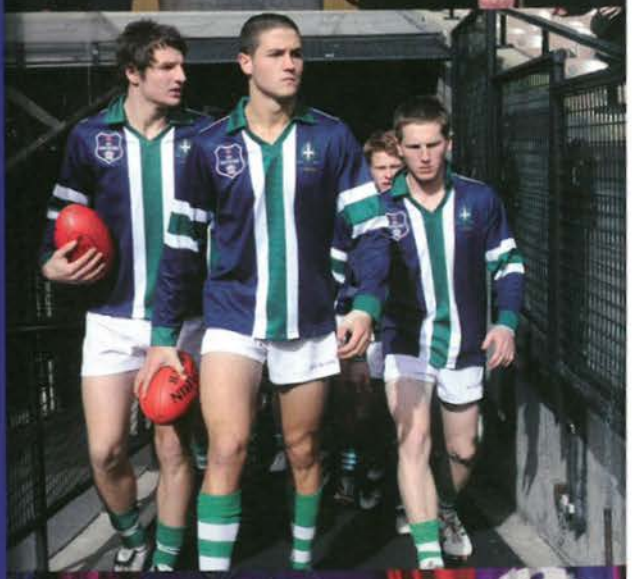

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BALLARAT

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1. 1st XVIII player Jesse Dundon congratulates a member of the Australian Flying Boomerangs Under 16 team after the match played at the Punt Road Oval. SPC won the game by 42 points
2. Ballarat MP, Catherine King with Caroline Goegehan, Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Thomas Kavanagh
3. Captain Marc James leads the SPC 1st XVIII on to the MCG
4. 2009 Social Justice Assembly

Welcome to the second edition of The Shamrock for 2009. It has been an action packed year at St Patrick's with a wealth of news from all sections of the College community contained within these pages including extensive coverage of the 2009 Art Exhibition, MCC Herald Sun Shield Grand Final and details of 2010 Student Leadership. As usual this edition of The Shamrock, featuring Green, White and Blue, contains lots of old boy news and event, so please find a quiet spot, get comfortable and enjoy!

FROM THE HEADMASTER

'Spring is in the air'

That was my thought today, the first day of October as I walked from the Old Collegians Pavilion facing the Main Oval, past the new Change-room Block to the Hill Oval where the turf was being prepared for the new cricket season. Despite it being the term break, the school was a hive of activity:

- Senior students and staff were in for practice exams: the Pavilion makes a great examination hall!
- Maintenance and Grounds staff were bringing the College back to its normal, pristine condition with painters and window washers, steam cleaners and carpenters all on the go.
- The Kelty Resource Centre was buzzing with senior students.
- The Wilding Wing was home to tutorial groups.
- The various staff areas had teachers preparing for their classroom run to Christmas.
- The O'Malley Sports Centre was hosting a state cricket squad.
- SJ Weir were putting the finishing touches on the new two-storey change-rooms which fit in so well with the Pavilion.
- Planning was proceeding for the handover of student leadership from 2009 to 2010 at our next College Assembly. This will allow our Year 12s to concentrate on their final exams.
- The architects were on site firming up plans for the 2010 refurbishment of the Junior School in the O'Malley Wing, a $4million project.
- The last of the art work from the great Art Exhibition was being collected: the Pavilion makes a good Art Gallery too!
- The final decisions were being made about Speech Night at Her Majesty's Theatre on November 20.
- A group was looking in the Chapel, making wedding plans.
- Our Catering Manager, Mr Bernie Kenna, was planning for the upcoming visit of the Edmund Rice Principals of Victoria and Tasmania.
- Our Director of Mission, Mrs Maree Moore was plotting the visit of Year 10 students from St Bernard's College, Essendon, as part of an Edmund Rice social justice initiative which we are piloting.
- Interviews were underway for new staff for 2010, now that our enrolments and subject selections are all in place.

While much of our core business is concentrated into 42 weeks of the year, between 8.30am and 3.30pm, there are many allied activities and responsibilities that often go unsung but are essential as support for our learning environment and activities. I am grateful that we all contribute to the evolving spirit of St Patrick's College. Life is never dull around here!

Regards to all our readers.
Peter M Casey

P.S. Congratulations to the North Ballarat Football Club with President Peter Wilson, Coach Gerard FitzGerald and several other old Collegians contributing to and playing in the VFL Premiership team. Congratulations to our staff member, Brett Goodes for his premiership medallion with the Roosters!

North Ballarat Football Club Coach Gerard FitzGerald

COLLEGE LEADERSHIP 2010

As part of the College's commitment to leadership development, staff and students have been undertaking extensive processes to elect 2010 College Leaders, the Student Council and the Student Congress. The formal handover will take place in term four at the last College Assembly for current Year 12s.

Student Leadership Positions 2010

Captain of the College

James McMaster

Vice Captains

Jake Belsar

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.

Members of the 2010 Student Council

Galvin	Kenny	Munn	Ryan
Captain Justin Gordon	**Captain** Justin O'Brien	**Captain** Jake Dunne	**Captain** Kieran Toohey
Vice Captains James Grinter Kain Ford	**Vice Captains** Aaron Lewicki Samuel Wilson	**Vice Captains** Daniel McDonald Oliver Yeung	**Vice Captains** Clay Jenkins Andrew Clifton

Members of the 2010 Student Congress

Year 11 Harry Mai William Cousens	**Year 11** Brayden Allan Matthew Norman	**Year 11** Luke Kemp Adam Spencer	**Year 11** Ciaran Conaughton Regan Boyce
Year 10 Kieren O'Riley Zachary Weightman	**Year 10** Charles Cook James Fahey	**Year 10** Alexander Eva Chris Debono	**Year 10** Samuel Cosgriff James Gilbert
Year 9 Peter Oakley Daniel Toohey	**Year 9** James McDougall Andrew Groch	**Year 9** Luke Wilson Mitchell Thompson	**Year 9** Riley Adams Josh Cullinan
Year 8 Thomas Keogh Billy Jones	**Year 8** Kieran Wynn Hamish Clydesdale	**Year 8** Louis Powlett David Adams	**Year 8** Hamish Robertson William Fay

2009 CHRIS NOLAN AWARDS

The 2009 Semester One Chris Nolan Awards were presented at the Headmaster's College Assembly to Years 7 to 12 students who finished in the top 15% of their respective year level (based on an aggregation of their results from Semester One assessment tasks).

Chris Nolan graduated from St Patrick's College in 1985 as College Captain, completed his Law Degree at Monash University and went on to practice 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 St Patrick's 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 and is now the face of the people in developing awareness of and the fight 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;
- a W.T. Doyle Prize for Debating; and
- the 1st XI Cricket Bowling Award.

During his time at St Patrick's, Chris clearly exemplified the pursuit of excellence across a range of the College's important educational programmes and activities.

The College community was pleased that Chris, his family and carers were once again able to present at the assembly to witness the presentations and to applaud the boys who received them.

The following boys received a 2009 Chris Nolan Award:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
David Adams	Jake Ainley	Darcy Anstis	Brayden Allan	Bryce Andrews	Jarryd Allan
Daniel Butler	Gene Bergman	Jordan Atkinson	Kayne Allen	Jake Belsar	Lachlan Barker
Samuel Castleman	Fergus Bragge	Dominic Barry	Adam Anticaglia	Connor Bourke	Samuel Burgess
Hamish Clydesdale	Gerard Clifford	Nicholas Beaver	Scott Azarnikow	Bradley Brennan	Anthony Cocomazzo
Harry Cousens	Timothy Crowe	Cameron Butcher	Daniel Baxter	Nicholas Brown	Timothy Corbett
Liam Edwards	Matthew Dwyer	Alex Cook	Joseph Baxter	Daniel Cobden	Blake Davis
William Fay	Andrew Fay	Charles Cook	Regan Boyce	Dermot Conaughton	Patrick Dwyer
Jack Ferguson	Matthew Geddes	Matthew Cove	Tyler Brandenburg	Diarmaid Driscoll	Nabeel Elias
Rhys Goad	Andrew Groch	Christopher Debono	Jack Callil	Justin Gordon	Daniel Ferguson
Nico Guevara	Jack Harrison	Lawrence Ellis	William Corbett	Luke Govers	Dominic Godfrey
Liam Hanrahan	Peter Hearn	Alexander Eva	Liam Davie	Clay Jenkins	Marc James
Thomas Keogh	John Hickey	James Fahey	Jack Dean	Nicholas Johnston	Ashley Jan
Ryan Knowles	Matthew Hinge	Riley Fullerton	Carl Giles	Andrew Jreige	Stephen Jew
Peter Leighton	Luke Howard	Jack Furness	Kieren Hickey	Sean Keem	Joshua King
Joshua Leviston	Benjamin Howes	Jake Gautreaux	Samuel Higgins	Darcy Laffan	Stephen Kirby
Paul Liston	Thomas Hoy	Edmund Howes	Alex Hobson	Daniel McDonald	Jacob Krusche
Thomas McDonough	Patrick Karras	Tyson Jenkin	Blair Keys	Joseph McKee	Angus Lennecke
Thomas McMaster	Aidan MacGillivray	Christian Larkin	James Liston	Lachlan McLean	Angus Martin
Thomas Mooney	John McGuigan	Patrick Linnane	Samuel Lockyer	Ryan Michell	Benjamin McOwan
Scott Murphy	Nicholas McMaster	Benjamin Martin	Sean McDonald	Jack Morrison	Liam O'Riley
Luke Pelchen	Mark McOwan	Paul McEldrew	Zachary McDonough	Justin O'Brien	Benjamin Peters
Daniel Phyland	Adam Murphy	Nicholas McKee	Timothy McOwan	Ben O'Shea	Aaron Polson
Louis Powlett	Jake Muscat	Edward Meagher	Matthew Norman	Joshua Pollard	Daniel Sharp
Harrison Robertson	Peter Oakley	Austin Miller	Jacob Perkins	Jarrod Sharrock	Ethan Stewart
Trystan Sammut	Jarryd O'Dowd	Jacob Mitilineos	Killian Plastow	Thomas Smardon	Patrick Styles
Stephen Weightman	Timothy O'Shea	Kieren O'Riley	Jaz Plinius-Wiese	Luke Terrill	
Nicholas Weightman	Joshua Peters	Jack Owen	Jayden Sammut	Kieran Toohey	
Jake Wilkie	Angus Rooney	Luke Polmear	Carl Smith	Luke Torpy	
Aidan Willowhite	James Rousch	Xavier Slater	Jordan Smith	Matthew Weightman	
Samuel Wines	Timothy Ryan	Zachary Weightman	Patrick Thorpe	Samuel Wilson	
Kieran Wynne	Jarrah Staley	Nicholas Willowhite	James Westbrook	Michael Xuereb	
Elliott Yeung	Mitchell Thompson		Jeremy White		
	Thomas Thorpe		Jonathan Willey		
	Daniel Toohey				
	Nicholas Whelan				
	Luke Wilson				

MINDSHOP EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME

At the commencement of Semester two, students who were selected to represent the College in the annual Mindshop Excellence programme were presented with Headmaster's Excellence awards to acknowledge the work required to work as a team to achieve success. The six Year 10 boys, Kayne Allen, Daniel Baxter, Tyler Brandenburg, Sean McDonald, Timothy McOwan and Matthew Norman represented the College with distinction in the Mindshop Excellence programme.

The Mindshop Excellence programme is a Year 10 Work Experience opportunity with a difference. The aim of the programme is to place a team of six Year 10 students into a workplace that has a real issue to be solved with a view to resolving the issue after only five days. On the first day the students were trained in universal problem solving techniques and were then presented with the unique workplace problem that became their responsibility to solve. The students were considered to be consultants as they worked unsupervised within the company.

On the final day students professionally presented their findings to the executive officers and staff of the company who would be directly affected by the implementation of their recommendations. The students were also required to present a summary of their findings at the Town Hall later that day and yesterday presented an overview of their experiences at a St Patrick's College staff meeting.

The boys were placed at Maxitrans and were required to provide a number of possible solutions to the company's traffic management problem - how to reduce the interaction between forklifts and pedestrians. Throughout the week the boys were required to interact with staff from Maxitrans and to reliably work together with little to no adult input. Their presentation of the solution to the

1-3. Chris Nolan Awards.
4-6. Year 7 Parent Information Evening.
7-8. St Patrick's College 'Has Talent'.

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problem was entirely their own work. Congratulations to each of the six boys. Congratulations to the boys on their capacity to work as a team and ability to come up with a number of viable solutions to the traffic management problem at Maxitrans.

2009 EDMUND RICE DAY
A Great Success!

Edmund Rice Day 2009 has been and gone and was an overwhelming success. At this stage the boys have raised in excess of $32,000 for the four major charities - the Edmund Rice Camps, Caritas, the Edmund Rice Centre at St Alban's and the Christian Brothers Overseas Aid Fund. The College commends all boys who worked so hard to reach the $40 individual target and the many boys who went well beyond this amount. The Winner of the David Ranger Award for the student who raised the most from the entire school for 2009 was Christopher Forster of Year 9 who raised a staggering $519. Listed below are the students who raised the most at each year level.

The message to the boys about Edmund Rice Day was that they could make a difference to those living on the margins. Every boy who contributed to the day has made a difference to the lives of someone whose circumstances are far more difficult than ours - for this the College is very grateful and view the 2009 Edmund Rice Day as a great success. Well done boys!

2009 SOCIAL JUSTICE ASSEMBLY

The Social Justice Assembly is a highlight of the College calendar with the school community coming together to reflect and pray. The assembly allows for the significant money raised on Edmund Rice Day ($33,000) to be presented to:

1. Christian Brothers' Overseas Aid Fund;
2. Edmund Rice Camps for Under privileged kids;
3. Edmund Rice Tutoring Centre, St Albans; and
4. Caritas.

The opening prayer reflected on the glorious beauty and perfections of God's Creation and the responsibility we all have to respect and preserve all living beings, especially the vulnerable -"be not half-hearted, and do not err on the side of your greed and your convenience, but act with all your ability to love".

Throughout the Assembly reports were given by representatives from the College Social Justice Committee and the St Vincent de Paul Conference.

Within the Social Justice report, Ashley Jan reflected upon the following:

In a time of economic struggle in which many affluent people have lost everything, it is easy to forget that long before the global financial crisis there were millions of people who lived not to make money, but simply to survive. These innocent people who never wished for more than they needed are now suffering due to the greed of those in positions of power. However, whilst it may be easy to simply place the blame on someone else, this whole 'crisis' is a result of our actions. By being part of an economically greedy country, and taking what we have for granted, we have contributed to the suffering and poverty of nations such as Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya.

The greed of developed nations may have caused this suffering, but that doesn't mean we can't do something about it now. These nations have the ability to prosper, they just need the right to help. This is where the average person such as you or I can make a difference. The Edmund Rice Network, a network of which St Patrick's is a part, send volunteers over to developing nations as part of an effort to help these nations prosper.

Volunteering however, does not have to be overseas. The boys who participate in the tutoring programme at St Albans, are volunteering to help those less fortunate, as are those who volunteer as leaders on the Eddie Rice Camps. They too help to make at least one person's life better. By participating in, and raising money for the walkathon, we as a College community are helping those in need.

When starting schools in Ireland for the poor, Edmund Rice did not know that the network would grow into being the global entity it is today. But from starting small he has managed to change the world.

Starting small, we can change the world.

The spirit of Edmund Rice was to give those less fortunate than himself a chance to be all that they could, and it is in this spirit that so many people today work to improve their community, our nation and the world in which we live. In maintaining the teachings of Edmund Rice, our College encourages us to lend a hand whenever possible through its pillars of faith tradition, excellence and joy, but it is up to us to seize our opportunities and make a difference while we can.

Edmund Rice Day Awards:

Galvin	Keniry	Nunan	Ryan
Year 12 Rhys Sizeland Liam O'Riley	**Year 11** Nicholas Johnston	**Year 12** Daniel Ferguson Daniel Sharp	**Year 12** Tom McKinnon
Year 11 Gordon Hutcheon	**Year 10** Matthew Thorne Harley Edwards	**Year 10** Nathanael Carey Samuel Higgins	**Year 11** Connor Bourke
Year 9 Keiran O'Riley	**Year 9** Christopher Forster	**Year 7** Matthew Hannett Judd Nissen	**Year 10** Joseph Ruffo
Year 7 Ethan Wright Jake Wilkie Luke Benfield Ryan Clark William Watkins	**Year 7** Samuel Castleman Mitchell Walsh Jacob Johnson Jack Reid Thomas Waller Ryan Knowles Liam Findlay		**Year 9** Luke Saunderson **Year 8** Jimi Gregg James Mangan Paul Barresi **Year 7** Hugh Dickson

SOCIAL JUSTICE
Mr Matthew Taylor

On Wednesday May 13 a group of students, chosen for their efforts in social justice activities at St Patricks College ventured to St Kevin's College in Richmond to take part in the gathering of students from Edmund Rice Southern Region schools. Students networked with fellow students addressing 'Justice and Peace issues which are facing us in the world'.

Brother Philip Pinto is the Congregational Leader for the Christian Brothers. Br Philip addressed the students on the issue of Justice and Peace. Br Philip is an inspiring speaker

1-2. St Patrick's College: work in progress on the Change Room and Amenities Building.

3. St Patrick's College St Vincent de Paul Conference members together with Eureka Orienteering Club representative Mr Mark Valentine present a cheque to Mr Kevin Waugh of the Wendouree West Exodus Community.

4-6. The Year 7 St Patrick's College and Loreto College Interaction Day.

7. Dual Brownlow Medallist and Sydney Swans star Adam Goodes with boys from the Indigenous community of Timber Creek.

8. 2009 Social Justice Assembly.

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1-2. Acclaimed author Raimond Gaita returned to St Patrick's College recently to speak to VCE students studying his well known book – 'Romulus My Father'.

3. Year 8 International Studies: Countries Exhibition - June 11 2009: Harrison Antoniazzi, Ms Victoria Moore and Sean Houlihan – all Qatar experts.

4. Year 8 International Studies: Countries Exhibition - June 11 2009: Kelly Lyle, Model (Kelly's Mum) & Joel Karslake (holding delicious Turkish Delight) - Qatar experts!

5. Mother's Day Mass.

6. 2009 Edmund Rice Day.

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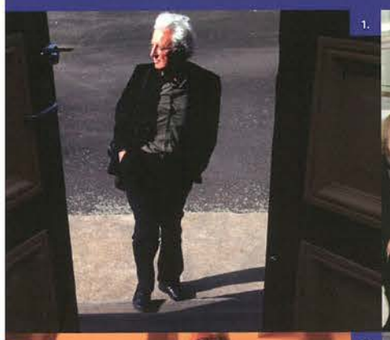

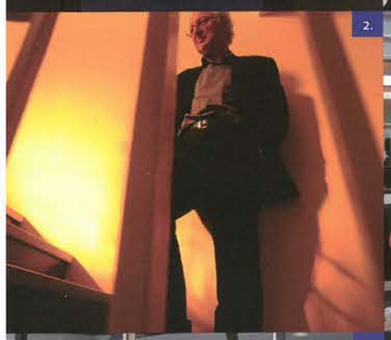

who uses stories to convey the message of Social Justice for all people. All boys were inspired to act upon issues that are prevalent in society and the world.

One such story was particularly astonishing to hear:

A woman sits in a court room waiting for her case to be heard. In front of her in the dock is a group of six security guards. The woman is asked to recount her story, she points to one particular guard and says that three years earlier this guard had entered her house and had taken her son, he had put a gun against his head and shot him dead. He then dragged the body outside the house and placed it on a pile of sticks, covered him with petrol and burnt him in front of her.

Sometime later he returned and came into her house. This time he took her husband. She had no idea what had happened to him or where they had taken him, until two years later when the guard came back again and took her blindfolded to a river where she saw her husband alive, laying tied on top of a pile of sticks. The guard then covered him with petrol and set him on fire. Just before her husband died he cried out 'forgive them, for they know not what they do'. On hearing this, the judge asked the woman what she wanted to happen to this guard.

The woman responded that she wanted three things. Firstly, she wanted the guard to take her back to the river where her husband perished so that she could collect the ashes and give him a proper burial.

The second was that she wanted to adopt the guard as her son. She said he should visit her twice a month. This guard had taken all that she had loved and lived for and she felt she needed to love something. That something was the guard because she would then be able to share the love she still had in her with him.

The third was that she wanted to forgive him, as her husband had done just before he died; she too wanted to forgive him for the wrongs he had done. The woman asked the clerk to help her over to the dock, as she was very frail, so that she could embrace the guard, so that he was aware that he truly had her total forgiveness. At this the guard collapsed to the floor, overcome with emotion.

Brother Philip also spoke about self respect and how if we were to be true to ourselves, we could not simply continue to do nothing with the life we have been given. He said to the boys that when they walk through the door to go home, they will be different from what they were when they came in. They will now always act upon injustice in our world, for the good of all.

A highlight for one of the boys was the presentation of a certificate of appreciation and acknowledgement from Br Philip and the Christian Brothers, for the Social Justice initiatives that are undertaken at St Patrick's College. Matthew Hogbin was awarded this certificate for his work in The St Vincent de Paul Conference and The Social Justice Conference at St Patrick's College.

With the inspiration of Br Philip, all students are encouraged to consider joining either the St Vincent de Paul Conference or the Social Justice Conference from Year 10 to 12 to work with other students in an effort to carry the message of Peace and Social Justice for all.

In the words of Brother Philip Pinto, "Move out and immerse yourself in the life of the poor. God will do the rest".

ADF LONG TAN AWARDS

The Australian Defence Forces offer scholarships at Year 10, 11 and 12 to commemorate the values of those who fought the battle of Long Tan. The criteria embrace much of what we look for in our student leaders.

2009 winners are:

Nicholas O'Brien (Year 10)
James McMaster (Year 11)
Patrick Adeney (Year 12)

1-2. Year 9 Melbourne Experience.

3-4. Mindmatters: Staff Professional Development.

5-8. Year 10 Work Experience.

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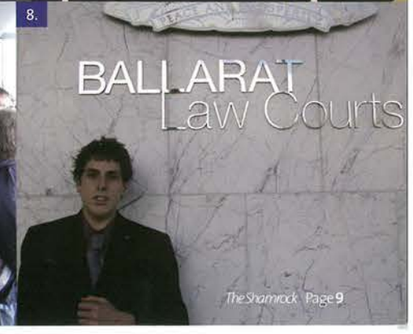

A VISIT FROM SPC 'LEGEND' RAIMOND GAITA

On May 20, philosopher, author and Old Collegian Raimond Gaita (SPC 1958-62) visited the College to speak with VCE students. Raimond is best known for his autobiographical 'Romulus my Father' and stands out as one of the most eminent academic and literary legends of the College.

Raimond was born in Dortmund, Germany in 1946. His Romanian-born father, Romulus Gaita, and German-born mother, Christine Anna Dörr, emigrated to Australia in 1950. Gaita after his years at St Patrick's College, studied philosophy at the University of Melbourne, gaining a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) and Master of Arts degrees, before going on to become a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Leeds. He worked as a lecturer in philosophy at the University of Kent at Canterbury before moving to work at Kings College, University of London.

Raimond currently divides his time between Australia and England, reflecting his appointment as Foundation Professor of Philosophy at the Australian Catholic University and Professor of Moral Philosophy at Kings College, London. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities

Raimond was a gifted scholar and renowned public speaker and had an affinity for writing. He has been a prolific writer releasing a number of highly acclaimed books including, An Absolute Conception, Romulus My Father, A Common Humanity and The Philosopher's Dog.

Raimond continues to show a keen interest in the life of the College and is an exemplar of the College's rich traditions of academic excellence. His contribution to the rich history of the College was recognised in 2005 when he was formally inducted as a 'Legend' of St Patrick's College at the annual OCA 'Halls of History Dinner'.

ONE NIGHT OF HOMELESSNESS

Mr Jamie Bobrowski
Student Leadership and Standards Officer

Each night in Australia, an affluent country by any measure, a staggering 36,000 people from the 12 to 25 age group will sleep out in the elements. This rate of homelessness is of great concern and is literally on our own doorstep. It is imperative that we raise awareness about this issue and look at the many underlying factors that contribute to young people's homelessness.

In response to this situation and to further enhance the leadership programmes available to students the College provides students in Year 10 with an opportunity to experience 'One Night of Homelessness'. On Thursday May 28, 197 students and ten staff spent the night out in the cold with nothing but a woolen blanket for comfort and warmth. The experience was coordinated by the College's Leadership and Standards Officer Mr Jamie Bobrowski and is part of a holistic leadership development programme in Year 10, titled 'The Journey'.

For boys used to the comforts of home and supportive families, 'One Night of Homelessness' was a challenging and at times confronting experience that introduced Year 10 boys to just some of the conditions that homeless young people in Australia experience on any given night. Students were fed from a real life soup kitchen and met workers and volunteers whose daily reality brings them into contact with some of societies marginalised.

The night also reinforced for students that the causes of homelessness are multi-faceted - many people who live on the streets attended school, had jobs and families but for reasons linked to mental health, social connectivity and substance abuse now find themselves living on our streets. Other experiences for the night included a midnight informative sessions from Open Family Melbourne who work with homeless youth on a daily basis.

The response from students was quite amazing with all but four students from the year level present. It is hoped that this event will become an annual event across all EREA schools in Australia to highlight the national challenge of youth homelessness.

YEAR 9 MELBOURNE EXPERIENCE

Mr Terry Blizzard

What makes some information stick in your mind, while some other things seem to slowly fade away until you can't remember a thing about them? For example, I cannot tell you anything about most meetings that I would have had ten years ago, yet somehow I can recall vividly just about every inch of a family trip I took to England during that period. Trivial and significant events are still very fresh in my mind.

Educational research tells us that one of the reasons that this happens is that retention of information occurs much more effectively when a person has an emotional experience as well an intellectual one. The other factor that has a positive effect on information retention relates to how we absorb information - when we use as many different senses as possible such as eyes, ears, touch and body movement. Therefore my trip to England was particularly memorable because I was emotionally engaged and had so many of my senses active. Of course we can't provide too many experiences like that at school but this important principle still holds true, even if on a smaller scale. Engage the emotions and activate as many senses as possible and then learning will take hold.

Many of the Year 9 boys have been able to engage their emotions in an urban environment by completing a range of tasks whilst in Melbourne. The activities that they have undertaken will hopefully remain with them for life. Similarly, we are hoping that the Year 10 Homelessness Night will engender a range of emotions for the participants and provide an experience which will be remembered into the future. I am constantly amazed at the opportunities that are provided to the young men at St Patrick's College. These take on a whole range of experiences from sporting, cultural, intellectual, faith and human perspectives. I thank the staff, who work tirelessly to allow these opportunities to take place on a daily basis and the parental support provided for these activities.

2009 WHOLE STAFF FORMATION

The annual St Patrick's College two-day Staff Formation Programme was held on Thursday August 20 and Friday August 21 at the College. The Staff Formation Programme required all staff at the College to explore and more fully understand what it is to work at a Catholic school for boys in the tradition of Edmund Rice. This year's programme was led by Fr Chris Gleeson SJ.

Fr Chris was ordained priest in 1975, taught English and History and was Executive Assistant to the Jesuit Provincial for two years. He has an Honours History Degree and Dip. Ed. from Melbourne University and a Bachelor of Divinity from the Melbourne College of Divinity. He was appointed Head of Xavier College, Melbourne in 1981 and after eleven years in his role and a brief period as Chaplain of Newman College, was appointed Head of St Ignatius College Riverview, Sydney, from 1993 to 2002. After being assigned in September 2005 to the Jesuit Community of Toowong in Brisbane, he has become a member of the Jesuits' Loyola Institute team responsible for developing and providing Ignatian formation programs in Australia and overseas. In April, 2006, he was appointed Director of the new Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality in Brisbane.

1-3. Year 10 Work Experience.

4-7. Year 10 Homeless Night.

8. Year 10 student Mathew Begbie tries to keep warm at the Homeless Night at the College. Photo courtesy The Courier.

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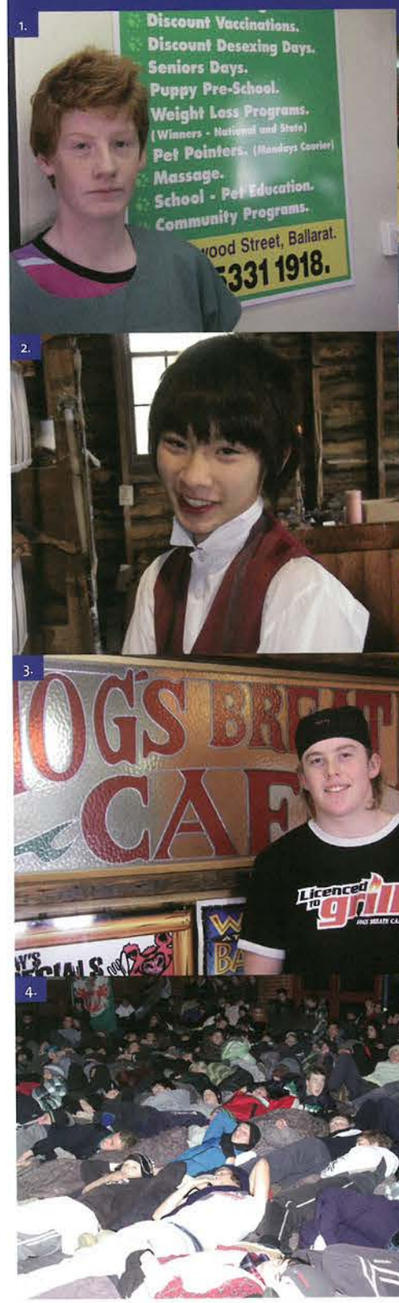

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1. Legacy ANZAC Day Commemoration.
2-4. 2009 Art Exhibition.
5-8. During the June semester break Mrs Margaret McIntyre took a group of students on a cultural exchange visit to Japan.

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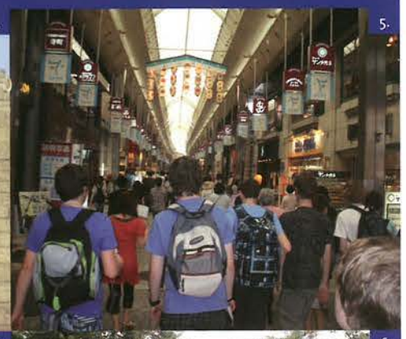
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Fr Chris continues to influence education, notably as a member of the inaugural Board of Edmund Rice Education Australia, which focuses on the management and administration of the Christian Brothers' school system in Australia. The formation programme was a challenging and rewarding experience for staff due in no small part to Chris' inspired facilitation.

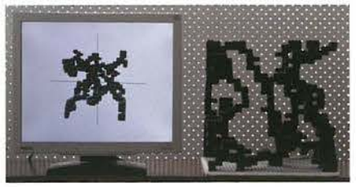
2009 ART EXHIBITION

The second annual St Patrick's College Art Exhibition was a spectacular success thanks primarily to the stunning work on display and the outstanding work of a legion of dedicated volunteers led by Exhibition Committee chairperson Mrs Tracey Wilson.

Over 200 people gathered in the Pavilion on Friday evening at the Gala Launch to learn who had taken out the night's prestigious awards. Exhibition Judge, Mr Gordon Morrison from Art Gallery, Ballarat read out the names of the following award winners who were humbled by the recognition afforded to them by astute art judges -

2009 Flanagan Prize
'Survey Vessel 2' by Dr Carol Wilson

University of Ballarat Emerging Artist Prize
'Exiguous cubes' by Mr Gordon Monro



Students' Choice Award
'South Melbourne Beach Sunset' by Mr Garry Arnephy

The success of the event was also attributable to a number of generous event sponsors for 2009 including:

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VCE art students from St Patrick's and Loreto College visited the Exhibition with all students voting on the inaugural 'Students' Choice' Award. This was an invaluable experience for students and further reinforces the breadth of learning opportunities available to students at the College.

Well done and thank you to the Art Exhibition Committee for providing the College, and wider community, with the opportunity to visit this stunning display of art work.

Photo Gallery

1. The Cast of the St Patrick's and Loreto College production Godspell
2-3. St Patrick's College together with Loreto College students rehearsing for 'Godspell'.
4. Lead role in Godspell - Laurence Heenan. Photo courtesy The Courier.

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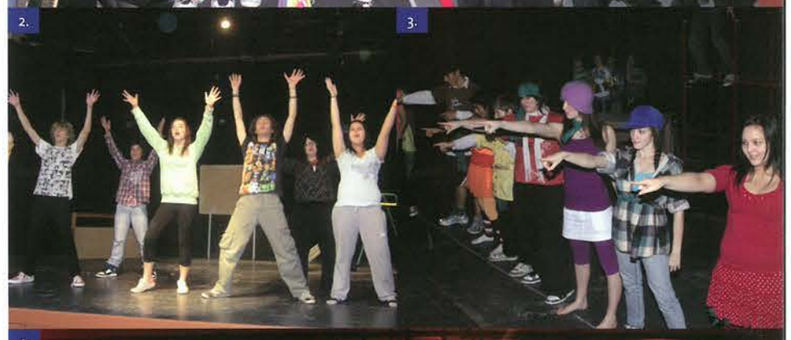
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The Art Exhibition Committee will fully review the event in weeks to come and will soon start work on the 2010 Exhibition to ensure it maintains its place as one of the regions most outstanding exhibitions.

FATHER'S DAY

The College once again celebrated Fathers' Day Mass and breakfast, which was well attended and had a terrific atmosphere. Thanks to Mrs Maree Moore and the Mission Team, Mr Bernie Kenna and Fr Greg Tait for their efforts in bringing this occasion together.

In our setting - an all boys' Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition, we are ever conscious of the impact we, as adults have on our young men. The influence that parents have on shaping their children is paramount and the second greatest influence usually comes from the teachers that young people have during their schooling. The opportunity to bring Dads and sons together is something which the College values enormously. The evidence suggests that as Dads, we must ensure that we do find time to be with our sons and daughters and to take an active and genuinely interested role in their lives.

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC...

Mrs Kathleen Plastow
Director of Performing Arts

Brisbane Tour 2009

On August 12, 51 boys and four staff headed off to the warmer climate of Brisbane to compete in two music festivals. The Billy Hyde's Urbane Upbeat Festival was held at the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland Exhibition, or the EKKA for short. This performance was in among the hubbub of the noise and excitement of the show and was all about entertaining the audience. Crowds gathered on the grass in the 28 degree sun and enjoyed the performances. Every time St Patrick's College was introduced, the crowd were amazed that we had come such a distance and that we played so well. The fact that it was only three degrees when the tour group left Ballarat at 3am was repeatedly mentioned.

All ensembles performed very well and the stage band, under the direction of Mr Carl Alwert, delivered an outstanding performance. We were lucky enough to have workshops at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) where the boys received guidance from three senior conducting students. The conductors each worked on two of the pieces that St Patrick's performed focussing on phrasing, balance and intonation. This work certainly helped with the boys performances. Thank you to Mr Brad Millard, Director of Music at QUT for organising such a great experience.

The Queensland Catholic Colleges Music Festival is open to Catholic schools nation wide and in 2009 presented 10,000 performances across five venues in four days. This was the focus of the tour and the boys represented us superbly. The Percussion Ensemble was awarded Bronze, Concert Band, Stage Band, Woodwind Ensemble and Guitar Ensemble all received Silver awards and the Brass Ensemble received Gold. We now head off to the Melbourne School Band Festival and prepare for the Royal South Street Competitions. We gain a lot from the feedback given at these festivals and through watching other schools perform.

The boys were able to enjoy themselves at Dreamworld and the EKKA and had the opportunity to visit the Queensland Museum, Queensland Art Gallery and the Gallery of Modern Art, as well as guided tours of the Mary MacKillop Chapel and St Stephen's Cathedral after Mass on Sunday morning.

GODSPELL

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord...

St Patrick's College and Loreto College presented the celebrated musical Godspell to admiring audiences from June 4 to 6 at the Sir Bernard Heinz Theatre at St Patrick's College. Godspell is based upon the Gospel of Matthew and was conceived and written by John-Michael Tebelak with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz. All performances of the show were sold out, a reflection of the sense of anticipation and achievement that was evident during rehearsals over several months.

The show which was first performed off-Broadway features two number one hits, 'Prepare Ye' and 'Day by Day'. The show ran for an incredible 527 performances on Broadway in the mid 70s whilst simultaneously running in London. Godspell was Directed by the College's Audio-Visual Manager Mr Glenn Fisher, a renowned Ballarat performer having appeared in shows such as Cats and Chicago. Glenn is a Life Member of the Ballarat Lyric Theatre and brought considerable passion and experience to his debut performance as Director.

The show featured numerous highly talented local performers including Laurence Heenan who played the part of Jesus, Gemma Bettio-Sandlant who played Robin, Patrick Linnane as Lamar, Siobhan Heenan who played Joanne and Mikaela Wallace, a veteran of local productions who did a stellar job in the role of Peggy.

Godspell has been produced locally and nationally and is a favourite of lovers of musicals. It features a seminal score and a string of memorable songs. The main story is portrayed in the subtext, particularly in the manner in which characters interact with their leader, coming together to form a loving and supportive community. Even in contemporary times this funny, thought provoking and entertaining musical delighted the sell out audiences from the two Colleges.

WORK EXPERIENCE

The College's Transition Coordinator, Mr Anthony Meehan has again worked tirelessly assisting over 200 Year 10 students with work placements during the week of June 22 to 26. Many favourable comments were received from employers and the wider community regarding the positive impact that many of our boys had within their work placement.

As a College community it is gratifying to receive positive endorsements for the work performed by students - a few of these comments are presented below:

"I was impressed by the quality of Jeremy's work, and how well he interacted with staff. I suggested he might like to hand in his resume for a (casual) position. Well done!"

"Tim was a valuable resource in the time he was here and performed at a higher level than most if not all, high school students on placement."

"James was very enthusiastic and willing to learn, he showed a great work ethic and his company was enjoyed by all the staff..."

"Jake is an amazing young person and would be highly effective with youth if he continues into the industry."

1-2. Father's Day Breakfast.
3-7. Queensland Music Tour.
8. Leigh Thornton - senior umpiring debut at Gordon.

Photo Gallery

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING

2009 Purton Oratory and Br HT Breach Oratory

Ms Victoria Moore

As has become a rich tradition at the College, the Board Room was alive with nervous tension at the end of Term 3 with the staging of the annual Purton Oratory and Breach Oratory Competitions. The day also featured the W. T. Doyle Debate. For the first time this event was held on a Saturday to enable parents and other family members to support competitors and experience the high quality of oration associated with these prestigious competitions.

The day commenced with the annual Breach Oratory, named after the much loved Br H. T. (Herbie) Breach, a great educator who loved his cricket, athletics, hockey, the arts, teaching French and had a passion for public speaking. Students were required to present a five-minute speech on a topic of their choice, followed by an impromptu speech of two minute's length. With the confidence of students much older and experienced, the students orated at a very high standard.

Students, staff and parents re-entered the Boardroom to hear senior students compete for the title of Doyle Debaters 2009 in the WT Doyle Debate. After a short break, the students competed for the title of Purton Orator. The Purton Oratory was established in 1940 after Br D. G. Purton, past staff member and Headmaster of St Patrick's College.

After a closely contested event it was announced that Thomas McKinnon was a deserving winner, ensuring his place in the history of St Patrick's College as a Purton Orator. Thomas was also awarded the Sir Hugh Devine Impromptu Award, named in honour of a past student and a world leading authority in surgical techniques. The prize for the best Year 7 to 9 orator for 2009, the Br HT Breach Trophy went to Kieren O'Riley.

Details of Award Winners:
Purton Oratory
Thomas McKinnon

Sir Hugh Devine Impromptu Speech
Thomas McKinnon

W.T. Doyle Debating
Ben O'Shea

W.T. Doyle Debating
Connor Bourke

W.T. Doyle Debating
Joseph McKee

Breach Oratory
Kieren O'Riley

A NEW LOOK FOR THE ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE WEBSITE

www.stpats.vic.edu.au

After a considerable period of planning by the Public Relations and Marketing Committee the new look St Patrick's College website was officially launched in August. The new site features a rolling display of photos from College life as well as some great user friendly functions that will make life easier for members of the community trying to source information or keep up to date with the numerous events that take place around the College each week.

Some of the new features of the site include:

- A daily and weekly calendar feature on the front page;
- A 'Latest News' feature on the front page;
- A market research function to enable parents to provide feedback to the College on a range of topics;
- The ability to pay fees and other invoices on line (available from October 2009);
- An extensive photo gallery, featuring current images as well as roll call photos back to 1893. Members of the College community will be able to purchase photos on line through a secure payment portal; and
- On line employment function to enable prospective employees to apply for positions at St Patrick's on line.

In addition the content pages for curricular and co-curricular areas of the College have been greatly expanded and should provide all visitors with accurate, timely and useful information. Please take the time to visit our new site and provide any feedback you may have to the Development Office.

Sincere appreciation and congratulations to Development and Marketing Officer Ms Caitlin Bennett who has coordinated this project in conjunction with the Public Relations and Marketing Committee of the Board.

A NEW ADDITION TO OUR KITCHEN

Visitors, staff and boarding students of the College are sure to be pleased with the appointment of Mr Bernard Kenna to the role of Catering and Functions Manager. Bernie is well known to many members of the College community as a former parent, as the Head Chef at the North Ballarat Football Club, and as a parishioner at St Columba's, North Ballarat. Bernie has already made a favourable impression upon attendees at the John James Medal, OCA reunion dinners and the Rugby presentation Night, not to mention the nightly feasts served up to our boarding students. Bernie continues the fine work of Ms Tracey Downes who has returned to Melbourne after seven years service to the College.

SPORT 2009

FOOTBALL 2009

A Day at the 'G - 2009 MCC Herald Sun Shield Grand Final

Mr Howard Clark
Director of Football

Assumption College 11 - 9 - 75
Defeated
St Patrick's College 9 - 11 - 65

Goal Kickers
Matthew James 3, Ben Peters 2, Richard Bamblett, Zane Thompson, Hayden Walters, Jake Dunne 1

Best Players
Sam Howard, Michael Suban, Mathew Begbie, Ben Peters, Jesse Dundon, Zane Thompson

St Patrick's College were defeated by Assumption College in the final of the prestigious MCC Herald Sun Shield competition on Sunday August 8. Played on the hallowed turf of the Melbourne Cricket Ground, Assumption played the better brand of football after the main break and won by a margin of 10 points.

In perfect conditions, St Patrick's College started the game extremely well, controlling both the mid-field and the forward areas. Mathew Begbie (Year 10) in his role as nominated sweeper was getting his hands on the ball and was influential in this early phase of the game. Matthew James (Year11) was proving to be an excellent foil for Nicholas O'Brien (Year 10) and kicked two early goals to establish the early pattern of the game.

1. 1st XVIII v Bendigo Secondary College in the MCC Herald Sun Shield.
2. 1st XVIII vs Ballarat Clarendon College.
3. St Patrick's College 1st XVIII and St John's College, Darwin.
4. 1st XVIII vs Ballarat Clarendon College.
5. Robbie Lockett and Dion Mankara from St John's College, Darwin.
6. Tiwi Island boys Jayson Pautijimi, Norman Tipiloura, Melbourne star Austin Wonaemirrie and Bon Gerard Timaepatua.

Photo Gallery

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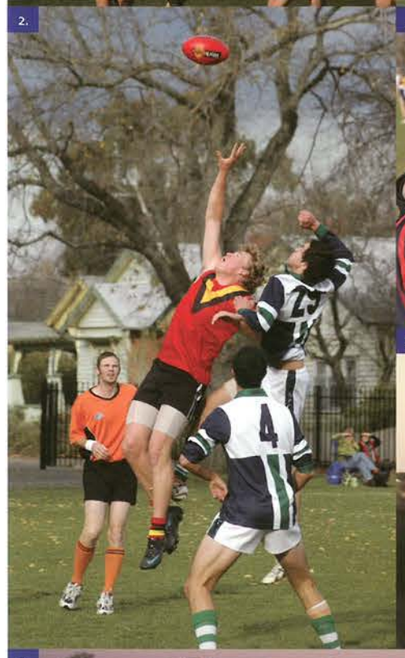

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Unfortunately the team's huge work rate did not adequately reflect our early dominance. St Patrick's College had twelve inside entries to Assumption College's seven and although we had five more shots on goal for the quarter, at the break St Patrick's College held only a slender one point lead.

The second quarter was dominated by the half back line of both teams. Sam Howard (Vice-Captain) in particular was extremely damaging and consistently repelled many Assumption College attacks. His attack on the ball and his combined leadership with Ben Peters and Marc James in particular saw St Patrick's College hold a two point lead going into the main break. The unfortunate component of the quarter was our inability to sustain Assumption's pressure in 'red time'. Assumption College kicked a goal with five seconds remaining of the quarter and this goal gave them some momentum heading into the second half.

A transformation came over the game in the third quarter. Assumption College dominated the quarter in all Key Performance Indicators and it was only the sustained efforts of Michael Suban, Kain Ford and Sam Howard in the back half that continually repelled Assumption College's forward thrusts. At the 18 minute mark, although Assumption had entered the forward 50 seven more times than St Patrick's College, Assumption only held a slender three point lead. At this point however, we failed to sustain pressure and unfortunately, as in the previous two quarters', players relaxed mentally and we conceded two goals within the last 90 seconds of the term, leaving the team placed 15 points down at three quarter time.

It was imperative that St Patrick's College kicked the first goal of the final quarter, however similar to the pattern of the third quarter Assumption College opened the term extremely well and kicked a goal within the first 90 seconds of play. At this point in an attempt to wrestle back the ascendancy and win the game, Ben Peters who had sacrificed his own game to play in the key central defensive post was moved to Centre Half Forward and his move paid instant dividends. He kicked an excellent goal from 45 meters out, however this was repelled by two clever goals from Assumptions College's small crumbing forwards opening up a 24 point lead at the 14 minute mark of the final quarter.

Nick O'Brien who with Ben Peters had been our most productive player across all the MCC Herald Sun Shield Games was moved into the ruck and started to get his hands on the ball and provided our key mid fielders in Mathew Begbie and Jordan Alexander first use of the ball. Ben Peters once again provided a marking option up forward and set up Richard Bamblett to kick a clever goal at the 15 minute mark of the quarter to reduce the lead to 16 points. At the centre square stoppage, Mathew Begbie forced the ball forward and Ben Peters marked strongly for the third time in the quarter and kicked his second goal as the siren sounded to leave the final margin at 10 points.

The players are to be congratulated on their achievement in reaching the MCC Herald Sun Shield Grand Final and acquitting themselves extremely well throughout the campaign. The team defeated Penleigh and Essendon Grammar, Box Hill Secondary College, Bendigo Secondary College and St Joseph's College Geelong to earn the right to play off for the title and although the team didn't play with the same freedom and skill of the previous games, they should be extremely proud of what they have achieved and for the legacy that they have left for the 2010 group.

The leadership group led by Captain Marc James, Vice Captains Robert Lockett and Sam Howard and core team leaders Patrick Britt, Josh Cowan, Ben Peters and Shaun Lyle were outstanding and their positive influence within the group was a major reason behind the team's 2009 success. The challenge for the 15 players who represented the College in the Grand Final and who are eligible to play next year, is to learn from this year's defeat and ensure that the group go one step further in 2010.

BAS PREMIERS 2009

St Patrick's College 8 - 6 - 54
defeated
Ballarat Clarendon College 6 - 6 - 42

Goal Kickers
Matt James 3, Marshall Rippon, Jordan Alexander, Jesse Dundon, Nicholas O'Brien 1.

Best Players
Marc James, Ben Peters, Matthew James, Nicholas O'Brien, Sam Howard, Jesse Dundon

St Patrick's College defeated Ballarat Clarendon College in the 2009 BAS Grand Final. Played on the small Ballarat Clarendon College oval in slippery conditions, St Patrick's College were never headed and ran out 12 point winners in a very tight and often congested game.

St Patrick's College had the better of the opening term, leading by 12 points at quarter time. Although our key indicators were slightly down having achieved only 14, 1 % acts for the term, the side were able to achieve 16 runs to receive which is a clear indicator that the players were prepared to support each other by foot.

The second term was the most telling of the match and underlined why the team has experienced the success that it has had over the 2009 season. Whilst keeping BCC goal-less for the term, St Patrick's College kicked two second quarter goals to open up a 27 point lead going into the main break. This lead was the result of the St Patrick's College players achieving a game high 26 1% acts for the term, 17 runs to receive and a staggering 10:1 score line SPC way, for stoppages both at the Centre Bounces and around the ground. These are telling numbers and underlined why St Patrick's College had opened up a 27 point break.

Unfortunately, the brand of football that we have become so proud of and accustomed to over the 2009 season, unravelled in the third quarter opening the door for BCC.

In a tense last quarter, Ballarat Clarendon College kicked the first two goals of the quarter and at the 12 minute mark, St Patrick's College held a very slender four point lead. Matthew James was instrumental in these last eight minutes kicking two very telling goals, both from leading up into space and from difficult shots. Matthew's composure was critical and certainly underlines his improvement throughout the season. His final two goals contributed to St Patrick's College running out 12 point victors at the final siren.

The leadership of both Marc James and Ben Peters in particular was outstanding and their performances at Full Back and Centre Half Back respectively was pivotal to the teams overall success.

The team needs to be congratulated on their performance and underlines the College's consistency of performance over the last three years, winning the BAS title in 2007, 2008 and now in 2009. The mantra for the 2009 season is: Individual Talent, Collective Strength, Team Success and it is these traits were evident for all to see in a stoic victory.

JOHN JAMES MEDAL NIGHT

Over 190 guests attended the prestigious John James Medal Evening, a night that recognises one of the College's finest athletes, 1961 Brownlow Medallist John James. John was an amazing school boy athlete once kicking 35 goals in a 1st XVIII game against Ballarat High School. The night also recognises the involvement of over 400 students, staff and parents who participate in the College's Football Programme.

Guest Speakers on the night were Austin Wonaemirrie (Melbourne Football Club) Brenton Sanderson (Assistant Coach of the Geelong Football Club), former Hawthorn and Collingwood player and now AFL player Manager Alex McDonald (SPC 1982 - 87) and John James (1961 Brownlow Medallist, Carlton Football Club).

Austin is an Indigenous player who was born and raised on the Tiwi Islands in the remote community of Snake Bay on the Melville Islands. Austin was drafted to the Melbourne Football Club at the 2007 National Draft. In Austin's first year at the Club, he played a total of 18 games and won a nomination for the prestigious NAB Rising Star Award. Austin spoke fondly of his background in the Tiwi Islands and the difficulties involved in both the relocation and settling into Melbourne. Austin also spoke of the various demands associated with playing AFL football and his goals and hopes for the future. It was also a great opportunity for him to catch up with his cousins currently attending the College, Bon Gerard Timaepatua and Jayson Puatijimi who are in Year 11.

Brenton Sanderson played 199 of his 209 AFL games at the Geelong Football Club and was one of the most respected players in the club's history. Brenton commenced his career with the Adelaide Crows in 1992 after earning the All Australian Under 17 honours. He played just six games in two seasons with the Crows before being traded to Collingwood in 1994 where he managed four games at Victoria Park before a trade to Geelong at the end of the 1994 season.

Brenton enjoyed an outstanding eleven years with the Cats, winning the Best and Fairest in 2001 and finishing third in 1998, 2000 and 2003. He was named Club Vice-Captain, and represented Australia against Ireland in the International Rules Series in 2001.

Brenton retired at the end of the 2005 season having represented three AFL clubs, played a total of 209 games and kicked 34 career goals. Upon completion his playing career Brenton was appointed to the role as the Development Coach of the Port Adelaide Football Club in 2006. Brenton worked with Port Adelaide for one year and in 2007 returned to the Geelong Football Club as an Assistant Coach, a role that he currently occupies. Brenton spoke about his journey within the AFL system and the various disappointments that he encountered along the way. Brenton spoke about resilience and the need for all the players to prioritise education and learning.

Alex McDonald played 107 AFL games for Hawthorn and Collingwood, completed a Bachelor of Commerce during this time and currently works as a player manager for Stride Management, managing such players as SPC students James McDonald, Clinton Young, Matthew Rosa, Matt Austin, Matthew Tyler and Nicholas Suban.

1st XVIII Awards

Br WT O'Malley Best and Fairest Trophy
Marc James
Runner Up - Nicholas O'Brien
Third - Ben Peters

MCC Herald Sun Shield
Player of the Year
Ben Peters and Nicholas O'Brien

John James Medal
(Best on Ground BAS Grand Final)
Marc James

North Ballarat Rebels Most Valuable Player
Joshua Cowan

Year 10 Most Promising Player
Nicholas O'Brien

2nd XVIII Awards

SPC Blue (Coach - Mr Mark Waddington)
Clay Jenkins
Xavier Quigley 2
Joshua Plozza 3
Matt Cullinan 4
Jayson Pautijimi 4

SPC Green (Mr Gavin Webb)
Nick Clifton
Patrick Dwyer 2
Caleb Hepworth 3
Justin O'Brien 4

2nd XVIII
Greg Dowd Memorial Best Player Award
Nick Clifton

Year 10 Jim Toohey Memorial
Best Player Award (Mr Mark O'Loughlin)
Ben Schiltz
Mitchell Phelps 2
Tom Gall 3
James Blood 4

Year 9 Best Player Award
(Mr Joe Carmody)
Nick Rippon
Norton Darrigan 2
Daniel Vadala 3
Jack Romeril 4

Junior Awards
SPC White (Mr Phillip Sherry)
Jack Peeters
Joshua Cullinan 2
Aden Nestor 3
Matthew Johnston 3

SPC Gold (Mr Rohan Davis)
Matthew Coon
Michael Richardson 2
Joel Anstis 3
Harry Murphy 4

SPC Green (Mr Garry Fitzsimmons)
Joseph Mason
Nicholas Weightman 2
Daniel Butler 3
Daniel Dickson 4

SPC Blue (Mr Chris Gleeson)
William Petrowski
Caleb McGrath 2
Harry Seery 3
Alex Brown 4

SOCCER

First XI - BAS Premiers 2009

Grand Final
SPC 7
defeated
Ballarat Grammar School 0

Goals
Marcus Lynch 2, Matt Radojevic 2, T Young, K Taylor, M Trigger.

Best
Marcus Lynch, Jacob Krusche, Kyran Taylor, William Georgiou, Matt Radojevic, Joshua Antonelli, Daniel McIntyre.

Ballarat Grammar took the kick off and was put under immediate pressure having to clear the ball high into their forward zone. Jacob Krusche met it with the first of his many strong headers and the ball was picked up by a Grammar defender. He had the ball under his control, but not for long, as Tom Young physically challenged him and prised the ball of him. Having torn the ball clear Tom burst into the 18 yard box leaving their keeper with no where to go as he shot cleanly for a devastating goal inside the first minute.

St Patrick's scored again within the first five minutes as Kyran Taylor played a sharp cross to Marcus Lynch on the left wing. He controlled it and set off into the deep left corner. His cross was into the danger area and Matt Radojevic had made good ground to be in place for the ball and he made no mistake from point blank range.

Grammar tightened up their defence and was able to counter attack dangerously. BGS striker Alex Davis was through to the left of the 18 yard box and only had the keeper to beat, but Tom McKinnon has been the premier keeper of the competition and he again showed why his high rating gained him the BAS keeper role. With Davis basically through Tom leapt on the ball cleanly at the attacker's feet.

A quick return from defence into attack led to another Kyran pass to Marcus on the left side. Marcus ran deep into the 18 yard box and stopped the ball to double back. A clumsy hold off the ball on Marcus led to a penalty given. Kyran deservedly took the spot kick and delivered safely into the back of the net for our third goal.

Next came the most amazing goal of the year. Will Georgiou had been teaming with Kyran in the centre and controlling most of the action. He again found Marcus on the left flank who was held up deep out on the line. He managed to play in towards Matt Radojevic who was hassled close to the far line. Somehow, Matt played the ball into the air and over the defender's shoulder. He ran around still with total control and taking the ball in the air headed goal ward. Seeing Marcus appear in the goal mouth he flicked the ball over onto Marcus' foot for the ultimate tap in.

The defence was stopping everything and a big header under pressure from Angus Martin cleared the centre line and was controlled expertly by Daniel McIntyre. He popped it over to Matt Radojevic who again stopped the ball on the run and doubled back. He only faced the keeper and hit it under his defence to the right for our fifth.

There were goals aplenty but the skill being shown was all around the ground. Michael Ferguson was showing aplomb with quick work in defence. Confronted by no space, he duly played a ball between a defender's legs for example.

We turned 5-0 with the game under control but the team continued to play well. Hard work from Daniel McIntyre placed the ball wide to Kyran on the far left. He ran right to the line and put it across the goals and past the keeper to put Marcus inside one yard of the goals for an easy finish.

Daniel was again instrumental in the seventh and final goal as he received a long ball and made a fantastic take before passing quickly to Scott Berg on the left wing. Scott placed it perfectly into the danger area and it was Michael Trigger who sized up and played the ball expertly in, capping off a great season for the team and coach Mr Tony Beggs.

ST PATRICK'S ATHLETICS

Mr Shane Hayes

BAS Athletics

On Tuesday May 5 an enthusiastic team of nearly 100 boys travelled to Llanberris Reserve to represent St Patrick's College at the BAS Athletics. Unfortunately despite consistent performances across the board St Patrick's College were runners up to a very strong Ballarat High School Team in the boys sections.

BOYS SENIOR

Ballarat High School	387
Ballarat Grammar	357
Ballarat Clarendon College	349
St Patricks College	342
Damascus College	262

INTERMEDIATE

Ballarat High School	361
St Patricks College	359
Damascus College	337
Ballarat Grammar	321
Ballarat Clarendon College	270

JUNIOR

Ballarat High School	345
Damascus College	333
St Patricks College	326
Ballarat Grammar	296
Ballarat Clarendon College	280

OVERALL BOYS AGGREGATE

Ballarat High School	1093
St Patricks College	1027
Ballarat Grammar	974
Damascus College	932
Ballarat Clarendon College	899

Congratulations to Tom Vadala in winning four events, Laiton Sullivan and Mitchell Thompson for winning both heats of the Under 14 1500m. Well done to Luke Polmear who won the 800m walk by 32 seconds. Todd Curran and Jake Dunne won the Intermediate triple jump and Under 17 high jump respectively and Finn Murphy won the Under 13 shot put by almost two meters.

BAS CROSS COUNTRY

Mr Shane Hayes
Director of Athletics

The SPC Cross Country team dominated the BAS Cross Country races held at the University of Ballarat.

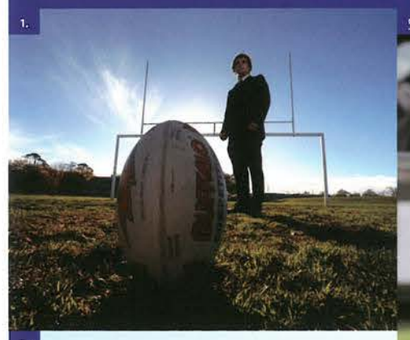
Individual Placings:

Junior	2nd - Laiton Sullivan
Junior	3rd - Mitch Thompson
Intermediate	2nd - Scott Spriggs
Intermediate	3rd - Luke Kemp

St Patrick's College won each division; Junior, Intermediate and Senior, as well as the Boys Overall Aggregate. Congratulations to both Mr Shane Hayes and Mr Peter Ryan for their leadership and co-ordination of the Cross Country team.

1. Tom Nankivell has been selected for the Victorian Under 16 Rugby Union Squad and the Victorian Schools European touring team. Photo courtesy The Courier.
2-4. St Patrick's College and St Kevin's College annual match day.
5. Jake Dunne – MCC Herald Sun Shield Grand Final.
6. Jordan Alexander – MCC Herald Sun Shield Grand Final.
7. Coach Howard Clark instructing his players at three quarter time of the MCC Herald Sun Shield Grand Final.

Photo Gallery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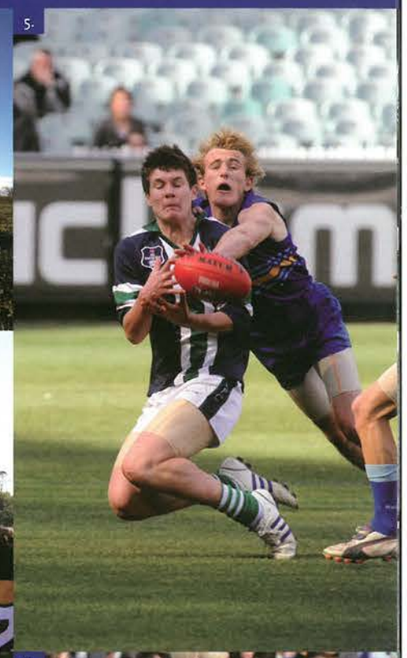
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GYMNASTICS

Br Bernie Scott

During Term Three the SPC Gymnastics Team competed in both Interclub and Schoolboy events.

Interclub

Warrnambool June 28
Level 4 SPC Team - 2nd
Best: Anthony Zreikat, Nathan Willey

Level 5 SPC Team - 1st
Team Members: Ben Rodger, Zachary Robertson, Zacari Poole.
These gymnasts gained valuable experience competing at higher levels.

Hamilton

September 12
Matthew Norman, Nathan Willey, Zachary Robertson and Zacari Poole started training as judges. Congratulations on attempting this new challenge.

Schoolboy Events
These events have different routines from the Interclub programme.

Associated Public Schools, Wesley College

Division C Level 5
SPC Team - 1st
Individual:
Anthony Zreikat 1st
Zacari Poole 2nd
Zachary Robertson 3rd
Matthew Norman 4th

Division D Level 4
SPC Team - 2nd
Team Members: Nathan Willey, Thomas Thorpe, Nicholas Moriarty
Individual:
Thomas Thorpe 3rd High Bar & Pommel
Nicholas Moriarty 1st Pommel & 3rd Floor

Division E Level 3
SPC Team - 2nd
Team Members: Lachlan Neilsen, Scott Allison, James Mulraney, Joshua O'Brien, Caleb McGrath.
Individual:
Lachlan Neilsen 1st Pommel & Parallel
Joshua O'Brien 3rd on Vault.

Victorian Interschool Gymnastics

Donvale, September 1

St Patrick's College gained one first and two second placings from the three teams entered of which SPC continues to be a leader in Schoolboy Gymnastics.

Division C Level 5
SPC Team 1st
Individual:
Zacari Poole 1st
Anthony Zriekat 2nd
Nathan Willey 3rd
Matthew Norman 4th

Division D Level 4
SPC Team 2nd
Team Members: Thomas Thorpe, Nicholas Moriarty, Daniel Christie, John Brown, Jeremy Seymour-Quest.
This team won Floor, Vault and Parallel sections.
Individual:
Thomas Thorpe 3rd
Nicholas Moriarty 5th

Division E Level 3
SPC Team 2nd
Team Members: Lachlan Neilsen, Joshua O'Brien, Scott Allison, Mitchell Martin, James Mulraney.
The team won parallel and second on floor, pommel and rings.
Individual:
Lachlan Neilsen 3rd
Joshua O'Brien 5th

Many thanks to Mr Don Pennell for coaching and judging and to Br Brian Davis for transport.

RUGBY UNION WRAP

Congratulations to all involved in the 2009 Rugby programme who celebrated the season in style at the annual Presentation Dinner held in the College Dining Room. The season was a proud one for the College with special congratulations to the Under 16 team who not only won the Victorian School Rugby Union Division 2 Championship but were also undefeated!

Tom Nankivell scored the most tries Statewide with 14 followed by Matt Dewar with 13. The boys have had a magnificent year led by Mr Steve Yaakoob and finished the season 18 points ahead of the nearest rivals, Melbourne High School.

Matt Dewar, Mitchell Cattell, Jack Jenkins and Tom Nankivell were all presented with their 2009 Victorian Schools Rugby Union Tour of Great Britain and United Arab Emirates ties by Australian Wallaby winger Digby Laone at a presentation dinner held at St Kevin's College Toorak on Friday August 28.

Jack, Matt and Mitch as part of the Victorian Schools' team will line up against Tom and the State Under 16 team in a practice match against at Endeavour Hills in the lead up to the National Carnival in Sydney in October. All of the boys looked and behaved in a manner that was a credit to St Patricks' College and did their parents and themselves proud throughout the season and on the night.

Final Ladder Positions 2009
1st XV - 2nd
Under 16 XV - Premiers
Under 14 XV - 6th

2009 BAS V AGSV WINTER CARNIVAL

For the final time the Ballarat Associated Schools (BAS) representative team participated in an exchange with the Associated Grammar Schools of Victoria (AGSV) in various sports on Wednesday August 12. In a fitting finale the First XVIII combination were able to defeat their more fancied city rivals in a highly skilled game by 16 points.

Unfortunately our Basketball and cross country teams were not as successful on the scoreboard but all players enjoyed the hospitality and opportunity to compete against their metropolitan rivals.

BAS is looking to identify further opportunities for students to represent the Association and hope to be able to make announcements later in the year.

Basketball Boys
AGSV 94
defeated
BAS 46

Cross Country Boys
AGSV 60
defeated
BAS 168

Football
BAS 15.6.96
defeated
AGSV 12.8.80

BAS BOYS BASKETBALL
Coach: Ms Tamara Westwood
Ash Constable
Jack Bennett
Bernie Peoples
James McMaster
Oliver Whiteley

BAS BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Scott Berg
Scott Spriggs
Angus Martin
Tom Martin

BAS BOYS FOOTBALL
Coach: Mr Howard Clark
Shaun Lyle
Ben Peters
Marc James
Nicholas O'Brien
Sam Howard
Richard Bamblett
Jordan Alexander
Nicholas O'Keefe
Edward Arthurson
Jake Dunne

BAS BOYS HOCKEY
Rohan Hill
Liam Brookes
Ben McOwen
Zac McMurry

A HOLE IN ONE

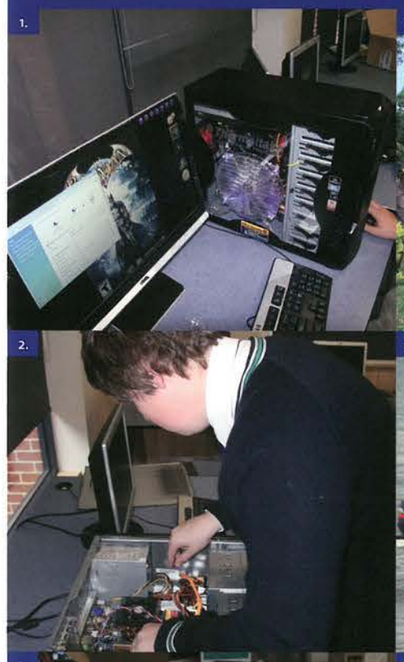
Congratulations to David McCarthy, the College's Payroll Officer, who became the first player to score a hole in one at the re-configured Ballarat Golf Club. David's ace was recorded on the Par 3, 147 metre 11th hole on the new testing links style layout.

1-3. Senior School System Technology.

4. Paul Kelly with Norman Tipiloura, Bon Gerard Timaepatua and Jayson Puautjimi, a highlight of the annual Rostrevor College visit.

5-8. Members of the SPC community trekked the Kokoda Track during the June semester break.

Photo Gallery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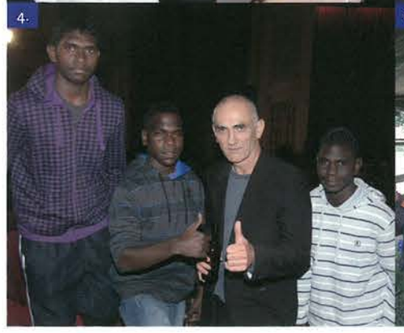
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FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Mrs Liz Hanrahan emailed the College to point out the achievements of two of her family members at the College and her strong connection to St Patrick's. 'It is with interest when reading your latest edition of the Shamrock, I read of two St Patrick's students who have achieved well in their respective sports, Nick O'Brien and Liam Hanrahan. Nick has achieved great heights in both cricket and football, while Liam, in just two years of competitive swimming, has achieved great heights. What may be of interest to the College is that both Nick and Liam are closely related but due to distance they have never met. I am Liam's Grandmother, and Nick's father, Tim, is my first cousin. My mother, Lal O'Brien (deceased) and Tim's father, Frank O'Brien were brother and sister. Both Liam's Grandfather, Bryan Hanrahan and his father, Dominic Hanrahan are old collegians of St Patrick's College. Both boys know of each other and it would be nice if one day they were given the opportunity to meet at the College'.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND WELLBEING SEMINAR

Mr Jeremy House

In July the College hosted physical educators from across the region in the third annual Physical Activity and Wellbeing Seminar. The evening is designed to strengthen the connections between physical and health educators from the region in an effort to support the development of the highest quality physical education teaching and learning across institutions and realise the positive health and wellness benefits such a culture creates.

Speaker for the evening was Ms Danni Watts from the Butterfly Foundation who addressed the power of positive body image and the development of positive self concept through physical activity. Her insights provoked much reflection on professional practice and conversations surrounding ways in which we can all be the most positive influence on those around us.

Some body image boosters are:

- If you work on being a great person on the inside then you will be a great person on the outside. Always remember to be as positive as you can.
- You only get one body. You will feel more alive and positive about yourself if you treat your body well by exercising moderately, eating nutritious foods and never doing dangerous diets.
- Focus on the parts of your appearance that you like and enhance these with clothes that you feel really comfortable and your best self in.
- Everybody is awesome looking in their own way. Support your friends and others by never bullying, teasing or putting anybody down.
- You are fantastic just the way you are. Don't feel pressure from anyone or place pressure on yourself to build, sculpt, pump or exercise your way into trying to be something that you are not. Especially when such things can be dangerous and damaging to your health.
- Throw out a compliment to other people whenever you can! You will make someone else feel great and you will feel great too!
- Have fun with the way you look, but don't let it rule your life. Putting your energy into living and doing fun things is much more important.
- Don't compare the way you look to anybody else. This is a very unfair thing to do to yourself, particularly if your comparisons are glossy, digitally enhanced and airbrushed images of sporting stars actors and body builders.
- Don't ever feel as if you have to change for anyone, especially if you feel the need to 'fit it' to a certain group or crowd. If they don't like you for who you are they are not worth it.
- If you feel down or worried about your appearance, please ask for help from a trusted friend. Everybody deserves to feel happy and positive about themselves.

The OCA Pavilion was an inspiring venue for this event and with the presenters encouraged participants to share their collective expertise for the wellbeing of members of the community.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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

- Year 7 student Nico Guevara was awarded First Place in the Piano Solo in the South Street competition.
- Year 8 student Charles Robinson received a Regional Public Speaking and Debating Prize - the 'Swannie'.
- Year 8 student Peter Oakley received a Regional Public Speaking and Debating Prize - the 'Swannie'.
- Year 12 student Oliver Whiteley has secured a permanent staff position with Deloitte (a leading Accounting Firm) from the start of 2010. He will be working and studying Accounting as a Trainee Analyst in Risk Services.
- Patrick Karras will represent Victoria in the National Soccer Championships. Patrick will represent Victoria in the Under 14 competition.
- Year 10 student Michael Trigger has been selected in the Victorian Under 15 Soccer Squad to compete at the 2009 National Youth Championships. This means Michael has been selected to play for his State in each of the previous three seasons at Under 13, Under 14 and now Under 15.
- Year 10 student 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 world's best junior basketball players at the 2010 FIBA Under 17 World Championships in Germany.

- Alex Thomas and Reagan Boyce 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.
- Thomas Nankivell has been selected in the Victorian Under 16 Rugby Squad to tour Europe in November.
- Year 11 student Justin Gordon was selected to play in the NSW/ACT team to contest the National Under 16 National Championships. The NSW/ACT team made the Grand Final which is played as a curtain raiser to the AFL Grand Final at the MCG.
- Year 8 student Leigh Thornton has enjoyed an outstanding season of umpiring in the Ballarat Football League culminating in his selection as an Under 18 umpire and subsequent to that as a senior boundary umpire in the Central Highlands Football League, making his debut at Gordon. Leigh follows in his father's footsteps and those of his older sister who were umpires as well.
- Jarrod Sharrock of Year 11 won the B Grade Men's Club Championship at the Hamilton Golf Club in May 2009. Jarrod is a single figure handicap player and is also a member of the prestigious South West Victorian Golf Academy.

Jarrod Sharrock - B Grade Men's Club Champion - Hamilton Golf Club

- Well done also to staff member Trish Pearsall on being awarded the University of Ballarat Library Award for Most Accomplished Final Year Student in her Advanced Diploma of Library/ Information Services course.

1. Year 12 Formal: Ben Couch and Ashlee Shepherd.
2. Year 12 Formal: Shaun Lyle, Mr Steve Rajki, Abe Morris and Mr Stephen Hill
3. Year 12 Formal: Lachlan Barker, Mr Graham Swinton, Rhys Sizeland, Mr Shane Hayes and Mr Michael Busscher.
4. Administrative staff employee David McCarthy who shot a hole in one on the 11th hole at the newly developed Ballarat Golf Course.
5-8. VCE Woodwork.

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ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE OLD COLLEGIANS ASSOCIATION INC.

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE
BALLARAT

MELBOURNE DINNER

On Friday August 14 over 90 old boys gathered at the Moonee Valley Racing Club to honour three new 'Legends' of the College; Fr Peter Hudson (SPC 1961), Frank Dimattina (SPC 1963) and Lee Iafrate (SPC 1974-78).

Key note speaker Frank Dimattina spoke eloquently of his time at the College and linked it to his success in the highly competitive hospitality industry. Frank and his family operate iconic businesses such as Il Gambero, Dimattina's of Lygon Street and the Blue Train at Southbank. Tragically Il Gambero was ravaged by fire the week after the dinner. Frank also had a distinguished football career at SPC and at VFL level playing 42 games (43 goals) with Richmond and 14 games with North Melbourne (16 goals).

Lee Iafrate has had a distinguished career in the cut throat Funds Management industry. He is currently Chair of the NOB-SPC Old Boys Foundation and has been featured in the Business section of The Age newspaper where he recounted that it was a Year 11 Accounting class at St Patrick's College, Ballarat, that started him on his journey in finance. 'Brother Murphy was the teacher and we were analysing the ins and outs of Cadbury Schweppes. I learnt that the company was all about brands; strong brands.' As the article notes the lesson has never left him. He has focussed on buying shares in companies with strong food brands - even though many are 'beaten up and friendless'!

Lee runs Armytage Private a funds management company that looks after a number of major funds. Some of his most impressive returns have come from businesses such as Patties Foods who own 'Four 'n Twenty' Pies an iconic Australian brand. Lee graduated from the Ballarat School of Mines and commenced work with McKinley Wilson, a role that involved researching many small business holdings. This taught him a great deal about understanding the nature of a business and reinforced his belief in strong brands.

Fr Peter Hudson (SPC 1961) and College Chaplain (1975-1980) was transferred from Terang at the beginning of Term III, 1975 to take up the appointment of Chaplain to St Patrick's College. Fr Peter was for a time a boarder himself at the College, residing in the dorms of SPC in 1961 before returning to St Joseph's, Melbourne. As a student Fr Hudson applied himself to a wide range of activities including football and cadets.

Upon returning to SPC as Chaplain he made an immediate impression with the thrust of his zeal and in the way he generously offered himself totally to the spiritual care of the school. 1980 College Captain, Damian Gleeson, in his speech at the Farewell to Fr Peter in February 1980 said:

"We remember the enthusiasm with which he threw himself into everything - the cadets, the 1st XVIII, tennis coaching and many other College activities. We remember the many Masses for the whole College and for individual classes and dormitories. We remember his availability for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, for interviews or just friendly talk. I believe it is Fr Hudson's chaplaincy that has been the life blood of the religious aspect of the College for the past six years. He has ministered to our needs in so many ways and so many times beyond the call of duty. Of course, above all we remember Fr Hudson as the person he is: for his friendship, vitality, his ability to call each person by name. We thank him for the joy he brought to the College, for the hope that he gave us in our times of need and for being another Christ in our midst."

Since departing St Patrick's College he has served many communities, most recent of which has been Hamilton and Swan Hill where he is currently Parish Priest at St Mary's and a great supporter of St Mary's School and Mackillop College. Highlighting that Fr Hudson is still a man of the people he has been an early adopter of Generation Y technology and has his own Facebook page!

All three men were worthy recipients of this prestigious honour and exemplify the breadth of achievements made by old boys of St Patrick's. Guests in attendance were also pleased to catch up with legendary 1st XVIII coach of the 1980s Robert Aron who has returned from many years with the Brothers in Africa.

1. The Melbourne Dinner.
2. 1969 Reunion Dinner.
3-5. 1969 Reunion.
6-7. Photos of Willie Hutchinson (SPC 1918) in the Coober Pedy Museum.

Photo Gallery

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

NORTH OLD BOYS
St Patrick's College Ballarat afc

Reserves Premiers 2009

The club won back to back reserves premierships with a spirited six point win over Whitefriars Old Boys. In what many have described as the new clubs finest hour, the team fought their way back from 29 points down at three quarter time.

NOBSPC
0.0 2.2 3.3 **8.8 - 56**

WHITEFRIARS
3.5 3.6 6.14 **6.14 - 50**

NOBSPC
Goal Kickers:
Michael Barker 4, Dan Moloney, Jason Weidner, Josh Minenko, Rhys Allitt

Best Players:
Ben O'Halloran, Josh Hunter, Nick Evans, Chris Le Maitre, Michael Barker, Dan Moloney

Both sides were greeted with a ten goal wind coming from the north, blowing straight down the St Bernard's ground to the Buckley St end. Whitefriars won the toss and kicked with the wind. As the scored show kicking against this wind was virtually impossible. In the second quarter NOBSPC could only score 2.2 with Whitefriars stacking the backline. Third quarter it looked all over with the Friars kicking 3.8 going into the last quarter some 29 points up. Fortunately the COBs kicked 1.1 into the breeze to reduce some of the impact.

The address by Coach Rush at three quarter time implored the players to kick long and reminded the players that there was no tomorrow. Attack we did, but with a host of out of bounds on the full and minor points, the side didn't get it first major until four minutes into the quarter. It looked as though we would have enough time, with most quarters going to 25 minutes. Another 10 minutes and we finally scored a major to Minenko and then a free kick to Barker and we were only 10 points down. More points left it at six the difference with about two minutes to go and then a major to Barker and it was even. Unbelievable! Centre bounce won by Dellwo, ball scrambled into our forward 50 against the boundary, Weidner taps it back into the middle to Allit who dodges several opponents, crashes through another and snaps a miracle goal. We were in front! The siren sounded soon after the re-start, and it was a case of BACK TO BACK. For more visit **www.nobspc.org.au**

The club's senior team finished the year strongly to end up fifth on the ladder and has there sights set on a top two finish in 2010. The club needs more St Pat's old boys to get involved and in the coming weeks coach Terry Scanlon will meet with current Year 12 players to set them this challenge. Given the College's rich football heritage the club should be in A Grade - but it needs old boys to get involved and take ownership of the club.

New Coach for 2010

The Club is delighted to announce the appointment of Richard Peoples (SPC 1983-89) as Senior Coach of the Club for 2010. Richard was an outstanding 1st XVIII player and has forged an impressive playing and coaching career in Melbourne, having coaches West Brunswick to a VAFA premiership in 2008. Richard is a highly respected St Pat's person and has the credentials, networks and passion to assist the club in its march towards C Grade. Current coach Terry Scanlon is delighted to be handing over the reins but will stay closely involved with the club in a leadership capacity.

VFL SUCCESS

Back to Back Premierships for North Ballarat and Coach Fitzy!

On AFL Grand Final eve at Etihad Stadium the North Ballarat Roosters proved that they were the competition's leading team with an emphatic 23 point victory over the Northern Bullants. Coached by the highly acclaimed and much loved Gerard 'Fitzy' FitzGerald (SPC 1973) the win was a testimony to the club's commitment to be successful in a highly competitive hybrid league that features AFL reserves teams, combined combinations such as the Roosters who draw up to 12 members of their team from AFL affiliate North Melbourne and stand alone teams such as Port Melbourne.

The team has a close affinity with St Patrick's being regular users of the College's indoor and outdoor facilities. In addition the club has been masterfully led by long serving Chairman Peter Wilson (SPC 1959-65) and committee members, Stan 'Digger' Roberts (SPC 1949-54) and Tony Godfrey (SPC 1973-78)

The team featured two old boys, Bill Driscoll (SPC 2000-2003) and Stephen Clifton (SPC 2000-2005) as well as the College's Indigenous Education Manager Mr Brett Goodes. All played important roles on the night in this exciting win for the club.

Indigenous Education Manager Mr Brett Goodes.

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.

ST PATRICK'S BOYS ON THE RISE

In 2009 two old boys have been recognised for their outstanding seasons with nominations for the prestigious 'NAB Rising Star' Award. West Coast Eagles utility Mitchell Brown (SPC 2002-2006) picked up his nomination early in the season - a tremendous come back from a full knee re-construction in 2008.

Nic Suban (SPC 2003-2008) was nominated in Round 21 following an astonishing rookie year for the Fremantle Dockers in which he played all 22 games - an amazing achievement from a dedicated and talented young man who managed to move interstate and establish himself in the nation's premier football competition with relative ease. Nic caught the attention of judges with some determined performances tagging some of the competitions leading players as well as slotting home some spectacular goals on his trusty left foot.

1. College Captains and Duces Dinner: brothers Michael (2000) and David Ranger (2007).
2. 1960 College Captain Tony Joyce with his wife Mary Joyce at the College Captains and Duces Dinner on Saturday evening June 20.
3. College Captains and Duces Dinner: Martin Healey and Kelly Healey.
4. Michael Keem, College Dux 2008 and his Literature teacher, Mrs Sara Taylor. Michael received a perfect study score of 50 for Literature.
5-8. 1959 Reunion Dinner.

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2009 OCA GOLF DAY

Your Chance to Win a Car!

A reminder to all Old Boys that the eighth annual OCA Golf Day will be held on Sunday November 15 at the Ballarat Golf Club. This year's event promises to be the biggest yet with major sponsor King's of Ballarat giving players the chance to win a new car if they can 'ace' the nominated King's 'Hole in One' Par 3 hole. 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.

With the lure of a new car on offer in 2009 the event is close to being fully subscribed so 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!

KINGS CARS

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE CAPTAINS AND DUCES DINNER

On Saturday June 20, the Headmaster and OCA hosted a gathering of St Patrick's College Captains and Duces in the Old Collegians Pavilion. The guests spanned the life of the College through Des Nolan who was Captain and Dux in 1938 through to Stephen Kirby, College Captain in 2009. In the course of a marvellous and warm gathering, the affection for and appreciation of the Christian Brothers and their work for students over more than a century was very evident. The Headmaster noted in his speech to attendees, 'I do not ask anyone to hide the pain and the faults in this very human institution, but I do ask for some extended reflection, some balance and affirmation for some great men'.

The return of noted scholars and school leaders provides current students with a rich legacy to aspire to and reinforces the College's rich traditions of excellence in all fields of endeavour.

REUNION DINNERS

The OCA annual series of reunion and regional dinners continued with successful evenings held in Shepparton and Warrnambool. The dinner in Shepparton dinner was a great night and it was wonderful to see a few new faces in attendance. Over 20 old boys attended the Warrnambool dinner and it was great to welcome debutants Tom and Daniel Dickson from Caramut as well as regulars David Ryan, Damian Goss, Alan Jubb and Matthew Buckle.

Future dinners will be held in Bendigo and Geelong in 2009. The OCA will also conduct 10, 20 and 30 year reunion dinners in October and November so gather up your peers and get along – a good time is guaranteed!

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Br Brian Davis
Archivist

Jack Caine

(SPC 1952-1956)

John "Jack" Caine boarded at St Patrick's College from Swanwater via St Arnaud and capped his years at the College by being a Prefect in his final year of 1956. As a fine middle distance athlete Jack was a member of the St Patrick's College athletics teams in each of his years at the College from 1952 to 1956. He won awards for the 880 yards and the Mile in 1955 and in 1956 won the Dr O'Collins Cup for Open Athletics Champion, winning the 440 yards, 880 yards and Mile races as Captain of the winning Treacy House team.

Jack was Captain of the 1956 St Patrick's College BPS Champion Athletic team and won the 880 yards on the day. Jack was a member of the 1954 Champion Under 15 XVIII, the 1955 Premier 2nd XVIII and the 1956 1st XVIII Premiership team and earned the following comments in the Annual Magazine of that year:

"Jack was a valuable utility player whose tremendous pace often relieved the pressure at crucial times. He lacked judgment but supplemented this deficiency by his tenacity."

Jack figured in a number of College musical productions and in 1956 played the role of the Defendant in the College production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Trial by Jury".

1980 to 1984 can rightly be known as the 'Caine Era' in SPC swimming with Jack's sons Michael and John winning five and three events respectively in the inaugural St Patrick's College victory at the CHISSA competition in 1980. Michael and John continued to win in this fashion in the years which followed with Michael Captaining the team in 1982 and John following as Captain in 1983. All the time Jack was assisting the team with his expertise and experience.

In 1985 the new Master-In-Charge of Swimming, Br Brian Davis introduced training at the YMCA Field Street Pool from 6.30 to 7.30am from Monday to Friday each week and asked Jack to take charge of the squad. Despite Jack's other commitments he agreed to help.

In 1985 John captained the team for the second time, the only swimmer to do so. In 1988 Jack's youngest son Peter, was appointed Captain of the team and emulated his older brothers' achievements by winning all his events as Captain. Jack said he would continue coaching in the mornings as long as "The Brother" was at the College. He must have experienced some sense of relief when Br Davis was transferred to Launceston after six years!

Jack was a wonderful friend and coach. He had the superlative knack of working the team hard and yet making it a fun experience at the same time. The swimmers loved his "barrel" swims. The Caine family's contribution to St Patrick's College swimming is unsurpassed with Jack's coaching and his three sons captaining their teams. This contribution laid the foundation for the St Patrick's College's record of being unbeaten over thirty years in the CHISSA/BAS Swimming Competition.

At Jack's funeral on Tuesday July 16 2009, members of the Caine family were delighted to meet the 2009 Swimming Captain, Dylan Rodger and Vice Captain Patrick Dwyer. Vale Jack Caine - wonderful person, a special Old Collegian and a true friend!

The St Patrick's College Display Centre

An exciting development at St Patrick's College in recent times has been the establishment of the College Display Centre in the Vestibule area of the College campus adjacent to the Edmund Rice Student Services Centre. It has been named, 'The Gerald Coffey Display Centre' in recognition of foundation Old Collegian, Gerald Coffey.

The first task for the new display centre was to obtain mannequins to display various items ranging from SPC blazers from 1910 to 1949 and larger items like a Habit and Cloak worn in the yesteryear by the Christian Brothers. Plastic torsos were purchased and attached to height adjustable metal stands, constructed by Julian Ryan from the College Maintenance Team. A further innovation was to attach plastic displays to the top of each stand via a height adjustable screw. A full sized mannequin was purchased to display the Antarctic gear of Old Collegian, George Hamm.

1. St Patrick's College Bell in the Gerald Coffey Display Centre.
2. The Gerald Coffey Display Centre, St Patrick's College.
3. The Tobin Trophies in the Gerald Coffey Display Centre.
4. Bill Lang.
5. College Captains and Duces Dinner: From front and centre: Chris Nolan (85), Craig Sharp (85), Eileen McCormack, Chris McBrearty (2002), Mary Nolan, Mark Lacey (1984), Lachlan Keen (2003) and Sally Bateman.

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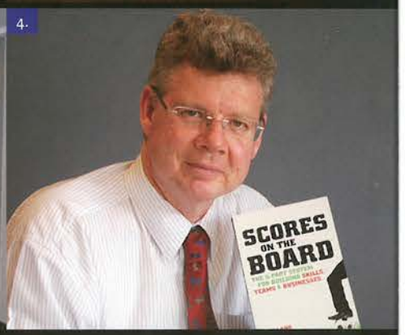

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Mounted on racks on the back wall are artefacts donated by the Indigenous community of Timber Creek in the Northern Territory. Hanging on a metal stand skilfully created by Julian Ryan is the St Patrick's College Bell, which from the College's earliest times summoned staff and students to duty. Another interesting item is a rowing megaphone found in the dry bed of Lake Wendouree in 2007. Recent additions have been an SPC blazer and football jumper donated by Brian Hogan from the late 1940s.

One of the aims of the establishment of the Display Centre is to embark on integrated outreach educational activities where the objective is to inform and educate the St Patrick's College community about the College's heritage. If you have items of interest that could be showcased in the Gerald Coffey Display Centre please contact the College Archivist Br Brian Davis on 03 53 311688 or bdavis@stpats.vic.edu.au

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

In January 2007 the College received confirmation that is 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

- Former College Bursar Denis Bateman was travelling with wife Patricia through the South Australian town of Coober Pedy where he came upon these amazing photos of Willie Hutchinson (SPC 1918) who as a boy discovered the first opals in Coober Pedy in 1915. Despite what is shown in this photo, College records have him as Hutchinson rather than Hutchison. The photos in the town's museum show Willie as a schoolboy rower at St Patrick's College in 1918. As one would expect a St Pat's old boy literally put the town on the map!
- In April 2009 Br Gerard Brady (SPC 1965-70) accepted a position in Sydney working with staff from EREA schools on various outreach ministries and Edmund Rice Camps. Gerard's role is to assist staff in developing their sense of belonging to the Edmund Rice movement as well as supporting staff in exploring their own spirituality.
- Well done to 2008 Art students Jordan Collie and Sam McLean who exhibited work in the Student show 'Next Gen 09' held at Art Gallery Ballarat in March 2009. Both boys completed excellent works as part of their VCE portfolio and were featured along with other talented artists from across the region.
- Eamon Coughlan (SPC 2002-2007) recently won the 2009 Victorian Irish Dancing Championship, having been a highly decorated dancer during his time at the College. Eamon manages to fit in an intense practice schedule around science studies at Monash University.

Eamon Coughlan (SPC 2002-2007) - 2009 Victorian Irish Dancing Champion

- Patrick Craig (SPC 2003-2008) has accepted a Basketball Scholarship for Vermilion Community College, Minnesota in the USA. Patrick has chosen to study a Bachelor of Education and intends to be in the United States for at least two years.
- Luke Davison (SPC 2006-2007) enjoyed a productive year with the NOB-SPC Football Club winning the Reserves Most Determined Player Award. Luke played in the club's second premiership team. Luke is studying agriculture and enjoying life in the 'big smoke' after a gap year back at home at Timboon in 2008 where he helped the club win a long overdue senior premiership in the Warrnambool and District Football League.
- Leon Doyle(SPC 1977-79) came up with a very valid apology for the OCA College Captains, Duces and Headmasters' Dinner. 'Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend as I am about to undertake a trip which will take in London and the Lord's Test followed by a trip from St Petersburg to Beijing via Mongolia on the trans - Siberian and trans - Mongolian railways'. A tough assignment - we will eagerly look forward to photos from the train - and the home of cricket!
- Matthew Edwards (1999-2004) has commenced work with PRD Jens Gaunt Real Estate in Ballarat having started his Real Estate career in November, 2008 after several years of employment experience in retail sales and management. Matthew completed an Agents Representative Certificate by correspondence via the University of Ballarat - SMB campus. Whilst Matthew acknowledges that there are some challenges in being a 'freshed faced' real estate agent he offers the following advice to aspiring agents - 'ask questions, believe in yourself, know that it won't happen overnight, stay dedicated and committed to reaching your goals, and strive to deliver an exceptional service to your clients'. With such enthusiasm no doubt Matthew will cross paths with many members of the SPC community in the years to come.
- James Foley (SPC 1996-2001) has been living and working in Brisbane for the last year with architect firm Hassell. He is loving the lifestyle so much that he has bought a racing bike and is getting into triathlons, having signed up for the famous Noosa Triathlon in November (1,500m swim, 40km ride, 10km run).
- Luke Gunnell (SPC 2003-2008) has been named as the 2009 Central Highlands Football League Rookie of the Year. This follows on from his win in the Under 18 League Best and Fairest in 2008. Luke also polled 16 votes in The Courier Player of the Year competition. Ashley Whelan (SPC 2008) and Caleb Hepworth (Year 12) were also nominated for the prestigious award.
- Michael Harrison (SPC 1959-1962) is living in Orlando Florida with his wife Donna of 35 years. Michael recently retired from Hertz Car Rental after 20 years and is now planning on undertaking extensive travels, in particular a trip to Costa Rica attending the Tour de France in July. Michael is planning to travel to Australia later on in the year to visit family and St Pat's. Michael and Donna have two adopted children, Natasha and Gregory.
- The amazing football career of Winis Imbi (SPC 1996-97) was highlighted in an insightful article in the Sunday Age on June 14, 2009. Winis was born in Papua New Guinea and is a revered figure at Portland and within the SPC community. Winis was a star of the St Patrick's 1st XVIII during his two years at the College and was also a member of the North Ballarat Rebels premiership team of 1997 which featured Sydney star Adam Goodes and five other players drafted to the AFL. Despite winning a Best and Fairest in the Essendon reserves team in 1999 he was unable to play a senior AFL game. Winis then turned his attention to obtaining a teaching degree and is now a much loved and respected teacher at Portland Secondary College. Winis took on coaching the Portland Football Club in 2008 and led them to an unexpected flag after a number of senior players had left the club following flags in 2006 and 2007. Winis won the Western Border Football League Best and Fairest in 2003 and has played in four premiership teams for the Tigers. Winis remains a committed Christian and an integral part of the community spending time with elderly residents in town and mentoring many younger players within the club. Such deeds only further enhance his reputation and as his peers and the Portland President note, "there's got to be something wrong with him, but we've yet to find it"!
- 2008 College Captain Thomas Kavanagh (SPC 2003-2008) has been leading the fight on behalf of students who have opted to take a 'GAP Year' in 2009 only to find that they have been significantly disadvantaged by the Government's proposed changes to Youth Allowance. Thomas travelled to Canberra with 2008 Loreto student Caroline Geoghegan and local MHR, Ms Catherine King to meet with Deputy Headmaster The Hon. Julia Gillard. As ever Thomas represented himself, his peers and the College with distinction and was heavily featured in national news coverage of the event in the days following the meeting. Catherine King's comments from her website perhaps best summarise Thomas' contribution to the debate which has seen major meetings and protest marches held in cities throughout the nation - 'I was really proud of these two young people. They were admirable and persuasive ambassadors for Ballarat, and along with a small number of students from other electorates, presented their case with enthusiasm and clarity. And a short time later, Minister Gillard announced changes to the Youth Allowance to take into account those students currently undertaking a gap year. So, well done to Tom and Caroline'.
- Former College Principal Br Tom Kearney is enjoying the challenges of life in Lusaka, Zambia in southern central Africa. The township is certainly warmer than Ballarat but far less developed. The compound in which Br Tom lives, not far from the airport, is surrounded by people who are really struggling eek out an existence. This is the reality for those living in the developing world. Opportunities for work and regular income are difficult to access. Br Tom's major responsibility as Director of the Christian Brothers Spirituality Centre is meeting the local people and assisting them with their daily struggles. Recently, Br Tom met a 'begging' delegation of people from the local parish who were working in a Prison Ministry, which reminded him that the Christian Brothers last year had sponsored a workshop on HIV at the prison and that it was hoped that it could be repeated. The conditions in the prisons were described in vivid detail - totally primitive; no one would choose to live there even though you might get fed. Much was needed in terms of improvements and so the Christian Brothers committed to doing as much as they could to improve conditions. The Brothers are also involved in sponsoring and assisting a local community football (soccer) team which aims to occupy youth and attempt to give them something to wake up to each morning and help to keep them out of trouble. The Brothers own the pitch, undeveloped as it is, and provide some space for the activity to facilitate the coming together of friends and family. Br Kearney is also involved in the 'mealie meal' run which involves delivering about forty, 25kg bags of mealie meal (Maize flour) to around 40 families on a monthly basis. At first glance Br Tom recognises that the conditions seem to be better that the slums in Kibera and Mukuru in Nairobi but suspects more work and study will need to be done before this claim can be fully substantiated. The College commends Br Tom Kearney upon his endeavours and is happy to put members of the College community in touch with him if they feel they can assist.
- Lachlan Keen (SPC 1998-2003) was to be the recipient of the first OCA 'Young Achievers Award' at the 2009 Melbourne Dinner, however a last minute work commitment meant that he was out of the country! Lachlan, the 2003 College Captain and a strong advocate for social justice initiatives was called upon to travel to the Republic of South Africa, Zambia and Malawi during the month of August to attend site and office meetings. Lachlan is no stranger to working overseas having previously been posted to Sri Lanka where he undertook invaluable humanitarian work, at times in potentially dangerous areas of the country occupied by the infamous Tamil Tigers. The OCA look forward to catching up with Lachlan to present this award at a dinner in the near future.
- Bill Lang (SPC 1975-80) has released his first book: Scores on the Board - the 5-Part System for Building Skills, Teams and Businesses. Published globally by Wiley in New York, the book is written as a life and business fable that focuses on individual and team performance improvement. Literally everyone can

benefit from the book and the five part system - whether individuals seeking to build a skill, small business owners looking to build their business, or CEOs and Senior Executives interested in building teams and increasing profitability Bill wrote the book to illustrate in an entertaining and easily digestible way how the essence of his simple performance improvement system - called Scores on the Board - can be used by anyone to improve their effectiveness, or the teams and businesses they lead. Bill's book incorporates the latest Harvard Business School research into leadership and team improvement, focusing on the insights revealed by recent neuroscience breakthroughs. Many of these insights into how the brain works have profound implications for business leaders, which Bill explores in the book through the journey of a Senior Executive trying to become a more engaging and effective leader.
After leaving St Patrick's, Bill graduated from the University of Melbourne with a Bachelor of Commerce and Law (Honours). He has worked with KPMG, McKinsey & Company and Macquarie Bank, and was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to attend Harvard Business School where he graduated top of his MBA class as a Baker Scholar. In 2000, Bill co-founded Sharinga Networks Inc, a technology start-up in Silicon Valley. He is currently CEO of Bill Lang International, a provider of business and performance improvement solutions to companies operating in 50 countries. Bill Lang International has offices in Melbourne, Singapore, London and San Francisco.
Bill still has fond memories of his days in Ballarat - "I have fond memories of St Pat's. I can still remember being coached by Brother Breach when playing cricket for St Pat's, and all those mornings playing jerks in the courts before class." Bill spends several weeks each year speaking at corporate conferences and industry events, and conducting executive performance improvement workshops for key clients. His areas of speciality include individual and team performance improvement, leadership, employee engagement, coaching and mentoring, and business growth strategies.

- Nick Liston (SPC 2005-2006) was awarded the prestigious Monash IBM Future Leadership Scholarship in August 2009. The scholarship presented by Monash University Faculty of Business and Economics and IBM is awarded to twelve students each year and recognises the importance of providing leadership skill development opportunities during a student's tertiary education. As part of the scholarship Nick will complete a 22 week internship with IBM. Nick has also enjoyed an excellent year with the NOB-SPC Football Club making his senior debut this year and featuring in the best players on several occasions.
- Paul Madden (SPC 1999-2001) has just completed a Master of Property Valuation at RMIT, and now turns his sights on becoming a qualified valuer, currently working for property firm CB Richard Ellis in Mulgrave doing industrial valuations.
- Ballarat Stock Agent Tom Madden (SPC 1999-2004) finished runner up in the prestigious Victorian Young Auctioneer Competition at the Royal Melbourne Show. Tom who works with Charles Stewart and Co. was both shocked and excited by the result and is hoping his achievement will enhance his reputation as both an auctioneer and as a stock agent. Tom now progresses to the National Final at the 2010 Sydney Easter Show. A win in Sydney would give Tom an opportunity to compete in the International Auctioneers competition in Calvary, Canada in June 2010.
- James Marburg (SPC 1995-2000) was again in the rowing headlines following up his Olympic silver medal with another silver at the World Rowing Championships in August. James' light weight four was again defeated by the powerful crew from Great Britain in a repeat of the Olympic final going down gallantly after a strong opening surge.
- Merv Mason OAM (SPC 1939-40) of McIntyre, near Dunolly, reports that at 86 years of age he is having some significant health issues. He is eternally pleased and proud that his five sons all had the privilege of boarding at the College – Greg (SPC 1972-73) is now a Chartered Accountant Principal, Peter (SPC 1975) a primary producer, John (SPC 1977-78) works in hospitality, Brendan (SPC 1979) is a Printing Design Principal and Frank (SPC 1981-82) works for the Australian Wool Testing Authority.
- The College community congratulates Fr Adrian McInerney (SPC 1961) on the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood. Fr Adrian has been a leader in the Diocese and great supporter of Catholic education over many years. The OCA wish him continued good health and blessed service in our Church and city.
- Denis McKinnon (SPC 2005-2007), Matthew Denton (SPC 2002-2007), Michael Keem (SPC 2003-2008), Christopher Roache (SPC 2000-2005) and Bernard Kuek (SPC 2003-2008) were featured in the latest edition of Newman News. Christopher was awarded a non-residential music scholarship, Bernard received an Old Collegians Scholarship and Michael was awarded a Jesuit Scholarship.
- Stephen McMahon (SPC 1986-91) has enjoyed a magnificent season as Head Coach of the Haileybury College Cross Country Team. The Hearts and Bloods (Girls and Boys) were both Undefeated Team Premiers. Haileybury is the first school to claim both APS Boys and Girls Premierships in the same year. This clean sweep of the APS Season may be very difficult to ever repeat. In addition there was a Victorian All Schools Cross Country Relay Co-Educational Premiership in May (also at Jells Park) and three gold and one silver in the Victorian All Schools Under 20 Boys and Girls Cross Country and Road Relays. Also, ten students were selected for the VSSSA/AV State Team for the National Cross Country in Nowra and another three just missed. Six girls in this team also helped qualify the Haileybury Hearts Under 17 Girls Team as the Australia's Representative Schoolgirls' Team at the 2010 World Schools Cross Country in April 2010 in the Slovak Republic.
- Mary Nolan mother of 1985 College Captain Chris Nolan (SPC 1980-85) wrote to the College's 1st XVIII Coach Mr Howard Clark to wish the 1st XVIII all the best for their Grand Final against traditional foe Assumption College, Kilmore. 'Jack and I and Eileen and Sam were quite moved with your interest and engagement with Chris at the SPC Assembly and he loved it! Thank you so much as I suspect you reconnected him to SPC footy. It was a great day for Chris and he and we have been following SPC footy with great interest. Congratulations on your recent successes against St Joseph's and Ballarat College - Chris has The Courier news cuttings in his room. I promised Chris and Jack that I would write but time has beaten me and so this email is best I can do to reach you and boys in time for Sunday at the MCG. Chris (a Tiger's supporter also) would love to be there but that is probably near impossible, so the best we can do is to send our heartiest congratulations to you and the team on getting to such a great occasion at the hallowed MCG, and to wish you all every success.
- His Eminence George Cardinal Pell (SPC 1949-59) was a welcome attendee at the Class of 1959 Reunion Dinner in the OCA Pavilion in August. With fellow past scholars he enjoyed a great evening and delivered an entertaining key note address to his peers and their partners. He also shared details of his trip to Peru in March where he visited his Sydney Priest Fr John Anderson in Iquitos on the Amazon River in North East Peru. The city is the largest isolated city in the world (500,000), being inaccessible via road. Following his trek into Iquitos he visited the Columban Fathers House in Lima and had a small St Pat's reunion catching up with Fr Leo Donnelly (SPC 1940-50), Fr Chris Baker (SPC 1942-43) and Fr Michael McKinnon, (a Ballarat priest doing his second term in Lima). His Eminence was accompanied by his personal secretary, Dr Michael Casey (SPC 1977-82), adding to the green, white and blue theme!
- Michael Saunders (SPC 1977-1981) is in his 20th year as a Principal in the Ballarat Diocese having spent five years as Principal of St Michael's School Wycheproof, followed by 13 years at St Patrick's School Camperdown (including a stint at Perry Elementary in Erie Pennsylvania USA) and is now in his second year at St Colman's School Mortlake. Michael is married to Jo who teaches at Mercy Regional College and with four children, Mick is heavily involved with the Camperdown Cricket Club, serving as secretary for over a decade and now heading up the CCC Reunion Committee with the Club celebrating the 150 years (1859 - 2009) of its existence in November. Any ex-SPC Students who played with the Camperdown CC are invited to contact Mick on - sauncamp@bigpond.com to register their interest in attending.
- Michael Sheedy (SPC 1994-99) has been appointed Captain of the Richmond Cricket Club in the prestigious VCA Premier Cricket Competition for season 2009/2010. Michael has enjoyed an excellent playing career to date with Carlton, where he played along side Andrew Dickinson (SPC 1991-96) for several seasons. Michael also played VFL football with North Ballarat. Both Michael and Andrew started their cricket at Mt Clear and have been assisted in their development by Mt Clear Captain/ Coach Paull Jeffrey (SPC 1985-90) and SPC coaches Gerard Ryan, Damian McKee and Terry Blizzard.
- Ben Sullivan (SPC 1990-93) was a member of the winning Agecroft crew who took out the Britannia Challenge Cup for coxed fours at the Royal Henley Regatta in Oxfordshire, England. Originally from Mildura Ben honed his skills on Lake Wendouree under the watchful eyes of Chris and Kevin O'Brien. Ben currently resides in Manchester having married another rower Siobhan Mulligan who he met at the Agecroft Rowing Club. Ben works for an IT company in London.

WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS, BIRTHS, BEREAVEMENTS

SPC Weddings

- Geljon - Anthony (SPC 1985-90) was married to Pia on July 17 this year and currently lives in Ballarat as a Production Operator. Anthony and Pia have two children, Henry two and half years and ten month old Will.
- McMahon – David (SPC 1989-1994) was married to Michelle Penhall on Saturday June 27 at the St Patrick's College Chapel by Fr Justin Driscoll.
- Trudgen – David (SPC 1989-1994) was married to Sally Roberts on Saturday October 24 at the St Patrick's College Chapel.
- Watson – Michael (SPC 1995-2000) was married to Renee Gazzard on Saturday September 19 in the College Chapel.

SPC Engagements

- Bennett - Caitlin (Staff) to Chris Cummings on Saturday September 5, 2009 in Sydney.
- Cook – Daniel (SPC 1999-2004) to Wendy Almenara on Saturday September 26 on the Gold Coast.
- Halpin - Tim (SPC 1995-1997) and Nadine Ellis announced their engagement in 2009 and are to be married Saturday 28th November 2009 at St Brigid's, Mulwala.
- House - Jeremy (Staff) to Aleisha Mason on January 3, 2009 in Tasmania
- Kennedy - Craige (SPC 1994-99) to Melisa Brady, brother of Anthony (SPC 1997-99), David (2000-2002) and John (2005-2007) in September 2009.
- Lee - Alastair (SPC 1988 -1993) celebrated his engagement to Carisa Lynch from Cobden on Saturday July 25 2009.

SPC Births

- Casey - Ryan (SPC 1999-2004) and partner Anna McLoughlan welcomed their first child, Paddy William on July 20.
- Cobden - Alex (SPC 2003-2004) and Katrina welcomed son Charlie Jon Cobden on July 10 2009 at 3.33 pm. Charlie weighed 3540g.
- Geljon - Simon (SPC 1987-92) and Marcelle welcomed the arrival of Ky William on May 25, 2009. A brother for Stella.
- Jeffrey - Luke (SPC 1989-1994) and wife Louise welcomed their second son Noah on January 17, 2009. A brother to Harrison aged 2 years.
- Moore - Danny (SPC 1983-84) and Beth welcomed a bouncing boy, Jesse Thomas Moore on July 17, 2009.
- O'Beirne - Paul and Lucy welcomed sixth child Keira Lucille O'Beirne on April,17 making it an even number of boys and girls again! Siblings Erin, Sean, Patrick, Megan and Liam are delighted!
- Petrie - Scott (SPC 1994-99) and Andrea welcomed Lachlan Andrew on June 24, 2009. A beautiful brother for Madison.
- Place - Nicholas (SPC 1980) and wife Jennifer welcomed Elijah Anduamlak who was born in October 2007 in Ethiopia to their family in April 2009. A new brother to Madeline and Isaac Woldu.

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- Waight - James (SPC 1985-90) and wife Victoria welcomed son Harry James on October 22, 2008. A brother for Charlotte and Matilda. Living in Bendigo, James works as an Education Officer at the Bendigo Catholic Education Office. Prior to this appointment he was Principal at St Mary's Primary School Rushworth.
- Warke - Shane (SPC 1993 - 98) and wife Sarah welcomed their second daughter Catherine Maree on January 3, 2009. A little sister for Sophie Ann.

SPC Deaths

- John 'Jack' Caine (SPC 1952-56) passed away on June 12, 2009 at the age of 70 after an extended illness. Please refer to the Archivist's column for more details of Jack's outstanding contribution to the College.
- Mr Stephen Callahan, a much loved and inspiring senior maths teacher from 1997 to 2009 passed gently to God on Sunday September 6 at 1.30pm in the company of his wife, Gabrielle, at home in Scarsdale. Steve fought valiantly 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 at the College, no one could be in any doubt as to the war raging for his life. Steve was greatly treasured by colleagues and former and current students as evidenced by the significant number of mourners at his funeral service held in the College Chapel.
- John (Jack) Carroll Feery (SPC 1938-39) passed away on January 15 2008. Jack served in the Royal Australian Navy during World War II.
- Francis Fitzpatrick (SPC 1946-1950) passed away on September 3, 2009 in Maldon.
- The College was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Edmund Rice school leader Mrs Maree Johnson, Principal of St Joseph's College, Melbourne. Maree was a colleague and long time friend of Headmaster Dr Peter Casey and a great servant of Catholic education. Maree died in the company of her husband and children after a long battle with leukaemia.
- After 51 years of marriage to Brian McKenna (SPC 1941-49), Noelle McKenna passed away peacefully on March 1, 2009. A requiem mass was held at St Mary's Newsborough and was well attended by many SPC old boys.
- Keith J. Shannon (SPC 1944-45) passed away on July 19, 2008.

NEXT EDITION

The deadline for the next edition of The Shamrock is Friday October 30, 2009. 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