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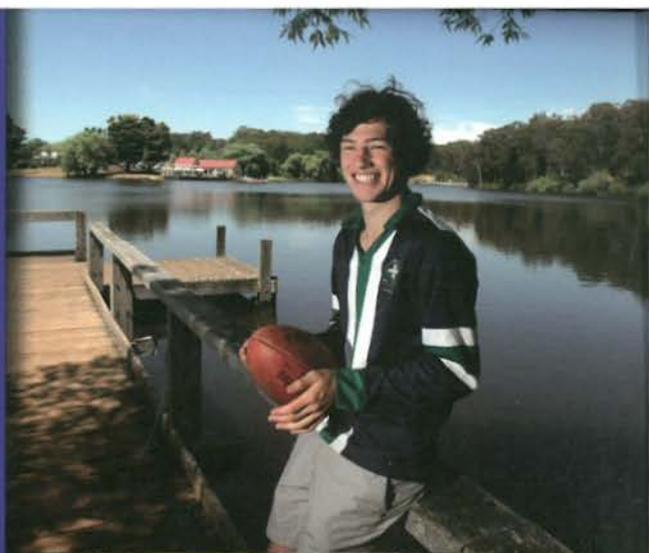
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ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE
BALLARAT



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Welcome to the final edition of *The Shamrock* for 2009. It has been another action packed term filled with events, celebrations and outstanding student achievements, many of which were on show at the 2009 Speech Night at Her Majesty's Theatre on Friday November 20.

St Patrick's College continues to remain a vibrant educational home for close to 1200 boys. In 2010 this number will exceed 1200 for the first time with over 60 students residing within the College's Boarding Houses. The many achievements of students and staff highlights the breadth of talent within the College community and makes for some very interesting and enjoyable reading. This edition of *The Shamrock* featuring the OCA's Green, White and Blue features news from old boys around the globe as well as some wonderful photos from OCA Reunion Dinners, the OCA Golf Day and Speech Night. Details for a range of exciting events in 2010 are contained on the Mail Flyer included with his edition of *The Shamrock*.

FROM THE HEADMASTER

The Headmaster's annual address to the College Speech Night once again highlighted the outstanding achievements of students and staff in 2009 and the incredible scope of activities available to students at the College. Speech Night once again showcased the talents of the boys, particularly in the areas of music and public speaking. The address of Purton Orator Thomas McKinnon was well delivered as was the moving and poignant address of 2002 Dux Chris McBrearty.

An abbreviated version of the Headmaster's address is presented below – a full report on the activities of the College will be available in the 2009 College Annual.

Headmaster's Address, Speech Night 2009

Welcome and thank you all for your ongoing support of St Patrick's College.

I acknowledge the Wautherong people as the traditional custodians of this beautiful land on which we gather. I pay my respects to their elders past and present and to other elders who have joined us tonight from far flung lands.

I secondly acknowledge the Christian Brothers who have cared for our school and its environment since 1893.

I welcome those of our guests, alumnae and staff here on stage who have been introduced to you already. I single out our Patron, Bishop Peter Connors, his Diocesan Director of Catholic Education, Mr Larry Burn, and Dr Wayne Tinsey,

Executive Director of Edmund Rice Education Australia, and Mrs Tinsey, who join us at Speech Night for the first time.

I say welcome to our invited guests out there in the body of the Theatre, particularly the members of the clergy, Christian Brothers, Loreto Sisters, our board members and their spouses, and other community members.

I say welcome to all of our parents, family members, staff, Old Collegians and friends.

Finally I welcome our students, representing our years from 7 to 12. To the 12s I say thank you for all that you have contributed in your time at the College which has been significant on all fronts. I would ask you to convey these fond sentiments to those of your friends who are not with us tonight: a

consequence that they unfortunately chose for themselves. As ever, I wish them well as I do you. I pray for your continued success.

Tradition dictates that the Headmaster's Annual Report be delivered at Speech Night. That is the reason I have just returned from my godson's 4.00 pm wedding in Mt Eliza to be with you. This annual accounting is lengthy and detailed, covering the full gamut of the life of the College since we last met in this place. The Report deals with:

- Student Programmes - which are expanding;
- Student Leadership - which is exemplary;
- The Pastoral, Cultural, Sporting and Boarding dimensions of the school - which are all embracing;
- Our Catholic Identity – at the core of our mission. As a Board we reflected this month on the Catholic identity of the College and were reassured as we found much to be commended both by internal and external criteria;

The Annual Report goes on to detail:

- Enrolment - which is at record levels;
- Staffing - we employ good people;
- Finances - which are balanced finely but well managed; and
- Buildings - which are gradually matching the standard of our teaching and learning.

The report looks at our community and our governance including:

- Our Old Collegians and College Foundation;
- The College Board, Friends of St Patrick's and all of our associated groups;
- The Christian Brothers and Edmund Rice Education Australia; and
- And our connection with the Church through our Bishop, our Chaplain and our visible expressions of being a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition.

The delivery of the Headmaster's Annual report can take a long time. For our mutual relief, I will place the full report on our website and use this time to highlight six aspects of particular significance to me.

1. Director of Kelty Resource Centre, Mrs Sara Taylor with Junior School students
2. Director of Performing Arts Mrs Kathleen Plastow with Junior School students
- 3-7. St Patrick's College Ball
8. 2009 Boarders Dwayne and Kurt Hector

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1. Student Programmes

In 2009:

- The reading programmes in Years 7-9 are providing great encouragement to the boys with numbers of library borrowings through the roof;
- The internal provision of VET in Schools programmes has mainstreamed vocational education;
- The introduction of negotiated pathways for individual students, particularly in the senior years, with modified courses available is enabling more students to complete Year 12 with us; and
- At the other end of the academic spectrum, our students have accepted the recognition of student achievement at our fortnightly assemblies and at semester's end with the Chris Nolan Awards. I thank Mr Stephen Hill, Deputy Headmaster: Teaching & Learning for his work on academic progress and recognition.

2. Student Outcomes

- We are once again proud of the measurable outcomes of our students: employment, training, university study-the full spectrum reflecting our enrolment and our students' aspirations. It is always comforting to be able to say that in 2008 we once again had Ballarat's top ENTER score for a boy, something we have done consistently despite the excellent programmes offered at Ballarat's many fine schools. We were also medallists at the National Workskills Competition.

3. Student Leadership

- The student body has been admirably led by our College Captain, Stephen Kirby and his Vice Captains, Lachlan Barker and Liam O'Riley, our masters of ceremonies this evening.
- The Student Council of the Captains and Vice Captains of our four Houses has engaged well in their portfolios of Music and Liturgy, Fundraising, Facilities and Student Activities. Our assemblies, liturgies and grand occasions reflect the work of our senior students. I congratulate Keniry House led by Jarryd Allen with Vice Captains Tom Blood and Ashleigh Jan on their taking out the Br William Mark McCarthy Shield for House Competition.

- Our evolving Year 10 Leadership Programme, The Journey, won us much acclaim after the front page coverage in *The Courier* about 'One Night of Homelessness', in which just about every Year 10 voluntarily participated, with great support from staff lead by Mr Jamie Bobrowski. The programme has been recognised by the University of Ballarat. On successful completion of this programme, students are eligible for the Certificate II in Business (BSB20107) and a Statement of Attainment documenting units of competence in the Certificate III in Business Administration (BSB30107). In 2010 all Year 10 students will be enrolled in the programme culminating the work commenced by Mr Mark Waddington on a Year 10 Leadership Programme in 2002.



The new College Changerooms

4. Sporting Pursuits

- It would not be a St Pat's Speech Night without mentioning sport. Steve Moneghetti, as an exemplar of all that is good in a St Pat's athlete, would be pleased to see that some things never change:
- We continue to offer great opportunities across a grand array of sporting pursuits. We have been blessed with more than our fair share of victories, premierships and silverware but there is much joy to be found in the camaraderie of competing, regardless of the result. This is the spirit in which we participate.
 - Highlights for the year include the First XI Cricket Grand Final, the rebuilding of the First XV in Rugby, the spectacular

success of the Australian Rules First XVIII, the continued success of the Swimming Team, the undefeated progress of the First XI in the World Game, Football, the Athletics and Cross Country runners continued prowess and the joy in many lesser sports to whom I apologise for the sake of brevity. I also congratulate our rowers who continue to excel without parallel despite the lack of water in Lake Wendouree

5. Finances

Under the eye of our Business Manager, Mrs Shirley Walters, and the Finance Committee we are compliant in a timely manner with the growing accountabilities at federal, state, systemic, diocesan and EREA levels. On the one hand the campaign for increased funding from government has seen a significant increase at the state level – up from 19% to 22% of the cost of educating a student in a government school in Victoria. This is a benchmark step on our way to our goal of 25% funding, and that indexed.

The Catholic sector now enters into negotiations with the federal government for the next four years with the Deputy Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, holding the education portfolio and being ironclad in her determination to make changes to the funding arrangements of non-government schools and these principally through collaboration with the state Departments of Education and Treasury who do not necessarily hold us in equal partner status. Early negotiations on the current National Partnerships and Trade Training Centres have shown this.

I dwell on this point because of the imposed need for accountabilities from which we should have nothing to fear other than the time taken to answer the growing number of questionnaires. However the level of levies to Diocesan and Catholic state bodies along with the rapidly expanding levies to EREA open the way to government scrutiny about the duplication of services and double dipping from schools with their access to public funding. I take this occasion, in the presence of our Bishop, our Diocesan Director of Catholic Education and the Executive Director of EREA, to encourage our leaders to ensure that we are doing all

in our power at a state level and an Edmund Rice level to maximise the value of our dollar through synergies and collaboration. I add to that endorsement my positions as President of the Principals Association of Victorian Catholic Secondary Schools and as one of the two Principals on the select review committee of the Grants Allocation Committee (Secondary) Funding Formula which determines the allocation of funds to the Catholic Secondary Schools of Victoria. I am painfully aware of the resourcing needs in our Catholic schools, the public scrutiny and the knowledge that Catholic schools in Victoria continue to do more with less than their government or independent counterparts. I seek a better structural relationship between all partners in Catholic education on a regional and national basis for the sake of our students and as an unimpeachable model open to public scrutiny.

Thanks

In conclusion I finish as I started, thanking each of you for your support of our noble venture together. We are entrusted with boys in the aspiration that we will raise them to the status of men. It is a joy but in this human institution that survives by divine intervention, we need all the help that each of you can give us. May God bless us all, but especially our boys; Vaya con Dios.

Staff Farewells

At the conclusion of 2009 we will say farewell to a number of staff who are moving on to pursue other vocational and lifestyle opportunities. Staff leaving the College include:

- Mr Tim Bennett has made a significant contribution to liturgy and the Junior School during his two decades at the College. He will be greatly missed by colleagues and students and is looking forward to some well earned travels;
- Mrs Karina Dunne has been appointed Head of Humanities at Catholic Regional College Melton;
- Ms Kara Hart is leaving the College for 12 months to travel the globe – she is

1. Daniel Cullinan – guest performer at the 2009 'On Track Foundation Ball'
2. Patrick McKinnon - 2009 Breach Oratory
3. Ben O'Shea with Connor Bourke and Joseph McKee, winners of the WT Doyle Debate
4. Thomas McKinnon with Dr Peter Casey at the Purton Oratory Awards
5. Thomas McKinnon, Year 12 won the Br D.G. Purton Oratory and the Sir Hugh Devine Impromptu Speech awards
- 6-8. St Vinnie's Presentaion Assembly

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being replaced in the Middle School by Mr Peter Blanchfield who is returning after a stint at St Kevin's College;

- Mrs Kathy Oliphant has been appointed Year 8 Coordinator at St John's College in Darwin after two years at St Patrick's College; and
- Mr Graham Swinton has been the driving force behind the College's successful reintroduction of Rugby Union, as well as a much loved maths and science teacher. Graham has been appointed Assistant Head of Boarding at the Southport School on the Gold Coast.

We would also like to sincerely thank the 2009 Trainees Stephen Yaakoob, Rex Hickman and Rhys Allan who have provided great support to staff who manage programmes in areas such as sport, outdoor education, audio-visual and grounds.

We thank all these staff members for their contribution to the education of boys at St Patrick's and wish them well with their future endeavours. Profiles of new staff will be included in the first edition of *The Shamrock* in 2010.

Dr Peter M Casey
Headmaster

VALEDICTORY DINNER 2009

Mr Michael Busscher
Head of Senior School

The Class of 2009 formally farewelled the College, staff and their peers at the annual Valedictory Dinner, a formal dinner for graduates and their families, at the Mecure Hotel and Convention Centre.

The Valedictory Dinner was a very enjoyable and positive conclusion to our 'Valedictorians' time as students. Mr Graham Swinton spoke with great passion and humour, whilst Mrs Sara Taylor spoke with wonderful insight and sincerity and struck a chord with all in the room. Below is the text from her speech –

'On the behalf of all the staff of St Patrick's College 'thank you' Lachie for your kind words and toast. As Director of

the KRC I have been lucky enough to interact, on almost a daily basis, with every one of you since you were in Year 8. I have also had the opportunity this year to work with 25 of you in the two most privileged positions in any school that of a classroom teacher and as a pastoral care tutor. I am confident that you will leave St Patrick's knowing that your teachers have confronted and challenged you, demanded high standards of you, required you to ponder and to question, that they inculcated a love of learning within you and opened your eyes and hearts to the extraordinary world in which we live; however, it is also important for you to know that if we are honest we have learned as much from you as you have from us. We have witnessed your 'blood, sweat and sometimes your tears'. We have laughed and cried with you'.

'I would like to share some words written in 2006 by a man with whom some of you will be familiar – Michael McGirr, an ex-Jesuit Priest, writer and now teacher at St Kevin's in Melbourne. He wrote an open letter in *The Age* to Year 12 students after he had encountered many on the train to and from work each day. I am confident that your teachers and all the administrative and maintenance staff at St Patrick's have the same hopes for you as this extraordinary man, and most importantly that our time with you, will enable you to fulfil his and our hopes for you'.

Michael said:

I hope you sleep well. I hope you are never afraid to sleep alone. It is better to be lonely on your own than in a bed with someone who can't reach past your skin. I hope you realise that a partner who makes you afraid is not the partner for you.

I hope you read books and not just screens. With a screen, you are looking always at light. When you read black print you are looking at the dark part. It rests the eyes and stills the mind. It's a different experience.

I hope you write letters by hand now and again. The world is full of words but few of them count for very much. Our culture is being buried under cliché and verbiage. I hope you can choose your words carefully and that there will be people who savour them.

When you are 90, I hope you have a box full of special words. I suspect that they won't be emails or SMS messages. They are more likely to be a handwritten scrap that your partner left on your pillow or a note your child slipped into your computer bag before you left for work. It is easier to believe the word 'love' when it appears in text a rather than type.

I hope when the time comes, that you are good bosses. For two or three years, I have seen many of you go to school in one uniform and come home in another, the one you wear at work. I know you work hard, harder than I did at the same age. You also spend more. I have heard some of your stories at work. I hope you remember what it was like to be bullied to try to do better.

I hope you don't need canned laughter to know when something is funny. I hope you are honest, with yourselves as much as anybody. I hope you get a laugh out of your own powers of self deception.

I hope you don't need a flag of any kind to establish your identity. At any moment, a million Australians are living overseas. Not just visiting, but living. I hope you have a chance to be one of them for a while. I hope the Third World makes a powerful claim on your humanity.

I hope you sink deep roots. I hope that some of the people who love you now will still be around to love you when you are 90. I hope that some of the other people who love you then would be impossible to now imagine. I hope that when you reach middle age they still have trains. I hope you will have fond hope for the young people who can't wait to get off.

'The St Patrick's College staff hopes that we have not only supported and educated you to the highest standards, but inspired you to be the best that you can be. We hope we have taught you to value intellectual integrity, physical fitness, the arts and social justice. We hope we have taught you to love learning, to love books, and all the diverse repositories of information, but more importantly that we have taught you the skills of how to transform all that information into knowledge, which in turn will with God's help, give you wisdom.

'Take care Class of 2009 – be the best sons, fathers, partners, employers, employees, and friends but most importantly the best men you can be - the world is at your feet'.

Student leaders Stephen Kirby, Lachlan Barker and Liam O'Riley also spoke eloquently to round off an enjoyable evening that was a fitting send off for a very talented year level. Well done to our newest 'Old Boys' – the College is grateful and proud of the rich contribution that you have all made to the ever evolving story of St Patrick's College.

AWARDS 2009

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

Headmaster's Award for Leadership Stephen Kirby

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

The Howard Award for Excellence Daniel Sharp

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

The Little Family Award for School Spirit Angus Martin

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

1. Adam Spencer with Dr Peter Casey at the Senior School Awards Ceremony
2. Senior School Awards Ceremony
- 3-4. 2009 Valedictory Dinner
5. Ms Elizabeth Till, Mr Graham Swinton and Mrs Fiona Carroll at the 2009 Valedictory Dinner
6. Dr Peter Casey addresses guests at the 2009 Valedictory Dinner
7. 2009 Valedictory Dinner
8. Mrs Sara Taylor addresses guests at the Valedictory Dinner

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**The Edmund Rice Award for Ministry
Ashley Jan**

This award recognises a student who has embodied the spirit of Edmund Rice through his involvement in justice, action and reflective practice within the College, the community and the Edmund Rice Network.

**Dorothy Irene Ellis-Thomas Scholarship
Benjamin McOwan.**

This scholarship is awarded each year to a hardworking, conscientious and worthy student who has shown an overall endeavour to pursue excellence in all areas of their school life and who wishes to do the same in the future.

**Catherine King Award for Community Service
Liam O'Riley**

This award recognises all round excellence in contribution to the community- both internal and external to the College.

**Pierre de Coubertin Award
Samuel Howard**

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

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Alexander Eva

Middle School Award for All Round Excellence

Andrew Groch

Junior School Award for All Round Excellence

Sean Keem

Year 11 Dux

Lachlan McLean

Year 11 Proxime Accessit

Thomas Smardon

Year 11 Religious Education Prize

Timothy McOwan

Year 10 Dux – University of Ballarat Prize

Tyler Brandenburg

Year 10 Proxime Accessit

Joseph Baxter

Year 10 Religious Education Prize

Timothy McOwan

Dr Frank McArdle Prize Year 10 Science

Zachary Weightman

Year 9 Dux

Riley Fullerton

Year 9 Proxime Accessit

John Brown

Year 9 Religious Education Prize

Peter Oakley

Year 8 Dux

Tim Crowe

Year 8 Proxime Accessit

Nicholas Whelan

Year 8 Religious Education Prize

Thomas Keogh

Year 7 Dux

Louis Powlett

Year 7 Proxime Accessit

Aiden Willowwhite

Year 7 Religious Education Prize

CULTURAL AWARDS

Public Speaking

Thomas McKinnon

Br D.G. Purton Oratory

Thomas McKinnon

Sir Hugh Devine Impromptu Speech

Connor Bourke

W.T. Doyle Debating

Joseph McKee

W.T. Doyle Debating

Ben O'Shea

W.T. Doyle Debating

Kieren O'Riley

Br H.T. Breach Oratory

Timothy Rennie

Mary Purcell Debating

William Baker

Mary Purcell Debating

Kieren O'Riley

Mary Purcell Debating

Music

Laurence Heenan

Performer of the Year

Ben O'Shea

Bandsman of the Year

Jacob Dalli

Band Executive Award for Dedication and Commitment

Patrick Adeney

Sir Bernard Heinze Award for Overall Outstanding Musical Achievement

Thomas Thorpe

Junior Music Award

SPORTING AWARDS

Thomas Vadala

Stephen Moneghetti Award for Outstanding Athlete at the BAS Carnival

Ben Couch

Award for A Grade Badminton

Lachlan Madder

Peter Farley Award for 1st V Basketball

Peter Colbourne

Leo O'Brien Award for 1st XI Cricket

Angus Martin

Award for Senior Cross Country

Marc James

Br W.T. O'Malley Award for 1st XVIII Football for Best and Fairest Player:

Marc James

John James Medal for Best on Ground in the BAS Grand Final.

Zachary Pietsch

Br H.T. Breach Award for 1st XI Hockey

Daniel Sharp

Brian Vear Award for Senior Rowing

Blake Davis

Award for 1st XV Rugby

Scott Berg

Award for 1st XI Soccer

Ben Couch

Award for Senior Squash

James Edmonds

Award for Senior Racquetball

Matthew Norman

Br B.J. Davis Award for Commitment to SPC Swimming

Patrick Thorpe

Award for A Grade Table Tennis

Anthony Zreikat

Award for Senior Gymnastics

Shaun Lyle

Award for 1st IV Tennis

Lachlan Clydesdale

Award for 1st VI Volleyball

HOUSE AWARDS

An award for a senior student who has displayed an outstanding attitude towards academic, sporting and social justice activities.

Lachlan Barker

The Br J.B. Galvin Award

Thomas Smardon

The Br E.F. Keniry Award

Edward Long

The Br M.P. Nunan Award

Thomas McKinnon

The Br J.L. Ryan Award

- 1-2. 2009 Valedictory Dinner
- 3-6. Junior School Presentation Evening
7. Father and Son Mass and Breakfast
8. Tony and Eamonn McVeigh enjoying breakfast together at the Father's Day Mass and Breakfast on Friday September 4

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MIDDLE SCHOOL PRIZE WINNERS

These awards were presented at the Middle School Presentation Assembly on Friday December 4. Congratulations to all prize winners for their contribution to the Middle School Programme in 2009.

Middle School Dux
Zachary Weightman

Proxime Accessit
Riley Fullerton

Middle School All Round Excellence Award
Alexander Eva

House Awards for High Achievers

Nunan
Riley Fullerton

Galvin
Zac Weightman

Keniry
James Fahey

Ryan
Michael Coccomozzo

Homeroom Awards

9A – NA
Alexander Eva Positive Contribution
James Fahey Most Supportive
Fraser Steggall Most Improved Attitude

9B – RC
Dominic Barry Positive Contribution
Louis Micich Most Supportive
James Tuddenham Most Improved Attitude

9C – KH
Laurence Ellis Positive Contribution
Laurence Ellis Most Supportive
Jacob Yamin Most Improved Attitude

9D – PJ
Charlie Powlett Positive Contribution
Christopher Debono Most Supportive

Jayden Closter Most Improved Attitude

9E – RB
John Brown Positive Contribution
Nicholas Beaver Most Supportive
Patrick Murphy Most Improved Attitude

9F – SH
Austin Miller Positive Contribution
Jack Furness Most Supportive
Johnathon Miller Most Improved Attitude

9G – JD
Patrick Linnane Positive Contribution
Glenn Coleman Most Supportive
Aiden Collier Most Improved Attitude

9H - JC
Tom Germon Positive Contribution
Paul McEldrew Most Supportive
Chris Jew Most Improved Attitude

Subject Award

R.E.
John Brown

English
Michael Coccomozzo

Mathematics
Zachary Weightman

Science
Riley Fullerton

Humanities
James Fahey / Riley Fullerton

Elective Subject

3D Art – MG
Josh Gilbert

2D Art - FS
Ben Martin

System
Mitch Clarke

Japanese
Zachary Weightman

French
Christian Larkin

Visual Communication
Edward Meagher

Wilderness Skills

Riley Fullerton

Technology – Wood
Jack Owen

Technology – Metal
Paul McEldrew

Linguistics
Ben O'Brien

Healthy Living
Lachlan Thomas Phyland

Information Technology
James Fahey

Criminology
Riley Fullerton

Gadget Science
Cameron Butcher

Music
Zachary Weightman

Computer Theory
Charlie Powlett

Creative Writing
Jordan Atkinson

Sport Awards

Year 9 Athletics
Patrick Blood

Year 9 Basketball
Dominic Barry

Year 9 Tennis
Scott Robson

Year 9 Football
Nicholas Rippon

Year 9 Cricket
Charles Cook

Intermediate Hockey
Zak McMurray-McKay

U16 Player's Player – Rugby
Alex Thompson

U15 Swimming
Marcus Simpson / Ben Rodger

Intermediate Volleyball Green
Zac White

B Grade Table Tennis
Anthony Jreige

Performing Arts

Performer of the Year
Patrick Linnane

Year 9 Debating – Best Speaker
Kieran O'Riley

Year 9 Public Speaking
Kieran O'Riley

JUNIOR SCHOOL Academic Prize Winners

These awards were presented at the Junior School Presentation Evening on Thursday November 26. Congratulations to all prize winners for their application to their studies and general contribution around the College in 2009.

Year 7
Thomas Keogh - Dux
Louis Powlett - Proxime Accessit
Aiden Willowwhite - Religious Education

Year 8
Peter Oakley - Dux
Timothy Crowe - Proxime Accessit:
Nicholas Whelan - Religious Education

Andrew Groch - Junior School Award for All-Round Excellence

7A
Thomas Keogh Dux
Peter Leighton RE

7B
Samuel Wines Dux
Jake Wilkie RE

7C
Kieran Wynne Dux
Thomas McMaster RE

7D
Hamish Clydesdale Dux
Hamish Clydesdale RE

7E
David Adams Dux
David Adams RE

7F
Louis Powlett Dux
Elliot Yeung RE

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- 1-3. 2009 Father and Son Run
- 4. 'Kool Skools' competition
- 5-8. Medieval Day



7G
Harrison Robison Dux
Aiden Willowwhite RE

7H
Christopher Callil Dux
Jack Molik RE

8A
Samuel Burzacott Dux
Andrew Fay RE

8B
Mitchell Thompson Dux
Patrick Karras RE

8C
Jakob Baric Dux
Jakob Baric RE

8D
Tim Crowe Dux
Tim Crowe RE

8E
Andrew Groch Dux
Andrew Groch RE

8F
Nick Whelan Dux
Nick Whelan RE

8G
James Rousche Dux
Angus Rooney RE

8H
Luke Howard Dux
Jarryd O'Dowd RE

8I
Peter Oakley Dux
Peter Oakley RE

2010 BUILDING WORKS

The Building Committee has been working diligently to develop plans and tender documentation for the O'Malley Wing refurbishment and extension in 2010. The College had been asked to submit final plans and, prior to the December Board meeting, received news of support from the Federal Government through the Catholic Capital Grants Company of Victoria in 2010.

Essentially current plans aim to provide:

- 17 refurbished classrooms;
- 10 new classrooms;
- Extension into the northern window bays to enlarge the rooms;
- Flexibility to open adjoining classrooms;
- ICT hubs which allow for trolley based ICT access;
- Enhanced learning and meeting rooms;
- Staff room for Junior School staff; and
- Staff rooms for Enhanced Learning staff.

It is planned to stage the project over three distinct phases to alleviate disruption to teaching and learning programmes and to avoid the costs of re-locating students or bringing in portable classrooms. The project will take approximately 15 months and will provide Junior School students and staff with first class teaching and learning facilities.

2010 YEAR 12 STUDENT COUNCIL LEADERSHIP CAMP

Members of the 2010 Student Council recently gathered for the 2010 Student Council Leadership Camp at Trafalgar in East Gippsland. The Headmaster, Dr Casey, Mr Chris Caldwell, Mr Warrick Bottrall, Mr Howard Clark, Mr Damian McKee and the Student Leadership and Standards Officer, Mr Jamie Bobrowski worked with the boys from Friday evening through to Sunday afternoon. All were most impressed by the level of commitment and enthusiasm from the boys towards their College and the amount of goodwill expressed regarding the prospect of working with and leading the students at the College in 2010. The preparedness of students to go beyond their comfort zone and support each other in taking risks was inspiring and served to bring students and staff closer together as they start to formulate leadership goals and plans for 2010. Congratulations to all boys who

attended the camp and we look forward to a great year of student leadership in 2010.

YEAR 9 GRAMPIANS EXPERIENCE

Congratulations to all involved in the Grampians camps. Organising and running any camp for 200 students presents some challenges and appreciation is extended to all staff, parents and students involved. Mr Terry Blizzard and his Middle School team worked tirelessly to provide all students with a challenging, engaging and enjoyable learning experience that certainly tested boys physical and mental capabilities. All staff were extremely impressed with the attitude of the boys and their willingness to take up the physical and mental challenges presented to them. The efforts of many individuals was nothing less than inspiring.

A SCIENCE STAR

Year 11 student Lachlan McLean has been selected to attend the National Youth Science Forum to be held in January 2010 in Perth.

The Forum, which has been inspiring futures for 27 years, brings together Australia's brightest young scientific minds for twelve-days of lively debates on major scientific issues and interactions with some of the country's premier research teams. 2010 will mark the first year that the programme will run both in Canberra and Perth.

Lachlan was one of 432, Year 11 students nominated for the Forum by the Rotary Club of Wendouree in Rotary District 9780. Lachlan was one of 432 Year 11 students selected to attend from nearly two thousand applicants.

At the NYSF students are able to pursue the particular branches of science, engineering and related subjects that they are most passionate about. They have the opportunity to meet and talk with prominent scientists, to work in laboratories with these people and learn first hand what a life in science really means. The range of institutions open to them is impressive. It includes most of the research facilities of the University of Western Australia and the opportunity to engage in a series of energetic debates where they question the legal, political, and ethical implications of science's hottest topics.

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE IS A 'KOOL SKOOL'

Students from St Patrick's College have won the prestigious and highly competitive 'Kool Skools' competition for 2009. Jack Cotter, Xavier Frost, Daniel Cullinan and William Clark from the band 'Unsafe Thort' participated in 'Kool Skools' and won the Victorian JB HI FI Project Performing Award. This award allowed the boys to have a 40 hour professional recording session and photo shoot for album covers and publicity and saw them win a place in the finals that were held at Etihad Stadium on the weekend.

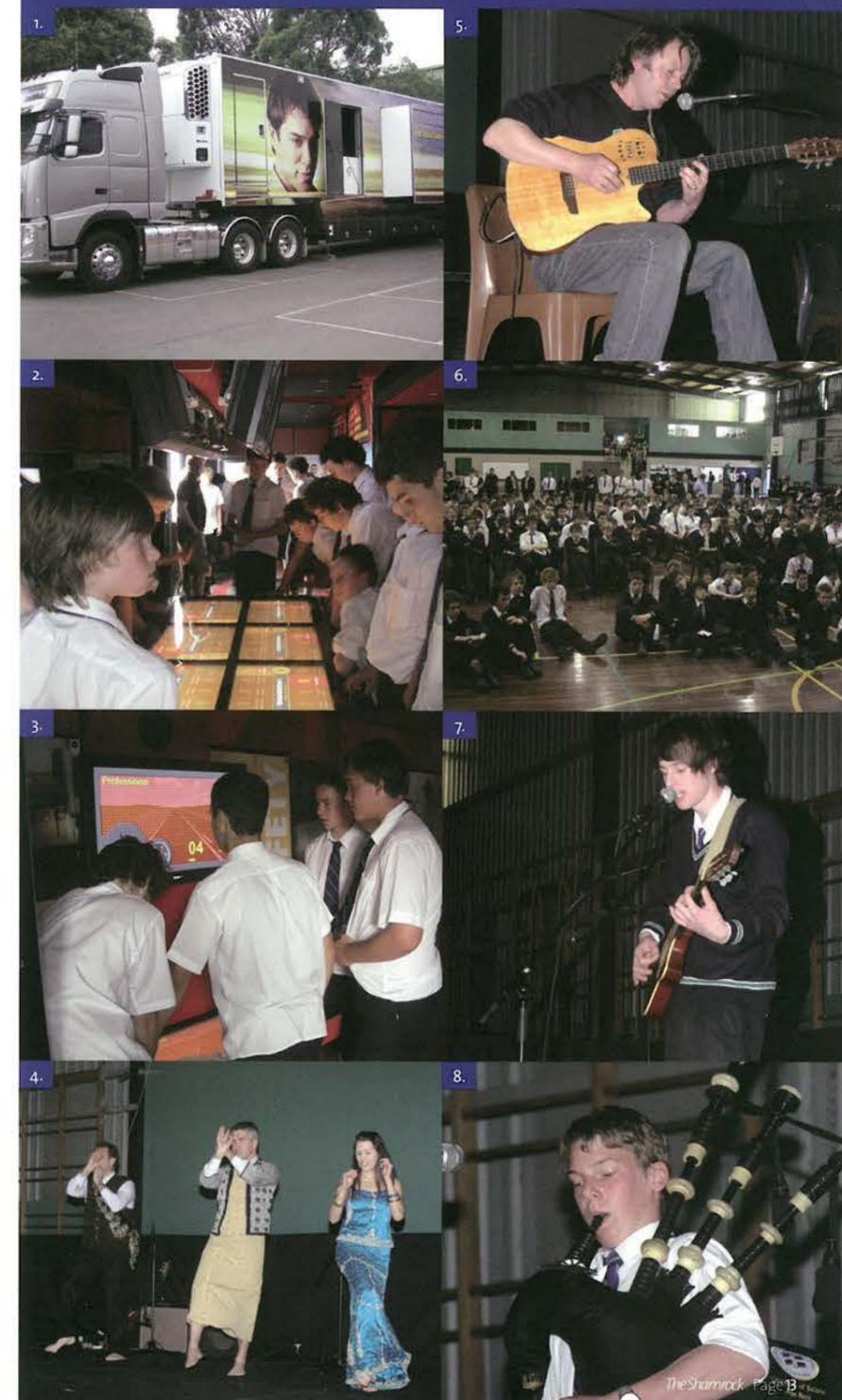
'Kool Skools' is all about original contemporary music by young musicians and songwriters and the awards are given as recognition for hard work and excellence achieved. The judging is a long and complex process and was based on the recordings from each album.

'Unsafe Thort' have released a self titled album of six original songs which can be purchased through JB HI FI. The bands song 'Summer Time' earned the band the "Best Pop Punk Band" Award at Etihad Stadium. All boys are in Year 10 Music.

The 'Kool Skools' competition has a long and proud history providing a start in the industry for many household names including Missy Higgins, Delta Goodrem, Marc Collis and Axle Whitehead.

1-3. Safety Truck - Year 8 programme
4-8. 'St Patrick's College Has Talent!'

Photo Gallery



STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2010

At recent Academic Assemblies the following students have been appointed to positions of leadership for 2010.

2010 Student Leadership

College Captain: James McMaster
College Vice Captain: Jake Belsar and Bradley Brennan

Following elections conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission the following Student Leadership appointments were made for 2010. House Captains, Vice Captains and Congress representatives within each House and year level are listed below.



2010 College Captain James McMaster with Headmaster Dr Peter Casey and Vice Captains Jake Belsar and Bradley Brennan

Members of the 2010 Student Council



Captain
Justin Gordon
Vice Captains
James Grinter
Kain Ford



Captain
Justin O'Brien
Vice Captains
Aaron Lewicki
Samuel Wilson



Captain
Jake Dunne
Vice Captains
Daniel McDonald
Oliver Yeung



Captain
Kieran Toohey
Vice Captains
Clay Jenkins
Andrew Clifton

Members of the 2010 Student Congress

Year 11
Harry Mai
William Cousens
Year 10
Kieren O'Riley
Zachary Weightman
Year 9
Peter Oakley
Daniel Toohey
Year 8
Thomas Keogh
Billy Jones

Year 11
Brayden Allan
Matthew Norman
Year 10
Charles Cook
James Fahey
Year 9
James McDougall
Andrew Groch
Year 8
Kieran Wynn
Hamish Clydesdale

Year 11
Luke Kemp
Adam Spencer
Year 10
Alexander Eva
Chris Debono
Year 9
Luke Wilson
Mitchell Thompson
Year 8
Louis Powlett
David Adams

Year 11
Ciaran Conaughton
Regan Boyce
Year 10
Samuel Cosgriff
James Gilbert
Year 9
Riley Adams
Josh Cullinan
Year 8
Hamish Robertson
William Fay

Boarding

McCann House
(Head of House - Mr Matt Lowe)
Captain: Daniel Cobden
Vice Captain: James Grinter

Kenny House
(Head of House - Mr Stuart Lethbridge)
Captain: Leon Piscioneri
Vice Captain: Jarrod Sharrock

Nangle House
(Head of House - Mr Shane Hayes)
Captain: Shaun Hector
Vice Captain: Gordon Hutcheon

Wanliss House
(Head of House - Mr Rohan Davis)
Junior House Leaders:
Johnathon Miller, Russell Hector

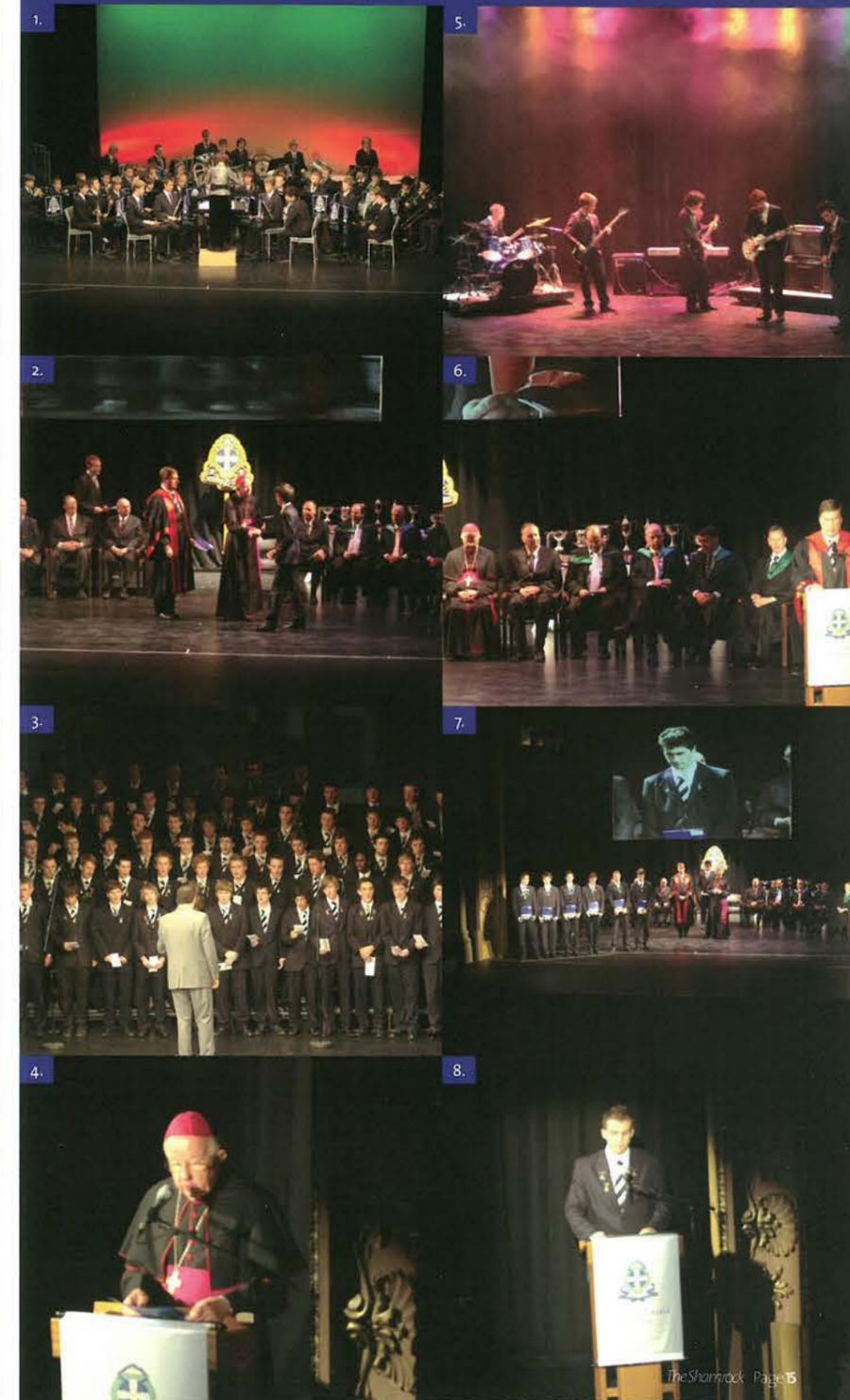
Rowing

Captain of Boats: Jake Belsar
Vice Captains: Brad Brennan and Sam Morrissey

Congratulations to all boys who have been elected to positions of leadership for 2010. The College community looks forward to these boys displaying leadership through words and deed in an honest, compassionate and just manner.

- 1-7: 2009 Speech Night
- 8: 2009 College Captain Stephen Kirby addresses guests at Speech Night

Photo Gallery



2009 HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Following another year of intense competition Deputy Headmaster Mr Chris Caldwell announced the following results to students at Academic Assembly:

Professor Sir Bernard Heinze Cultural Shield

	House	Shield Points	McCarthy Points
1st	Ryan	107	10
2nd	Galvin	72	7
3rd	Keniry	65	5
4th	Nunan	61	3

Father Michael Quinn Academic Shield

	House	Shield Points	McCarthy Points
1st	Keniry	127476	10
2nd	Galvin	116478	7
3rd	Ryan	115819	5
4th	Nunan	115420	3

Frank Doolan Community Shield

	House	Shield Points	McCarthy Points
1st	Keniry	1005	10
2nd	Nunan	1004	7
3rd	Galvin	980	5
4th	Ryan	961	3

David Bourke Sports Shield

	House	Shield Points	McCarthy Points
1st	Nunan	71	10
2nd	Keniry	60	7
3rd	Galvin	51	5
4th	Ryan	43	3

Congratulations to the staff and boys of Keniry House in taking out the Br William Mark McCarthy House Shield for 2009!

Br William Mark McCarthy House Shield

1st Keniry - 32 pts



2nd Galvin - 24 pts

3rd Nunan - 23 pts



4th Ryan - 21 pts

2009 COLLEGE BALL

On Friday October 6 over 180 people gathered for the inaugural College Ball organised by the Friends of St Patrick's. The organising committee led by Karen McMaster did an exceptional job in bringing the night together and a great time was had by all. The night brought together many people from different parts of the College community and it is hoped that the Ball will become a highly anticipated and supported event on the College Calendar for years to come.

PUBLIC SPEAKING Speak Up and Speak Out!

The day had finally arrived. It was time for the boys to speak up and speak out. It was the annual Purton Oratory Competition at St Patrick's. This competition has a very long history at the College and it gives our boys the opportunity to compete at a high standard in both oratory and debate. For the first time we held the competition on a Saturday to allow for parents to attend and hear their boys speak – some for the first time!

The Mary Purcell Debate was held later on Monday October 19. The arguments were made by Peter Oakley, Charles Robinson and Patrick McKinnon against Tim Rennie, William Baker and Kieren O'Riley with the eventual winners Tim, William and Kieren.

The first event of the Purton Oratory day was the Breach Oratory where students from Year 7 to 9 spoke on a topic of their own choice for five minutes. They then competed in the Impromptu part of the competition. This is perhaps one of the more difficult aspects of the competition as boys are given a topic and have five minutes to prepare a two minute speech. To say the nerves really kicked in at this time is an understatement!

The competition was fierce and the boys were amazing. Some of the boys had never spoken in this format with their only experience doing speeches in the class for assessment.

There were five competitors on the day being Peter Oakley, Kieren O'Riley, Patrick McKinnon, William Baker and Tim O'Shea. All boys presented themselves admirably with the winner speaking on the topic of Depression. Congratulations to Kieren O'Riley for winning the Breach Oratory for the second year in a row – a fantastic effort.

The Breach was followed by the W. T. Doyle Debate for senior students. The topic was a difficult one however the boys were amazing in their ability to argue strongly and passionately. The students being Affirmative - Connor Bourke, Ben O'Shea and Joseph McKee against Joseph Baxter, Adam Spencer and Killian Plastow – Negative. The winners on the day were Connor Bourke, Ben O'Shea and Joseph McKee.

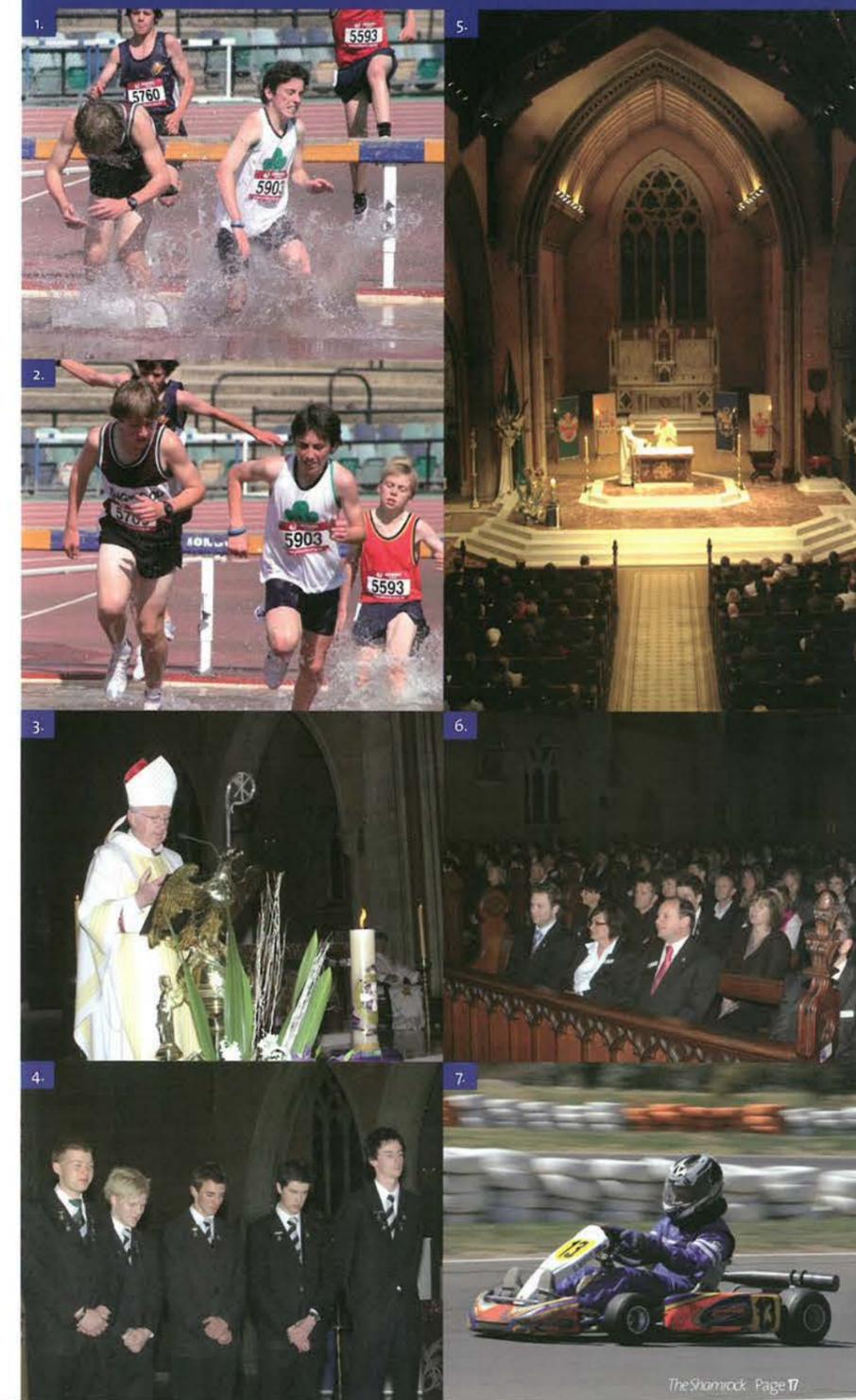
After a short break, the senior boys assembled for the prestigious Purton Orator and Sir Hugh Devine Impromptu Speaker. The quality of the students was phenomenal making the adjudicating challenging. Ben O'Shea, Connor Bourke, Thomas McKinnon, Joseph Baxter, Adam Spencer, Killian Plastow, Dermot Conaughton and Dimitry Markeep competed on the day. Each student spoke for up to eight minutes on a topic of their choice which had a message behind it. We heard about Police in Victoria, the Interchange Programme, through to Climate Change and Racism.

1-2. Mitchell Thompson finished second in the 2 km Steeplechase at Vic All Schools Athletics at Olympic Park

3-6. Year 12 Farewell Mass

7. Year 12 student Callum Boyce celebrated a successful year of Go-Kart racing by taking out the 2009 Senior Driver Championship at the Ballarat Go-Kart Club.

Photo Gallery



After the speeches the boys then prepared an impromptu having five minutes preparation and speaking for two and a half minutes. The competition was very close with the announcement that Thomas McKinnon had won both the Purton Oratory and the Sir Hugh Devine Impromptu Competitions.

It is brilliant to hear how beautifully our boys can orate, debate and appreciate their ability to passionately present their point of view at such a high standard.

Thanks and congratulations to all the boys for their time and effort. Sincere thanks also to Mr Michael Keem, Mr Paul King (both old boys and winners of these competitions) and Mr Rhys Sizeland for kindly giving their time in support of St Patrick's College. We thank Brother Breach for his support and encouragement of the boys. Unfortunately on the day Brother was unable to attend.

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION INITIATIVES 2009

Mr Brett Goodes
Indigenous Education Manager

Over the past few months a number of the College's Indigenous students have participated in a range of exciting programmes that have challenged them to develop new skills in areas such as leadership, information communication technologies and networking. In September, Indigenous Youth Leadership Programme (IYLP) scholarship holders Luke Brown, Dwayne Hector and Kurt Hector attended 'The Gathering', a four day residential programme for 150 young Indigenous leaders from across Australia.

The Gathering enabled students to meet boys and girls from schools across the country and to learn from some of the nation's most inspiring people including Marcus Pedro, an illiterate man from the

Torres Strait Islands who was able to recover from numerous set backs to finally graduate as a police officer after failing out of the academy in Brisbane on three attempts. His battle took him back to TAFE College to learn English, never losing sight of his dream and his responsibility to be a powerful role model for his people. Marcus recounted tales from his childhood and a salient lesson for all in education – whilst many people told him what he could not do, he still recalls with great clarity and emotion the words of his primary school teacher who in front of his many detractors gave him a simple but powerful message; 'Marcus – I believe in you'. Marcus is today one of the nation's premier motivational speakers and challenged our boys to believe in themselves just as his teacher had decades previously. The Gathering also enabled St Patrick's College boys to meet up with other EREA Indigenous leaders and form networks that will be invaluable in times ahead.

Dwayne Hector is already starting to put his training at the College and as an IYLP scholar to good effect completing his VCE in November and returning to his country. As a result of successfully achieving his VCE he has been offered a traineeship as a helicopter pilot on Victoria River Downs Station, one of the countries largest cattle stations.

In October six students participated in the EXplore Interests in Technology and Engineering (EXCITE) programme at the University of Ballarat. Organised by IBM the four day camp involved a range of hands on activities in the fields of IT and engineering and aims to encourage more Indigenous students to consider careers in these growing industry sectors. Students Shaun Hector and Norman Tipiloura were photographed in *The Courier* with Wotjobulak elder Uncle Murray Harrison and noted that the camp provided them with new insights into these areas and had increased their options for life beyond St Patrick's.

In the first week of December, 12 boys accompanied Mr Art Nichols to Scotch College in Melbourne for the inaugural Victorian Indigenous Education Network

gathering of students and staff. Entitled Jindi Worabak Indigenous Partnership Day. Students represented around twenty high schools in Melbourne and beyond - 'Jindi Worabak' means 'coming together' - in the local Woiwurrung language.

The day flowed smoothly as our Indigenous speakers, teachers, coaches and performers captured our attention, our imagination and our hearts. Teachers commented that it was a joy and privilege to watch young people breaking down generational barriers and enjoying traditional art, dance, cooking, music, football, games and stories together – as with many of these initiatives the highlight for many of the boys was the food and meeting AFL stars Cyril Rioli and Leon Davis.

YEAR 10 LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Mr Jamie Bobrowski

An End to the Journey Programme

On Monday November 30, all Year 10 students participate in a challenging, confronting and informative Journey Programme workshop titled, 'That will never happen to me'.

The powerful and rewarding day offered all boys with a practical and real life look at the consequences of reckless decision-making in our community. With so many adolescent students believing that "That will never happen to me" it was an ideal opportunity to challenge boys and have their eyes opened up to the reality of consequences associated with poor or reckless decision making. After spending time in each of the sessions boys were left in no doubt that one poor decision could have life changing effects for themselves, their family and their mates.

Sessions for the day included:

'Keys Please' - A VicRoads presentation by Gerard Ryan (SPC 1974-79) that reinforces the need for your people to make good decisions when they think about getting behind the wheel - the consequences of a poor decision are all too real to many families;

Alcohol awareness and Recreational drugs - the dangers and developing the skills and confidence to make good decisions, even in the face of significant peer pressure or societal expectations; and

A meeting with Juvenile Justice Prison Guards and inmates from Malmsbury Youth Training Centre - boys were able to meet inmates from Malmsbury who spoke about choices and consequences. The message, 'that will never happen to me' was well and truly reinforced during this session - some of the inmates were only two to three years older than the year 10s, many were from 'good' homes and at the age of 15 or 16 were on the track to a life a long way removed from their current reality. Many boys reported that along with the 'Night of Homelessness' this session was immensely powerful in highlighting that becoming marginalised from mainstream community can very quickly become a reality and a cycle very hard to break, even for boys from very good schools and well functioning families.

The experience was coordinated by the College's Leadership and Standards Officer Mr Jamie Bobrowski and was part of a holistic leadership development programme in Year 10, titled 'The Journey' which has taken boys through a range of potentially life shaping experiences. Students have acquired credits towards a Certificate in Front Line Management through participation in the programme and have hopefully gained leadership skills, experience and confidence that will provide them with a tool box for making informed and sometimes courageous decisions that will assist both on a personal level and through their example to others make St Patrick's College a welcoming, supportive and safe school environment that challenges all boys to strive for personal excellence in all fields of endeavour.

1-4. 2010 Year 12 Leadership Camp

Photo Gallery



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE ART EXHIBITION

September 10 to 12, 2010

The Art Exhibition Committee held its first meeting for the 2010 event on Monday December 7. Given the success of the 2009 Exhibition – rave reviews from members of the local arts community and a profit of in excess of \$5000 that will be put to student focussed projects, the Committee face an onerous task in ensuring that the event maintains this momentum for 2010!

The meeting fully reviewed the 2009 Exhibition and commenced planning to build upon the success of 2009. In 2010 it is planned to extend the 'Student Choice' section of the Exhibition and afford opportunities for students around the region to view some outstanding art. Election of a new committee was conducted – congratulations to the following who have accepted positions of leadership:

Chair:

Mrs Tracey Wilson

Secretary:

Mrs Karolyn Malone

Curator:

Mr Terry Blizzard

Logistics:

Mr Bernard Wilson and Mrs Clare Blake

Catering:

Mrs Sue Blizzard

Marketing:

College PR Committee

Finance:

Mrs Shirley Walters

Members of the College community who would like to join the Art Exhibition Committee would be most welcome. If you would like to be involved please register your interest with Mark Waddington – mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au or 53 311688.

TERM 4 SPORTS

AFL DRAFT 2009

Josh Cowan



Josh Cowan training with the Geelong Cats

Year 12 student Josh Cowan was drafted to the all conquering Geelong Football Club at pick number 56 in the 2009 AFL National Draft. Josh a skilful on-baller was rewarded for his excellent performances for the North Ballarat Rebels and the St Patrick's 1st XVIII. Josh's journey was not without its hiccups suffering a broken arm in 2009 which robbed him of a place in the College's team for the MCC Herald Sun Shield Grand Final at the MCG. Rather than feeling sorry for himself, Josh committed to additional training and was able to force his way back into contention by returning for TAC Finals and making a strong impression at Draft Camp being the third fastest finisher in the three kilometre run test – finishing just four seconds behind the time set by Chris Judd several years earlier! Josh's elite running and ball finding ability coupled with his precise skills fit neatly with Geelong's exciting run and carry game and hopefully will see him pushing for senior selection in years to come.

Josh credits the College and Director of Football Mr Howard Clark as major influences upon his development as a footballer and a young man of immense character and determination.

The College community is very proud of Josh's achievements at the College and looks forward to following his progress in years to come.

1ST XI TOUR OF TASMANIA

Director of Cricket Mr Damian McKee

St Patrick's College were able to maintain the prestigious Br H. T. Breach Trophy despite a drawn game played in wet and cold conditions. Despite numerous rain breaks and work on the pitch, umpires called the game off at 5 pm on the second day with St Patrick's, Launceston perilously placed at 7/123. Man of the Match was Matthew Crouch who made a stylish 82, rescuing the side with Nick O'Brien, the pair taking the score from 7/74 to a defendable total of 206. Brad Crouch bowled fast and economically to take three wickets from 23 overs, being well supported by David Dickinson and Jayden Hayes.

SPC Ballarat 10/206 drew with SPC Launceston 7/123.

Brad Crouch 23/12/3/27, Nick O'Brien 57 & 20/8/1/28, Jayden Hayes 11/3/1/16, David Dickinson 8/4/1/13, Matthew Crouch 82.

Other Tour Matches:

St Patrick's College 10/143 defeated by Scotch Oakburn Launceston 6/199.

Scotch won the toss and sent SPC in on a seaming wicket and we were looking good at 4/116 with 14 overs remaining before a collapse saw SPC lose six wickets for 27 runs to be bundled out for 143. Brad Crouch was the best of the batsmen with an aggressive 48.

Brad Crouch 48, Justin O'Brien 24, David Dickinson 2/24.

St Patrick's 9/194 tied with Launceston Church Grammar School 3/194.

We won the toss and decided to bat. An excellent opening partnership between Sam Peeters and Matthew Crouch of 72 runs set up competitive total. Brad Crouch and David Dickinson also batted well to put on 48 runs for the sixth wicket. A score of 193 seemed a good total and the Grammar batsmen started very slowly, but steadily, to be 0/12 off 12 overs. Some excellent bowling by Nick O'Brien and Brad Crouch placed the batsmen under extreme pressure, however we weren't able to break through until Cameron Carter took two wickets for 18 off six overs. At the beginning of the last over Grammar required five runs to win and was able to scramble through to tie the score on the last ball of the day. A great game of cricket.

Cameron Carter 2/18, Sam Peeters 44, Matthew Crouch 36, Brad Crouch 42, David Dickinson 20 not out.

SQUASH STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

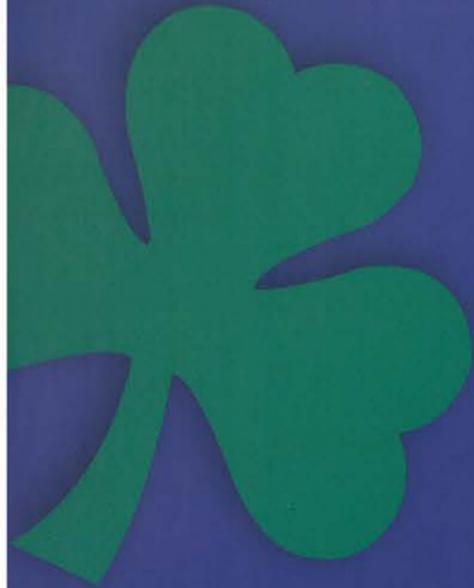
By James Edmonds, Year 12

On Thursday August 27, Ben Couch, Patrick Dwyer and James Edmonds travelled to the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre to compete in the State Schools Squash Championships. The first game was easily won by the boys, defeating Viewbank College 250-35. The next game was played against Melbourne High School, where unfortunately we lost 106 to 71 points. It was unlucky for St Pat's to have to meet these opponents so early on as they went on to win the championship. The next aim for the three boys was to win their final two games to allow them to finish at a maximum fifth place. To the boys' credit, they did this - defeating Balwyn High School 183-84 and Trinity Grammar 108-96. This was a really good outcome for the boys, with each of them winning 3 games and only one loss each. Thanks to Mr Chris Gleeson who organised the tournament and travelling arrangements.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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

- Daniel Cullinan (Year 10) was a guest performer at the 'On Track Ball' in Ballarat. The On Track Foundation raises funds for the education of disadvantaged youth and operates a soup bus for homeless people in the Ballarat area. Daniel's performance was critically acclaimed by the many people in attendance on the night.
- Ashley Constable returned from Brisbane with a Gold Medal after representing Australia in the inaugural FIBA Oceania Under 17 Championships at Vince Hickey Basketball Stadium in Auchenflower. The Gold medal victory has now given the team the right to take on the globe's best junior basketball players at the 2010 FIBA Under 17 World Championships in Germany.
- Alex Thomas and Reagan Boyce who represented Rugby Union Victoria against Tasmania. According to match observers they were great ambassadors for the College and the State and acquitted themselves very well in a highly skilful and physical game.
- Ciaran Conaughton was the overall winner for the State Cycling Championships which concluded in Ballarat as part of the 2009 Herald Sun Tour.
- Deng Deng (Year 10) was selected to attend the inaugural AFL Camp for boys born outside of Australia. Deng is a talented athlete who grew up in civil war torn Sudan. He impressed AFL scouts with his leadership, capacity to learn and application to training and self improvement. Deng is a tall young man who also has excellent soccer skills so it may be a battle between coaches from the round and oval balls in years to come!
- Mitchell Thompson represented the College at the All Schools Track and Field Championships and placed second in the Boy's Under 15, 2km steeplechase. His strong finish ensured he achieved a personal best, bettering his previous PB by a staggering 15 seconds! His inspiring performance has ensured that Mitchell has now qualified to represent Victoria at the All Australian Schools and Youth Championships to be held in Hobart from December 4 to 7, 2009.
- Laiton Sullivan also ran extremely well finishing third in the 1500 metres and 800 metre events, in the process also booking himself a place on the trip to Hobart.
- Year 12 student Callum Boyce celebrated a successful year of Go-Kart racing by taking out the 2009 Senior Driver Championship at the Ballarat Go-Kart Club. Contested over nine rounds throughout the year, Callum raced in the Senior National Pro class. In hotly contested racing Callum won three rounds and was placed second on four occasions in a variety of wet and dry conditions throughout the year. On most occasions the front runners in the class were separated by inches with regular lead changes the order of the day. Leading into the last round of competition Callum needed a victory to secure the championship. With an 'all the way' win in the final, Callum delivered when it counted. Throughout the year Callum also competed in the strong Victorian Country Series, putting in a number of competitive performances. To round the year off this coming weekend Callum is heading to Albury/Wodonga to contest the Victorian Closed Titles.
- Brandon Weller (Year 10) has been chosen by Rotary Club of Ballarat South for their Youth Cultural Exchange program to Quincy California. Brandon is going for two months at the end of November, departing in time to experience Thanksgiving. He will be giving up his summer break at home to attend school in Quincy. This is a wonderful opportunity for Brandon that will broaden his horizon and make lifelong friends.
- Congratulations to staff member Damian McKee who recently completed his Master in Education from the University of Melbourne. His last unit involved an action research minor thesis on student wellbeing focusing on the area of bullying. Such was the quality of his work that he has been invited to submit his research for publication by the University. Damian finished Dux of his graduating class, an outstanding honour given over 50 students graduated from the course in 2009.
- Staff member Carl Alwert won a bronze medal at the 2009 Victorian Archery Titles in Melbourne.



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NOB-SPC AMATEUR FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS



NORTH OLD BOYS
St Patrick's College Ballarat AFC

Season 2010 – An Old Boy at the Helm!

The North Old Boys - St Patrick's College Amateur Football Club was delighted to announce the appointment of Richard Peoples (SPC 1984-89) to coach the club in season 2010. Richard takes over the reins from club 'legend' Terry Scanlon who has laid some strong foundations for success over the past two years. Richard has recently coached in the VAFA taking West Brunswick to a flag in D4 in 2008.

Richard is very well connected in old boys and football circles and has enjoyed an excellent playing and coaching career as highlighted by his football CV:

- 2009 West Brunswick Senior Coach
- 2008 West Brunswick Senior Coach Premiership
- 2007 West Brunswick Senior Coach VAFA
- 2006 Ivanhoe Non playing Assistant Coach
- 2005 Ivanhoe Reserves Coach playing also Club President
- 2001-2004 Ivanhoe Senior player VAFA
- 2000 South Bendigo Football Club; Bendigo Football League
- 1998-1999 Bungaree Assistant Coach; Runners Up and Third Central Highlands Medal

- 1997 Ararat Football Club (Wimmera League)
- 1995 – 1996 Ballarat Football Club (Ballarat Football League)
- 1990 – 1994 Golden Point Football Club (Ballarat Football League)
- 1989 St Patrick's College Ballarat First XVIII

Richard is a Retail Operations Manager at Crown Melbourne Ltd and is looking forward to assisting old boys from St Pat's in making the transition to our club in the city. Richard can be contacted on richardp@crownmelbourne.com.au

Pre-Christmas training sessions are held at the State Hockey Centre on Monday and Wednesday from 5.30 pm and on Saturday mornings (7 am) – full training details can be found on the Clubs website www.nobspc.org.au which is updated regularly.

1979 REUNION DINNER

The Class of 1979 held a very enjoyable and entertaining reunion dinner on November 14 in the OCA Pavilion. 1979 Dux Leon Doyle wrote to the College Development Office to express his thanks and gratitude for hosting the night. Forty or more old collegians made it back to the College to re-live their days as a St Pat's boy. The College tour showcased the many positive changes that have occurred over the past 30 years followed by a sumptuous dinner and fine wine in the Old Collegians Pavilion. Leon spoke exceptionally well on the night regaling all in attendance with stories of life in boarding and in the hallways of the College. Old boys were thrilled to be joined by their Headmaster Br Bill Wilding and Peter Farley, who were able to be the arbiters to determine whether the stories at least contained some resemblance to the truth! Leon's photos from the evening can be obtained by contacting the Development Office on 03 5331 1688.

Dates for 2010 reunions and dinners are listed on the reverse side of the Mail Flyer included with this edition of *The Shamrock*.

1. Constable Sam Young with Gerard Brick at Sam's Passing out Parade
2. 1999 Year Reunion
3. 1979 Reunion
4. Richard Peoples - row 3, second from right - and the 1989 1st XVIII
5. Fr Chris Gleeson admiring the photo of his father
- 6-7. OCA Golf Day

Photo Gallery



2010 OCA 'HALLS OF HISTORY – DINNER WITH THE LEGENDS'

The Legend's Dinner is always a fantastic night and in 2010 will be no exception – a great panel of speakers has been assembled for the night which will be held in the OCA Pavilion on Saturday May 8, 2010.

Speakers will be leading academic and author Professor John Molony (SPC 1942-44) who wrote the book 'Luther's Pine' which contains a photo of the SPC 1st XVIII team of 1944 on the inside cover! Other speakers will be Peter Buckle (SPC 1985-90) who is Assistant Coach of the Australian Women's Basketball team, world water skiing and Master's triathlon champion Dr John Stekelenburg (SPC 1974-79) and Tony Sullivan (SPC 1963-66) who played 197 games for the Melbourne Football Club.

Masters of Ceremony for the night will be Radio SEN personalities Paul Coburn (SPC 1975-80) and Ralph Barba (SPC 1975-80).

Ticket information is contained in this edition of *The Shamrock*, so please start to round up your friends and make this a night to remember.

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 Poppewell 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.

2009 OCA GOLF DAY

The annual OCA Golf Day was played in perfect conditions on the new Ballarat Golf Course. This year's event played all holes on the new championship course which will in time be one of the finest courses in Victoria. In such conditions scoring was exceptional with the winners scoring a blistering 60 off the stick!

A highlight of the day was the King's Cars Hole in One Prize on the 11th hole. Even in ideal conditions the spectre of water hazards, bunkers and a lightening quick green got the better of all, with no player seriously threatening the pin – saving our wonderful sponsors Peter and Angela King from handing over the keys to a \$30,000 new car! The prize will be on offer next year so start practicing now for this chance of a lifetime!

Results for the day were:

Handicap Section

1st Maurice Kelly, Matt McDonald, Jake Kelly and Shane Kelly – 51.75
 2nd Mark Wynn, Mark Bibby, Mark Prebble and Clinton Huf – 53.25
 3rd Rob Humphries, Warren Cannan, Mark Malone and Nigel Bright – 56

Non Handicap Section

1st Mark Patterson, Rick Keen, Phil Partington and Glenn Wilkins - 65
 2nd Alex Prebble, Keith Prebble, Luke Taylor and Colin Saunders – 66 (second on count back)
 3rd Chris Gleeson, Chris Cummings, Scott Krueger and Jeremy Daniel – 66

Shaun Lyle, Chris Delaland and Kelly Lyle were winners of the SPC Foundation Student Trophy.

Sincere appreciation to Event Manager Rick Keen who did a tremendous job in organising sponsorship and coordinating volunteers and match day logistics. Thank you to match day volunteers Dr Peter Casey, Michael Kearney, Rick Blanchfield, Bernie Kenna and John Richards.

Thank you also to the many generous sponsors for the event –

- Kings Cars
- Barker and Jennings Accountants
- Red Lion Bar and Bistro
- Men Only
- North Ballarat Sports Club
- Ballarat and District Trotting Club
- Forty Winks
- Molloy, Orr and Ronan, Accountants
- Golden City Hotel
- City Oval Hotel
- Regent Cinemas



2010 PAKENHAM RACES

The annual Pakenham OCA Race Day will be held in 2010 on Saturday January 9 – please note that in 2010 the race meeting will again be held on a Saturday rather than the former Sunday calendar date. The race meeting honours the memory of Br W.T. O'Malley and the highly admired and greatly missed College 'Legend' David Bourke, CBE. Both men have races named in their honour as part of the meet.

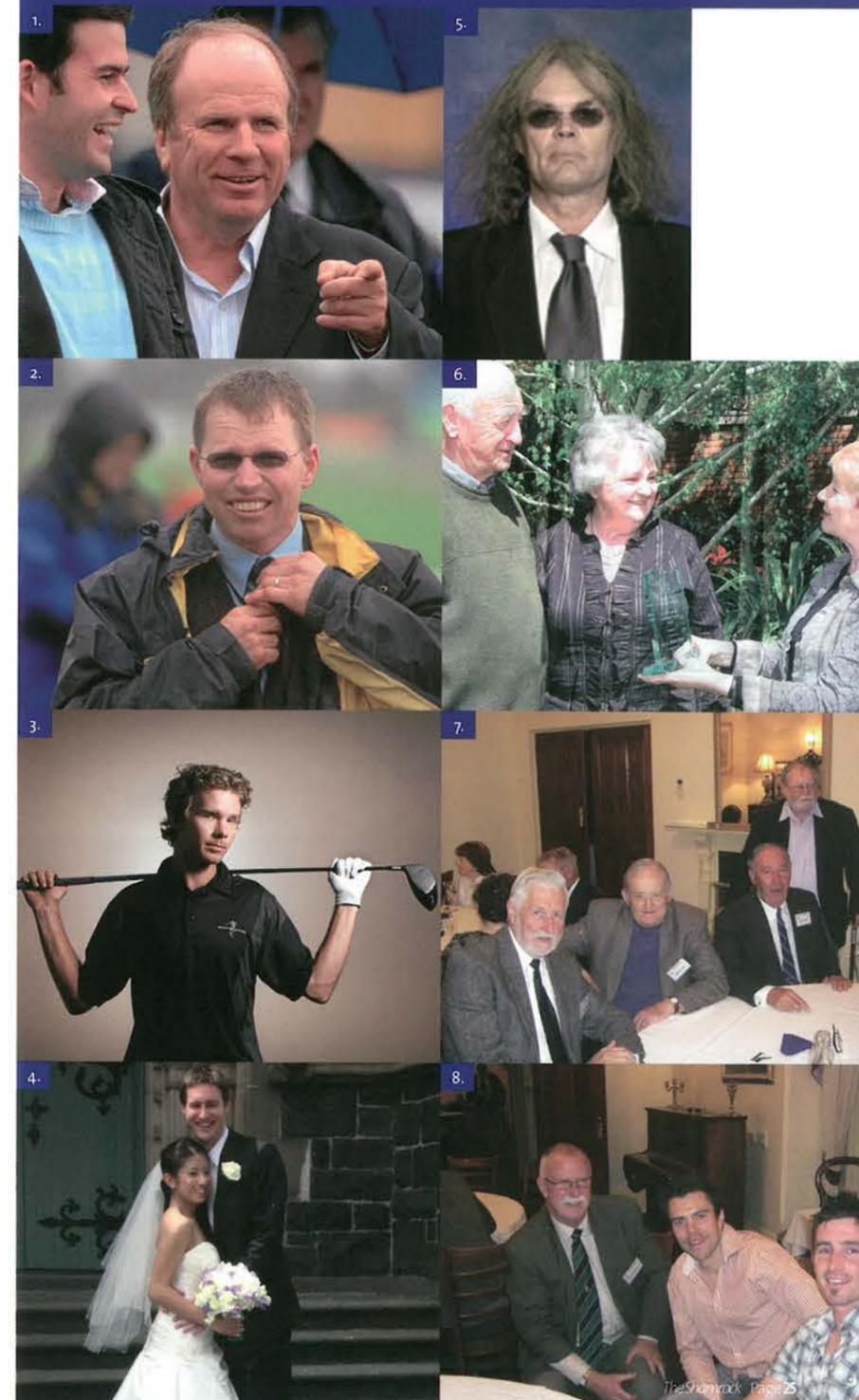
As in previous years old boys, family and friends are encouraged to get together and enjoy a day of fellowship in the name of St Patrick's. The OCA through Gavan Bourke are organising a luncheon at the course. To organise a ticket please contact Gavan Bourke on 5941 1146 or PO Box 23, Pakenham, 3801. Bookings are essential.

OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

After three years in Townsville, Anthony Buckle (SPC 1991-92) and his wife, Kim, have moved back to Victoria. They first moved up to north Queensland to enable Kim to recommence her Marine Biology studies at James Cook University. Anthony started his own consultancy business before moving into underground mining in late 2007. The mine was located about 150km north of Mt Isa in a remote area named Gunpowder. Access to the mine was fly-in, fly-out from Townsville on a two weeks on, one week off roster. Unfortunately, due to the economic situation and the dramatic fall in commodity prices, Anthony's, along with many other mines, were forced to close and the mine workers' jobs were made redundant. The mine closure happened at about the same time that Kim finished her studies in which she graduated with first class honours. With a property interest back in St Leonard's, Anthony

1. Robert Smerdon
2. Anthony Cosgriff
3. Peter Nolan
4. Tim and Jallyn Bigarelli
5. Vale Stephen Callahan
6. Leo and Maree Walsh
- 7-8. OCA Geelong Dinner

Photo Gallery



and Kim decided to move back south in January of this year. They are now building their new home in St Leonard's on the Bellarine Peninsula and are very excited to be expecting their first child in January 2010.

- Matthew Buckle (SPC 1996-97), a regular supporter of the OCA Warrnambool dinner is living and working in Warrnambool as a Stock and Station Agent with Brian O'Halloran and Co. After growing up at Cobden, Matthew is very familiar with the local area and believes South West Victoria is some of the best farming land in the State. Matthew has been with the company for six years and in the livestock industry for a total of eight years after completing a Business degree at the University of Ballarat. Matt is still trying to chase an elusive premiership for Cobden in the Hampden Football League, with 2010 hopefully a chance after finishing second, third and fourth in the last three years! On February 7 this year Matthew married Tracey Curran in Koroit, the service being celebrated by Father Bill van de Camp (SPC 1962-66). To cap off a wonderful year Matthew and Tracey welcomed into the world their first child Evie Aileen Buckle on October 7, 2009. Matthew notes that he makes a point of attending the Warrnambool regional dinner each year and is keen to see boarding prosper and continue for many years to come.
- After two very successful years at Monash University, Eamon Coughlan (SPC 2002-2007) has been accepted to study at King's College in London. He leaves on January 4 and will be there for Semester One. Eamon is very excited as the subjects offered are the 'nitty gritty' of the areas he wants to pursue and is greatly looking forward to the opportunity of living in the centre of cosmopolitan London.
- Fr Anthony Denton (SPC 1984-89) is finishing his time as Vocations Director and Parish Priest of East Thornbury on December 30, 2009. He is leaving the Parish to commence full time study leave for the next three years to undertake research for a doctorate in sacred theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. We look forward to regular updates from Rome!
- Michael Keem (SPC 2003-2008) has recently been awarded an Australian Student Prize for 2008. The Australian Government award 500 Prizes each year to recognise outstanding academic

achievement in the final years of secondary education. Michael received a certificate and \$2000 to assist with future educational costs. Michael's outstanding academic performances in 2009 as a first year student at the University of Melbourne have also been recognised being awarded prizes from Newman College for achieving first class honours. Michael is an excellent exemplar of St Patrick's rich tradition of academic excellence and the College community congratulates him whole heartedly on his ongoing commitment to study.

- James Marburg (SPC 1995-2000) was a welcome visitor to the Olympians Rowing Shed to run a session over the new generation of St Patrick's College rowers. The world championship and Olympic silver medallist is hoping to spend more time in Ballarat over the next year, having taken a break from work to focus on rowing and study. He plans to spend time coaching rowers from St Pat's as well as working with rowers from fellow EREA school, St Kevin's College. In 2010 the College is seeking to win a fourth Head of the Lake title in a row, a feat that eluded James' crew who finished second to Ballarat High School in 2000.



James Marburg

- The rapidly growing golf profile of Peter Nolan (SPC 1995-2000) continues to gather momentum with some eye catching performances over the 2009 season. Peter played in the Australian Masters at Kingston Heath with Tiger Woods finishing a very credible 44th after at one stage being in the top 20 players at the halfway mark of the tournament. In a strange coincidence Peter also finished tied for 44th at the Australian Open in Sydney after shooting a final round 69 on the treacherous greens. Peter is sitting 80th on the Australasian Tour Order of Merit and his result at the Australian Open could assist him in achieving his goal of obtaining a

place on the OneAsia Tour which has several million dollar tournaments as part of its roster of events.

- Fans of the V8 Supercars will have noticed a St Pat's face as part of the commentary team for 2009 - Aaron Noonan (SPC 1994-99) is just ending out season three being with Channel 7. Aaron has had a rapid rise through the ranks of motor sports journalism being Director of AN1 media, specialising in the fast paced world of the motor racing industry. Unfortunately Aaron missed the Class of '99 Dinner as it clashed with Bathurst!
- John Pontefract (SPC 1960-65) lives at Point Lonsdale with wife of 35 years, Barbara. They have one son Damian who lives in Geelong. John retired six years ago after a successful management career in the telecommunications industry. For the past 15 years John has been involved with the YMCA and in particular their network of Y Service Clubs which work to support YMCA's and in particular the various youth activity programs. During this period he has served two terms as Club President, two terms as District Governor for Western Victoria and has just completed a two year term as Regional Director for Australia. In addition he has held Area Service Director positions in Leadership Training and Organisational Development. These roles have taken him to the USA and Canada twice as well as to Denmark and the Solomon Islands in addition to travelling extensively around Australia. He has recently been elected to serve as Area President - South Pacific which incorporates Australia, New Zealand and all the Pacific Islands. This appointment is for a three year term (2010 - 2013) during which he will also serve as a member of the International Council of Y Service Clubs. The Council meets bi-annually in any of the eight Regions worldwide. Known upcoming venues include IHQ in Geneva (Switzerland), Yokohama (Japan), Sao Paulo (Brazil) and Rogaland (Norway) so he has a busy schedule ahead. He wonders how he ever found time to go to work. Sadly John's father, Ina (SPC 1934-39) passed away in January 2009 aged 88.
- Tony Raunic (SPC 1982-87), lawyer and partner at William Street, KRM Aitken Partners, has just moved to a new house built in Doreen on acreage on the North East fringes of Melbourne with wife Susan and four daughters. Tony has just

turned forty this year. Tony was pleased to see some old St Patrick's staff at the '500 Club' Luncheon recently catching up with Robert Aron and Br Bill Wilding.

- High profile racing industry identities Robert Smerdon (SPC 1967-72) and Anthony Cosgriff (SPC 1982-87) have been featured in *The Courier* following Racing Victoria Limited's decision to ban jumps racing from 2010. Anthony, a trainer at Ballarat deals mostly with jumpers and fears his future as a horse trainer may be in jeopardy should the ban stand. He has eight horses in work and has made significant investments in horses for coming seasons. He feels the decision process has been badly handled and noted that it was a paradox that RVL was putting \$6 million into the Melbourne Cup but was not providing sufficient opportunities for stayers to work their way through the different classes of racing. Robert Smerdon who stables at Caulfield and Ballarat is equally perplexed about the decision stating that jumps racing operates successfully throughout other parts of the world. He has had some of his finest racing moments in jumps racing including the horse Zabenz which won a group one race in the United States. Robert believes that South Australia may be the big winner from the decision at the expense of communities such as Warrnambool and their famous May Races Carnival. Whatever your position on jumps racing it is a debate that is likely to continue and further increase the profile of these two outstanding trainers.
- Leo Walsh (SPC 1947-1950) and wife Maree were the recipients of the 2009 'Beth Raleigh Community Service Award' during a changeover dinner for the Kiwanis Club of Shepparton Sunrises for their tireless efforts to the community. Nominations are received from members of the Shepparton community with the award recognising a community member who has not received recognition for their work in the community. Leo enjoyed a distinguished career in education including an extended tenure as Principal of Wanganui Park Secondary College and with Maree have been active community leaders in Shepparton since Leo's retirement at the end of 1988. During his career the family moved many times with Leo teaching at a number of country schools including Nhill, Mildura, Eaglehawk and Hamilton.

- Sam Young (SPC 1997-2002) recently graduated from the Victorian Police Academy at Glen Waverley. Sam's Swearing in Ceremony and Marching Out Parade took place on October 9 at the Victoria Police Academy. Sam was the Squad 9 recipient of the Blue Ribbon Foundation Communication Skills Award for outstanding performance in communication skills. Sam was photographed with peer Gerard Brick who attended the ceremony - taking time out from his busy schedule with the Hawthorn Football Club.

WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS, BIRTHS, BEREAVEMENTS

SPC Weddings

- Answer - Jarrad (SPC 1995-2000) married Melissa Crow on Saturday November 7 at Loreto College Chapel.
- Bigarelli - Tim (SPC 1994-99) married Jallyn on Saturday November 14 at the Immaculate Conception Church in Hawthorn. Old boys in the party included Chris Salter (SPC 1994-99) and Callum Bigarelli (SPC 2002-2007). Old boys in attendance included Stephen Bigarelli, Michael Bigarelli, Dale McKee, Aaron Noonan, Brett Segrave, Steve Bride and Matt Wheelahan.
- Bird - Michael (SPC 1998-2003) to Katrina Vlahek on November 28, 2009 at Loreto College Chapel.
- Finlayson - Shaun (SPC 2000-2002) married Lyndell Fry on February 7, 2009.
- McKee - Paul (SPC 1992-1997) married Sharee Finlay on Saturday October 3 at Sacred Heart Chapel Geelong.
- Shortal - Matthew (SPC 1995-2000) married Lesley Lucas on Friday December 4, 2009 in Portsea.

SPC Engagements

- Burns - Brendan (SPC 1995-2000) to Celeste Nunn on July 25, 2009 in Tasmania.
- Crowe - Steven (SPC 1994-1999) to Susan Trevorror on Tuesday November 17, 2009 in Torquay.
- Dunstan - Ryan (SPC 1995-2000) to Jessica Wong on April 25, 2009.

SPC Births

- Bradley - Sean (SPC 1985-90) and wife Liz Hansen welcomed the safe arrival of their first baby girl Erin Marie Bradley on November 4 2009. Liz and Erin are both doing well.
- Bruty - Patrick (SPC 2001-2006) and his partner Lyndal welcomed the early arrival of their first child Ace Deegan Bruty on December 9 2009 weighing 4lb 14 oz.
- Buckle - Matthew and Tracey welcomed into the world their first child Evie Aileen on October 7, 2009.
- Dean - Rebecca (Staff) and Brent welcomed their first child Xavier Jack on October 30, 2009 - on what was to be Rebecca's last day at school. A healthy, albeit impatient little boy!
- Flynn - Brendan (SPC 1985-1990) and wife Tanya welcomed the arrival of Gabriel Michael Flynn weighing 10 pounds 9 ounces on October 12, 2009.
- Kennedy - Sharyn (Staff) and husband Gabe welcomed the arrival of Sienna Anne Kennedy on October 21 2009 weighing 6 lb 13 oz. A little sister for Allira. Mother and daughter doing well!
- Kydd - Garth (SPC 1995-2000) and wife Cynna welcomed the safe arrival of Kingston David Kydd on July 2 2009, weighing 9lb 2oz. The first grandchild for Glenis Kydd (Staff).
- McDonald - Alex (SPC 1982-87) and wife Juliet welcomed the safe arrival of twin boys Jack Charles (6 lb 2 oz., 49 cm) and William Edward (6 lb 9 oz., 50 cm) on December 1, 2009.
- Roberts - Craig (1981-1984), wife Erika and son Josh announced the arrival of Blake Lachlan on Thursday November 19 2009.

SPC Deaths

- Steve Callahan, a senior maths teacher from 1997 to 2009 passed gently to God on September 13 in the company of his wife, Gabrielle, at home in Scarsdale. He was sent home from hospital two weeks earlier to die, thinking that he would not see out that weekend. As always, Steve fought against this unjust sentence on his young life, as he had done for the decade in which he battled lymphoma (cancer). His pride and privacy have cloaked much of the battle, but towards the end of his teaching time with us, no one could be in any doubt as to the war raging for his life. He dropped a class in Term One and then went onto permanent sick leave at the end of that term. Stephen was buried from the College Chapel, in a celebration of his life attended by numerous colleagues, friends and grateful former students.
- Carroll - Brian Francis (1944-1946) passed away on May 16 2009.
- Fitzpatrick - Francis (SPC 1946-1950) passed away on September 3 2009 in Maldon.
- The College community mourned the passing of Noel Jubb (SPC 1945-49), husband of Mary and brother of Keith (SPC 1944-49), Alan (SPC 1954-59), Peter (SPC 1956-59) and Leon (SPC 1958-61). Noel and Mary lived in Adelaide and have two sons and 12 grandchildren. Noel was at one time the third highest ranked policeman in Victoria and his funeral in Warrnambool was attended by many former colleagues, old

boys and the current Deputy Commissioner of Police. The Jubb family has made an outstanding contribution to the story of St Patrick's College being notably present in all fields of endeavour at SPC. This link continues to flourish through Noel's great nephews currently at the College - James Grinter (Year 11), Patrick (Year 8) and Thomas Karras (Year 8).

- Mrs Thelma Lyle passed away on Sunday October 25. Mother of John and Bernadette Lyle and grandmother of Jason (SPC 2002-07), Shaun (Year 12) and Kelly Lyle (Year 8).
- Ponterfract - Ina (SPC 1934-39) passed away in January 2009 - aged 88.

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

NEXT EDITION

The deadline for the next edition of *The Shamrock* is Friday March 19, 2010. All contributions from members of the SPC community are gratefully received. Contributions can be mailed, faxed or emailed to the Editor - Mark Waddington, mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au

The Old Collegians Association congratulates all members of the Class of 2009 upon their rich and significant achievements during their time at the College and warmly welcomes them to the ranks of 'Old Boys' - 'Stick with the Green, White and Blue'!



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