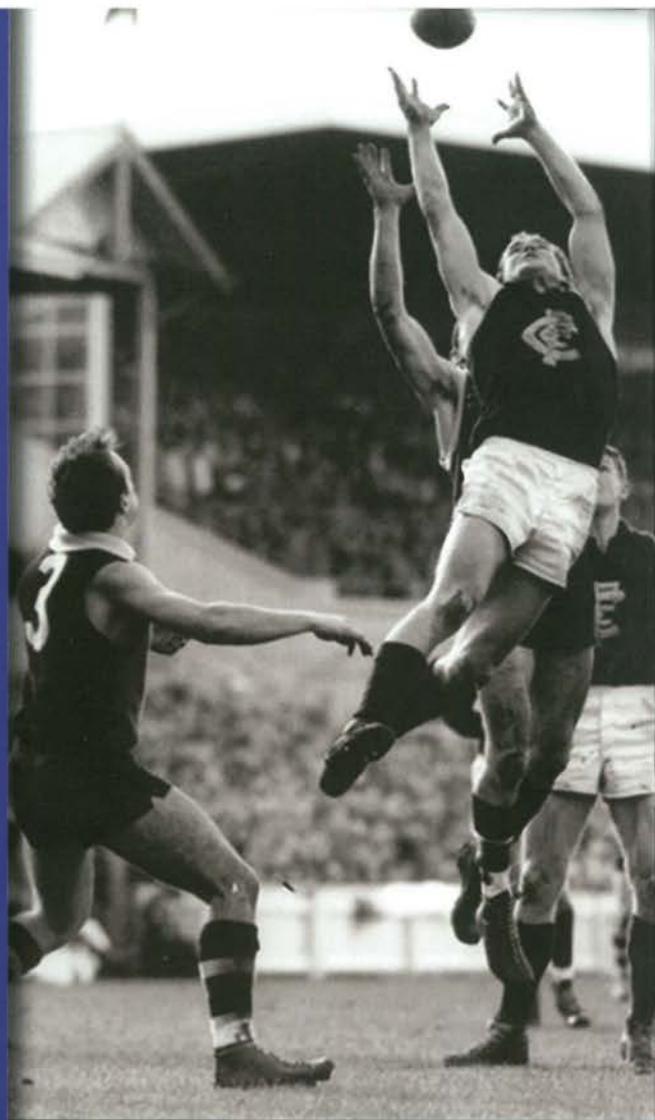


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ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE
BALLARAT

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Welcome to the final edition of *The Shamrock* for 2010. It has been another action packed term filled with events, celebrations and outstanding student achievements, many of which were on show at the 2010 Speech Night at Her Majesty's Theatre on Friday November 19.

St Patrick's College continues to remain a vibrant educational home for close to 1200 boys. In 2010 this number will exceed 1200 for the first time with over 60 students residing within the College's Boarding Houses. The many achievements of students and staff highlights the breadth of talent within the College community and makes for some very interesting and enjoyable reading.

This edition of *The Shamrock* featuring the OCAs Green, White and Blue features news from old boys around the globe as well as some wonderful photos from OCA Reunion Dinners, the OCA Golf Day and Speech Night. Details for a range of exciting events in 2011 are contained on the Mail Flyer included with his edition of *The Shamrock*.

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Speech Night provides an opportunity to pause and reflect upon the outstanding achievements of students in a diverse range of areas in 2010. The brilliance of our musicians and orators is publicly acknowledged, as is the contribution of our graduating class who have traditionally performed two musical items – and a war cry on Lydiard St North! 2006 College Captain Edward Grinter also spoke about his experiences since departing the College and the lasting impression his time at the College has had upon him.

As is custom the Headmaster also provides an annual report for the College community which is summarised below.

Welcome

Good evening every one. I happily acknowledge that we gather tonight on the lands traditionally cared for by the

Wautherong people. I pay my respects to their elders past and present and to any other elders who join us tonight, especially those Jones Family members from Timber Creek.

I also warmly welcome My Lord Bishop, Peter Connors, Bishop of Ballarat and Patron of the College. I welcome you and thank you once again for your continued active support of the College and its aspirations. I welcome the members of our Official Party who have been introduced to you and thank them for their presence tonight and their ongoing support.

- Mr Paul Herrick
Regional Administrator of Edmund Rice Education Australia
- Mr Geoff Howard MLA
Member for Ballarat East
- Cr Noel Perry
Representing the Mayor and City of Ballarat
- Mr Dennis Foley
St Patrick's College Board Chair

- Mr Tony Benson
Old Collegian
- Mr Chris Caldwell
Deputy Headmaster
- Mr Stephen Hill
Deputy Headmaster
- Mr Terry Blizzard
Head of Middle School
- Mr John Richards
Head of Junior School
- Mr James McMaster
College Captain 2010

I also welcome Br Reg Long representing the Christian Brothers, Fr Greg Tait, our College Chaplain, and a number of our board members and their partners. I welcome Edward Grinter back and thank him for his stirring address to us tonight.

As we gather to celebrate the achievements of the year, I think that it is a pity that Ballarat lacks a venue that would hold our students, parents and staff members so that all could be a part of this

grand occasion. I thank and congratulate all those students who are to be recognised, those who will speak and those who will perform. I look forward to similar recognitions at the School Awards gatherings.

Student Programmes

The streaming of Mathematics classes across the College has been well received by students and staff alike.

The VET Building and Construction students have made it into the second year of the programme. For this they need to replicate a worksite/building site so we constructed a very large shed to which they have taken their prepared materials. The kennels, cubby-houses and men's sheds have now been completed and sold off to enthusiastic buyers, helping us recoup the cost of materials.

Running examinations in the Pavilion during the key exam periods continues to be very successful as it has eliminated the need to re-shuffle classes during this time and minimises the number of staff who are required to be rostered on. The purchase of examination tables for the Pavilion has provided our students with a first class examination centre where all students can undertake VCE and Naplan examinations in comfort and ease. After its recent audit of our processes and facilities for examinations, the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority wrote congratulating us on our high standards.

I was pleased to note that the Board's Education Committee was this month revisiting the discussion paper drawn up in 2007 entitled 'Developing academic rigour and improving academic outcomes at St Patrick's College, Ballarat'. In re-reading the paper, I drew satisfaction from the knowledge that many of the recommendations proposed in May 2007 are now in place, including formal recognition of student effort and excellence through awards and assemblies, a review of the role of Heads of Faculty with a greater emphasis on curriculum development in the Junior and Middle

Schools, a broader curriculum to reflect our diverse enrolment, targeted programmes for particular cohorts, teacher accountability for outcomes, a more effective reading programme and even the streamlining of awards at Speech Night to more appropriately reflect our priorities. The College's focus on developing student pathways continues to make notable gains. The combination of Vocational English, Foundation Mathematics and a variety of VET in Schools programmes delivered entirely within our timetable maximises each student's opportunity to attain his Victorian Certificate of Education. We have progressed but we still have a way to go. A testing underway on distributed access, mobile access, thin client models, I-books, I-pads, notebooks, audiobooks, online resources and various classroom hardware. The school through funding from the federal government's Digital Education Revolution, has moved to a 1:2 ratio of students to computers and will move next year to 1:1 in Years 9-12.

SIF Review into Learning and Teaching

The College participated for the first time in the School Improvement Framework (SIF) Review. This review was conducted by the Catholic Education Office on behalf of the Victorian government for registration purposes. However the format is designed for Catholic schools specifically and aims to improve student outcomes in the five sphere areas of Education in faith, Leadership and Management, school Community, student Wellbeing and Learning and Teaching. The review drew on survey data from students, staff and parents. The five sphere groups of staff members drew up self-reflection reports which were combined to produce a whole school self-reflection report which was presented to external reviewers appointed by the Catholic Education Office of Melbourne. These reviewers came for two days in July and conducted interviews with a range of different community members including Staff, Students, Parents, Board

members and Old Collegians. Upon completion of these interviews, the reviewers had further discussions with the College Leadership Team and Board members to present a report to the College. The College is using this information to develop its next strategic plan for 2011-14.

National Curriculum

The Federal and State Ministers of Education are committed to the introduction of a national curriculum, commencing in 2011 with English, Maths, History and Science. These subjects will be followed by Geography, Languages other than English and the Arts, and then all other subjects. The shape and scope of the curriculum are matters of great political debate and the implementation of the National Curriculum will be quite demanding on staff. Currently certification will be left in the hands of the states and territories.

National Accountabilities

With the National Curriculum comes National Accountabilities, there has been a growing trend in recent years for governments at federal and state level to require compliance in various areas if school systems are to access funding. One example that captured the public imagination was the requirement to run up the Australian flag on a daily basis. This year we had the introduction of the MySchool website, established to give public access to information deemed relevant by the federal government. The notable features of the website for each school are an indicator (ICSEA) of community socio-economic standing as determined from census data, and access to national testing results at Years 3, 5, 7 and 9, with comparison with like schools, as defined by the government. From 2010, the MySchool website will also contain financial data on each school in a form which should make comparisons between the resource levels of schools possible. Once again, politics have taken control of

the agenda and the ICSEA has been reformulated, largely in favour of government schools and against independent schools.

Student Leadership and Achievement

The Student Council, the Student Congress, the Year 10 Journey Programme, the sports and arts programmes have once again flourished as boys have taken up the opportunity to take on leadership roles across the College. I thank James McMaster and his colleagues for their encouragement of our student body throughout the year.

Our Class of 2009 once again gave Ballarat its top ENTER score for a boy, and we have high hopes for the Class of 2010 to uphold the tradition of being Ballarat's best for boys. Each week our newsletter, The Crest, records the achievements of our boys across the full gamut of cultural, sporting, social and academic achievement – we are a talented lot!

Cultural

The concert bands, stage bands and various ensembles are outgrowing our facilities. The increase in numbers is however eclipsed by the boys' enthusiasm to perform and perform well as you have seen tonight. I thank Mrs Kathleen Plastow and her staff. Our debating and oratory competitions continue to attract keen young men as you have heard tonight. The displays of student works across the arts, graphics, architecture, and technology have once again been a delight to behold, especially for those of us who are good at theory but somewhat challenged in the production of practical pieces.

Boarding

Boarding numbers continued to grow, up to 68 this year, while the levels of pastoral care and support for boys have remained high. This was reflected within

School Improvement Framework data collected by the College. Parent confidence and staff competence remain high. Boarding continues to run at a surplus and this year Wanliss House was handed over to cater for the influx. While not ideal in terms of size, Wanliss has a homely feel to it and was appreciated by the boys and staff. The Indigenous Education Programme was enhanced this year by the appointment of Mr Adam Jennings (SPC 1998-2003) as Indigenous Support Officer. Adam lives and works within boarding and has done an exceptional job in mentoring Indigenous students. Once again the leadership of Mr Mark Waddington and the catering services led by Mr Bernie Kenna have meant that boarders have thrived.

Student Population

As has been the case in recent years, the demand for places has continued to grow. We started 2010 with 1210 boys.

February 2, 2010 enrolment:

Year 7	198
Year 8	203
Year 9	223
Year 10	209
Year 11	198
Year 12	179
Total	1210
Boarders	69

In response to extreme demand next year we are taking 250 boys into Year 7.

Staff Movement

While we have 100 teaching staff, our records indicate that we actually have 249 people on our active payroll. 2010 sees the departure of several long-serving staff members including:

- Mrs Nerella McDonald (1978-2010) teacher of English, French and Japanese to Sacred Heart College, Oakleigh, where she will teach senior English;
- Mr Terry Blizzard (1986-2010) Head of the Middle School and all its wonders since 2003, but formerly Head of the Arts

and Technology, is heading to St Virgil's College, Hobart, as Deputy Principal;

- Mr Damian McKee (1987-2010) currently Head of Ryan House but previously Year 9 Coordinator, Head of Sport and Physical Education, cricket Coach extraordinaire, is heading to St Bernard's College, Essendon, as Deputy Principal; and
- We also lose Mrs Maree Moore (2002-2010) currently Director of Mission to retirement, 37 years after gracing the classroom door for the first time as a teacher.

Other staff finishing up are Mr John Cosgriff – back to retirement, Mr Rohan Bryan to research at RMIT, Mr Rohan Davis to Perth and Mrs Jillian Hogbin to Clarkes Hill. We also farewell trainees Stephen Kirby (KRC) and Liam Young (HaPE) who have done a great job in supporting staff, students and programmes.

Staff Development

Br Damian Price led the staff in a very valuable two-day seminar at Creswick on personal faith journeys, building on the work of recent years. The College continues sponsorship of professional development and formal study and is supported by the Catholic Education Office financially. Our annual review and triennial review processes continue to seek to maximize opportunities for staff to grow in their roles. The School Improvement Framework review indicated that there is a need for clarification of our roles and structures and this will be undertaken in 2011 with the negotiation of a new Industrial Agreement with staff.

Finances

Finances have flourished under the expert eye of Mrs Shirley Walters and with the support of the Board's Finance Committee led by Mr Noel Ronan. In 2009 the College operated in surplus mode and this will be the case again in 2010. This has been achieved while proceeding with the development of our Building Master Plan and maintaining comparable fee levels with our neighbouring Catholic schools.

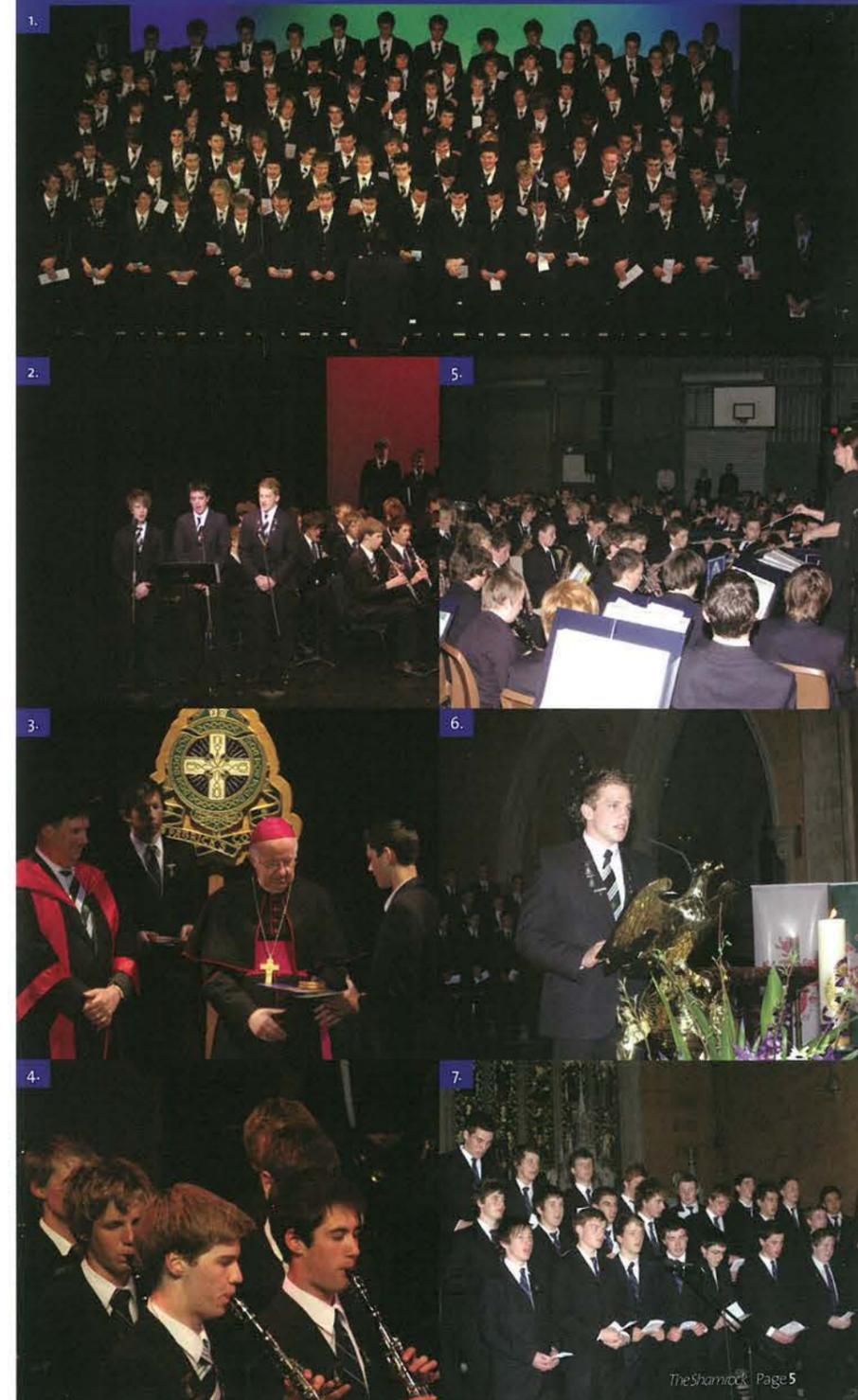
The recently announced bi-partisan support for guaranteed funding from the State government is most welcome news. The fight for adequate and sure funding has been a long and painful one, with the Victorian Government's contribution falling from 25% of our income many years ago to just 15% four years ago. The new promise of funding our sector at 25% of the cost of educating a student in a government school comes as the result of the action of school communities with local politicians. We congratulate our former Board member and parent, Mr Stephen Elder, on his successful negotiation with all parties. Stephen is the Director of Catholic Education for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Following a similar campaign earlier in the year, the Federal government changed its political tack and extended the current funding agreement until after the next federal election. The Prime Minister Julia Gillard, as Minister for Education, initiated a review of funding whose report was timed to be tabled after the next election. This would have meant that the Labor Party went to the polls without a funding platform and that after the election, the Catholic sector would have lost much bargaining power if Labor were to be re-elected. These two funding outcomes at state and federal level have ensured financial stability for the foreseeable future and a much more positive outlook across our schools.

Buildings

We have not been idle on the building front despite a paltry \$200,000 of the Rudd Government's \$16.2 billion Building the Education Revolution. We applied this money to the refurbishment of the old grandstand as a theatre, the Br RS Stewart Theatre, and the erection of a bus shelter on Wanliss Road. On May 5, the feast of Blessed Edmund Rice, we opened and blessed the theatre and the Br TF Kearney Stand which houses the new change rooms and amenities areas. We were fortunate to have members of the Kearney, Stewart and Aron families with us for this occasion, led most happily by Fr Gerard Dowling (SPC

1-4. Speech Night
5-7. Year 12 Thanksgiving Mass

Photo Gallery



1949-1950). This followed on from our Edmund Rice Day Mass, Walkathon, St Pat's Has Talent and a good win against Ballarat College's First XVIII on our Main Oval. The entertainment of the crowd by the Concert Band on the terraces was most enjoyable.

The O'Malley Wing Project is now underway. This will see the construction of twelve new classrooms in Cocky Court, the refurbishment of 17 classrooms and new accommodation for Enhanced Learning. The project cost is \$4.7 million and is expected to be completed in November 2011. The Old Collegians are currently fundraising to convert St Roch's Oval into an all-weather playing surface and we look forward to their success with this project.

Support

We have been well supported as usual throughout 2010 by our many associations including the College Board led by Dennis Foley, the Old Collegians Association led by John Richards and then Rick Blanchfield, the College Foundation headed again by Dennis Foley, the Friends of St Patrick's led by Chris Caldow, the SPC Rowing Club led by Laurie Gillett, the Friends of Music led by Andrea McDonald, the Christian Brothers community led by Br Bernie Scott and our local Church represented tonight by Bishop Peter and Fr Greg Tait.

At year's end we farewell Mr Paul Herrick, the inaugural Regional Administrator of Edmund Rice Education Australia and a longstanding colleague of mine. I thank Paul for his frequent attendance at our functions, his concern for the wellbeing of our school community in all its ventures, and his personal support as we come to terms with a new form of collaboration in EREA. I thank particularly Dennis Foley and our Board members and our College Leadership Team headed by Chris Caldow and Stephen Hill for their work and support. I thank each one of you here as parents, Old Collegians, students, staff, clergy or community members. It is

God's work we do, raising good boys to the status of great men, but God alone knows how much we need each other's support in the doing.

May God bless us all.
Dr Peter M Casey
 Headmaster

YEAR 12 THANKSGIVING MASS

On Thursday October 21 students and parents gathered at St Patrick's Cathedral to formally mark the conclusion of student classes at the College. Mass was celebrated by College Chaplain Fr Greg Tait. The following is an excerpt from his homily.

'Tonight is for us a celebration of thanksgiving and reflection. For all that has been for our students and Parents in their years at St Patrick's College and our prayer in hope, for the future that they will encounter beyond. In the days and weeks beyond tonight our young men of 2010 begin their journey of leaving the structure and the supports of the College Community and move into a wider world with all it contains.

'I would like to share with you the thoughts of one young man from the city of Columbine in the USA by way of contrasting his experience for what we might hope for you and from you.

'In April of 1999 Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold walked into their High School in the town of Columbine and embarked on a shooting spree that took the lives of 12 fellow students and one teacher. They also injured 21 other students directly, and three people were injured while attempting to escape. The pair then committed suicide.

'A student, who was injured in the shooting, wrote this somber reappraisal of how he saw the world and what he thought should be passed on from one generation to the next; these are his words formed by his experience:

'The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints; we spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy less.

'We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; we have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgment; more experts, but less solutions; more medicine, but less health.

'We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our value; we talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, not life to years.

We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet our neighbour. We've conquered outer space; not inner space, we've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul; we've split the atom, but not our prejudice. We have higher incomes, but lower morale; we've become long on quantity, but short on quality.

'These are the times of tall men (sic), and short character; steep profits, and shallow relationships. These are the times of world peace, but domestic violence; more leisure, but less fun; more kinds of food, but less nutrition.

'These are the days of two incomes, but more divorce; of fancier houses, but broken homes. It is a time when there is so much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom.'

'We are at times painfully aware that the world in which we live is not quite so neat. These words from a young life in distress focus the question well enough: what are the essentials of our life, or as Jesus puts it, what is our treasure and where is our heart?

'Our Gospel tonight from Luke carries with it the expectation of the Christian Community in the late first Century as they awaited the triumphant return of Jesus the Christ, an event sometimes called the "Parousia".

'And so you young men of the class of 2010 we your parents and college staff adapt the words of St Paul in our prayer for you.

'I pray that, according to the riches of God's glory, you may be granted strength in your inner being with power through God's Spirit, may your hidden self grow to be men of infinite patience in your fellow beings.'

'Be men of broad vision as you grow, not just in knowledge but also understanding.

'May you value right relationships over material security, may you take time to nurture your soul and respect the dignity and rights of others.

'May you be men of peace and joy in all that you do!

'Remember that God trusts you to become the person you are called to be, your parents and school community have given you all that you need to interpret the years ahead. May you find the treasure that is planted for you so that in your turn you may pass it on'.

VALEDICTORY DINNER 2010

Mr Chris Caldow
 Head of Senior School

The Class of 2010 formally farewelled the College, staff and their peers at the annual Valedictory Dinner, a formal dinner for graduates and their families, at the Ballarat Lodge. The Headmaster spoke to boys and parents about the challenges ahead and reflected upon some of the poignant moments of the boys' journey through St Patrick's.

Headmaster to Valedictory Dinner 2010

Welcome to our last gathering as the full team of the enthusiastically graduating class of 2010, proud parents and grateful staff. I welcome each of you as someone who has contributed to the lives of these young men and to the life of St Patrick's College. I thank you sincerely.

I acknowledge the Wautherong people as the traditional custodians of this beautiful land on which we gather and I pay my respects to their elders past and present, and to any elders who have joined us tonight, especially the Jones family members from Timber Creek. I note with pride that we have five indigenous boys completing Year 12 with us this year. I thank Mr Paul Herrick, regional Administrator of Edmund Rice Education Australia, and his wife, Michele, for joining us tonight.

As usual I have mixed emotions as we come to say our goodbyes. I am immensely proud of you as a group, your vitality and your achievements. I am conscious of the miracles of patience on the part of parents and staff that have enabled some of you to make it through to tonight. I am conscious of those who have fallen by the wayside or gone to employment or training already. I am painfully aware that I hardly know some of you while others I can count as friends. I am also conscious of your being part of a much greater story: St Patrick's College, Ballarat.

The song you sang last night reflects some of my sentiments on this night. Sir Isaac Newton in a letter to Robert Hooke in 1676 wrote: 'If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants'. From your first days at the College, you have been made aware of those who have gone before you. The great men look down on you from every wall, from every year of the life of the College, possibly intimidating Year 7s but ultimately encouraging you to add to the story of the College. Each term we welcome back groups of Old Collegians for 5, 10, 20, 25, 30 40 and 50 year reunions. The numbers attending vary according to age and the times the College was experiencing when these Old Collegians were here, but they return because of the friendships they

formed, acknowledging the place that St Pat's has in their lives and their hearts. As you move on tonight, you do so in the knowledge that like your predecessors, not only have you been changed because of your time with us, but you have also changed St Patrick's College for ever. Your involvements academically, pastorally, culturally, spiritually and athletically cannot be changed. The wins and, for some of you, a few losses: nothing is coming back for a second attempt. Your exploits are now history and the juniors you have led will seek to emulate your achievements and to build on them in turn, looking to you as their giants. And so, I thank you for your generous, enthusiastic embracing of life here.

Where to from here?

Life is too short to waste any day of it, to live with the question of what might have been, to live with regret. George Bernard Shaw wrote:

'I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live. I rejoice in life for its sake. Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I've got hold of for the moment and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to the next generation'.

So live life to the full. This is core to Jesus' message which is the source of our motivation. He said: 'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full' John 10:10. Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away. Get excited! Make your own the pillars of St Patrick's College: faith, tradition, excellence and joy. I hope that by now you have the seeds of a great life firmly planted in you.

I pray each morning and evening in our Chapel for the members of our College Community, so that includes everyone here. I will continue to pray for you all as you venture forth. I am grateful for sharing your journey. I wish you joy as you confidently take on this beautiful world. I ask simply that you be men of integrity, love life and always speak up for what is right.

Be mindful too of the words of Michelangelo: 'The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it.' Perhaps it was of Michelangelo that Antoine de Saint Exupéry was thinking when he wrote: 'A rock pile ceases to be a rock pile the moment a single man contemplates it, bearing within him the image of a cathedral'.

You have heard me say my golden rules often enough: keep yourself nice; do the crime do the time; and, forgive and forget because life is too short. So now finally, as I like to say on this night each year, I add my fourth cardinal rule for life: never leave anyone in doubt that you love them- once again, life is too short to live with regrets. Much joy to you all and thanks!

AWARDS 2010 Speech Night

Headmaster's Award for Leadership

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

Howard Award for Excellence

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

Little Family Award for School Spirit

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

Edmund Rice Award for Ministry

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

ADF Long Tan Award

Thomas Smardon
The ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award provides a fitting tribute to the Long Tan veterans by encouraging and recognising in a Year 12 student the values demonstrated at Long Tan – Determination, Mateship, Teamwork, Tenacity, Compassion and Leadership.

Dorothy Irene Ellis-Thomas Scholarship

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

De Coubertin Award for Sportsmanship

Samuel Morrissey
This award recognises a student who demonstrates consistent participation and commendable sporting behaviour in line with the Olympic ideals of participation.

Catherine King Award for Community Service

Thomas Smardon
This award recognises a student who has made a significant contribution to the welfare of the College and wider communities.

Academic Awards

Peter Oakley

Middle School Award for All Round Excellence

Louis Powlett

Junior School Award for All Round Excellence

Timothy McOwan

Year 11 Dux

Tyler Brandenburg

Year 11 Proxime Accessit

Joseph Baxter

Year 11 Religious Education Prize

Zachary Weightman

Year 10 Dux – University of Ballarat Prize

James Fahey

Year 10 Proxime Accessit

Alexander Fitzsimons

Year 10 Religious Education Prize

Edward Meagher

Dr Frank McArdle Prize Year 10 Science

Timothy Crowe

Year 9 Dux

Peter Oakley

Year 9 Proxime Accessit

Mark McOwan

Year 9 Religious Education Prize

Aiden Willowwhite

Year 8 Dux

Harrison Robertson

Year 8 Proxime Accessit

David Adams

Year 8 Religious Education Prize

Callum Holland

Year 7 Dux

Samuel Laidlaw

Year 7 Proxime Accessit

Callum Holland

Year 7 Religious Education Prize

Cultural Awards

Public Speaking

Kieren O'Riley
Br D.G. Purton Oratory

Ben O'Shea

Sir Hugh Devine Impromptu Speech

Connor Bourke

W.T. Doyle Debating

Joseph McKee

W.T. Doyle Debating

Ben O'Shea

W.T. Doyle Debating

Campbell Milne

Br H.T. Breach Oratory

Jack Wakefield

Mary Purcell Debating

Thomas Thorpe

Mary Purcell Debating

Jake Crawford

Mary Purcell Debating

Music

Joseph Zreikat

Performer of the Year

Connor Bourke

Band Executive Award for Dedication and Commitment

Ben O'Shea

Sir Bernard Heinze Award for Overall Outstanding Musical Achievement

Stephen Vlahek

Bandsman of the Year

James McKinnon

Junior Music Award

Sporting Awards

Brody Sheridan

Stephen Moneghetti Award for Outstanding Athlete at the BAS Carnival.

Brayden Allan

Award for A Grade Badminton

Ashley Constable

Peter Farley Award for 1st V Basketball

Bradley Crouch

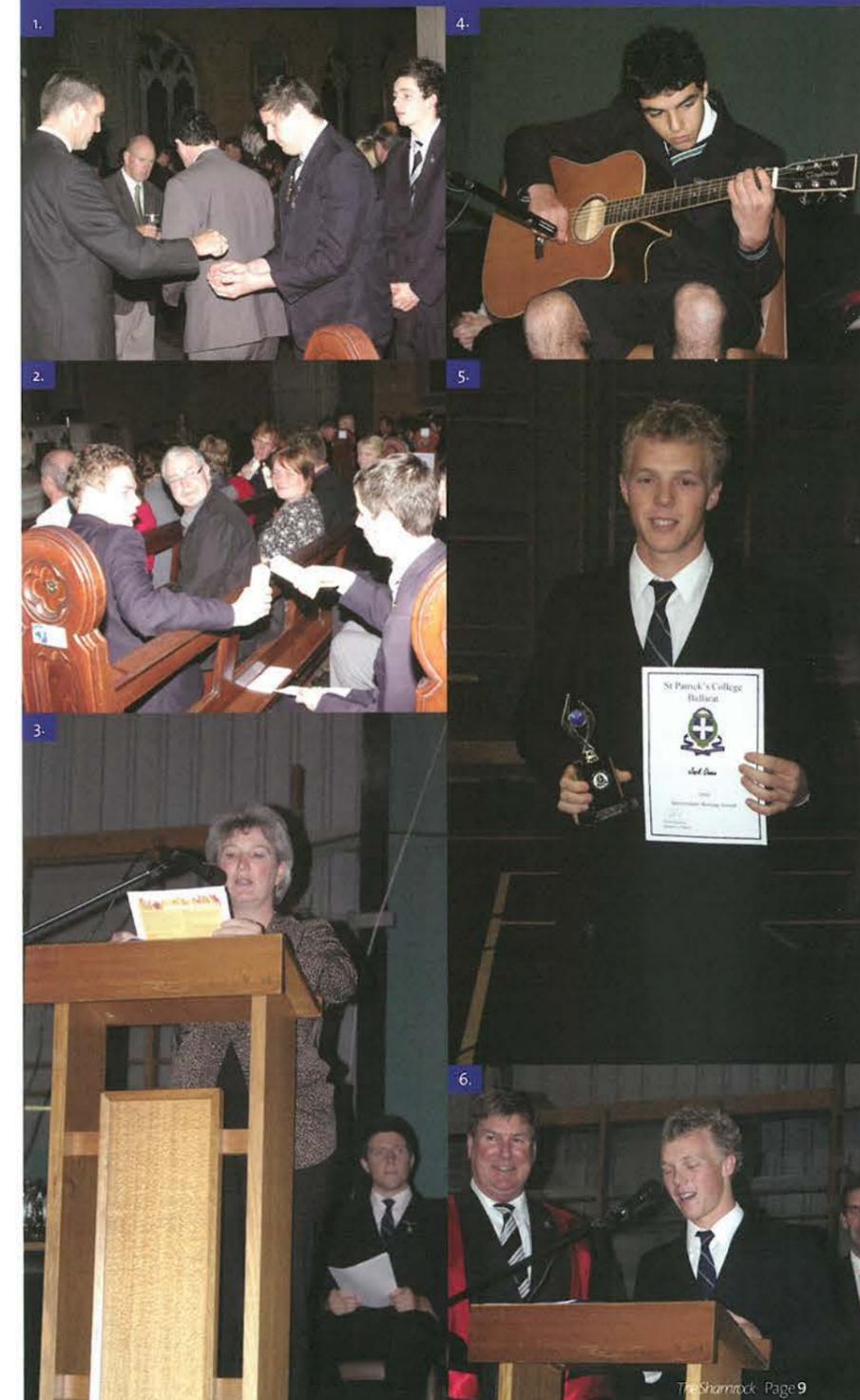
Leo O'Brien Award for 1st XI Cricket

Clay Jenkins

Tony Benson Award for Senior Cross Country

1-2. Year 12 Thanksgiving Mass
3-6. Senior School Awards

Photo Gallery



Thomas McDonald
Jordan Alexander
Br W.T. O'Malley Award for 1st XVIII
Football for Best & Fairest Player

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

Zac McMurray-McKay
Br H.T. Breach Award for 1st XI Hockey

Jake Belsar
Brian Vear Award for Senior Rowing

Jack Jenkins
Award for 1st XV Rugby

Charles King
Award for 1st XI Soccer

Mitchell Clarke
Award for Senior Squash

Anthony Jreige
Award for Senior Racquetball

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

Jake Clark
The Captain's Cup Award

Anthony Zreikat
Award for Senior Gymnastics

Aaron Blomeley
Award for A Grade Table Tennis

Mitchell Phelps
Award for 1st IV Tennis

Lachlan Clydesdale
Award for 1st VI Volleyball

Mitchell Rodd
Award for Golf

Jack Gibbs
Award for Shooting

Samuel Wilson
Award for Lawn Bowls

Luke Polmear
Award for Crocket

House Awards

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

Justin Gordon
The Br J.B. Galvin Award

Samuel Wilson
The Br E.F. Keniry Award

Daniel McDonald
The Br M.P. Nunan Award

Kieran Toohey
The Br J.L. Ryan Award

ADF LONG TAN AWARDS

The Australian Government in conjunction with the Australian Defence Force introduced the Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards in 2006. They aim to recognise students who demonstrate leadership and teamwork within both the school and the broader local community. At the same time, they recognise those who display strong values, such as doing one's best, respect for others and 'mateship', that are integral to Australian society.

Recipients of a Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award receive a certificate and a financial reward – \$100 for a Year 10 student, \$250 for a Year 11 student and \$500 awarded to a Year 12 student. It is with great pleasure that I announce these award winners for 2010 and I congratulate the recipients.

Year 12
Thomas Smardon

Year 11
Joseph Baxter

Year 10
Alexander Eva

SENIOR SCHOOL AWARDS CEREMONY

The following award winners were recognised at the annual Senior School Award ceremony:

Year 10 Award Winners

Xavier Slater
Architectural Design

Benjamin Martin
Art

Nicholas Willowwhite
Biology

James Fahey
Chemistry

Alistair Kane
Design & Technology Metal

Jack Owen
Design and Technology Wood

Riley Fullerton
English

Kieren O'Riley
Food and Technology

Jordan Atkinson
History

Dominic Barry
Edward Meagher
Indigenous Studies

Nicholas Willowwhite
IT (Core)

Alex Cook
IT (Hardware)

Bradley O'Loughlin
IT (Multi-Media)

Thomas Arzarnikow
IT (Programming)

Zachary Weightman
Japanese

Jordan Atkinson
Media Studies

Charlie Powlett
Music

James Fahey
Physical Education

Edward Meagher
Physics

Riley Fullerton
Religious Education

Jack Owen
Systems Technology

James Fahey
Unit 1&2 General Specialist Mathematics

Bradley O'Loughlin
Visual Communication and Design

Michael Cocomazzo
Year 10 General Science

James Fahey
Year 10 Health

James Fahey
Year 10 Mathematics

Year 11 Award Winners

Tyler Brandenburg
Accounting

Charles King
Architectural Design

Matthew Norman
Biology

James Fahey
Business Management

Timothy McOwan
Chemistry

Daniel Baxter
Design and Technology

Harrison Bardwell
Economics

Adam Anticaglia
English

Brendan Hutchinson
Food and Technology

Samuel Lockyer
General Mathematics

Toby Ford
Health and Human Development

James Liston
History: 20th Century

Kieren Hickey
Information Technology

Timothy McOwan
Japanese

Samuel Higgins
Legal Studies

Timothy McOwan
Literature

Tyler Brandenburg
Maths Methods (CAS)

Anthony D'Arcy
Media Studies

Anthony D'Arcy
Music Styles

Will Georgiou
Outdoor Education

Samuel Higgins
Physical Education

Sean McDonald
Physics

Timothy McOwan
Religion and Society

Adam Anticaglia
Studio Arts

Sean McDonald
Systems Engineering

Jordan Smith
Text and Traditions

Jaz Plinius-Wiese
Visual Communication and Design

Cultural Award Winners

Patrick Linnane
Senior School Performer of the Year

Killian Plastow
Year 11 Debating: Best Speaker

Kieren O'Riley
Year 10 Public Speaking Award

Killian Plastow
Year 11 Public Speaking Award

Lachlan Mulquiny
Year 11 Composer of the Year

Joseph Zreikat
Year 10 Composer of the Year

Sport Award Winners

Angus Kirby
Year 10 Athletics

Tyler Blake
Year 11 Athletics

Samuel Morrissey
Year 12 Athletics

Benjamin Watson
25/25 Cricket

Oliver Hayes
Year 10 Cricket

Zachary White
Intermediate Volleyball Blue

Bryce Andrews
2nd IV Tennis

Ashley Simpson
Year 10 Tennis

Lawrence Ellis
Year 10 Basketball Green

Jaydon Stiles
Year 10 Basketball White

Christopher Jew
2nd V Basketball Blue

Clay Jenkins
Senior Cross Country

Jack Owen
Intermediate Rowing

Samuel Morrissey
Outstanding Contribution
to Shed - Rowing

Samuel Wilson
Lawn Bowls

Thomas Swan
U18 Rugby

Regan Boyce
U18 Player's Player – Rugby

Thomas Azarnikow
U16 Rugby

Alex Thompson
U16 Player's Player - Rugby

Angus Kirby
Year 10 Football

Thomas McDonald
North Ballarat Rebels MVP

James Blood
2nd XVIII Football Blue

Xavier Quigley
2nd XVIII Football White

Thomas Smardon
Open Swimming

James Elford
U17 Swimming

Marcus Simpson
U16 Swimming

Matthew Norman
B Grade Badminton

Anthony Jreig
B Grade Table Tennis

Luke Polmear
Intermediate Hockey

Fraser Steggall
C Grade Badminton

Jake Clark
Captain's Cup Swimming

Kwong Lee Dow Scholarships

Kwong Lee Dow Scholarships were awarded to **Riley Fullerton** and **Zachary Weightman**.

The Prowse, Perrin and Twomey Accounting Scholarships

Prowse, Perrin and Twomey Accounting scholarships were awarded to **Tyler Brandenburg** and **Teague Wilson**.

Wiltronics Prize

The Wiltronics prize for excellence in Technology was awarded to **Jack Owen**.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PRIZE WINNERS

Jack Harrison
Positive Contribution

Jarryd O'Dowd
Positive Contribution

Riley Adams
Positive Contribution

Peter Oakley
Positive Contribution

Jack Gunn
Positive Contribution

Joel Karslake
Positive Contribution

Thomas Edmondson
Positive Contribution

Thomas Thorpe
Positive Contribution

Andrew Groch
Positive Contribution

Gerard Clifford
Most Supportive

Jack McGrath
Most Supportive

Max Rawlings
Most Supportive

Jake Laidlaw
Most Supportive

Nicholas Whelan
Most Supportive

Luke Wilson
Most Supportive

Gene Bergman
Most Supportive

Jake Crawford
Most Supportive

Frederick Lavery
Most Supportive

Matthew Coon
Most improved attitude

Lewis Brogden
Most improved attitude

Alexander Tucker
Most improved attitude

Lachlan Nibloe
Most improved attitude

Daniel Goetz
Most improved attitude

Jaykeb Lench
Most improved attitude

Daniel J Taylor
Most improved attitude

Jai Sharp
Most improved attitude

Alex Brown
Most improved attitude

Mark McOwan
Nunan

Timothy Crowe
Galvin

Gerard Clifford
Keniry

John Hickey
Ryan

Mark McOwan
Religious Education

Timothy Crowe
English

Timothy Crowe
Mathematics

Timothy Crowe
Science

Thomas Thorpe
Humanities

Luke Wilson
3D Art

Thomas Hoy
2D Art

Jake Muscat
Systems

Peter Oakley
Japanese

Gerard Clifford
French

Thomas Hoy
Visual Communication

Jake Laidlaw
Technology – Wood

Christopher Guevara
Technology – Metal

Benjamin Ashmore
Linguistics

Jack Gunn
Multimedia

Gerard Clifford
Criminology

Thomas Young
Gadget Science

John Hickey
Music

1-4. Middle School Awards
5-7. Junior School Awards

Photo Gallery



Jake Ainley
CPU

Mitchell Thompson
Healthy Living

Mark McOwan
Science & Human Conflict

Jake Laidlaw
Wilderness

Thomas Vadala
Year 9 Athletics

Nicholas McMaster
Year 9 Basketball

Sean Willmott
Year 9 Tennis

Joseph Mason
Year 9 Football

Daniel Dickson
Year 9 Cricket
Intermediate Hockey

Jakob Baric
Under 16 Player's Player – Rugby

Harrison Antoniazzi
Rugby - Coaches Award

Jeremy Seymour-Quest
Under 15 Swimming

Benjamin Howes
B Grade Table Tennis

Zacari Poole
Gymnastics

Kelly Lyle
Golf

Xavier Jones
Rowing

Mitchell Thompson
Cross Country

Timothy O'Shea
Volleyball

Luke Wilson
Performer of the Year

Harrison Spratling
Performer of the Year (Supporting)

Peter Oakley
Debating – Best Speaker

Jake Crawford
Public Speaking

Jack Wakefield
Public Speaking

Michael Kan
Chess

Thomas Thorpe
Flute

Alexander Fiegert
Clarinet

Timothy O'Shea
Saxophone

Timothy Crowe
Saxophone

Justin Torresi
Trumpet

Paul Barresi
Lower Brass

Joshua Peters
Bass Guitar

James McDougall
Percussion

Thomas Edmondson
Guitar

Junior School Prize Winners

Year 7 Dux
Callum Holland

Approxime Accessit
Sam Laidlaw

Religious Education Prize
Callum Holland

Year 8 Dux
Aiden Willowwhite

Approxime Accessit
Harrison Robertson

Religious Education Prize
David Adams

Junior School Prize for General Excellence
Louis Powlett

7A Dux
Mitch Canny
Religious Education Prize
Mitch Canny

7B Dux
Ben Lusby
Religious Education Prize
Sam Cranage

7C Dux
Callum Holland
Religious Education Prize
Callum Holland

7D Dux
Tom Schreenan
Religious Education Prize
Kelsy Gannon

7E Dux
Jack Shaw
Religious Education Prize
Ethan Haintz

7F Dux
Mitch Eva
Religious Education Prize
Xavier Curran

7G Dux
Sam Laidlaw
Religious Education Prize
Sam Laidlaw

7H Dux
Jacob Wheelahan
Religious Education Prize
Jacob Wheelahan

8A Dux
David Adams
Religious Education Prize
David Adams

8B Dux
Tom McDonough
Religious Education Prize
Jackson Howell

8C Dux
Sam Romeril
Religious Education Prize
Zach Carthew

8D Dux
Thomas Keogh
Religious Education Prize
Thomas McMaster and Scott Murphy

8E Dux
Nick Powell
Religious Education Prize
Brenton Payne

8F Dux
Harrison Robertson
Religious Education Prize
Harrison Robertson

8G Dux
Aiden Willowwhite
Religious Education Prize
Samuel Wines

8H Dux
Louis Powlett
Religious Education Prize
Matthew Hall

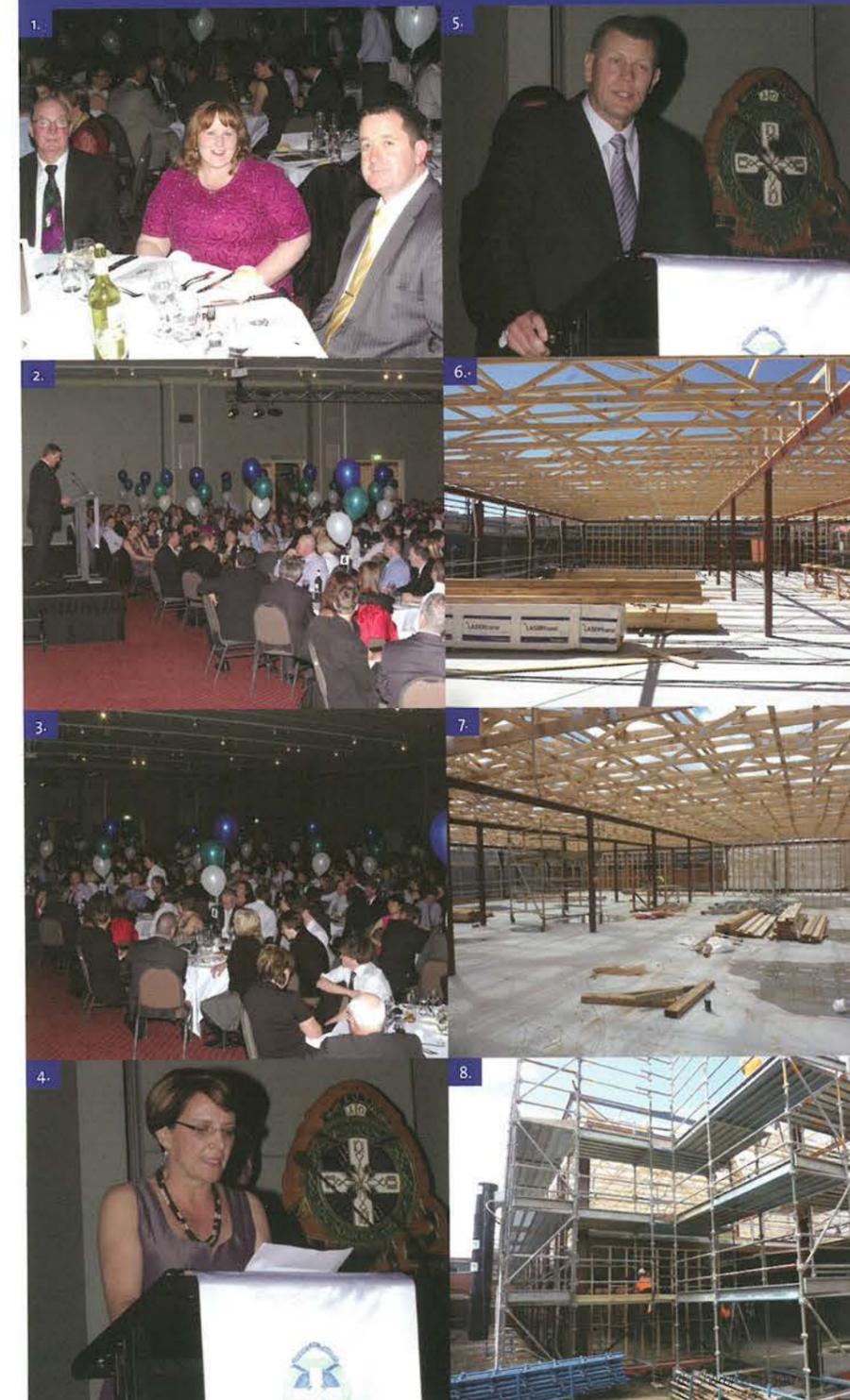
2011 BUILDING WORKS

The Building Committee have been overseeing works on the new Junior School complex in 'Collegians Court'. The works will provide students with eight classrooms plus a number of other flexible and innovative teaching spaces. Despite the very wet spring work is proceeding to plan and it is anticipated that students will commence classes in these new rooms at the commencement of Term 2 in 2011.

This will then allow the contractor SJ Weir to commence renovation works on the 1965 O'Malley Wing building. With 250 Year 7s commencing in 2011 the completion of these works will be a priority and will further add to the wonderful educational landscape enjoyed by students and staff.

Photo Gallery

1-5. Valedictory Dinner
6-8. O'Malley Wing building works



STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2011

The following students have been appointed to positions of leadership for 2011.

2011 Student Congress

College Captain: Nicholas O'Brien
College Vice Captain: Mathew Begbie and Adam Spencer

Following elections conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission the following Student Leadership appointments were made for 2011. House Captains, Vice Captains and Congress representatives within each House and year level are listed below.



2011 College Captain Nicholas O'Brien with Headmaster Dr Peter Casey and Vice Captains Mathew Begbie and Adam Spencer

Members of the 2011 Student Council



Captain
Jonathan Willey

Vice Captains
Ashley Constable
Ben Neade



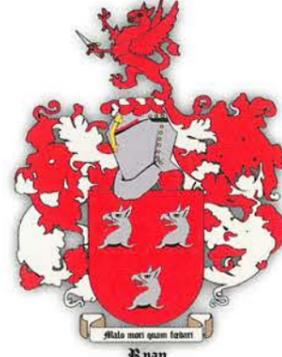
Captain
James Blood

Vice Captains
Matthew Norman
Brayden Allen



Captain
Luke Kemp

Vice Captains
Thomas Gillett
Tyler Brandenburg



Captain
Regan Boyce

Vice Captains
Ciaran Conaughton
James Liston

Members of the 2011 Student Congress

Year 11
Kieren O'Riley
Zac Weightman

Year 10
David Widdison
Fergus Bragge

Year 9
Sam Romeril
Daniel Phyland

Year 8
Ben Lusby
Alec Robinson

Year 11
Charles Cook
Ashley Simpson

Year 10
James McDougall
Jack Gunn

Year 9
Alex Browning
Liam Findlay

Year 8
Cameron Jackson
Jack Oostendorp

Year 11
Patrick Linane
Mitchell Cattell

Year 10
Luke Wilson
Mitchell Thompson

Year 9
Louis Powlett
Nicholas Powell

Year 8
Zac Ticehurst
James McKinnon

Year 11
Mitch Robinson
Eddie Pou

Year 10
Riley Adams
Nicholas Whelan

Year 9
Kane White
Hugh Dickson

Year 8
Samuel Laidlaw
Lauchlan Ponti-Scala

Boarding

McCann House
Captain: Vincent White
Vice Captain: Luke Kemp

Kenny House
Captain: Lachlan Mulquiny
Vice Captains: Tomas Gall

Nangle House
Captain: Cameron Lewis
Vice Captain: Joab Mead

Wanliss House
Captain: Ben Neade
Vice Captain: Jake Neade

Cricket
Captain: David Dickinson
Vice Captain: Liam Mullen

Congratulations to all boys who have been elected to positions of leadership for 2011. The College community looks forward to these boys displaying leadership through words and deed in an honest, compassionate and just manner.

Photo Gallery

- 1-2. Year 9 Grampians Experience
- 3-4. Community Mass
- 5-7. Indigenous Programme - Adelaide trip



HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Winners of House Competitions were announced at the final Academic Assembly for Year 12 students. After a year of intense competition it was pleasing to be able to announce the following results:

Professor Sir Bernard Heinze Cultural Shield

	House	Shield Points	McCarthy Points
1st	Ryan	93	10
2nd	Galvin	88	7
3rd	Nunan	77	5
4th	Keniry	74	3

Father Michael Quinn Academic Shield

	House	Shield Points	McCarthy Points
1st	Keniry	91573	10
2nd	Nunan	84317	7
3rd	Galvin	79984	5
4th	Ryan	78188	3

Frank Doolan Community Shield

	House	Shield Points	McCarthy Points
1st	Ryan	1060	10
2nd	Keniry	1033	7
3rd	Nunan	1026	5
4th	Galvin	1019	3

David Bourke Sports Shield

	House	Shield Points	McCarthy Points
1st	Nunan	73	10
2nd	Keniry	67	7
3rd	Galvin	40	5
4th	Ryan	35	3

Br William Mark McCarthy House Shield

1st Keniry - 27 pts



1st Nunan - 27 pts

3rd Ryan - 26 pts



4th Galvin - 20 pts

Congratulations to the staff and boys in both Keniry and Nunan Houses for taking out the Br William Mark McCarthy House Shield for 2010!

2011 YEAR 12 STUDENT COUNCIL LEADERSHIP CAMP

Members of the 2011 Student Council gathered for the 2011 Student Council Leadership Camp at Trafalgar in East Gippsland. Mr Chris Caldwell, Mr Michael Busscher and the Student Leadership and Standards Officer, Mr Jamie Bobrowski also worked with the boys from Friday evening through to Sunday afternoon. All were most impressed by the level of commitment and enthusiasm from the boys towards their College and the amount of goodwill expressed regarding the prospect of working with and leading the students at the College in 2011. The preparedness of students to go beyond their comfort zone and support each other in taking risks was inspiring and served to bring students and staff close together as they start to formulate leadership goals and plans for 2011. Congratulations to all boys who attended the camp and we look forward to a great year of student leadership in 2011.

YEAR 9 GRAMPIANS EXPERIENCE

Congratulations to all involved in the Grampians camps. Organising and running any camp for 225 students presents some challenges, and appreciation is extended to all staff, parents and students involved. Mr Terry Blizzard and Ms Casey Frame and the Middle School team worked tirelessly to provide all students with a challenging, engaging and enjoyable learning experience that certainly tested boys' physical and mental capabilities. All staff were extremely impressed with the attitude of the boys and their willingness to take up the physical and mental challenges presented to them. The efforts of many individuals was nothing less than inspiring, particularly given weather conditions and the challenges presented by demanding tasks such as the hike and abseiling.

SPAM: ST PATRICK'S AWARDS FOR MEDIA

The 2010 'SPAM Awards' featured the return of the Andrew's brothers as our judges: Tom Andrews 2004 (Media Premier's Award winner), Jed Andrews 2007 (SPAM Runner-up) and Ben Andrews 2008 (SPAM winner)

Around 100 guests including staff, parents and old boys enjoyed a meal and viewed a selection of Year 10, 11 and 12 student films in the OCA Pavilion. These included a series of Mr Ian Fernee's Year 10 media pieces with a focus on 'Adobe After Effects', and montages of both Year 11 and Year 12 media students works. Adam Spencer was deemed 2010 Best Young Film maker for his parody of the TV programme 'Glee' and his Slasher trailer focussing on the dangers of the Internet.

1. 1st XI Crusader's T20 tournament
2. Mr Peter Hutchins with 2010 winner Simon Gradkowski of Best Film for St Patrick's College Awards for Media
- 3-4. SPAM Awards

Photo Gallery



The judges announced Simon Gradkowski's *Dream on Dreamer* as the 2010 winner of Best Film for St Patrick's College Awards for Media. Second place in an extremely close call went to Cale Daniel's technically brilliant *Inchoatus*. 2009 Best Young Film maker Elliot Taylor was awarded third place with his piece *Pirates of the Grampibbean*.

Finalists

1 *Faith* (by Michael Ferguson). A narrative film that traces the aftermath of the tragic death of a sibling and explores the blame and guilt associated with such a loss. The film features excellent post-production skills in editing.

2 *Checkmate: a noir film* (by Diarmaid Driscoll). An experimental animated film noir (Flash animation) incorporating some of the prominent stylistics and thematics of noir.

3 *Memory* (by Hayden Lyttle). This narrative film is strengthened by Hayden's evocative diegetic musical score and incorporates a focussed understanding of editing visual and aural elements.

4 *Affliction* (by Aaron Lewicki). This film pays homage to contemporary gangster films in its characterisation and style. Its visual power is heightened by a subtle use of humour in the narrative.

5 *'Untitled'* (by Josh Pollard) is an experimental/surrealist narrative that comments on the industrialised, technologically driven contemporary world. The film features excellent use of mise-en-scene and a provocative non-diegetic soundtrack.

6 *Pirates of the Grampibbean* (by Elliott Taylor). This comic film trailer is a parody of its more famous namesake. This piece features a powerful combination of visual composition, non-diegetic sound, humorous characterisation and dynamic editing.

7 *Inchoatus* (by Cale Daniel). This technically brilliant 3-D animation using 3DSMax boasts industry standard work. This 'epic' animation deals with themes of resistance against tyranny, fascism and political cleansing.

8 *Dream on Dreamer* (by Simon Gradkowski). A hybrid stop-motion/

experimental film explores the child's fascination with the imagination while the adult world is busy being serious and grown up. A strong narrative throughout along with technically sound stop-motion animation are strengths of this film.

Hayden Lyttle was selected as the Multimedia winner of the 'Highlands VETis Cluster Awards' for 2010. Awardees were selected by a panel following a rigorous review of nominations against set selection criteria.

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION INITIATIVES 2010

Mrs Shannan Sosinski,
Indigenous Education Manager

2010 has been a very successful year for the College's highly regarded Indigenous Education Programme (IEP). Five students completed Year 12 studies with a number of other students being engaged in a diverse range of learning experiences. Three highlights of the last term have been the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Tracy Group, the annual Adelaide Immersion Experience and the inaugural IEP Art Show.

Tracy Group MOU

On Friday November 19 at 11.30 am St Patrick's College Headmaster Dr Peter Casey and Tracy Pty Ltd Directors Sarah Matherson and Tim Tracy (SPC 1988-93) signed a partnership agreement to enable students within the College's Indigenous Education Programme (IEP) to access vocational training and work experience opportunities through the Tracy Group.

St Patrick's and the Tracy Group are committed to working in partnership with Indigenous Australians to ensure all people enjoy equality of opportunity in all areas of life. Providing defined vocational pathways for students will greatly improve attendance and retention rates for students and will open up a diverse range of career opportunities for students. Presently only 10% of Indigenous students in the NT complete secondary school and so it is hoped that this partnership will assist in maintaining student engagement in a variety of accredited training courses.

Tracy is recognised by government agencies as a member of the Indigenous Employment Panel. As a recognised industry leader within the training and employment services field, Tracys have the capacity to add a considerable amount to the College's highly regarded Indigenous Education Programme through the provision of training courses that will provide students with nationally recognised qualifications. Tracy Group also has the capacity to assist students with work placements and mentoring experiences.

Prior to the signing of the agreement, staff from the Tracy Group completed cultural awareness training with St Patrick's Indigenous Support Officer Mr Adam Jennings and Timber Creek elder Ms Lorraine Jones.

Adelaide Visit

On a very brisk Thursday morning 12 students and two staff boarded a bus to the Melbourne airport at the unusual hour of 4am to begin the 2010 Immersion Experience. We arrived an hour later at Melbourne's Tullamarine Airport, checked our bags, and boarded the 6:30am Jetstar flight to Adelaide. This particular Immersion Experience in Adelaide was the third trip in as many years, and is an annual fixture on the Indigenous Education Programme calendar.

This year's excursion included a number of educational, social, cultural, and Indigenous-specific activities as well as many opportunities to explore and become familiarised with Australia's fifth largest city. Highlights of the excursion included visits to the Adelaide Zoo's new Panda Enclosure, an early morning swim with dolphins off the Glenelg shore, a visit to Rostrevor College's Indigenous Academy and a moving visit to the Adelaide Museum and its extensive displays on Indigenous cultures from around the world.

The museum featured a large informative and educational display on Australia's Indigenous peoples that captured the attention of the students. The display illustrated Indigenous hand tools, traditional medicines, weapons, paintings and provided examples of the many uses of materials that are native to Australia. One section of the display captured more attention than the rest; an educational video teaching museum visitors language of the Pitjantjatjara people. This video proved more interesting than other sections of the display not only due to its interactive qualities, but because St Patrick's has two students from the Pitjantjatjara tribe.

What we later learned was that the word Pitjantjatjara is the name of both an Aboriginal people (Anangu) of the Central Australian desert and their language. Their influence extends from the area near Uluru in the Northern Territory to the Nullarbor Plain in South Australia. Their language is one of the most widely spoken Aboriginal languages. The two students we have who identify as, and can both speak near fluent Pitjantjatjara, are brothers who hail from a community near Alice Springs.

After a fun-packed five full days of soaking in Adelaide's hospitality we set off on our journey back home to Ballarat. Everyone appeared to be a little exhausted, but very thankful for the opportunity to have had

many amazing experiences. The experiences shared by the 12 students would not have occurred had we not first shown the courage to travel hundreds to thousands of kilometers in search of a new school. One thing is for sure, we will never forget their experiences and are forever grateful for being given the opportunity to participate in such an amazing excursion. We are also happy that they were dolphins swimming below us and not big sharks!

Thank you to the Opening the Doors Foundation and Merin Foundation for their support of this invaluable educational experience.

Indigenous Art Show

On Tuesday November 23 students from the IEP exhibited art work in the College's Board Room. Students have completed the art work as part of a small business unit where they have learnt about the basics of running a small art business. Following the Exhibition a significant percentage of the profits (\$500) were donated to ANTAR – Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation.

Approximately 40 art works were on display with many works representing traditional dreamtime stories from boys from communities such as Timber Creek and Elliott in the Northern Territory. Over 30 works were sold during the Art Show. Representatives from organisations such as Mars, Tracy Group, Eureka Concrete, the North Ballarat Football Club and the Gordon Football Club who have actively supported students in 2010 were in attendance as well as College Board members and teachers and parents from the College.

The Art Show project has been coordinated by Indigenous Support Officer Mr David Loader with assistance from Mr Adam Jennings and Mrs Shannan Sosinski.

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE ART EXHIBITION

September 8 to 11, 2011

The Art Exhibition Committee held its first meeting for the 2011 event on Wednesday December 1. The meeting further reviewed the Exhibition and commenced planning to build upon the success of 2010. In 2011 it is planned to extend the viewing times for the Exhibition 'student choice' section of the Exhibition and afford opportunities for students around the region to view some outstanding art. Election of a new committee was conducted with Mrs Leonie Spencer taking up the role of Chair of the Art Exhibition Committee – congratulations to the following who have also accepted positions of leadership:

Chair:
Mrs Leonie Spencer

Secretary:
Mrs Karolyn Malone

Curator:
Mrs Melissa Griffin

Logistics:
Mrs Tracey Wilson

Catering:
Mrs Karen McMaster

Marketing:
College PR Committee
Finance:
Ms Trudi Hooper

Art Community Liaison:
Mrs Claire Blake

Entertainment:
Ms Andrea McDonald

Special thanks to Mrs Tracey Wilson who has chaired the committee in outstanding

style for the past two years. Thankfully her talents will not be lost to the Committee as she has accepted the role of logistics for 2011.

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

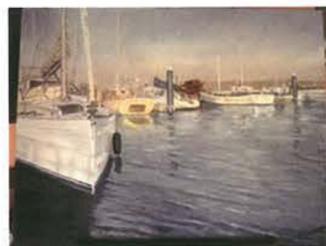
2010 Winners



Burnt
Tarli Glover



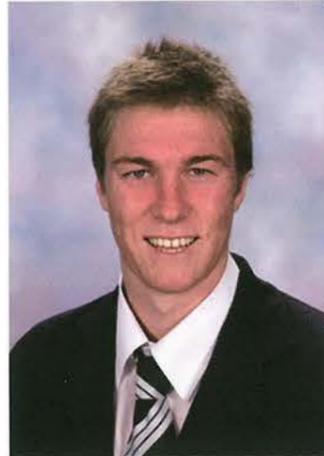
Shoe Boxes
Anastasia Wiltshire



Autumn Light
Marianne Kambouridis

TERM 4 SPORTS

AFL Draft 2010



Tom McDonald

Year 12 student Tom McDonald was drafted to the Melbourne Football Club at pick number 53 in the 2010 AFL National Draft. Tom, a boarding student from Edenhope impressed clubs throughout the year with his strength, running ability and ruck work which was expertly showcased on the MCG in the College's resounding MCC Herald Sun Shield Premiership. He also dedicated himself fully to studies and is hoping for an equally impressive Enter Score to highlight that he truly is a 'man for all seasons'.

Lyle Takes Junior Championship

The Midlands Golf Club Championships saw Kelly Lyle make an even par 72 on the course. Kelly excelled on the course and hauled in a five shot deficit heading into the fourth and final round to win the B grade scratch and net honours and well as the Midlands Golf Club Junior Championships for the best Under 21 player. Kelly's dad John now has to pay up \$100 to Kelly for his long standing offer of \$100 for the first of his three sons to par the Midlands Golf Club course.

Kelly who has just finished Year 9 at St Patrick's College plays off a handicap of

seven and one day hopes to create a path into the professional ranks just like his second cousin, PGA Tour member Jarrod Lyle. Kelly is now preparing for the Ballarat and District Golf Association Junior Classic at Buninyong on December 21. Kelly won the Under 14 division at this event last year and progressed to the State finals.

As well as this achievement Kelly has won the St Patrick's College Ambrose competition on four occasions.

Australian Schools Championships

St Patrick's College finished third at the Australian Schools Championship for Basketball held at Bendigo recently. The boys lost the first two matches in the championship division and were struggling before beating Guilford College 87-62 to earn a place in the finals. A victory over Lake Ginninderra 84-86 earned St Pat's a place in the semi-finals. A 76-71 win over Concordia College on Friday gave the team a bronze medal. Director of Basketball Tamara Westwood concluded that the boys weren't aware of what to expect and so the first two games were a bit of a shock in terms of the skill level and talent required.

SPC Sailing!

Saturday November 20 2010 marked a 'watershed' moment for St Patrick's College as the sailing club returned to the water after seven years! A very inexperienced group of six students gathered at the Ballarat Yacht Club and joined in the learn to sail programme. After a short introduction the boys began rigging boats in beaming sunshine. While the sun was perfect, a very light wind unfortunately made the sailing very slow. Everyone still had a great time and most planned to be back in the near future. Special thank you to Ryan Prendergast and Alec Robinson (Year 7) who helped with cleaning some of the seven years of decay from our boats prior to the day!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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

- Matthew Norman, Year 11 competed at the Victorian Country Short Course Swim Championships. He placed third in the Men's Open 200m backstroke and third in the 17 years 100m backstroke in country Victoria. He also recently competed at the Victorian Short Course Championships (States) in the men's 17-18 years age group as a 17 year old making three finals for the weekend and placed 10th in the 200m Individual Medley, eighth in the 100m backstroke and seventh in the 200m backstroke in Victoria.
- Kieran Toohey won the Central Highlands Football League 'Rookie of the Year' Award for 2010.
- Jack Gibbs won the Junior Section of the National Clay Target Shooting in Perth which was an outstanding achievement.
- Ryan Shaw competed at the Victorian All School Championships at Olympic Park. He placed second in High Jump jumping a personal best of 1.68m, which also qualifies him for a spot in the Victorian team for the Australian All School Championships.
- Mitchell Thompson represented SPC at the Victorian All Schools Track and Field Championships at Olympic Park winning a bronze State medal in the Under 16, 2km steeplechase and finished fifth in the 3km. Mitchell also qualified to represent Victoria at the Australian Youth Track and Field Championships in Sydney.
- Luke Polmear has been selected in the Central Victorian Group 1 Lawn Bowls team to play in the Group Sides competition in Corowa in January 2011.
- Ben Burgess was presented with the Australian Scout Medallion at an awards ceremony in Melbourne on November 20 by Les Twentyman. This award is the highest a scout can achieve and includes numerous challenges including organising and participating in a demanding 30 km hike.
- Jake Wilkie and Brenton Payne have been selected in the Under 14 Central Highlands pathway squad going to the State cricket championships from January 17 to 21 in Melbourne. They will stay at the University of Melbourne during the championships and were selected after an exhaustive selection process involving training and trial games.

1. Rugby - Melbourne Rebels launch
- 2-4. Sailing on Lake Wendouree
5. Kelly Lyle and his championship trophies

Photo Gallery



CALLED TO THE BIG TIME!

As noted in The Shamrock, Year 12 Student Thomas McDonald had his outstanding 2010 season fully endorsed when his name was called out at Pick 53 in the AFL National Draft. Tom, a co-winner of the O'Malley Best and Fairest Award in 2010 and an integral member of the College's MCC Herald Sun Shield premiership team will play at the Melbourne Football Club.

Tom will be joined at the resurgent Demons by Lucas Cook (SPC 2008) who was taken with Pick 12 and Daniel Nicholson (SPC 2007-2008) who was selected as a Rookie by the Demons. Daniel has enjoyed two outstanding years with University Blues winning State selection and impressing all judges with his pace and silky smooth skills.

The good news story of the Rookie draft was undoubtedly Stephen Clifton (SPC 1999-2004) who has continued to ply his trade at the North Ballarat Roosters over the past five years. Stephen this year won the JJ Liston Trophy for the best player in the VFL and is an example of the rewards that are achievable through hard work, resilience and self belief. Stephen was the first player selected in the Rookie draft and will play with the Greater West Sydney Giants in 2011.



Lucas Cook (SPC 2008)

NOB-SPC AMATEUR FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS



NORTH OLD BOYS St Patrick's College Ballarat AFC

Season 2010

Executive

President: Trevor Ludeman
Vice President: Chris Dobson
Secretary: Myles Tehan
Treasurer: Wendy Canobie

General Committee Members

Dom Perrone (Sponsorship), Tim Purdey (Public officer), Peter Hevey (Facility Manager), Peter Laming (Masters)

Football Officials

Seniors:

Coach: Richard Peoples
Chairman of Selectors: Trevor Fell
Fitness Staff: Alex Gunn
Captain: Simon Harwood

Reserves:

Coach: Michael Barker and Paul Bryar
Assistant Coaches: John Murphy
Captains: Damien Joyce & Chris Dobson

Thirds

Coach: Col Peasnell

Club XVIII: (Gryphons)

Coaches Myles Tehan and Chris Dynon
Captain Chris Dynon

Finals Matches

1st Semi
29.08.10 v Peninsula at OB Frearson Oval
10.11.71 defeated Peninsula 7.15.57

Preliminary Final

04.09.10 V Monash Blues at St Bernard's
2.7.19 lost to Monash Blues 13.10.88

Season Summary

Played: 20 Won: 12 Lost: 8 Finished: Third

Leading Goalkickers

T Patterson 71, K Adams 42, M Keown 17,
D Tonkin 15, S Thompson 12

Senior Award Winners

Senior B&F – W.G Stuckey Trophy
Matt Keown

2nd B&F – Brian Hannebery Trophy

Sam Thomson

Most Determined - Peter Spurling Memorial Award

Matthew Gillett (SPC 2004-2009)

Coach's Award

Chris Horsley

Most Consistent - Cashen Fogarty Trophy

Lachlan Ezard

Best First year player - Dunell Family Trophy

Michael O'Donoghue

Senior Goal kicking - Joseph Cahill Trophy

Todd Patterson (67 goals)

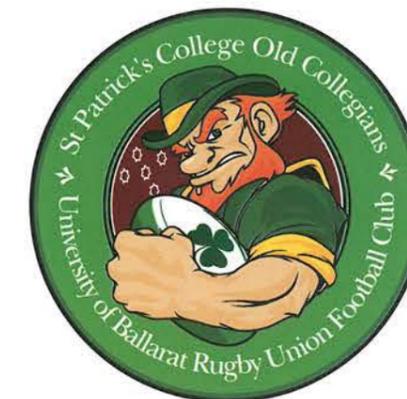
Best in Finals

Simon Harwood (SPC 1998-2003)

Richard Peoples (SPC 1984-89) will again be at the helm of the club and has already mapped out an extensive pre-season campaign to match the club's recruiting efforts. Richard can be contacted on richardp@crownmelbourne.com.au

Full training details can be found on the Clubs website www.nobspc.org.au

SPOC-UB RUGBY UNION CLUB



The Old Boys Rugby Union Club has formed a strong alliance with the Super 15s Melbourne Rebels that will bear great fruit in 2011 with foundation player Kevin O'Neil being aligned with the club. Kevin is 201cm and 115 kg and will be at the College and club once a month to assist with junior development and coaching of our teams as part of the agreement with players from the new Melbourne Rebels Super 15 team. On page 23, Kevin is pictured with Director of Rugby Mr Leigh McKee and Club Executive members Matt Simpson and Mick Kennedy.

The club has commenced an arduous pre-season campaign in a bid to improve its standing in 2011. Interested players should contact Mick Kennedy at mjkennedy@netspace.net.au

1980 REUNION DINNER

The Class of 1980 held a very enjoyable and entertaining reunion dinner on November 13 in the OCA Pavilion. 1980 College Captain Paul Coburn did a masterful job as MC eliciting stories from old boys and former staff in attendance, including Br Bill Wilding, Robert Aron

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and Steve Moneghetti. Whilst great yarns were spun attendees also stopped to think of those for whom life had not been so kind and were in need of prayerful support. The group have vowed to gather again in five years to renew acquaintances and festivities!

Dates for 2011 reunions and dinners are listed on the reverse side of the Mail Flyer included with this edition of The Shamrock.

OCA 'HALLS OF HISTORY – DINNER WITH THE LEGENDS' 2011

The Legend's Dinner is always a fantastic night and in 2011 will be no exception – a great panel of speakers has been assembled for the night which will be held in the OCA Pavilion on Saturday May 7, 2011.

Key note speaker will be Colin McDonald QC (SPC 1967-70), a passionate advocate in the human rights field. He was also the QC who represented Scott Rush at his trial who is facing the death penalty for his crimes. Other Legends on the night to be honoured include Olympian Brian Thomas (SPC 1974-79) and 2010 Premiership player Nathan Brown (SPC 2002-2006). A Facere et Docere service award will be presented Mr Terry Blizzard an outstanding educator at the College for 25 years!

Masters of Ceremony for the night will be Radio Triple M personalities Paul Coburn (SPC 1975-80) and Ralph Barba (SPC 1975-80) who do a sensational job in interviewing 'Legends' and keeping the night on track.

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

OCA GOLF DAY 2011

The annual OCA Golf Day was played in overcast conditions on the impressive Ballarat Golf Course. Prior to the day Ballarat endured many days of heavy rain, however the course drained perfectly and soft greens ensured that scoring would be low.

A highlight of the day was the King's Cars Hole in One Prize on the 11th hole. The pressure of a new car, water and bunkers again got the better of all with no player seriously threatening the pin. Director Andrew Jones (SPC 1988-93) presented nearest the pin winner Kelly Lyle with a King's Teddy bear as some consolation! Thank you to our wonderful sponsors Peter and Angela King for their generous support of the OCA Golf Day.

Results for the day were:

Handicap Section

1st Ben Mucenieks, Steven Cartledge, Brent Fitzpatrick and Noel Ronan – 50.5

2nd Kelly Lyle, Bill Koopmans, Riley Orr and Mitch Canny – 52.75

3rd Lee Iafrate, Simone Iafrate, Noel Phillips, Peter O'Connor – 56.5

Non Handicap Section

1st Mark Holmes, Chris Holmes, Mick Orr and Tony Liston – 68

2nd Chris Gleeson, Danny Illingsworth, Scott Kruger and Jeremy Daniel – 69

3rd Peter Grinter, James Grinter, Edward Grinter and David McLaren 74 (on count back)

Kelly Lyle, Bill Koopmans, Rylie Orr and Mitch Canny were winners of the SPC Foundation Student Trophy.

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

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

- Kings Cars
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- Regent Cinemas
- Prime Television
- Ballarat Golf Club



2010 PAKENHAM RACES

The annual Pakenham OCA Race Day will be held in 2011 on Saturday January 8 and will feature races honouring the memory of Br W.T. O'Malley and the highly admired and greatly missed College 'Legend' David Bourke, CBE.

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 with tickets being available for \$50 which includes course entry, a race book and a luncheon. Please bring your old boy friends along and make this a day to remember.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

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

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

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

1-4. OCA Golf Day
5-8. 30 Year Reunion Dinner

Photo Gallery



OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

- Year 12 students Jake Clough and Hayden Lyttle were recognised for their outstanding performances in VET in 2010 at the Ballarat Cluster of Schools Award Ceremony on December 8. Jake won an award for the leading student in the Electro-Technology course and Hayden was recognised as the leading VET student in Multi Media in the Ballarat Cluster.
- 2010 premiership player Nathan Brown (SPC 2002-2006) celebrated his 50th game of AFL football in the Grand Final clash between the Pies and the Saints. His achievements were highlighted in a feature article in The Age titled 'Golden Brown'. North Ballarat Roosters coach Gerard FitzGerald described Nathan as 'impeccably honest, diligent, conscientious and reliable, - what you saw in his character is what you saw in his football'. Given such praise and his achievements in both Grand Finals in 2010 it is little surprise that Nathan is destined for a long time career with the Magpies.

St Patrick's College Old boy Ends Afghan Tour with US Award

Barham Ferguson (SPC 1981-86), former student and Army Cadet at St Patrick's College, is now an experienced Lieutenant Colonel in the Australian Army. He returned from his seven month deployment to Afghanistan earlier this year as part of the ADF's ongoing support to the country. After a few months of settling back in to life in Australia, he was told he was to be awarded a medal from the United States Military for his service in Afghanistan. The award, the Defence Meritorious Service Medal, was for providing intelligence support to General Stanley McChrystal, the Commander International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), Afghanistan and — after the transition between the two headquarters — to Lieutenant General David Rodriguez, commanding the ISAF Joint Command. Of the six years Barham spent at St Patrick's College, four of them were spent

in the College's Army Cadet Unit. "I was interested in joining the services well before I attended St Patrick's College, but the time in Cadets, and the College itself, certainly helped in making that decision," said Barham.

He has now been serving in the Australian Regular Army for 23 years and has previously deployed to Iraq, southern Thailand and Bougainville in support of ADF operations.

- Three-time VFL premiership coach Gerard FitzGerald (SPC 1973-75) has won the inaugural VicHealth Lindsay Gaze Sporting Conduct Award at the Victorian Sports Awards presentation at the Crown Casino. The award was presented by the basketball legend himself adding to the honour for Gerard. The coaching award recognises outstanding sportsmanship in attitude and behaviour. Gerard was particularly honoured to be recognised by coaching peers outside of the football industry.
- David Hall (SPC 2000-2005), member of the St Albans Edmund Rice Community and an alumni of St Patrick's College, Ballarat, who graduated with honours in Bachelor of Engineering and Bachelor of Science at Melbourne University at the weekend. David gave the Valedictory address on behalf of the 750 graduands.
- Tom Madden (SPC 1999-2004), Ballarat rural real estate and livestock agent has been awarded the Ballarat Rural Achievers Award. Tom works for Charles Stewart and Co. and received the award at the Ballarat Agricultural and Pastoral Society Spring Show. The award recognises young people's achievements in the rural sector and rewards them for their efforts. Tom received \$2,500 in prize money which will go towards furthering his Real Estate learning and development and possibly to fund a trip to Calgary in Canada next year to see the stampeede!
- Prominent Darwin-based silk Colin McDonald QC (SPC 1967-70) has been awarded the 2010 Law Council of Australia Presidents Medal at a gala dinner held in Canberra on Friday November 26. The Presidents Medal is an annual award, first started by the LCA in 2007, which recognises an Australian lawyer who has made an outstanding contribution to the legal profession. Law Council president Glenn Ferguson

said McDonald was a deserving winner of the award and, in particular, he praised McDonald's work with Indigenous Australians in the Northern Territory. "Colin has a well-earned reputation of fighting for justice issues for Aboriginal Australians and has also worked extensively in the fields of refugee law, immigration, workers compensation and criminal law," he said. "Colin is a compassionate lawyer and throughout his 35 years of legal life has given generously both to his colleagues and clients. He has been a great mentor to countless members of the legal profession over the years - a considerable number of whom have gone on to become QCs and even judicial members." McDonald is one of Australia's most experienced barristers and takes a particular interest in human rights - including acting for convicted drug smuggler and member of the Bali Nine Scott Rush - and cross-cultural professional engagement.

- Brendan Torpy (SPC 2003-2008) is currently studying a Bachelor of Agriculture at the University of Melbourne, Parkville. Recently Brendan received a scholarship through The Rural Finance Scholarship Programme to help him pursue a career in Agriculture. The scholarship offers up to \$6000 each year for the term of his undergraduate course. An interview process involving two rounds of interviews was conducted and only six scholarships were awarded in the State of Victoria. At the conclusion of 2009 Brendan received a Deans Honour Award from the School of Land and Environment for outstanding performance with his results. In March 2010 Brendan was awarded the Maria Jens Scholarship for outstanding results in 2009 - the award was presented by (Dr) Elizabeth Hepburn IBVM Principal of St Mary's College University of Melbourne where Brendan currently lives.

- Br Kevin Woodruff wrote to Dr Peter Casey expressing his thanks for hosting the Class of 1980 Reunion. Kevin had not seen the College for 30 years and the reunion certainly brought memories flooding back. Organiser of the evening David Jirik is already talking about a further reunion in 5 years time!

WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS, BIRTHS, BEREAVEMENTS

SPC Weddings

- Bennett - Caitlin (staff) married Chris Cummings on November 6 at Loreto Chapel.
- Green - Matthew (SPC 1988 - 93) married Virginia Ryan (Staff) on November 20, 2010 at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Korobeit. A reception followed at the St Patrick's College OCA Pavilion.
- Vanderkley - Scott (SPC 1994-99) married Mel Umbers on November 6, 2010 at Lorne on a beautiful sunny day.

SPC Engagements

- Bourke - Chris (SPC 1996-2001) became engaged to Michelle Vanderkley on December 12, 2010.

SPC Births

- De Jong - Matthew (SPC 1979-84) and Chulurat welcomed first child Timothy James born on September 29 at Alice Springs hospital weighing 3330 grams.
- Sullivan - Gerald (SPC 1991-92) and Corrie welcomed first child Edward Gerald in November, born in Dubai. Weighing in a 7 lb, Ted is looking forward to meeting family and friends at Christmas in Woodend.

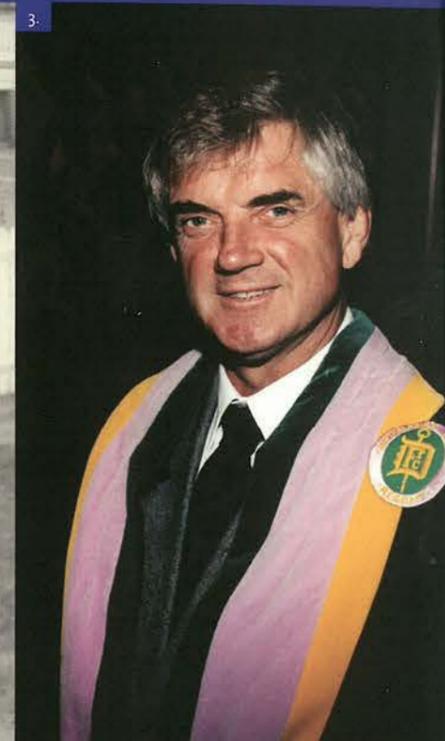
SPC Deaths

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

- Don Anderson (SPC 1955-62) passed away in December. Sons Richard (SPC 1991-96) and Paul (SPC 1993-98) also

Photo Gallery

1. John James (SPC 1948-52)
2. 1956 Athletics Team
3. Gerald Richard Dickinson (SPC 1955 -58)



• Gerald Richard Dickinson (SPC 1955-58) of South Yarra in Melbourne, passed away on Monday August 9, 2010 at the age of 69. A concelebrated requiem mass by Fr Gerry Healy SJ (SPC 1955-56) Fr Michael Head SJ and Fr Bill Uren SJ celebrating his life was held at Xavier College Chapel on Friday August 13.

St Pat's was attended by his father Jack (SPC 1926-28) and brothers Peter (SPC 1958-62) and Richard (SPC 1964-67). Gerald's years at St Pat's saw him top of Bill O'Malley's Intermediate A Class, a College Prefect, 1st XVIII and 1st Rowing crew an Captain of Boats. Academically, he earned Commonwealth and Newman College Scholarships and he resided at Newman for five years whilst at the University of Melbourne. In his final year of Dentistry, he was made President of Newman - a rare honour for a boy from St Patrick's!

In 1964, he married Anne Liddy and they have four children Sarah, Jane, John and Andrew and five grandchildren. He completed his degree in Dentistry in 1963 and Masters in Orthodontics in 1968 and eventually established his own practice at No. 2 Collins Street Melbourne. He was very active at the Melbourne Dental School where he tutored anatomy. In the 1960s, the Melbourne Fluoridation Committee was successful in having fluoride being added into Melbourne's water supply with Gerry as Chairman - what a legacy! He received several awards during his distinguished professional career. His other achievements include significant contribution to research and funding for the orthodontic profession as the National President of the Australian Orthodontic Society and board member of the Co-operative Research Centre for Oral Health Science.

As Gerald was beginning to establish his own practice in the 1970s, he found he had cancer. Twelve months of treatment and surgery combined with his growing family and work commitments, saw him tackle life with a renewed vengeance. Long distance running (where formerly his longest run was from SPC to the boatshed and back) became a daily part of his life. He ran several marathons, his best time being 2 hours 58 minutes. He regularly involved himself in combined events such as the West to East Coast Bike Ride in New Zealand, the Otway Classic Triathlons and cross country skiing races. Climbing Kilimanjaro with his wife Annie was just a sideline. You name it he was a man on a mission and it

was all about health - even though he was very respected for his wine collection and known to enjoy a drop or two, along with his merrymaking and gusto for life. He knew and studied the outback and central Australia as well as Giles or Sturt with his annual treks into the desert, Lake Eyre and beyond.

In 1998, Gerald and Anne ventured into farming purchasing the run down Ingleby property on the Barwon River at Birregurra. Planting thousands of trees, breeding cattle and restoring the bluestone manager's cottage which is something to behold and a legacy for Australia. Gerald's last visit to St Pat's was to attend his class 50 year reunion two years ago in 2008.

After 33 years of healthy living, the cancer re-appeared as he knew it would one day but still he lived life like there was no tomorrow eventually closing his dental practice at the end of May this year and in that same month ventured back camping into the wonders of the desert, followed by a last four day small plane flight around magical Lake Eyre.

• William Fogarty (SPC 1931-36) passed away in 2010. The following account from his funeral highlights the many achievements in his rich and full life - 'Surely one of the students who have shed lustre on the splendid history of St Patrick's College was Bill Fogarty. His Requiem Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat, gave testimony to his worth. Present was Bishop Connors, ten priests and a Cathedral full of mourners'. In 1920, Bill was born on a potato farm on the eastern slopes of Mt Warrenheip. When Bill was a baby, his father retired to Ballarat East, near the Eureka Stockade. Bill did his primary education at St Alipius', and so distinguished himself academically, that he skipped two classes and did his Merit exam, Grade 8, while still in Grade 7.

He came second in the Merit exam, his brother Jack being first. Hence they were awarded the two scholarships from St Alipius' to St Patrick's. His mother considered that unfair and accepted only one scholarship.

Both boys, Jack and Bill, entered Sub-Inter A in 1931. It was the choir class with Brother Jack Murtagh as Choirmaster. The class had the satisfaction of winning the Soprano Choir Competition at South Street Eisteddfod that year.

Jack and Bill passed their Leaving Honours in 1935 but Bill was too young to enter University. He repeated Leaving Honours in 1936, was Dux of the College

and topped his entry into University, electing to study Science in preparation for his career in the Post-Master General's department (P.M.G).

At the end of his studies he was posted to Benalla and in 1950 promoted to Ballarat, where he lived for the next fifty years. He married Doreen Fitzell in Benalla: he the President of the Young Christian Workers (YCW); Doreen the President of the National Catholic Girls' Movement (NCGM). They had five children. The eldest, Marie-Therese became a Sister of Mercy, who died in a motor accident in New Zealand; three boys, Gerard, Paul, who was Dux of St Patrick's, and John, now manager of the St John of God Hospital complex; and Bernadette.

The Redemptorists, as Fr Talty (CSsR), told me in 1946, had tried so hard to persuade Bill to join them. He was genuinely religious, an excellent speaker, deeply intellectual. They failed. In the three parishes where Bill lived, Benalla, Ballarat East, St Patrick's Cathedral, he was a valued member of the support team and prominent in the choir. He was on the Board of the Ballarat Cemetery, and, on retiring, on the counselling team at St Pat's College, besides being on the St Pat's Old Boys Committee and President thereof in the 1950s. During his career, he was promoted to Melbourne but refused to leave Ballarat, for the sake of the stability of his children's education. Consequently, he commuted daily to Melbourne by train, a terrible drudge. Bill had so many talents; he was a first-class tennis player; he was a gifted actor, and he did important tasks for the St Patrick's Cathedral Parish. In Bill's final years, his children persuaded their parents to retire to Kew, in Melbourne, where he gave assistance at the near-by Church. And there he gradually faded away, as fine a man as one would meet.

• Arguably the College's finest schoolboy athlete John James (SPC 1948-52) passed away on December 8, 2010. John James holds a legendary place in the history of the College having once kicked an incredible 35 goals in one match against Ballarat High School. Originally from Ararat he was also an outstanding athlete, boxer, rower and cricketer and has an unmatched record in BPSA football. John played alongside fellow Brownlow medallist Brian Gleeson in the 1952 'Invincibles'. John is credited with having put an end to boxing at the College. After defeating Mick Molan in the final of the boxing it was decided that his skill and

strength made him a danger to other combatants! John also managed to fit in rowing, stroking the 1st crew. He was described as being not the best rower technically but a veritable powerhouse that could get the boat to take off!

John went on to have an outstanding career with Carlton culminating in him winning the 1961 Brownlow Medal. John played 195 games for Carlton and kicked 31 goals for the club. John is described by the AFL Encyclopedia as being a remarkable player who managed to play in all positions despite being only 5 foot 9! John was the first Blueboy to win three best and fairest awards and was recognised as a prolific kick winner. John played in Carlton's losing Grand Final team in 1962 and represented the Big V 15 times. In 1963 he retired from VFL football to take on the coaching job at Robinvale. He was also a talented student and enjoyed a highly successful teaching career. John is a member of the Carlton Team of the Century and won the highest individual AFL award, the Brownlow Medal in 1961. The annual SPC Football awards evening is named in his honour 'The John James Medal'. John is survived by wife Maureen and sons Paul, Mark and Michael all of whom attended the College. His funeral in Robinvale on December 14 was attended by a legion of sporting stars and old boys - fittingly his coffin was surrounded by the only three jumpers he wore in his lifetime - Robinvale, Carlton and St Patrick's. Vale John James - a fine exemplar of the pillars of St Patrick's College.

• David Ross (SPC 1951-56) passed away after a short illness in Adelaide where he lived for the past forty years. Throughout his life, he was noted for his humour, story telling and his generosity. David was the youngest of two sisters and eight brothers, five of whom attended St Patrick's College. His great nephew, Patrick Ross-Taylor, is a current St Pat's student. David is survived by his wife Patricia, their three children and seven grandchildren.

NEXT EDITION

The deadline for the next edition of The Shamrock is Friday April 1, 2011. All contributions from members of the SPC community are gratefully received. Contributions can be mailed, faxed or emailed to the Editor - Mark Waddington, mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au

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1. Barham Ferguson (SPC 1981-86)
2. 1980 1st XVIII
3. Matt Rosa (SPC 2003-2004) at the 2010 Brownlow Medal with partner Hayley.





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