is studying for a Bachelor of Education at Australian Catholic University, Ballarat.
- Anthony Sullivan (SPC 1963-66) was nominated as a member of the Melbourne Football Club's 'Best Team' to commemorate club's 150th anniversary. Anthony was a member of the College's 'Team of the Century' and was a highly decorated player during his time at Melbourne.
- Eugene Sexton (SPC 1966-69) has been nursing in Ballarat since 1979 in varying roles including Psychiatric Services and nursing education. Eugene is now an Anaesthetic Nurse Specialist at Ballarat Health Services. Eugene has been married to wife Nola for 32 years and has four children, three of whom are married providing he and Nola with three grandchildren.
- Frank Smolenaers (SPC 1974-79) has been appointed as the Director of Technology at the Australian Centre for Health Innovation, based at the Alfred Medical Research and Education Precinct. Frank has celebrated over twenty five years in medical science, education, ICT and research innovation.
- Peter Toohey (SPC 2003-2005) has been selected to present a solo piano concert at the Ballarat Art Gallery on September 14 at 2.30 pm. A great honour for one of the region's leading performers.
- Simon Vrieze (SPC 1994-97) has served with the Australian military over the past decade and has seen active duty in some of the world's hot spots. In the past few years he has served a number of tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. The College continues to pray regularly for old boys serving their nation in conflicts around the world and for a safe and speedy return.

1. Clinton Young
2. Shaun Grigg
3. Nathan Brown (Photo courtesy The Slattery Media Group)
4. Clinton, Shaun and Nathan when at St Patrick's

## Photo Gallery



From boys to men - the transition from St Patrick's to life in the big league!

# WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS, BIRTHS, BEREAVEMENTS

## SPC Weddings

- McErlain - Damien (1989-1994) married Jane Briody on Saturday August 23 at St Joseph's Church, Learmonth.

## SPC Engagements

- Fenyk - Christian (2001-2006) to Petrena Laverick on December 25, 2007.
- Watson - Michael (SPC 1995-2000) to Renee Gazzard of Ballarat on April 9, 2008 at Phillip Island.
- White - Matt (1995-2000) to Samara Nunn on April 23, 2008 in New Zealand.

## SPC Births

- Manley - Jed (1994-99) and Renee welcomed the safe arrival of Jack Byron on Saturday June 7. Jack weighed in at 6lb. 8oz.
- Myers - Paul (SPC 1990-95), Sarah and big sister Matilda welcomed Hugh Michael born June 8, 2008.
- Sharp - Anthony (SPC 1985-90) and Megan welcomed Sebastien Walter on May 13, 2008. Sebastien weighed in at 10 lb 6 oz. His proud Grandmother Eileen Sharp, who served as Headmaster's Secretary from 1984 to 2007 is eagerly looking forward to meeting her Grandson at Christmas time.

## SPC Deaths

- Neil Birks (SPC 1971-76) passed away on May 8, 2008.
- Fr Pat Bohan (SPC 1936-39) died in July 2008 after an extended illness. Fr Pat was a much loved parish priest who served in a number of Parishes across the region including Horsham, Mildura, Hamilton, Warrnambool and Ballarat North. Fr Pat was born in Terang and was able to attend St Patrick's after his mother was left a little bit of money by a deceased relative. At St Patrick's he came under the influence of Fr Harold Gleeson who became his mentor and inspiration. In 1970 Fr Pat was appointed to establish the new parish of St Pius X at West Warrnambool a task he did with great passion and expertise. Fr Pat was a regular attendee at the OCA St Patrick's Day luncheon and was noted for his patience, keen sense of humour and genuine affection for all he encountered.
- Ned Kennedy (SPC 1930-36) died on June 16 2008, aged 87. Ned built up a wonderful reputation as a farmer and local identity in the Goornong district, near Bendigo. Ned is survived by his wife, Marie, and five children.
- Bernie Gibney (SPC 1936-40) died on August 14, 2008 aged 84. He was always keen to share the news from The Shamrock with the locals in Yackandandah, Allan's Flat and Osborne's Flat and the parish priest of Beechworth!
- Ted Long (SPC 1935-38) died on Friday September 5, aged 87 after a long battle with cancer. Ted was a talented footballer and was selected in the Team of the 1930s. Ted's brother, Br Reg Long, has been a long time servant at the College having managed boarding houses at the College in the 1980s and 1990s.
- Greg Mannix (SPC 1962-66) passed away at the Austin Hospital in Melbourne after a long illness aged 58. Greg spent much time in theatre, being recognised as a leading designer of sets and costumes as well as a renowned producer, having participated in some of Ballarat's best productions including Cats, Cabaret, Annie and Chicago. Greg completed degrees at the SMB Campus and RMIT in fine art and design and was known for his love of the arts, friends, parties and gatherings.

- Frank McGrath (SPC 1932) passed away on June 27, 2008 and is survived by wife Mary, five daughters and 18 grandchildren. Frank was an extremely decorated footballer and a successful farmer in the Boort region at Lake Marmal. Frank had the distinction of being the seventh generation of Francis McGraths in a lineage that commenced at Carlingford, County Louth, Ireland. Such was his distinction that his birth was heralded with a party that raged for a week in North Central Victoria! Frank led an interesting life to say the least; flying RAAF Tiger Moths during WW2 and playing VFL football for Melbourne and Carlton as well as being a legend of the Charlton and Boort Football Clubs. Frank was omitted from the 1945 Carlton Premiership side that played in the infamous 'Blood Bath' Grand Final. Amazingly his VFL career was ended prematurely by a severe leg infection acquired from the dye in his football socks! Frank married wife Mary Hardy at St Mary's, Donald in 1950. He passed away in the Wycheproof Hospital.
- John Frederick Newman (SPC 1939-47), husband of Marie, father of four sons and one daughter, and grandfather of several devoted grandchildren, passed away on June 10, 2008, after a battle with cancer. John died at Esk Hospital near his last place of residence in Coominya in South East Queensland.
- Bruce Noble (SPC 1942-43) died on July 16 at Rosebud. Bruce was a great friend of noted old boy Noel Moore and regularly attended the two year reunion functions organised by contemporaries of Fr Kevin Sweeney (SPC 1940-43).
- Kevin John O'Connor (SPC 1937-39) passed away on May 19, 2008 in the Wimmera Base Hospital. Kevin was born on the 5th of April, 1923, at the Abbotsfield Hospital in Horsham, Victoria. He was the eldest of nine children, of John and Silvia O'Connor (nee Thamm). He was the Great Uncle of Liam Flynn in Year 11, 2008. Kevin attended the Pimpinio Primary School, and later St Patrick's College for three years where his passion for Athletics and Football were embraced. He held the St Patrick's 440 yard hurdle's record for many years. His later ambition was to run in the Stawell Gift, but the Second World War intervened in his plans. Kevin played football for Pimpinio and was in the Premiership team of 1939. He enjoyed playing a piano, with a band at country dances, before joining the RAAF in May

1942. While stationed at the Ballarat No. 1 WAGS School he met his future wife June Tucker, who was posted there in January 1943. From there he was posted to the Solomon Islands and later to other places in Asia. Kevin couldn't settle back to farm life on his return, in January 1946, he started his business career in the Milk Bar/Grocery Store, at the top of Firebrace St in Horsham. In 1952 Kevin decided to change direction in the food line so began O'Connor's Delicatessen. Kevin married his wife June in July 1946 at St Michael and John's Church, Horsham. They had five children, nine grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. In later years he changed to breeding Poll Hereford cattle. In 2005 Kevin received a certificate acknowledging 50 years of being a member of the Lions Club. Kevin was a Governor of the Wimmera Base Hospital, being involved with the building of the Nurses Home in Reid Street. He was also the Secretary of the Horsham Football Coterie club for 25 years, became a member of Horsham Legacy in 1974, and organised their annual dinners and luncheons. He also looked after War Widows on his list. Kevin is survived by two of his children, Pauline and Peter.

- James 'Jock' Paull (SPC 1973-74) passed away on Wednesday April 9 after a 15 month battle with lung cancer. James was a prominent musician during a decorated 16 year career with alternate, and sometimes irreverent, rock band 'This is Serious Mum' - TISM. Jock was lead guitarist with the band who were noted for lampooning the industry and was regarded as a calming, ego free influence upon one of Australia's most original, iconoclastic performance acts. Jock went by the stage name of Tokin Blackman, with all band members wearing masks or balaclavas on stage to 'circumvent the cult of personality inherent within the rock industry'. Jock studied composition at Melbourne State College and after receiving an Australian Council Scholarship also studied classical guitar at Sweelinck Conservatorium in Amsterdam. In his spare time Jock was front man of his own band, 'Blind Lemon Chicken' a Chicago Blues band that in his own way paid tribute to his hero Eric Clapton. Jock is survived by his partner Matty and their daughter Ella.

- Timothy Vawdrey-Smith (SPC 2002-2004) was killed in a tragic car accident on August 17 at Linton.
- Mary Sprunt, mother of John (SPC 1982-84) and James (SPC 1986-88) passed away suddenly on May 9, 2008. Mary christened Mary Therese Gleeson and brought up on a farm in Killarney adjacent Tower Hill, had incredible links to St Patrick's. She boarded at Sacred Heart in the 1940s, but was linked to the College via her sons and the following family and friends: Mary's uncle Monsignor Michael Bowman attended St Patrick's in the 1900s, Father John Fitzgerald (SPC 1966-69) was a neighbour and Mary's God daughter Mary Mugavin, married Brian Brown (SPC 1970-75). Not surprisingly there were approximately 20 old boys in attendance at Mary's funeral As son John noted; 'Mum was very proud of the fact we attended St Pat's and absolutely loved the boys like her own. Respect is a beautiful thing and was definitely a strong element of our education'.

## LATE NEWS

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- A full report from World Youth Day;
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- SPC Art Exhibition

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