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ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE
BALLARAT



Front Cover

1. Charlie King throws himself into battle for the Ballarat Red Devils against Werribee (Courtesy *The Courier*)
2. 2010 UK and Ireland Trip - Bunratty Mansion
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Welcome to the first edition of The Shamrock for 2010. This edition is mailed to every old boy for whom we have an address. Editions 2 and 3 will only be mailed to financial OCA members and current families. OCA membership is just \$10 per annum or \$160 for a life time of Shamrocks, so please get on board and take out a membership if you have not already done so. The reverse of the mailer has all the details.

It has once again been a busy Semester punctuated by a range of traditional College activities such as St Patrick's Day Mass, the Academic Assembly which recognises the performances of our high achievers from the Class of 2009 and the annual music camp and recital. Our sportsman have again been busy and successful with a fourth successive win at the BAS Head of the Lake Regatta, a 1st IV Tennis Premiership and 1st XI Premiership. Members of the 1st XVIII and nine emerging College leaders also toured Ireland and England during the term break playing games of International Rules in Dublin, Cork and Galway. Two members of the party who stayed on an extra week to catch up with family were delayed for an additional week due to the volcanic ash cloud over Europe – in true St Pat's style the boys used their time astutely taking in two English Premier League games and numerous other tourist experiences!

This edition of The Shamrock featuring the OCAs Green, White and Blue also contains some great photos from the 1920 to 70s reunion luncheon held on St Patrick's Day as well as the launch of the book Wednesday Warriors. The OCA luncheon was held in the OCA Pavilion with all old boys in attendance greatly impressed by this wonderful facility.

Interest in enrolment at the College continues to grow which is testament to the excellent work of staff and the amazing range of outstanding achievements of boys in many fields of endeavour. Over 300 boys applied for a place in Year 7 in 2011, by far the largest number of enrolment applications received for Year 7 entry.

As ever please find a comfortable spot and enjoy catching up on the wealth of news from the College and from old boys around the globe.

FROM THE HEADMASTER

A place of saints and scholars, sportsmen and community servants.

Recent events have brought to mind the fundamental reasons for the success of St Patrick's College for so many boys who became men within their time at the College, echoing the injunctive of Edmund Rice to raise these boys to the status of men.

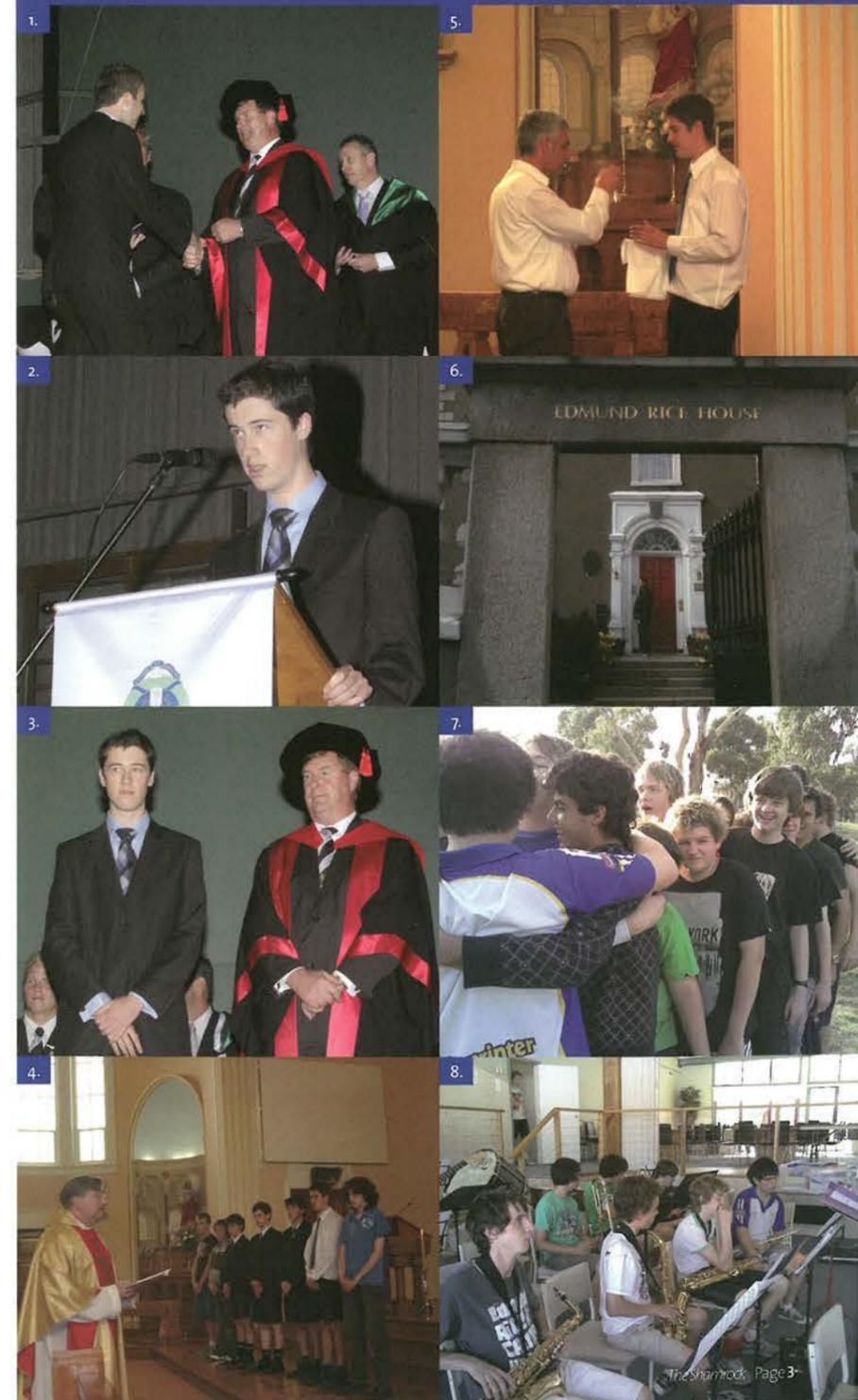
With an unprecedented demand for places at the College, one is called to reflect on our core business - educating Ballarat boys in a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition. The College's enrolment policy as adopted by the College Board some years ago asks us to do as Edmund Rice did: to meet the needs of his community for those who sought an education to prepare them for life, enlightened by the exhortation of Jesus to live life to the full (John 10.10). Thus the College has a commitment to provide a place for any student and family desiring a place at the College while respecting our Catholic nature. An inclusive enrolment policy brings joys and challenges.

As the only place for boys to learn Latin for entry to the seminary, St Patrick's College from 1893 became the home of all those seeking entry to the priesthood between Melbourne and Adelaide. Hence our 326 ordained priests, four Bishops, two Archbishops and one Cardinal.

The need to have recognised credentials to matriculate, that is to enter university, meant that many students came from farms and country towns to prepare for further study when university entry was available only to the academic elite. It is a question of note that St Patrick's College's much lauded early scholars were scholarship winners at Ormond College which is now identified with the Uniting Church. That is because Newman College was not founded until 1918. From its earliest days, Newman College had a strong influence from Ballarat, and given us some of our greatest legends.

- 1-3. 2010 Academic Assembly
- 4-5. Eucharistic Ministers 2010
6. Richmond St School - Edmund Rice's first school in Dublin
- 7-8. Music Camp at Lake Dewar Lodge

Photo Gallery



Another major influence on the nature of the College was the introduction of a school leaving age that called for boys to stay on beyond the years normally catered for in the parish school. Hence their need to come boarding for a year or two at St Patrick's, and our need to provide lots of sport to keep them busy. Sportsmanship accompanies scholarship and religious practice as the third of our hallmarks which we in our tradition label as faith, excellence and joy.

The ongoing tradition of the College calls for us to honour those who have gone before us and to put their names before the current crop of scholars. We use the avenues of our assemblies, careers nights, Legends Dinners and one-off recognitions. We use our House system and our shields also to commemorate great men. We name our buildings significantly after those who have influenced the life of the College. Most recent examples of these were the naming of the Br T.F. Kearney Stand, the Br R.S. Stewart Theatre and the Robert C. Aron Ist XVIII Change-room.

The Kearney Stand comprises the four two-storey change - rooms, major toilet blocks, first aid and umpires rooms as well as a viewing deck overlooking the Main Oval. Br Tom Kearney did two stunts at the College - after being on staff and coach of the First XVIII, Tom returned as Headmaster, during which time Bob Aron was coach of the First XVIII. More than 20 of Bob's Old Boys contributed to having the change-room named in Bob's honour. Br Stewart was Headmaster of both St Patrick's College and St Joseph's College, North Melbourne with whom we now share an Old Boys football club. Br Kearney and Bob Aron worked together at St Patrick's College for many years and then in Africa.

The next phase of catering for our growing population is the refurbishment and extension of the O'Malley Wing which will see it expand from 17 classrooms to 25 with new homes for our Enhanced Learners and general facilities. It will also house the first of the new Middle School classrooms. We anticipate that the work will take twelve months to complete and cater for the potential of ten streams of 25 students per year level, the first of which commences in 2011.

Vale Br Brian Davis

May 21 was Br Brian Davis' last day at the College after two stints that have covered the last 25 years: 1985-90 and 1994-2010. In that time Brian has been a teacher, boarding master, archivist and swimming coach extraordinaire, contributing hugely to our 31 successive wins in the BAS Swimming, since its inception in 1980. Brian has been farewelled by the Swimming Team and associates, by the Malvern Marlin Masters and by a select group at a dinner in the board room. This group was led by Bishop Peter Connors and included representatives from Brian's friends amongst the staff, Brothers' community, and swimming, boarding, teaching and archiving colleagues.

Brian leaves us to take up a position with the Oceania Province of the Christian Brothers working on their electronic archives in Brisbane. His two main projects will be the implementation of an Electronic Document Records System and the development of digitisation guidelines and standards for the Province. We wish him well as we say thank you for his years of generous service.

Fond regards to all our readers.

Peter M Casey



2009 Academic Achievers with Headmaster Dr Peter Casey

2010 ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY

Award Winners

The Academic Assembly in February is the first time for the year where all students gather as a College community. The Assembly recognises and celebrates the achievements of students from the Class of 2009 and reinforces to all students the College's primary focus upon teaching and learning outcomes for students and the pursuit of personal excellence. All students who achieved an ENTER score over 90 were formally recognised at the Assembly, as were duces in each VCE subject who obtained a study score in excess of 40.

Congratulations to 2009 Dux Ben McOwan who achieved an ENTER score of 99.05. This was one again the leading score for a boy in the Ballarat region further reinforcing the College's claim to being, 'specialists in the education of boys'.

2009 VCE HIGH ACHIEVERS

The VCE Achievement of Excellence Awards are presented to students who received an ENTER of 90 or above. In 2009 the following students received these awards:

Academic Excellence	Enter Score
Benjamin McOwan	99.05
Ben has received an offer to study Biomedicine at the University of Melbourne.	
Daniel Ferguson	96.75
Daniel has received an offer to study Science at Monash University.	
Daniel Sharp	95.45
Daniel has received an offer to study Civil Engineering at RMIT University.	
Stephen Kirby	94.60
Stephen has received an offer to study Management/Law at Deakin University.	
Timothy Corbett	94.45
Timothy has received an offer to study Commerce at the University of Melbourne.	
Blake Davis	93.50
Blake has received an offer to study Exercise and Sports Science at the University of Ballarat.	
Jarryd Allen	93.85
Jarryd has received an offer to study Health Sciences (Occupational Therapy) at LaTrobe University.	
Ashley Jan	93.05
Ashley has received an offer to study Arts at the University of Melbourne.	
Patrick Adeney	91.25
Patrick has received an offer to study Fine Art at Monash University.	
Aaron Polson	91.20
Aaron has received an offer to study Architecture at Monash University.	
Patrick Dwyer	90.35
Patrick has received an offer to study Commerce at the University of Ballarat.	
Anthony Cocomazzo	90.00
Anthony has received an offer to study Science at the University of Ballarat.	

2009 UNIT 3 AND 4 DUCES

The VCE Academic prizes are awarded to students who received the highest study score which was a study score of 40 or above or a scaled score above 40.

Subject Duces	Subject	Study Score
Patrick Adeney	Studio Arts	44
Thomas Bevern	Systems Engineering	41
Callum Boyce	Systems Engineering	41
Peter Colbourne	Design and Technology	40
Blake Davis	Physical Education	46
Patrick Dwyer	Outdoor and Environmental Studies	44
	Further Mathematics	42
Nabeel Elias	Japanese	40.2 scaled
Daniel Ferguson	Literature	43
Jordan Hicks	Media Studies	42
Stephen Kirby	English	45
Angus Lennecke	Health and Human Development	43
Lachlan McLean	Business Management	46
Benjamin McOwan	Dux of the College	43
	Chemistry	(46.6 scaled)
	Mathematical Methods CAS	48
	French	(49.4 scaled)
	Specialist Mathematics	38
		(45.6 scaled)
Daniel Pelchen	Australian History	41
Aaron Polson	Information Technology: Applications	43
	Visual Communication and Design	46
Daniel Sharp	Literature	43
	French	32
		(43.45 scaled)
Thomas Smardon	Biology	43

WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S

New Staff 2010

The College is delighted to welcome the following staff members who have taken up the challenge of inspiring boys to achieve excellence in a diverse range of curricular and co-curricular endeavours.

New Teaching Staff	Qualifications	Recently	Area of responsibility
Peter Blanchfield	B.Ed.	St Kevin's College, Toorak	Humanities - Middle School
Brett Earl	B.Ed.	SPC Support Staff	Technology
Carolyn Garvey	B.A., Dip.Ed.	Santa Maria College, Northcote	Head of Humanities
Brendon Gilbert	B.Ed.	United Kingdom	English and Humanities in Junior School
Corey Grills	B.Ed.	University of Ballarat	Term 1 replacing Scott Kruger, Term 2 Jeremy Daniels, Term 4 Victoria Moore
Louise Klopak	B.App.Sc., Dip.Ed., P.B.C.E., G.C.P.D.	Loreto College	Maths in Junior and Middle School
Shannan Sosinski	B.A. Dip.Ed., M.A.	SPC Counselling	Junior School English
Leigh McKee	B.Ed.	Sebastopol College	Science in Junior School, Director of Rugby
Chris Nielsen	B.App.Sc., Dip.Ed.	Sacred Heart College, Kyneton	Head of Science
Julia Petrov	B.A. Dip.Ed., M.Ed.(pending)	University of Ballarat	Director of KRC, Teacher of English

Non-Teaching Staff	Qualifications	Area of responsibility
Dr Joel Bishop	B.App.Sc., M.Clinical Chiropractic, M. Chiropractic	Head of Nangle Boarding House
Ebony Clark		Administrative Officer - Front Office
Stephen Hamm		Boarding tutor and rowing assistant
Sarah Hughes	B.Ed., B.Tech.	Teaching aide
Adam Jennings	B.Sc.	Indigenous Support Officer and Boarding Tutor
Gerard Knobel	B.Soc.Sc., Dip.Ed., Grad.Cert.R.E., M.Counselling	Director of Counselling
Julian Kuhlborn	GAP Student	Resident Tutor, McCann House
Tina McManus		Administration Officer (Sick Bay)
Dan O'Donnell	B.Fine Arts, Dip.Ed.	Teaching aide

Trainees		
Liam Young	2009 Year 12	Health and PE Trainee
Stephen Kirby	2009 Year 12	Audio Visual / Library Trainee

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

At the St Patrick's Day Mass and Assembly the Headmaster recognised student leaders for 2010. Leadership badges were blessed by College Patron Bishop Peter Connors.

Student leaders for 2010 are:

STUDENT COUNCIL

Captain: James McMaster
 Vice Captains: Jake Belsar
 Bradley Brennan

HOUSE LEADERS, COUNCILLORS AND CONGRESSMEN

Galvin House (Green)

Captain: Justin Gordon
 Vice Captains: James Grinter
 Kain Ford

Keniry House (Blue)

Captain: Justin O'Brien
 Vice Captains: Aaron Lewicki
 Samuel Wilson

Nunan House (Gold)

Captain: Jake Dunne
 Vice Captains: Daniel McDonald
 Oliver Yeung

Ryan House (White)

Captain: Kieran Toohey
 Vice Captains: Clay Jenkins
 Ben O'Shea

McCann House (Boarding)

Captain: Daniel Cobden
 Vice Captain: James Grinter

Nangle House (Boarding)

Captain: Shaun Hector Jones
 Vice Captain: Gordon Hutcheon

Kenny House (Boarding)

Captain: Leon Piscioneri
 Vice Captain: Jarrod Sharrock

Wanliss House (Boarding)

Leaders: Johnathon Miller
 Russell Hector

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Athletics

Captain: Clay Jenkins
 Vice Captains: Nicholas Brown
 Scott Spriggs

Badminton

Captain: Nicholas Johnston
 Vice Captain: Brayden Allan

Basketball

Captain: James McMaster
 Vice Captain: Ryan Erkamps

Cricket

Captain: Justin O'Brien
 Vice Captain: Bradley Crouch

Debating

Captain: Ben O'Shea
 Vice Captain: Joseph McKee

Football

Captain: Justin Gordon
 Vice Captains: Hayden Walters
 Jake Dunne
 Matthew James

Golf

Captain: Mitchell Rodd
 Vice Captain: Jarrod Sharrock

Hockey

Captain: Zak McMurray
 Vice Captain: Harrison Bardwell

Lawn Bowls

Captain: Sam Wilson
 Vice Captain: Luke Polmear

Music

Music Captain: Ben O'Shea
 Vice Captains: Barton Hill
 Connor Burke

Band Captain: Aaron Lewicki

Public Speaking

Captain: Ben O'Shea
 Vice Captain: Killian Plastow

Rowing

Captain: Jake Belsar
 Vice Captains: Bradley Brennan
 Samuel Morrissey

Rugby

Captain: Daniel Cobden
 Vice Captain: Kane Chillingsworth
 Luke Govers

St Vincent de Paul

President: Thomas Smardon
 Vice President: Samuel Wilson
 Secretary: Matthew Hogbin
 Treasurer: Patrick Hoy

Soccer

Captain: Michael Ferguson
 Vice Captain: Matthew Radojevic

Swimming

Captain: Jake Clark
 Vice Captains: Dylan Prozzo
 Aaron Mullane

Tennis

Captain: Ryan Michell
 Vice Captain: Bryce Andrews

Volleyball

Captain: Nicholas Johnston
 Vice Captain: Thomas O'Loughlin

CHRIS NOLAN AWARDS

Recipients of 2009 Chris Nolan and Headmaster's Academic Excellence awards were presented at the 2010 Academic Assembly. Chris Nolan Awards were presented to students who finished in the top 15% of their respective year level based on an aggregation of their results from 2009 Semester Two 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-founder's 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.

Headmaster's Academic Excellence Awards were presented to students who received a Chris Nolan Award in both Semester One and Semester Two of 2009.

Following is the list students who received a Chris Nolan Award at the Academic Assembly. Students marked with a '#' also received a Headmaster's Academic Excellence Award.

2009 Year 7 Recipients

David Adams #
Daniel Butler #
Sam Castleman #
Hamish Clydesdale #
Harry Cousens #
Liam Edwards #
Nico Guevara #
Liam Hanrahan #
Lachlan Hewitt #
Jackson Howell #
Thomas Keogh #
Matt Lakey #
Peter Leighton #
Josh Leviston #
Tom McDonough #
Thomas McMaster #
Tom Mooney #
Daniel Phyland #
Louis Powlett #
Harrison Robertson #
Ryley Stuhldreier #
Nicholas Weightman #
Stephen Weightman #
Kane White #
Jake Wilkie #
Aidan Willowwhite #
Sam Wines #
Kieran Wynne #
Elliott Yeung #

2009 Year 8 Recipients

Jake Ainley #
Kyle Andrews #
Fergus Bragge #
Samuel Burzacott #
Gerard Clifford #
Tim Crowe #
Matthew Dwyer #
Thomas Edmondson #
Andrew Fay #
Matthew Geddes #
Andrew Groch #
Jack Harrison #
John Hickey #
Luke Howard #
Thomas Hoy #
Nicholas McMaster #
Mark McOwan #
Adam Murphy #
Jake Muscat #
Peter Oakley #
Jarryd O'Dowd #
Timothy O'Shea #
Joshua Peters #
Angus Rooney #
James Rousch #
Timothy Ryan #
Jarrah Staley #
Mitchell Thompson #
Thomas Thorpe #
Daniel Toohey #
Jack Wakefield #
Nicholas Whelan #
Luke Wilson #

2009 Year 9 Recipients

Jordan Atkinson #
Nicholas Beaver #
Cameron Butcher #
Mitchell Clarke #
Robert Conroy #
Matthew Cove #
Christopher Debono #
Alexander Eva #
James Fahey #
Riley Fullerton #
Jack Furness #
Jayden Hayes #
Patrick Linnane #
Jye Mathews #
Paul McEldrew #
Nicholas McKee #
Zak McMurray-McKay #
Edward Meagher #
Austin Miller #
Bradley O'Loughlin #
Kieren O'Riley #
William Perkins #
Charlie Powlett #
Thomas Ryan #
Benjamin Sculley #
Xavier Slater #
Alex Thompson #
Zachary Weightman #
Nicholas Willowwhite #

2009 Year 10 Recipients

Kayne Allen #
Scott Azarnikow #
Daniel Baxter #
Aaron Blomeley #
Regan Boyce #
Tyler Brandenburg #
Matthew Callahan #
William Corbett #
Anthony D'Arcy #
Liam Davie #
Samuel Higgins #
Blair Keys #
James Liston #
Samuel Lockyer #
Harry Mai #
Sean McDonald #
Timothy McOwan #
Lachlan Mulquiny #
Matthew Norman #
Lachlan O'Connell #
Samuel Peeters #
Jacob Perkins #
Killian Plastow #
Jaz Plinius-Wiese #
Jayden Sammut #
Carl Smith #
Patrick Thorpe #
Brandon Weller #
James Westbrook #
Jeremy White #
Jonathan Willey #

2009 Year 11 Recipients

Jake Belsar #
Bradley Brennan #
Nick Brown #
Daniel Cobden #
Nathan DeVries #
Diarmaid Driscoll #
Justin Gordon #
Simon Gradkowski #
Daniel Groch #
Clay Jenkins #
Mitchell Johnson #
Andrew Jreige #
Sean Keem #
Darcy Laffan #
Daniel McDonald #
Joseph McKee #
Lachlan McLean #
Ben O'Shea #
Joshua Pollard #
Luke Preston #
Jarrod Sharrock #
Billy Shedden #
Thomas Smardon #
Kieran Toohey #
Luke Torpy #
Matthew Weightman #
Samuel Wilson #
Michael Xuereb #

The College congratulates each of these students on their academic success throughout 2009.

SEA OF HANDS

On May 26 the College Community, celebrated in prayer and ritual our Indigenous history and culture for National Reconciliation Week. In particular, this gathering celebrated and honoured the College's 28 indigenous students and staff.

The College Indigenous Support Officer Mr Adam Jennings, led the opening prayer:

"Creator God, you bring us together in the land we love, united in hope on this journey of reconciliation. We pray for your Holy Spirit of truth to guide us to greater understanding and respect. Heal the hearts of those who have suffered loss and separation, and bless them with your healing touch. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen"

Later student representatives helped create a Sea of Hands as a physical representation of the Citizens Statement on Native Title.

The Sea of Hands was created in 1997 as a nation wide project to promote Native Title.

1. North Melbourne players visiting the College to speak with members of the Indigenous Education Programme
- 2-4. St Vincent de Paul Egg Drive at Nazareth House
5. Year 9 Ethnomusicology Unit – Instrument Design and Construction
- 6-7. 2010 Reconciliation Week - Sea of Hands
8. 2011 Year 7 Information Evening

Photo Gallery



ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS

On Tuesday March 17 the College celebrated its Irish heritage coming together to celebrate St Patrick's Day. The founder of the Christian Brothers was an Irishman, Edmund Rice. Hence, when the founding Brothers arrived in Australia, it was quite natural that they would choose St Patrick as the patron of their new College.

St Patrick was born around AD 387. He was a Roman British citizen. When Patrick was about sixteen he was captured by Irish raiders and taken from Wales to Ireland as a slave. After six years he escaped and returned to his family. He entered the Church and returned to Ireland as a missionary. It appears that he was extremely active and is credited with converting the Irish to Catholicism. The Irish at this time would have been pagans and quite uncultured. One way for Saint Patrick to ensure success evangelising the Irish was to live in solidarity with those he was trying to convert. By approaching the Irish as an equal and showing no pretence of superiority, Patrick allowed the Irish to become more receptive to Christian teachings.

As has become custom on this day all sections of the College community gather to celebrate. A highlight of the day was a beautiful, engaging and prayerful celebration of Eucharist led by College Patron Bishop Peter Connors. The Mission Team led by Mrs Maree Moore transformed the gym into a magnificent place of worship. The Assembly which followed acknowledged our Student Council, our staff and our Year 12s. Year 12 students and Student Leaders were presented with their badges which were blessed by Bishop Peter Connors.

Many Old Collegians joined students and staff for Mass and then adjourned to the Pavilion for the traditional OCA 1920s-70s St Patrick's Day Luncheon.

JAPANESE STUDENTS VISIT

In March, 30 students from Shibuya Junior High School visited the College for a 12 day family host stay experience. Our visitors from Japan greatly enjoyed their time within the College community. The boys enjoyed a diverse range of experiences whilst in Ballarat, ranging from a footy clinic with the North Ballarat Roosters, a visit to Sovereign Hill and Kireet Burrit Aboriginal Gallery and the opportunity to attend classes with their host student. This is the sixth group from Shibuya that have visited the College.

The boys loved any opportunity to get outside and play games, regularly showing off their immense talents in soccer and baseball. The continued fine weather over the stay enabled many families to head to the coast with visiting boys greatly enjoying surfing and swimming experiences.

Thank you very much to our host families who have opened their hearts and homes to our visitors. The time spent with families is the highlight for all of our visitors. Partaking in simple activities such as shopping, visiting friends or a trip to a farm are captivating experiences for our visitors. Thank you also to ESL teachers Mrs Rhiannon Smyth and Mr Bill Powell who organised many additional experiences for the boys, including an informative session with our Indigenous students who spoke to the boys about Indigenous culture and his experiences of life at Timber Creek in the Northern Territory. The Japanese students were spellbound by this talk and could not fully comprehend his strong connection to the land and the isolation of their community.

Many wonderful friendships have been formed and the horizons of our students greatly expanded from spending time with boys from another culture.

EDMUND RICE DAY – A GREAT SUCCESS!

May 5 was Edmund Rice Day and was an overwhelming success. At this stage the boys have raised in excess of \$35,000 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. I wish to thank all boys who worked so hard to reach the \$40 individual target and the many boys who went well beyond this amount. The Winner of the David Ranger Award for the student who raised the most from the entire school for 2010 was Christopher Forster of Year 10 who raised a staggering \$1186.30.

Below are the students who raised the most at each year level. Congratulations to all, for your fantastic efforts.

Year 7	Bradley Reece	\$148
Year 8	Todd Hearn	\$200
Year 9	Christopher Fresle	\$160
Year 10	Christopher Forster	\$1186
Year 11	Joseph Ruffo	\$100
	Luke Kemp	\$100
	Kieran Hickey	\$100
Year 12	Isaac Kirby	\$600

The message communicated 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 their own.

2010 ART EXHIBITION

The Art Exhibition Committee capably led by Mrs Tracey Wilson is busy planning the third annual SPC Art Exhibition which will be conducted from September 8 to 12 in the OCA Pavilion. The Exhibition has quickly established a reputation in the art community as being a very well organised, prestigious event that showcases the work of some of the region's finest artists. A feature of the Exhibition is the 'Flanagan' Acquisition prize which has assisted the College in acquiring some outstanding art work to adorn the walls of the College.

The event is also a significant fundraising event raising approximately \$4000 in 2009. This money has been used to further develop the Pavilion which is one of the most widely used facilities at the College providing students, staff and members of the wider community with a first class flexible space for events such as assemblies, examinations, seminars, dinners and meetings. Funds have been used to improve the lighting within the Pavilion, upgrade air conditioning and data projectors and acquire a portable dance floor for the venue.

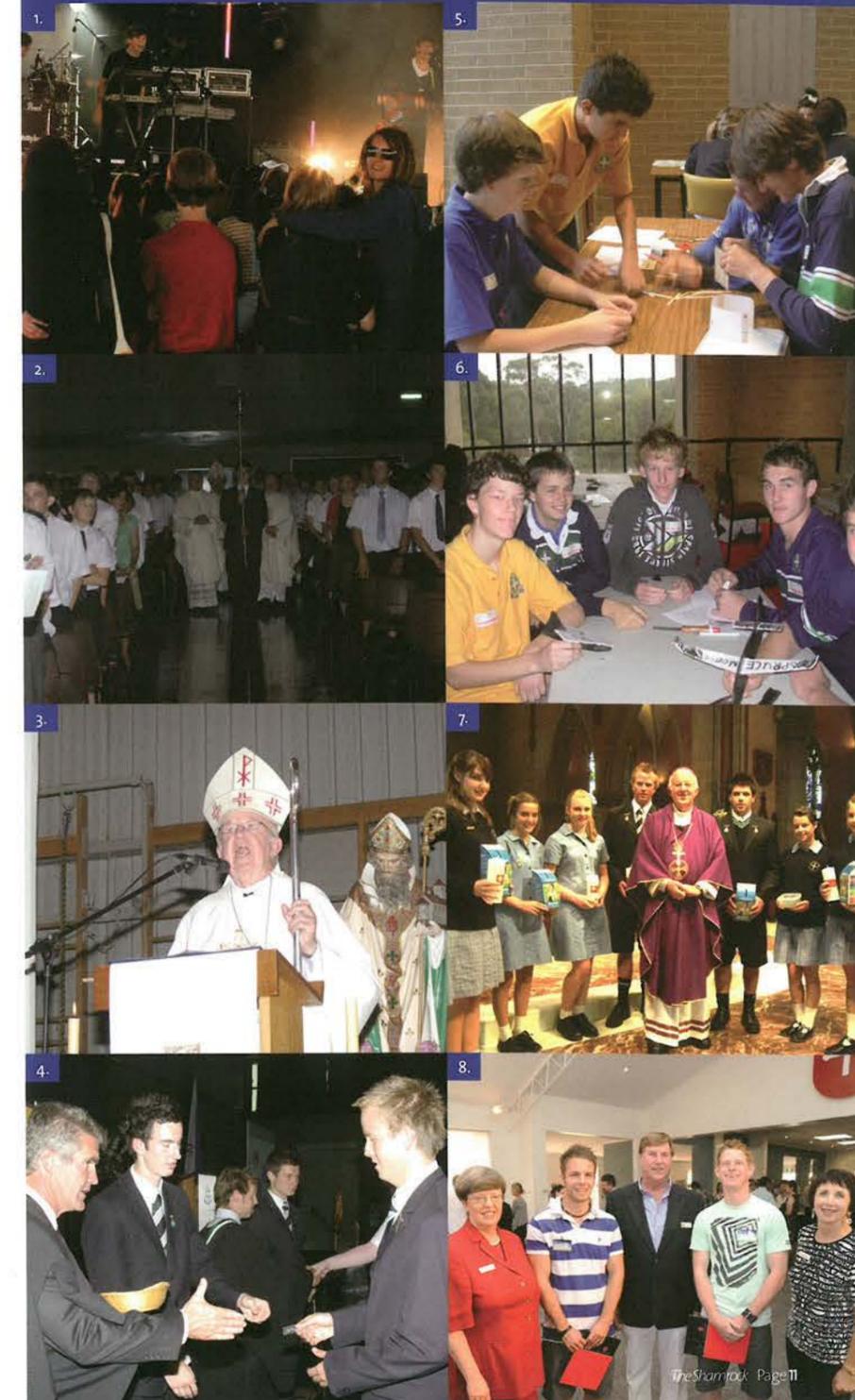
The Art Exhibition Committee is an active part of the Friends of St Patrick's and has built up an excellent group of volunteers to assist with the event. Volunteers work in areas of interest including food, art sales, event logistics, event marketing and customer service. The Exhibition would greatly appreciate assistance from additional volunteers – if you are interested in being part of this great community event please contact Mr Mark Waddington – mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au or 53324450.



2009 winner of the 'Flanagan' Art Prize: 'Survey Vessel 2' by Dr Carole Wilson

1. Apollo featuring Joshua Keys and Bart Harney was one of four Ballarat bands on the bill at Groovin' the Moo
- 2-4. St Patrick's Day Mass, Wednesday March 17, 2010
- 5-6. Science and Engineering Challenge held at the University of Ballarat
7. Bishop Peter Connors celebrated Shrove Tuesday at St Patrick's Cathedral with leaders from Ballarat Catholic Schools
8. Australian Catholic University Ballarat Early Achievers. Left to right: Australian Catholic University Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Gabrielle McMullen, EAP student Jacob Dalli, Headmaster Dr Peter Casey, EAP student Samuel Howard and Australian Catholic University Dean of Faculty of Education Professor Marie Emmitt.

Photo Gallery



SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Ms Stephanie Davison, from the University of Ballarat, spoke to the College community at the Academic Assembly about the success of a number of Year 10 science students at the 2010 Science and Engineering Challenge. The 37 Year 10 students who represented the College did so with distinction, winning the Ballarat Schools division of the Challenge.

Ms Davison presented certificates to the following Year 10 boys:

Darcy Anstis
 Meron Butcher
 Michael Cocomazzo
 Alex Cook
 Samuel Cosgriff
 Mitchell Couatts
 Matthew Cove
 Ashley Davies
 Christopher Debono
 Patrick Farnan
 Riley Fullerton
 James Gilbert
 Mitchell Hastings
 Joshua Hills
 Ayden Hutchings
 Matthew Lange
 Christian Larkin
 Harry Martin
 Angus McDonough
 Eamon Mc Veigh
 Edward Meagher
 Louis Micich
 Austin Miller
 Kieren Missen
 Sean O'Neil
 Dylan Page-Coull
 William Perkins
 Luke Polmear
 Charlie Powlett
 Mitchell Robertson
 Luke Saunderson
 Jack Sloan
 Fraser Steggall
 James Tuddenham
 Christopher Walter
 Jarryd Walters
 Zachary Weightman

2010 MUSIC CAMP

The Music Department continues to go from strength to strength as the bands and ensembles prepare for both the competition season and the Tour to Queensland. At the end of Term 1, 48 boys attended the music camp held at Lake Dewar Lodge in Myrniong where they developed teamwork skills, showed their talent in a sing star competition and rehearsed in ensembles and sectionals.

The camp is an important part of the programmes preparations as students rehearse for major competitions and school events. The quality of music on Edmund Rice Day was particularly high – and even helped inspire the 1st XVIII to a win over Ballarat Clarendon College, playing a number of entertaining sets for the large crowd during breaks in play.

2010 SPORT ATHLETICS

A cold morning with some drizzle greeted students for the annual House Athletics Carnival on Wednesday April 14 at Llanberris Reserve. As is always the case competition began with the distance races where there were some great heats amongst talented students.

Year Level Champions

Competitors in the premier heats were awarded points towards the Year Level Champions. Well done to Nick Brown in his final year at the College who amassed the highest individual score of 68 points.

Congratulations to the following students:

Year 12

Nicholas Brown
 Keniry 68pts

Samuel Morrissey
 Nunan 56pts

Ryan Michelle
 Galvin 54pts

Year 11

Geraden Kennedy
 Ryan 58pts

James Blood
 Keniry 46pts

Scott Azarinkow
 Galvin 42pts

Year 10

Samuel Cosgriff
 Ryan 56pts

Conor Dickson
 Ryan 48pts

Angus Kirby
 Nunan 44pts

Year 9

Thomas Vadala
 Keniry 64pts

Paul Barresi
 Ryan 64pts

Jai Sharp
 Ryan 58pts

Year 8

Brody Sheridan
 Nunan 54pts

Jackson Hayes
 Nunan 54pts

Kane White
 Ryan 44pts

Year 7

Jacob Wheelahan
 Ryan 60pts

Bradley Croxford
 Keniry 58pts

Nicholas Caulfied
 Nunan 54pts

A number of new individual records were set on the day. Congratulations to the following students.

Year 7

100m
 Oliver Edwards - Galvin 12.38s

200m
 Oliver Edwards - Galvin 26.52s

High Jump
 Ryan Shaw - Nunan 1.63m

Shot Put
 Lachlan Scheele - Keniry 11.27m

Year 8
200m
 Brody Sheridan - Nunan 25.20s

Year 9
1500m
 Laiton Sullivan - Keniry 4:29.47s

200m
 Adam Murphy - Galvin 19.16s

800m
 Laiton Sullivan - Keniry 2:09.34s

Long Jump
 Thomas Vadala - Keniry 5.17m

Year 10
Shot Put
 Daniel Vadala - Keniry 13.47m

Year 11
400m
 Geraden Kennedy - Ryan 54.53s

High Jump
 Geraden Kennedy - Ryan 1.76m

Long Jump
 Matthew Burton - Keniry 5.38m

1. Charlie King, Year 11 made his senior debut for the Haymes Paint Red Devils against Sydenham. (Courtesy *The Courier*)
2. St Patrick's College 1st IV who played in the annual AGSV Golf Day at the prestigious Royal Melbourne Golf Club
- 3-6. College Athletics Carnival, Wednesday April 14, 2010
7. BAS Lawn Bowls Grand Final
8. The College Band provided plenty of entertainment whilst SPC battled it out with BCC on Edmund Rice Day

Photo Gallery



Year 12 High Jump
Nathan Kelly - Ryan 1.80m

Shot Put
James McMaster - Keniry 13.06m

At the end of a keenly contested carnival Keniry were victorious.

Final Results

Keniry 3698
Nunan 3605
Galvin 3341
Ryan 3134

BAS 2010 SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS – 31 YEARS AND COUNTING...

On Wednesday March 10 at the Eureka Pool, St Patrick's College maintained a proud and unbeaten record in the Ballarat Associated Schools' Swimming in winning the Boys' Title for the 31st consecutive time with a 55 point victory from traditional rival Ballarat Grammar. The team completed a clean sweep of all divisions with victories in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Pennants. Matthew Norman of St Patrick's College set a new Senior 50 metre Backstroke record of 30.10 sec in bettering the 26 year old record of Damian Bennett (30.16 sec).

The victory was a fitting farewell for Director of Swimming Br Brian Davis who has expertly coached and managed the swim program at St Patrick's for much of the last two decades. The winning culture he has instilled in swimmers who don the white shamrock cap will live on in the next generation of swimmers who he has so capably coached and mentored.

BAS Carnival Scores
Boys Championship:
St Patrick's College 557
Ballarat Grammar School 502
Ballarat Clarendon College 449

Senior Pennant:
St Patrick's College 118
Ballarat Grammar School 93
Ballarat Clarendon College 90

Intermediate Pennant:
St Patrick's College 219
Ballarat Grammar School 200
Ballarat Clarendon College 194

Junior Pennant:
St Patrick's College 220
Ballarat Grammar School 209
Ballarat Clarendon College 165

ROWING SEASON 2009/2010 FOUR IN A ROW!

St Patrick's College retained the boy's Head of the Lake Title, the Harold Deveson Cup for the fourth consecutive year with an awesome display of rowing on the Barwon River. The crew of Daniel Baxter, Jake Belsar, Dermot Conaughton, Samuel Morrissey and Alex Fraser and coached by Terry Austin, led the field early and were never headed in a fine exhibition of schoolboy rowing. For the sixth successive year the team won the boy's premiership. This feat emphasises the depth of the programme and is testament to the winning culture which pervades our shed, a spirit derived from the hard work, enthusiasm and expertise of Mr Jamie Lynn, Boatman Mr Peter Blanchfield and the coaches led by Mr Terry Austin, and the hard work of the many parents and friends who support the rowing club.

National Championships

The First and Second crews also competed in the Australian National Rowing Championships held in Nagambie. The First crew of Daniel Baxter, Jake Belsar, Dermot Conaughton, Samuel Morrissey and Alex Fraser were able to win a silver medal in the Under 19 coxed four and came fifth in the schoolboy division, whilst our Second crew were unfortunate not to make the finals of these events. It was also great to see a dedicated contingent of staff, parents and students travel to Nagambie to support the rowers at the Nationals.

BASKETBALL AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES!

After an exhaustive selection process Ashley Constable and Thomas Downie have been selected to play in the Under 17 Australian Basketball Team in the World Championships in Germany in August. The selection follows outstanding performances at national championships in 2009 and 2010 and has involved numerous trip to the Australian Institute of Sport for training camps and fitness testing.

The boys selection is recognition of their dedication to the sport and their pursuit of excellence. The boys form part of the College's imposing 1st V which comfortably defeated St Kevin's College, Toorak in the annual challenge match. The College community is very proud of the boys and wishes them well for the exciting adventure ahead.



Under 17 Australian Basketball Representatives Ashley Constable and Thomas Downie

1st XVIII FOOTBALL

On a warm day for football the 1st XVIII travelled to St Kevin's College to compete for the Wilding Cup. The game is the College's oldest annual sporting fixture and in a pleasing sign for 2010 the 1st XVIII defeated the well credentialed St Kevin's College in a great showcase of football and Edmund Rice spirit.

St Patrick's College 15.6. 96 def. St Kevin's College 8.3.51

Goal Kickers: Mitch Phelps 4, Nick O'Brien 3, Jayden Orr, Matt James, Edward Arthurson 2, Jordan Alexander and Riley Hogan 1.

Best Players: Tom McDonald, Mathew Begbie, Edward Arthurson, Hayden Walters, Jordan Alexander, Nathan Kelly, Zane Thomson, Mitch Phelps, Nick O'Brien, Matt James.

Launch of Wednesday Warriors

Old boy James Gilchrist (SPC 1983-88) has documented his year with the SPC 1st XVIII in 2009 in the book Wednesday Warriors. The book follows the team throughout its successful season and examines how involvement in the College's renowned football programme helps develop character in young men whilst further reinforcing the amazing culture of football and sporting success at St Patrick's College.

The book features interviews with current players and coach Mr Howard Clark as well as some SPC immortals including Barry Richardson, George Cardinal Pell and Drew Petrie. The book has recently been featured in The Age.

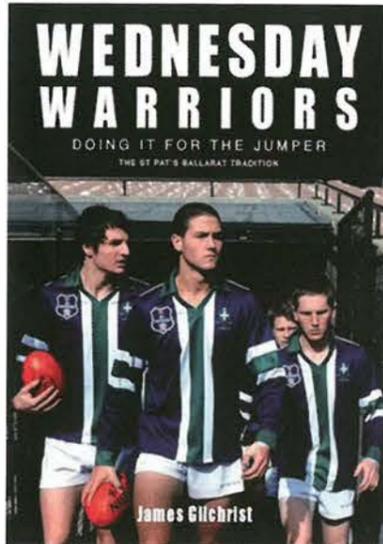
The book was officially launched in Ballarat on Tuesday March 16 at a school launch and a gala dinner at the Mid City Motel.

1. Director of Swimming Br Brian Davis with the BAS Swimming Shield. St Patrick's College won the Boys' Premiership Shield for the 31st consecutive year!
2. 2010 BAS Swimming Carnival
3. Br Brian Davis was ceremoniously thrown in the pool to celebrate the 31st consecutive win!
4. BAS Indoor Rowing Championships
5. SPC 1st IV – 2010 Silver Medallists at the National Championship at Lake Nagambie
- 6-8. 2010 Rowing Boat Race Assembly

Photo Gallery



An order form for the book is available on the College website www.stpats.vic.edu.au



Wednesday Warriors

2010 Tour of Ireland

On April 10, 47 members of the St Patrick's College Senior Football programme returned from a highly successful and educationally enriching 14 day tour of Ireland and England. The tour was deemed to be an outstanding success by tour organisers, host teams and associations and other stakeholders such as the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA).

The conduct and goodwill of players from Ballarat was reciprocated in abundance by players from Irish teams who played the game in a competitive and skilful manner befitting the traditions of the Irish and Australian football codes. The behaviour of St Patrick's College students was outstanding, highlighting the inherent value in such co-curricular experiences.

The trip also reinforced the educational philosophy that underpins the College's sporting programme. Participants in all programmes are afforded first class training and development opportunities by experienced, accredited and professionally developed coaches and are provided with extension opportunities that will enhance their education, both on and off the field. The outcomes of these experiences is evident from the feedback garnered from students, staff and

parents. Players attending the Ireland tour have strongly indicated that the trip was a life changing and life enhancing event for them and are committed to putting the learnings they made whilst in the trip into practice in other parts of their life, in particular their academic studies and their role as leaders of the College.

The tour of Ireland provided boys and coaches with numerous sporting, cultural and social highlights. The first game played in freezing conditions against a composite Dublin team, whilst not flattering on the scoreboard provided players with an invaluable learning experience. The St Patrick's players were in awe of the skill and running power of their Irish opponents and learnt an enormous amount from the loss. These lessons were quickly learnt and put in place in Games 2 and 3. Only crucial last minute errors with the round ball cost the team victory against Cork, the result well and truly being reversed with a comprehensive 62 point victory over the Galway representative team.

A highlight of all games as noted by staff from St Patrick's and representatives from the Irish teams was the manner in which games were played. All games were played in a wonderful spirit that embodied the virtues of sportsmanship and fair play. For the first time, one quarter of each game was played with an AFL 'Sherrin' providing the Irish players with a steep learning curve!

A feature of the tour was the post match hospitality extended by the Irish hosts. The St Patrick's tour party had an opportunity to share a meal with the players and coaching staff from the Dublin, Cork and Galway teams. The informal gatherings provided all visitors with a memory that they will have for a very long time. The players and coaching staff shared stories of the various codes and this time was one of the many highlights of the trip.

The goodwill generated by the tour will hopefully be realised in the not too distant future – the boys of St Patrick's would relish the opportunity to host a school boy tour group from Ireland and the College

will further examine opportunities to enhance learning outcomes for boys through the invaluable and highly enjoyable medium of sport.

Following the games players had the opportunity to take in a range of iconic tourist sights including:

- Blarney Castle
- Rock of Cashel
- Cliffs of Moher
- Trinity College – Book of Kells
- Croke Park
- Visit to Waterford – site of Edmund Rice's first school
- Bunratty Castle and Historical Park
- Hurling match in Galway
- Wembley Stadium and Chelsea Football Club tour
- Lords and Wimbledon Tours
- Visit to Big Ben, the London Eye, Buckingham Palace
- Seeing the show 'We Will Rock You' on the West End
- Travels on the London Tube and the red double decked buses.

These experiences have no doubt broadened the students' educational horizons and has provided each participant with an amazing life experience. Thank you to the Tour Organising committee led by Chris Gleeson, Howard Clark, Dr Peter Casey and Board Member Mrs Leonie Spencer who put in countless hours of planning time to coordinate such an enriching experience for students.

TENNIS

Congratulations to Mr Hamish McCrum and all players who participated in the BAS Tennis. The First IV defeated High School in the final six sets to love, (48 games to 13). The team consisted of Mitch Phelps (undefeated at number one for the season), Mitch Taylor, Ryan Michell (Captain and undefeated in singles and doubles for the season) and Anthony Jreige.

CRICKET

Mr Damian McKee
Director of Cricket

First XI Cricket: BAS Grand Final SPC Premiers

BAS Grand Final: St Patrick's 2/87 drew with Ballarat Grammar 3/96.

The culmination of our season proved to be an anti-climax with rain preventing any realistic opportunity to play a match fitting of a Grand Final. Grammar won the toss and decided to bat. This looked to be a good decision as the outfield was wet and the ball became water damaged within the first two overs. The bowler's run-up at the southern end was also damp and this forced some bowling changes to accommodate slower bowlers. Already it was apparent that we would have to work hard to maintain the advantage we had by finishing on top of the ladder.

Grammar batted well on the Friday evening to be 1/37 off 15 overs when the rain re-appeared and washed the evening session out.

Overnight rain damaged the southern end of the pitch and once again the run up areas were saturated. A slight delay to the starting time was followed by a downpour of rain only four balls into the day's play. Further play was not possible again until 3.50pm when Grammar resumed their innings in an aggressive frame of mind with the hope of setting some sort of target for us to chase. Their only hope of winning the premiership was to declare and then bowl us out in just on two hours of play.

Grammar certainly did everything they could to make a game of the Grand Final. They threw their bat at everything and compiled a quick fire 3/96 and declared the innings closed leaving us 90 minutes to bat. With the luxury of having finished on top of the ladder, we were in no hurry to chase down a 'run a minute' target when the wicket was seaming and a new ball was in the hands of the bowlers. Matthew Crouch (48 not out) and Sam Peeters (22) batted soundly for a crucial opening

1. Wednesday Warriors Book Launch
2. Mark Waddington and Year 12 student Xavier Quigley at Wembley Stadium
3. BAS Cricket against Ballarat Grammar
4. The Clark Family on the Eiffel Tower
5. The Cliffs of Moher

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partnership of 35 in forty-five minutes. The time taken to compile the partnership was more important than the runs. However, with some attacking field positions and rank spin bowling our total crept up to Grammar's target and with the fall of Justin O'Brien's wicket (12), we were within sight of actually winning the match. Unfortunately time won out and stumps were drawn with only ten runs required for victory. We would like to recognise the efforts of our opposition as they were gallant in their efforts to force a result. Having finished on top of the ladder we were awarded the 2010 Premiership.

Best Players: Matthew Crouch 48 not out, Sam Peeters 22, Nick O'Brien 11/3/1/23.

Crusaders Game

St Patrick's College 9/152 defeated by The Crusaders 5/269

In a great initiative instigated by Director of Cricket Mr Damian McKee, the 1st XI were privileged to host the inaugural Crusader's match on the Main Oval. The Crusaders team consisted of a number of old boys including Michael Sheedy (Richmond CC), Chris Sheedy (Richmond CC), Andrew Dickinson (Carlton CC), James Dickinson (Essendon CC and brother of 1st XI player David) and Justin Graham (Melbourne CC). Other players in the star studded line up included Aiden Blizzard (Victorian Batsman), Nick Ross (Carlton CC), Chris Read (Lancashire League Professional), Ian Cobain (Liverpool League Professional), Darcy Daly (Melbourne CC) and Michael McKenna (Richmond CC).

The Crusaders batted first and their innings began sensationally with Victorian batsman Aiden Blizzard being caught behind off Brad Crouch for one. Aiden was the only batsman to fail in the top six as these classy players combined some brute force with placement to compile 5/269 off their 40 overs. The most successful of our bowlers was Brad Crouch

(8/1/2/55), whilst Cameron Carter, Sam Peeters and Scott Spriggs all chipped in with a wicket each.

Our innings did not start well slumping to 7/44. Some good spin bowling by Justin Graham (13/2/3/51) and Mark McKenna (8/1/2/28) and some accurate swing bowling by Andrew Dickinson (7/2/1/14) bamboozled our upper order before Michael Nolan and Rhys Monument combined for an 84 run partnership for the eighth wicket. Michael finished with 31 whilst Rhys top scored and continued his good season with a fine 55.

It was a terrific experience for our boys and there were plenty of learning opportunities as our opponents took the time to give advice and coach whilst the game was being played.

Br H.T. Breach Cup

St Patrick's Ballarat 10/206 drew with St Patrick's Launceston 7/123

Our annual match for the Br H.T. Breach Cup was played in Launceston last December and unfortunately the weather played a part in the result with our First XI having SPC Launceston on the ropes when showers eventually prevented anymore play late on the second day.

The match started after we won the toss and decided to bat. We did not get off to a good start at all losing wickets at 2, 24, 30, 49, 80, 80 and 87 to be 8/87 half way through the day. Things looked grim but there was one shining light in Matthew Crouch who opened the innings and weathered the storm holding his ground at one end. When the eighth wicket had fell Matt was 42 not out. He was joined by Nick O'Brien for a match saving ninth wicket partnership of 95 runs. Both players knew their role in the partnership. Matt knew that he couldn't afford to take risks and he placed the ball around the field picking up singles and twos. His driving through covers was a delight to watch and this is one area of Matt's game that he has improved on. Nick was a different story at the other end. He

started cautiously and then hit the loose or overpitched ball hard and straight in probably one of his most valuable contributions to the First XI.

We scrambled to 206 all out and this allowed us eleven overs at our Launceston friends before stumps. Unfortunately we were unable to capture a wicket although there were plenty of confident appeals for LBW and caught at the wicket that were denied.

The second day began brilliantly with Brad Crouch bowling one of the openers on the second ball of the day. This lifted everyone's spirits and in-roads into the middle order were made with the valuable wicket of the Launceston captain (2/38) and a further two quick wickets prior to the lunch interval to have our opponents in trouble at 4/77. After lunch rain interrupted play with only 30 minutes of play possible. This small session saw a further two wickets fall and all of a sudden our opponents were playing and hoping for the rain to continue as they slumped to 6/92. Two hours of play was lost and there were only two possible results; a win or a draw. Although Launceston lost a further wicket showers persisted until the umpires decided that the playing area was too slippery and the match was declared a draw.

Three bowlers stood out in the Launceston innings; Brad Crouch capped off a fantastic week of cricket bowling 23 aggressive overs of stump to stump bowling; Nick O'Brien bowled maiden after maiden and applied the pressure to the opponents with some fast and accurate spells; and Jayden Hayes bowled eleven overs of leg spin, many of these when the ball was slippery in his hands. His variation and accurate line was invaluable.

The end result is that we retained the cup with the draw and we look forward to our return match next year in Ballarat.

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

2009 US BASKETBALL TOUR

In December a group of students led by Director of Basketball Ms Tamara Westwood and Director of Sport Mr Chris Gleeson enjoyed the basketball experience of a lifetime, touring the United States for 20 days and playing some first class US High schools. In addition the group also visited a range of 'must see' tourist attractions including the Savannah, Disneyland and Hollywood Boulevard as well as Duke University which boasts state of the art playing and training facilities. At each venue the College was represented by the 1st V and 2nd V with each player learning a huge amount from the playing opportunities presented. The match reports from Games 1 and 2 of the tour highlight the challenge faced by our players!

Game 1 VS Porter Gaud High School

After a couple of days travelling the boys were excited when game day finally came around. In the first game of the tour we faced Porter Gaud High School, a private school located in Charleston South Carolina. Our second team faced their Junior Varsity boys and our first team matched up against their Varsity boys, who were State champions in 2005.

First to tip off was the Junior varsity game and our boys held a good account of themselves. The team started a bit slowly giving up an early lead and by half time Porter Gaud were looking comfortable with a 15 point break. The start of the third quarter saw our boys, led by Willem Naber, work their way back into the game and by half way through the last quarter the scores were a lot closer. Unfortunately Porter Gaud were able to respond and take the game 43-27. Willem Naber top scored with 12 points.

The Varsity boys were the next to take the court against the 2005 state champions. The athleticism of our boys caught Porter Gaud off guard as we took

1. BAS Cricket Grand Final against Ballarat Grammar
- 2-3. 2009 US Basketball Tour
- 4-5. St Patrick's College defeated rivals Ballarat Clarendon College on Edmund Rice Day
- 6-7. Mother's Day Mass and Breakfast
8. Edmund Rice Day

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the early lead. The home side responded fairly quickly as they were able to get back on level terms by half time. The second half went basket for basket as both teams could not get a clear break and as the final buzzer drew closer a result was still not clear and overtime followed. Unfortunately for our boys, we just didn't have the legs to finish off in over time, and Porter Gaud took the win 51-45.

Alec Del Papa led an even spread of scorers with nine points.

Game 2 VS Ridge View High School.

After another day of travel we arrived in Charlotte, North Carolina and were booked in to face Ridge View High school. The boys were excited to take on one of the top basketball high schools in the state. Our second team faced the freshman team from Ridge View and our first team played against their Junior Varsity team.

The boys in the second team struggled right from the start against a strong and athletic Ridge View team. Tom Gall dropped back from the firsts to fill in for the seconds in the absence of Willem Naber and he led by example as he continued to make strong plays right throughout the game. It wasn't enough; by the time the final buzzer sounded St Pat's went down 68-27 in a tough game for our boys.

Our first team once again started strongly to catch Ridge View on the back foot with Lachlan Madder and Alec Del Papa starting strongly. With some strong hometown support, including passionate parents and cheerleaders, Ridgeview clawed their way back to take a narrow lead going into half time. Once again the second half went basket for basket but this time the home side were able to make a small run late in the game which was enough to win 51-42 in an entertaining contest. Lachlan Madder top scored with 14 points for St Pat's.

FIRST TEAM

- Lachlan Madder
- Joshua King
- Stephen Jew
- Dominic Godfrey
- Jack Bennett
- Sam Wilson
- Joshua Keys
- Matthew Callahan
- Tom Gall
- Alec Del Papa

SECOND TEAM

- Lachlan Barker
- Willem Naber
- Adrian Tobin
- Ben O'Keefe
- Ethan Stewart
- Harrison Tobin
- Zachary Parker
- Aaron Polson
- Patrick Foley

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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

- Year 12 student Jake Clough won the National World Skills Gold Medal within the VET in Schools categories. The competition was held in Brisbane from May 7 to 10.



2010 World Skills National Competitions - Jake Clough, Gold Medalist

- Year 11 students Bart Harney and Josh Keys and their band Apollo had the thrill of a lifetime playing in front of 15,000 people at Bendigo's Groovin' the Moo Festival. The Ballarat quartet had entered the Triple J Unearthed competition and although they didn't win, they were invited to play at one of the State's premier musical festivals.
- A number of students have been successful in the 2010 Lions Club Youth of the Year Competition. Matthew Hogbin, Killian Plastow and Aaron Lewicki competed at the Ballarat club and Ben O'Shea and Joseph Baxter at the Buninyong club. Ben O'Shea and Aaron Lewicki won the level at each of the clubs and have moved into regional finals. Tom Smardon was successful in the Sebastopol club competition
- Matthew Crouch Captained Victoria in the Under 15 cricket National Carnival in Sydney.
- Matthew Norman competed at the "Last Blast" swimming meet at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic centre, where he swam a time of 1.02.99 in the 100m Backstroke which qualified him for the 2010 Australian Age Championships (Nationals).



Year 11 student Matthew Norman finished 21st in the 16-year-old 100m back-stroke event at the Australian Age Swimming Championships. (Courtesy The Courier)

- Harrison Bardwell has been chosen in the WestVic Hockey Squad.
- Ryan Shaw, Laiton Sullivan and Mitchell Thompson competed at the State Athletics carnival. Ryan won a bronze medal in the High Jump and a position in the Australian Youth Championships in Sydney.

- Nick O'Brien and staff member Mr Gavin Webb played for Wendouree in the championship winning team in the Victorian Club 20/20 competition. The match was played at the MCG and Nick was awarded the Man of the Match for taking 4/22 and turning the match on its head with a penultimate over that produced two wickets and only conceded two runs off the bat. The team also consisted of three Old Collegians Liam Brady, Matthew Turner (2004 premiership player) and Grant Bell (2006, 2007 premiership player) playing in the successful team.

- Oliver Edwards won his sprint event at the 2010 Ballarat Gift.
- The Ballarat Under 18 football team coached by Director of Sport Mr Chris Gleeson played the strong Geelong football League in an inter-league fixture at the Eastern Oval in Ballarat. Well done to the following students who were selected - Xavier Quigley, Justin Gordon, Josh Plozza, Mitchell Rodd and Matthew James. Well done to Mitch Rodd who was awarded the best player award for Ballarat on the day.
- Brad Crouch was selected to play in the Victorian Country Under 16 team for the 2010 National Championships.
- Mitchell Thompson competed at the Victorian Youth Track and Field Championships and won a bronze medal in the Under 16, 2000 metre steeplechase. Mitchell's achievements at the 2009 Victorian All Schools Championships (2nd) and Australian Championships last year, along with this result has earned him selection in the Victorian Team to compete at the Australian Youth Championships in Sydney in 2010.



Students from the Indigenous Education Programme with Olympic Gold medallist Cathy Freeman at the 'Taste of Reconciliation' Dinner

- 1-2. Year 7 Sovereign Hill Gold Museum Excursion
- 3-4. Year 7 Camp at Log Cabin Lodge
- 5-7. Outdoor Education Scuba Diving Excursion
- 8. Edmund Rice Day

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REUNION DINNERS

The OCA annual series of reunion and regional dinners has commenced with the 1920-60s St Patrick's Day Luncheon and Regional Dinners in Terang and Shepparton. The dinner in Terang was a thoroughly enjoyable night attended by past students, partners and current families of boarding parents. Future dinners will be held in Bendigo, Geelong and Warrnambool in 2010. The OCA will also conduct 10, 20, 30 40 and 50 year reunion functions from May to November.

Full details of reunion functions are contained on the reverse side of The Shamrock mailer. Individual invites will also be mailed to all old boys involved with each event in the coming months. If you do not receive an invitation please contact the Development Office to check that we have your correct details on file. Please make every effort to attend and round up others from your year or region to attend – as we do not have every old boys current address please do not assume they will receive an invite.

PAKENHAM RACES 2010

Dr Michael Bourke (SPC 1950-54) and Gavan Bourke (SPC 1951-54) once again hosted this special day and reported a very good attendance at the annual celebration of the running of the Br WT O'Malley Handicap, held at the Pakenham Racing Club on January 23, 2010. Brian Hogan, College Captain of 1949 and a regular attendee at the event made the presentation to the race winner! The day was a great success with over 30 old boys in attendance. Thank you to the Pakenham Racing Club for continuing to hold the event and also to Gavan Bourke for his organisation of the day.



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE
BALLARAT

ST PATRICK'S DAY 1920-60S REUNION LUNCHEON

On March 17 over 120 old boys travelled from far and wide to gather in the OCA Pavilion for the annual 1920-70s St Patrick's Day Luncheon. The event was celebrated in the Pavilion – a beautiful, inspiring and functional building constructed for the College and its students by the OCA!

Guest speaker for the luncheon was Fr Dan Arundell (SPC 1945-48) who entertained all in attendance with stories of his time at St Patrick's and life as a Parish Priest. Fr Dan is a much loved figure across the diocese and his address was very well received by all in attendance.

OCA President John Richards in his welcoming remarks warmly thanked old boys for their support of the OCA and highlighted their contribution to projects such as the Pavilion Appeal, Chapel restoration and the Grand Stand renovation project. He urged all old boys to consider supporting the upcoming St Roch's Oval project that will transform St Roch's Oval from a drought impacted dustbowl to a first class multi purpose sporting surface for use by students and members of the wider community.

OCA PAVILION

The OCA Pavilion overlooking the Main Oval has become an invaluable resource to the College being utilised for a wide variety of educational and community functions. The Pavilion is managed by College Catering Manager Bernie Kenna, who has a well deserved reputation as one of the region's finest chefs and hospitality managers. Bernie previously managed the North Ballarat Sports Club and leads a talented and committed team who have earned rave reviews from users of the first class facility. The Pavilion has been used in

1. Pakenham Races 2010
2. Geelong first year player Josh Cowan (SPC 2008-2009) with SPC 'Legend' Lee Iafrate (SPC 1974-78)
- 3-5. The Old Collegians Pavilion – Function and Events

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recent times for weddings, training seminars, the Catholic Education Office Education dinner, liturgies, examinations and birthday celebrations. If you would like more information about hiring this spectacular venue please contact Bernie Kenna on 53 224482 or bkenna@stpats.vic.edu.au

2010 LEGENDS DINNER

Dr Peter Casey

On Saturday evening May 8 the Old Collegians held its ninth Halls of History Dinner, commonly referred to as the Legends Dinner. Once again guests were treated to fine food and company in our Pavilion as we celebrated the talents of John Molony, Tony Sullivan and John Stekelenburg.

Emeritus Professor John Molony was the Manning Clark Professor of History at the Australian National University and is arguably the most senior academic the College has produced.

I was touched by the commendation of John by Cardinal George Pell, a message which was read to the gathering. Similarly, a message from Kevin Sheedy naming Tony Sullivan as one of the three toughest players in his career was a resounding endorsement of one of the Melbourne Football Club's longest serving backmen. Dr John Stekelenburg has been an avid sportsman from a young age, having become a world champion while a sixteen year-old student at St Patrick's College. He has maintained world-class status ever since through his expertise in bare-foot skiing and the triathlon. These nights are great occasions to remind our current crop of young men that perseverance and hard work reap bountiful rewards in all

walks of life. Our Old Collegians are strong testament to the work of those who have gone before us.

The Old Collegians inaugurated the 'Facere et Docere' Service Awards, recognising the work of staff members Peter Farley (SPC Staff 1973-2003) and Br Brian Davis (SPC Staff 1985-90, 1995-2003). President of the Old Collegians, Mr John Richards, spoke of Br Brian Davis' many roles as teacher, boarding housemaster, archivist and swimming coach supremo. It is always heartening to see esteem afforded to talented and committed staff members.

Peter was introduced by former Headmaster, Br Bill Wilding who spoke most eloquently of Peter's contribution to the life of boys over forty years. Old boys will be staggered to hear that Peter was lost for words. Peter was unaware of the commendation, the details of the award being covertly put together by Michael Kearney and the Development Office, and so his short response was understandable. Below is a transcript of what he would have liked to say to those in attendance and to the many past students he has had the pleasure of teaching.

'Thank you'

Mr Peter Farley

On Saturday May 8, I joined a large assembly to honour Professor John Molony, Tony Sullivan and Dr John Stekelenburg as they were accepted into the Legends status at St Patrick's College.

It was only when the first presenter, Br Wilding mentioned the year 1963 and simultaneously Michael Kearney's grip on my elbow tightened considerably did I realise that I was the subject of a magnificent tribute and also that making a bid for the door was out of the question!

Even as I received such a warm ovation and accepted the Facere et Docere Award for Services to the College, I did not realise I was part of the planned proceedings and as a result I felt it

necessary to make such a brief reply. I was also unaware that, secreted in a storage room at the back of the Pavilion were my sisters Joan and Margaret and the latter's sister-in-law, Claire.

The purpose of this letter is to respond more suitably to the tribute paid to me by the community at St Patrick's.

My education into the spirit of this great College began in the 'Old Chapel' classrooms (now the boardroom) under the watchful eye of Br O'Brien who introduced me to the ways of St Patrick's. He and I shared most of the classroom periods in Sub-Inter (Year 9) and I recall clearly when I first became aware of the name that my mother had not intended for me but was to stick to me to this very day at St Pat's.

Sometime early in 1963 I waited as usual in the corridor to exchange classes with Brother as he completed yet another Maths lesson on graphs. A roar of laughter was emanating from the 70 or so in the room as he pointed the bottom on an empty paper bin towards them and patiently explained in his dead-pan monotone, 'This is a parabola'. The more he explained the greater the uproar. Eventually he replaced the bin, cleaned the board with his trusty rag, passed me with a straight face muttering 'something's going on' and we then swapped classes. I proceeded immediately to eradicate any remnants of Maths from the board and quickly turned attention to the teaching of the mother tongue.

When at the end of the day the class was dismissed I, as usual, cleaned the room, ensured all had departed and then examined the object which had attracted such hilarity. On the bottom of the basket which Brother had faced towards the boys was written in chalk 'We love Jake and Ra'. Thus early in my years at the College I was given the clear lesson: 'If you are prepared to give it, be equally prepared to accept it!'.

While I'm deeply honoured to accept this award for dedication to duty, I'm under no illusions that I am any more dedicated than the many staff in all areas at the College who have served and continue to serve the students of SPC. May I iterate what I stated when I retired in 2002 that I've been very fortunate to stay so long at St Patrick's, 40 years, as it's allowed me

to be influenced by so many great friends whom I've known as colleagues, students and parents.

I thank the President of the OCA John Richards and his committee for so honouring me with the inaugural Facere et Docere Service Award and I congratulate them on selecting the motto of the Christian Brothers and of St Patrick's College as the title for such a prestigious award.

I am now gradually becoming aware that I am greatly indebted to Michael Kearney who was responsible for ensuring that many of those so important in my life were present to join in the celebrations. I am also gradually discovering the many deceptions that took place from his directions and in the spirit of the Latin tone of the evening I resort to that well known modern exponent of the Roman language the Guru Bob of Coodabeen's fame on the ABC Radio football programme who said: 'Non verum, non verum toga sunt incensa;' which translated as 'Liar, Liar, pants on fire!'

It isn't possible here to name all I wish to thank but I was overcome to have Joan, Margaret and Claire present to share my moment. Indeed, I have relied on them to get some idea of how it all occurred! Perhaps the last word should come from them as it was their first experience of a St Patrick's College gathering. They commented on the friendliness they were shown and were impressed by the quiet efficiency of the evenings proceedings. They particularly expressed their gratitude for being invited - so say I!

Finally I express grateful thanks to the MC's, speakers, caterers, fellow guests, organisers, photographer and the many behind the scenes who made the night so memorable.

Thank you sincerely to the Headmaster, Dr Peter Casey and the Development Manager Mark Waddington for their role and for allowing me to express these thoughts in the 'Green, White and Blue'.

1. A number of Old Boys and Staff attended the Ballarat Sportsman's Club dinner to honour Olympian James Marburg
2. Professor John Molony addresses guests at the 2010 Dinner with the Legends
3. Br Brian Davis received a Facere et Docere Award at the 2010 Legends Dinner
4. Professor John Molony catches up with mates from the 1940's
5. 2010 'Legends' Mr Tony Sullivan, Professor John Molony and Dr John Stekelenburg
6. Peter Farley with his family who made a surprise visit to the 2010 Legends Dinner
7. Tony Sullivan addresses guests

Photo Gallery



SPC FOUNDATION

The College Board of 1990 established the St Patrick's Foundation which became an Incorporated Company in August 1992. The Foundation is a non-profit company and seeks to marshal the experience and financial support of former students, past and present parents and friends of the school.

The Foundation has been positioned as the peak fundraising body of the Old Collegians Association and Parents and Friends of SPC and has been responsible for a number of important fundraising projects including the OCA Pavilion Appeal and the re-location of the historic handball pavilion to the Shed Oval in 2008.

In addition the Foundation is also responsible for a number of scholarships which provide gifted and disadvantaged boys with an opportunity to experience a St Patrick's College education. In 2010 the Foundation is working with the College Board and the OCA to launch a number of exciting projects including:

- St Roch's Oval Re-Development project – installation of an all weather playing surface;
- St Patrick's College scholarship and bursary programme to help increase access opportunities for students and families; and
- St Patrick's College Bequest Programme to assist with future development of the facilities enjoyed by all St Patrick's students.

The Foundation also collaborates with the OCA to organise the annual 'Legend's Dinner and Old Boys Golf Day'. The Foundation is chaired by Mr Dennis Foley and meets once per school term. To find out more about the Foundation please contact Mr Mark Waddington on 53 224450 or 0429 990 980.

ST ROCH'S OVAL APPEAL

Included with this edition of The Shamrock you will find an appeal brochure for the Foundation/OCA 'Opening the Floodgates' Appeal. The Patron for the Appeal is Olympian Steve Moneghetti (SPC 1975-80).

Ballarat, like so many other parts of the country has been hit hard by the effects of the decade long drought. The capacity of the College to provide students with access to first class sporting, recreational and educational programmes has been adversely affected by the lack of safe playing surfaces over the past decade. Some of these programmes have been integral to the reputation of the College as one of the nation's leading schools for boys.

The re-developed St Roch's Oval will provide students with an all weather, multi use playing surface that will meet a vast range of educational, competition and training needs for students at the College. It will become a hub for physical education classes and a much needed training and playing venue for teams such as our hockey, tennis, soccer and rugby teams who cannot access community facilities that have been booked out over the past years as groups compete for the few safe playing surfaces available within the City of Ballarat.

The St Roch's Oval Project will provide students, old boys and friends of the College with the following facilities –

- Six tennis courts
- Hockey and soccer pitch
- All weather athletics and Physical Education facility
- A shelter for players, spectators and coaches

The total cost for the project will be in the vicinity of \$300,000. The Old Collegians Association and the College Foundation will make significant contributions to the project, however the bulk of the funding must come from this appeal. The College continues to implement its Building Master Plan and in

2010 will commence work on the re-development of the O'Malley Junior School.

Please consider supporting this project - together we can all make a difference!

Full details of the project are available at www.stpats.vic.edu.au



The proposed re-development of St Roch's Oval

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

The College is now able to offer 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.

As noted with changes to taxation legislation all donations to the Scholarship and Bursaries Fund are tax deductible. In 2009 the focus of the College's Scholarship and Bursary Programme will be on assisting financially disadvantaged students in the Ballarat region and refugee families being supported by the College.

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.

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



NORTH OLD BOYS St Patrick's College Ballarat AFC

Season 2010 has commenced on the positive note for the 'Cobbers' with the team sitting in the four after five rounds of competition. The team boasts a strong old boy flavour with coach Richard Peoples (SPC 1984-89) at the helm and in 2010 being supported by Captain Simon Harwood (SPC 1998-2003).

If you would like to be a part of this great club, which nurtures and celebrates the rich traditions of football at St Patrick's, then get along and have a kick or help out in an off field role – this is our club and a great place to catch up with fellow old boys in Melbourne! The club has a fantastic website – www.nobspc.org.au which has all the details of upcoming events plus a weekly match review service and all contact details for getting involved in the club.

- 1-2. Former staff member Brett Goodes is now working as an AFL Development Officer in the Northern Territory
- 3-5. The Br R.S Stewart Theatre under construction
- 6-8. Blessing and Opening of the Br R.S Stewart Theatre, the Br T.F Kearney Stand and the Robert C. Aron First XVIII Change-room by Father Gerard Dowling (SPC 1949-50)

Photo Gallery



ST PATRICK'S OLD COLLEGIANS/ UNIVERSITY OF BALLARAT RUGBY CLUB



SPOC/UB Season Launch

The St Patrick's Old Collegians/ University of Ballarat (SPOC/UB) Rugby Union Football Club launched its season on Thursday, May 6 with members, guest and the local media. The partnership between St Patrick's Old Collegians and the University of Ballarat Rugby Club was formalised in the off season with a signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the two entities. With the movement of the club from the Victorian Country competition into the Melbourne Division Two competition, the future of Rugby in Ballarat is looking bright.

The partnership with the St Patrick's Old Collegians has already begun to reap considerable benefits, with numerous Old Collegians from recent years, such as prop Aran Rudd and Captain Sean Matthews, coming into the team and stepping up in the wake of a host of recent retirements. The partnership provides benefits for St Patrick's as well with senior players taking on coaching roles within the College's three junior teams that compete each weekend in the VRUA Schoolboy competition.

The partnership is an extremely exciting union of two high profile Ballarat educational institutions. As College Headmaster, Dr Peter Casey, notes, "the partnership brings together two of the city's leading educational institutions, the University of Ballarat and St Patrick's College, to provide players with an outstanding avenue to state level representation. The College, and the wider Ballarat community, provide excellent participation and development opportunities in a wide range of sporting and recreational pursuits. Therefore it is very pleasing to see a strong development pathway being put in place to enable boys to play rugby from junior to senior level. The College community looks forward to seeing the club develop into another sporting flagship for our city and in time experience similar success to the Red Devils, Roosters, Miners, Lady Miners and Pride".

Moving into the metropolitan competition has provided the SPOC/UB with a whole new set of challenges and opportunities. The competition will be much tougher for SPOC/UB, especially with the team going through a re-building phase, against the more hardened metropolitan teams. The club has also overhauled its management structure to reflect the new alliance and looks forward to a strong future.

2010 Season Results

- Round 1
Lost to Deakin University 52 - 0
- Round 2
Lost to Beaconsfield 35-10
- Round 3
Defeated Melbourne Rugby Club 15-10
- Round 4
Defeated Power House 17-14

Details of upcoming games in Melbourne and Ballarat are available at www.vicrugby.com.au

BALLARAT RED DEVILS

The Ballarat Red Devils soccer team in 2010 has a very strong St Patrick's College flavour with over a third of the playing list having a connection to the College. The following list of current students and old boys are to be congratulated upon making the squad for Ballarat's flagship soccer team:

David King (SPC 2008), Dom Swinton (SPC 2008), Marcus Lynch (SPC 2009), Charlie King (Year 11), Kyran Taylor (SPC 2009), Timothy Beggs (SPC 2008), Scott Twycross (SPC 2008), Michael Trigger (Year 11), Simon Murphy (SPC 2008), Alex Georgiou (SPC 2008), William Georgiou (Year 11) and Alexander Antonelli (Year 11).

OCA 2010 MELBOURNE DINNER

Included with this edition of The Shamrock is an invitation to the 2010 Melbourne Dinner where several old boys will be formally inducted as 'Legends' of SPC. The dinner will be held at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club on Friday August 13. Inductees are:

- Shane McInerney (SPC 1982-87) - Dual AFL Grand Final umpire
- The Bourke's of Pakenham
- Clinton Young (SPC 2004) - 2008 Premiership player

A Facere et Docere Service Award will be presented to decorated educator Frank Rice, an old collegian and teacher at the College for over 25 years.

For all dinner information please contact Ms Caitlin Bennett - cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au or 53 311688.

OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

- Calvin Anzac (SPC 2007-2008) has returned from spending his GAP year working with the Simon Community in Ireland. He is now managing the Elderly Community at Timber Creek until he commences studies at the University of Melbourne in 2011. Calvin's journey has featured on NT Stateline, in a segment highlighting the issue of remote Indigenous students leaving the Territory to pursue an education in Victorian Boarding Schools.
- Wayne Bennett (SPC 1981-84) is currently employed as the IT Training Manager at Yoralla in Melbourne. He is living at Creswick.
- Peter Braine (SPC 1985-88) is residing in Melbourne and is an Accountant for Pitcher Partners Advisors Proprietary Limited.
- Frank Callahan (SPC 1940-41) has been formally recognised by the City of Ballarat for his efforts in promoting the city. Frank, who is now in his 80s is best known for his rendition of the song 'Ballarat' and can be regularly heard playing outside the Central Square Shopping Centre. Frank sings, plays the piano, violin, organ, guitar, saxophone, bass and drums. Mayor Judy Verlin and the Ballarat tourism manager Doug Sarah recently presented Frank, the man behind the 'One Man Band' with an award at Craig's Hotel.
- As the Paul Kelly song states, 'From Little Things Big Things Grow' and so it was with the researching of Daniel Cosgriff (SPC 1986-91) who was researching the family history, in particular involvement in the battle at Fromelles. In January the reinternment of 250 casualties recovered from Pheasant Wood in France commenced and one of the fallen soldiers was Thomas Cosgriff. Daniel's father, celebrated teacher John Cosgriff shared the following observation: 'I think the real story of interest is why the fourth child of a brother of Thomas Cosgriff was asked to supply DNA for checking. My son Danny, whom has devoted a lot of time and study into the Australian soldiers in Fromelles (having travelled there a couple of years ago) registered the family name when the bodies were discovered. He was contacted and he passed on my name and things

happened from there. His son Jarrod was also extremely interested having worked on a project for SOSE at St Pat's on Thomas Cosgriff and his involvement in the first world war.

- College 'Legend' John Fitzgerald (SPC 1974-79) was recently featured in a cover story in the Brisbane Courier-Mail, titled 'Lost and Found'. The story profiled the 'Toogoolawa' schools established by John to cater for the 'lost boys' deemed unsuitable for mainstream schooling. John has set up three schools to date and has a dream of a network of 50 schools to help students at the margins. Currently he has to turn away many students who are referred to him by school authorities - the article cites the statistic that approximately 100,000 students' over the age of 15 do not attend school on a regular basis - 10 to 15% of these students have been regularly suspended or expelled from schools and need the chance that Toogoolawa schools offer. John pours large sums into the schools and in a sign of his social conscience, which he acknowledges had its formative years from family tragedy and the 'tough love' of boarding school in Ballarat, notes, "to die wealthy is a social disgrace". John maintains a hectic schedule maintaining a balance between running his successful Queensland property investment business, his close knit family and his unwavering commitment to social justice. John was made a Legend of St Patrick's in 2003 and is a regular visitor to the College - he also keeps a keen eye on the progress of his beloved 1st XVIII, whom he represented in 1978-79.
- Brian Hogan (SPC 1944-49) wrote to the Shamrock to compliment the author of Wednesday Warriors James Gilchrist - and make one modest amendment to the folklore contained in the book. James' book records that Brian kicked 25 goals in a game in 1951. The feat was indeed achieved by his brother Kevin, a co-conspirator in the infamous 'jam theft' from the kitchen with Brownlow medallist John James (SPC 1948-52). Brian, a very talented player himself, didn't play as close to goal and his best goal kicking effort was five on debut against Ballarat High School. Brian will be closely following the progress of the 2010 1st XVIII and hopes to see them play on the G later in the year!
- Norman Houghton (1963-65) was recently asked to give the keynote address at a school reunion for his Class at St Joseph's College, Colac. Norman started the speech, getting carried away

and writing out 16,000 words of which was far too long to read out at a reunion! Now a book titled 'Excuse Me, Sisters, Please' it can be found in the old collegians section of Archives if anyone would like a read. Norman is currently an archivist 'Undertaker' to a factory at Deer Park that is being closed down. In this role Norman is appraising, culling and archiving a wide range of engineering and production records. Norman has acted as an author and archivist over the last 30 years for many organisations and is now ready for the long awaited retirement!

- Ron Joordens (SPC 1983-88) is the Finance Manager - Accounting, for Watpac Civil and Mining Pty Ltd and lives in Melbourne where he still maintains contact with many of his peers.
- Bill O'Callaghan wrote to the Editor of the Shamrock detailing the achievements of old boy John O'Callaghan (1974-76). John has recently been appointed to the Magistrates Court of Victoria. A Churchill man and a Master of Laws, he was previously a partner with law firms Slater and Gordon, Riordan & Partners and Gadens & Piper Alderman. While a partner at Slater & Gordon he acted for the Footscray Football Club in its opposition to the proposed merger with Fitzroy. Both John's father and grandfather attended St Patrick's College.
- Anthony Sharp (SPC 1985-90) was recently presented with a trophy for taking the most wickets in his league playing for Hayes Cricket Club in Kent. Derek Underwood (international player for England 1966-1982 presented the trophy). Anthony is the Deputy Principal of the Seven Mills School in London and has lived in London for the past twelve years.



Anthony Sharp and England Test Legend Derek Underwood

- The Springbank Football Club has been home to many renowned St Patrick's College players, including the boarders of the 80s and 90s who made up their junior numbers on many a cold Saturday morning. Two old boys are currently at the helm of the club, co-coaches Joe Carmody (SPC 1992-97) and Dean Romeril (SPC 1992-93) and the team have made their best start to the season for a number of years. The Springbank Football Netball Club are holding a past players day and 1990 and 2000 senior premierships reunions on Saturday June 19 at the Wallace Recreation Oval. The past players day will commence at 1.00p.m. The premiership reunion will take place at Praties Hotel Wallace from 8.30pm. For further details contact Lenny Quinlan 0409937157 or Chris Brennan 0400933704.

- Will Young (SPC 2003-2004) made his AFL debut for the Adelaide Crows on Sunday April 4. Young travelled to the Crows' opening round match against Fremantle as an emergency and received his call up when Nathan Van Berlo pulled out of the Crows' team against Sydney with a back injury. Will becomes the College's 92nd VFL/AFL player joining an illustrious group of old boys. It is hoped that his achievement will soon be matched by Josh Cowan (Geelong) and Eddie Prato (Western Bulldogs) to inch the College closer to the magical century mark!

WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS, BIRTHS, BEREAVEMENTS

SPC Weddings

- McKee – Rian (SPC 1994-1999) married Laura Shannon on a beautiful Saturday afternoon on April 17 at St Alipius Church by Fr Adrian McInerney. Rian did extremely well on the day despite having torn his achilles three weeks earlier!

- White – Matt (SPC 1995-2000) married Samara Nunn on February 14 at Lennecke Lodge, owned by current SPC family Gary and Julie Lennecke. Matt and Samara were also featured on the front cover of the 2010 Ballarat Bridal magazine.

SPC Engagements

- Comelli – John (SPC 1995-2000) announced his engagement to Melanie Fiume on Wednesday December 3 2008.
- De Domenico – Benjamin (SPC 2004-06) announced his engagement to Jessica Lee Smith on December 16 2009. The couple plan to wed on Saturday August 27 2011.

SPC Births

- Beseler – Brad (SPC 1992-97) and Dee are delighted to announce the arrival of their second child Ashlee Grace. A sister for Cooper.
- Callanan – Dan (SPC 1992-97) and Kristy welcomed Skyla Mae (7lb 11 oz.) on May 20, 2010.
- Camm (SPC Staff) – Peter and Suzie welcomed Hani John in February 2010.
- Emerson - Mark (staff) and Elise welcomed the safe arrival of their son William Keith Emerson, weighing 7lb 10oz on April 30 2010.
- Kearney - Simon (SPC 1991-96) and Danielle were thrilled to announce the arrival of their first child, Holly Grace on March 14, 2010. A grand daughter for OCA Treasurer Michael (SPC 1961-66) and wife Christine.
- Anthony McIlwaine (SPC 1990-95) and Fleur welcomed third child Clover Nel on October 16, 2009, weighing 8lb. A little sister for three year old twins Aussie and Poppy.
- Marriott – Jo (staff) and David welcomed Finn Marriott at 11.30 pm on April 2. Finn weighed in at a very healthy 8lbs 13oz.
- Marson – Justin (SPC 1995-97) and Jaci welcomed their first child Elliot James on May 7, 2010.

SPC Deaths

- Herrick – Vaughan (SPC 1946-48) passed away in the Golden Oaks Nursing Home, Bendigo on October 29, 2009 after seven and a half years of immobility from the cause of a stroke. Vaughan came from Pyramid Hill and worked in the hardware department of the local store for 46 years retiring as Department Manager. Tennis, cricket and football were his interests, assisting juniors in their development. He was recognised by the Lions Club with a special award for his services and was the only person to have been awarded a Life Membership for both the Junior Football and Senior Football Clubs. Vaughan obtained three hat tricks in cricket and was twice Champion Cricketer of the local association. Vaughan was a member of the Pyramid Hill Urban Fire Brigade for over 50 years. Vaughan married Mary Guthrie in 1958 and had six children. His contributions to the district were recognised at his funeral Mass at the St Patrick's Church, Pyramid Hill which overflowed with family, relatives and friends from many localities. John Gregory was a long time friend of Vaughans', attending SPC together along with the late Chris Bartels and were best men at each other's weddings. Vaughan always found the time on Saturday mornings to drop into St Patrick's Church, Pyramid Hill.
- Hunter - Francis (SPC 1940-1941) of Tarragindi, Queensland passed away on August 30 2009.
- Mervyn J. Mason (OAM) (SPC 1934-39) passed away on March 1, 2010 at St John of God Hospital Bendigo, aged 86 years. Merv had been in ill health for several months and is survived by his wife Barbara; five sons – Gregory, Peter, John, Brendan and Frank; two daughters, Christina (Mrs Harriott) and Mary (Mrs Gill) and twenty-two grandchildren. Merv was the eldest son of the late John and Eileen Mason, and his siblings were Brien, John and Varla (Mrs Griffin). His primary school education was at Moliagat State School, and from there he went to Maryborough High School and then to board at St Patrick's College Ballarat where he matriculated in 1939. Merv saw active service in New Guinea in the RAAF. In March 1946 he was discharged and commenced an Agricultural Science course at Melbourne University under the Commonwealth Reconstruction

Training Scheme and completed his degree at the end of 1949. After attaining his degree he returned to the family farm at "Hillview" McIntyre and remained on the property until his death. Merv took an active role in community life, including football and tennis. He was captain coach of the Bealiba football team when it won the premiership in the Loddon Valley League in 1952, and a player and captain of the Rheola Tennis Club for many years. From 1983 to 1985 he was President of the Inglewood Football Club and was honoured with life membership. He served long terms in public life. He was a councillor of the Korong Shire Council for thirty-three years from 1961 until 1995 when the Korong Shire was merged with portions of other municipalities to form the Loddon Shire. During this time he served three years as President, was nominee on the Loddon-Campaspe Regional Planning Authority from 1973 to 1994 including several terms as Chairman, and was nominee on the Bendigo Regional Library Committee from the time the council joined the Regional Library Service in 1976 until 1994. In 1969 he was appointed a Justice of the Peace. Merv was a member of the Kangdaraa Catchment Landcare Group and was secretary from its formation in 1988 until 2009. He took a great interest in agricultural politics and associations and his involvement included membership of the Victorian Wheat and Woolgrowers Association where he was President of the Bendigo District Council from 1961 to 1968. In 1965 he was inducted as a Charter Member of the Inglewood Lions Club and served as President in 1976-77. His forty-five years of service was recognised on Australia Day 2010 when he was presented with Life Membership of the International Association of Lions Clubs. His service to local government and to the community was honoured in 1989 when he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. His Funeral Mass was celebrated by Rev Fr Joven Lustre, with assistance from Rev Fr Ed Maloney, Rev Fr Joe Pothenparampil and Rev Fr L. Hynes, at St Mary's Catholic Church, Inglewood, on Thursday March 4 and was attended by many from across the region and from the St Patrick's community.



Merv Mason OAM

- One of the College's most famous scholars Dr Mark O'Brien (SPC 1926-31) died on March 31, 2010, aged 96. Mark had been a regular visitor to the College and greatly enjoyed hearing news from St Patrick's. Mark was a highly respected and much loved doctor in the Wimmera region of Victoria and had seven children with wife Jean, who sadly died of cancer in 1966, leaving Mark to raise the young family. The Wimmera Times reported that he delivered over 3000 babies during his 43 year medical career. Mark was Dux of the College in 1930 and by 1939 was the doctor at Jeparit. He volunteered for war duty but it was felt he was too valuable to the region to send overseas. In 1952 he moved to Horsham and set up practice in Roberts St. Mark re-married long time friend Sheila who remained his constant companion until 2004. Mark was renowned for his excellent patient care and for his innate ability to make accurate diagnoses. Mark was a great friend to many in the community and a keen golfer and bowler being a member at Horsham Golf Club from 1952 to 2003. At his funeral attended by over 350 mourners, family told of his devout Catholic faith, his love of conversation and sense of family. He also loved a Guinness which was perhaps part of his secret to longevity. Mark was an outstanding exemplar of the traditions of the College and will be fondly remembered by all at St Patrick's.



Dr Mark O'Brien with Dr Peter Casey



The late Les Pring and wife Phyllis

- Pring – Les (SPC 1937-42) passed away suddenly on Friday May 14 2010. Les enjoyed attending the St Patrick's Day Old Collegians Luncheon, with his wife Phyllis. Sincere condolences to his wife, Phyllis and family.
- Gavan Walsh (SPC 1956 - 1960) of Rice Village in Geelong passed away at the age of 74 on December 26 2009.
- Walsh – Greg (SPC 1951-54) passed away suddenly on September 5, 2009, aged 72 years. On leaving St Patrick's College Greg worked as a telephone technician with the PMG department of Telecom in which he had many roles for almost 40 years. Following his retirement Greg worked as a manual arts teacher at a local high school for 9 years. Greg is survived by his wife Valeri (Ryan), 10 children and 18 grandchildren. May he rest in peace.

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

NEXT EDITION

The deadline for the next edition of The Shamrock is July 30, 2010. All contributions from members of the SPC community are gratefully received. Contributions can be mailed, faxed or emailed to the Editor – Mark Waddington, mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au



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