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BALLARAT



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Welcome to the second edition of *The Shamrock* for 2010. It has been an action packed year at St Patrick's with a wealth of news from all sections of the College community contained within these pages, including extensive coverage of the 2010 Art Exhibition, premiership glory on the MCG in the MCC Herald Sun Shield Grand Final, the spectacular success of our musicians and details of 2011 Student Leadership. As usual this edition of *The Shamrock*, featuring Green, White and Blue, contains lots of old boy news and event, so please find a quiet spot, get comfortable and enjoy!

FROM THE HEADMASTER

The Headmaster commenced enrichment leave on Friday September 10 and is currently studying scripture in the Old City of Jerusalem - living in a convent! Prior to arriving in Israel he caught up with daughter Jennifer in Paris. In his absence EREA has appointed Mr Chris Caldwell as the Acting Headmaster. We are sure Peter is thinking of us in the midst of much that is sacred!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2011

As part of the College's commitment to leadership development, staff and students have been undertaking extensive processes to elect 2011 College Leaders, the Student Council and the Student Congress. The formal handover will take place in term four at the last College Assembly for current Year 12s.

Leadership Positions 2011

Captain of the College
Nicholas O'Brien

Vice Captain
Adam Spencer

Vice Captain
Mathew Begbie



2010 CHRIS NOLAN AWARDS

The 2010 Semester One Chris Nolan Awards were presented at the Headmaster's College Assembly to Years 7 to 12 students who finished in the top 15% of their respective year level (based on an aggregation of their results from Semester One assessment tasks).

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

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

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

- the Headmaster's Award for Leadership
- the History Prize

- the Sir Hugh Devine Prize for Impromptu Speech
- a W.T. Doyle Prize for Debating
- 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. It was great to once again have Chris and his family present for the assembly where awards were presented, further reinforcing the importance of the awards to students, staff and parents.

The following boys received a 2010 Chris Nolan Award:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Stuart Aberdein	David Adams	Jake Ainley	Nicholas Beaver	Scott Azarnikow	Bryce Andrews
Nick Anokye	Sam Castleman	Jakob Baric	Cameron Butcher	Daniel Baxter	Ryan Bell
Jayden Boak	Hamish Clydesdale	Fergus Bragge	Zachary Cano-Perez	Regan Boyce	Jake Belsar
Todd Brooks	Harry Cousens	Samuel Burzacott	Mitchell Clarke	Tyler Brandenburg	Bradley Brennan
Mitch Canny	Ash Duffy	Gerard Clifford	Michael Cocomazzo	Jack Callil	Nick Brown
Laurence Cashin	Liam Duggan	Tim Crowe	Robert Conroy	William Corbett	Lachlan Clydesdale
Paddy Collier	Liam Edwards	Thomas Edmondson	Alex Cook	Liam Davie	Daniel Cobden
Sam Cranage	Matthew Hall	Andrew Fay	Charles Cook	Jack Dean	Diarmaid Driscoll
Mitchell Eva	Liam Hanrahan	Matthew Geddes	James Fahey	Toby Ford	Alex Fraser
James Everett	Lachlan Hewitt	Andrew Groch	Patrick Farnan	Xavier Frost	Justin Gordon
Lachie Fuller	Thomas Keogh	Jack Harrison	Alexander	Carl Giles	Joseph Hall
Kelsey Gannon	Josh Leviston	John Hickey	Fitzsimons	Thomas Gillett	Matthew Hogbin
Ethan Haintz	Paul Liston	Luke Howard	Riley Fullerton	Kieren Hickey	Clay Jenkins
Callum Holland	Alex Martino	Ben Howes	Jack Furness	Samuel Higgins	Sean Keem
Jack Hynes	Eamonn McCuskey	Thomas Hoy	Jayden Hayes	Alex Hobson	Zachary Malone
Oliver Iles	Tom McDonough	Jesse Jones	Patrick Linnane	Brendan	Tom McDonald
Jake Leontiew	Thomas McMaster	Joel Karslake	Paul McEldrew	Hutchinson	Daniel McDonald
Ben Lusby	Tom Mooney	Jake Laidlaw	Nicholas McKee	Jack Jenkins	Joseph McKee
Angus Maude	Scott Murphy	Declan Leishman	Eamonn McVeigh	James Liston	Lachlan McLean
Lachlan McIntyre	Luke Pelchen	Nicholas McMaster	Edward Meagher	Samuel Lockyer	Ben O'Shea
Conor McKee	Daniel Phyland	Mark McOwan	Austin Miller	Brendan Masters	Matthew Peters
James McKinnon	Louis Powlett	Adam Murphy	Bradley O'Loughlin	Sean McDonald	Joshua Pollard
Sam Mewett	Jack Reid	Jake Muscat	Kieren O'Riley	Timothy McOwan	Jarrold Sharrock
Cam Milne	Harrison Robertson	Peter Oakley	Luke Polmear	Alexander	Billy Shelden
Christopher Milroy	Jake Wilkie	Jarryd O'Dowd	Charlie Powlett	McPherson	Thomas Smardon
Edwin North	Aidan Willowwhite	Timothy O'Shea	Jordan Santilli	Matthew Norman	Kieran Toohey
Jordan Purcell	Sam Wines	Angus Rooney	Benjamin Sculley	Joshua Paddon	Luke Torpy
Ryan Ringin	Kieran Wynne	Timothy Ryan	Ashley Simpson	Jacob Perkins	Jake Ward
Thomas Schreenan	Elliott Yeung	Mitchell Ryan	Xavier Slater	Jaz Plinius-Wiese	Michael Xuereb
Ryan Shaw		Harrison Spratling	Fraser Steggall	Patrick Ross-Taylor	
Jack Shaw		Jarrah Staley	Alex Thompson	Jayden Sammut	
Mitchell Steele		Mitchell Thompson	Grant Trevenen	James Westbrook	
Tom Wakefield		Thomas Thorpe	Zachary Weightman	Jeremy White	
Jacob Wheelahan		Daniel Toohey	Nicholas Willowwhite	Jonathan Willey	
		Nick Treloar			
		Jack Wakefield			
		Nicholas Whelan			
		Luke Wilson			

The College also presented Headmaster's VCE Excellence Awards to students who attained the highest aggregated score for all school assessed tasks completed in each VCE Unit 3 and VET subject. Certificates were awarded to the following students:

Bryce Andrews Australian History	Joseph Hall Biology	Timothy McOwan Biology
Tyler Brandenburg Biology	Matthew Hogbin Food Technology	Samuel Morrissey Design and Technology
Bradley Brennan Accounting Economics Further Mathematics Legal Studies	Clay Jenkins Accounting	Ben O'Shea Chemistry Mathematical Methods (CAS)
Jack Callil Revolutions	Sean Keem Specialist Mathematics	Joel Owins VET Sport and Recreation
Jake Clough Systems Engineering	Isaac Kirby Visual Communication and Design	Joshua Pollard Literature Media Religion and Society
Daniel Cobden Physical Education	Aaron Lewicki Music Styles	Billy Shedden Outdoor and Environmental Studies
Diarmaid Driscoll Text and Traditions	Zachary Malone Health and Human Development	Thomas Smardon Food Technology Physics
Simon Gradkowski Studio Arts	Thomas McDonald Business Management	Thomas Smardon Food Technology Physics
Daniel Groch IT Applications	Lachlan McLean English LOTE – Japanese Mathematical Methods (CAS)	Jacob Van Rijn Studio Arts

ONE NIGHT OF HOMELESSNESS

Mr Jamie Bobrowski

Many of you reading this article will never experience the isolated, lonely, hungry and unhealthy world that comes with being homeless.

When did you last consider how lucky you really are to live in a family home with a roof over your head, to regularly enjoy a home cooked meal and a conversation with members of your family around the dinner table; to be able to jump into the comforts of a warm bed when you get tired or simply have a hug with someone and be told how special you are?

Our lives are so busy that we will never appreciate what it must feel like to experience the circumstances that has

resulted in 36,000 young people exposed to homelessness in Australia on any given night. These young people are aged between 12 to 25 years of age, a staggering one in 70.

In response to this situation and to further enhance the Leadership programme available to students the College conducted One Night of Homelessness to provide students with an opportunity to experience just some of the conditions that people living homeless experience.

On Thursday June 3, 197 students (out of 202) and 13 staff spent the night out in the cold with nothing but a woolen blanket for comfort and warmth. The experience, coordinated by the College's Leadership and Standards Officer Mr Jamie Bobrowski is part of a holistic Leadership Development programme in Year 10, titled 'The Journey'.

Without the comforts of home and supportive families, the students were challenged in the confronting situations by Mr Bobrowski who woke the boys up at regular intervals during the night giving a sense of sleep deprivation. This was just one example of how the students could appreciate what homelessness is like. It wasn't all bad though, as students also experienced a real life soup kitchen and met workers and volunteers whose daily reality brings them into contact with some of societies marginalised. Students were treated to one cup of soup and a slice of bread. Other experiences for the night included a range of team challenges and an hour of loneliness.

Thank you to Mrs Fiona Carroll, Mr Andrew Chamings, Mrs Nicole Hexter, Mrs Melissa Griffin, Mr Peter Brady, Mr Gerard Knobel, Mr Ian Fernee, Mr Peter Ryan, Mrs Clare Canavan, Mr Matt Taylor,

Mr Bernie Kenna, Mr Michael Busscher and Mr Shane Hayes who volunteered their services on this night to allow the event to occur.

A personal reflection on the Year 10 Homelessness Night

Below is a letter from Year 10 boy, Jack Owen reflecting upon the Homelessness Night.

Dear Mr Bobrowski, Mr Caldwell, Mrs Carroll and all the other staff members who volunteered their time for the Homeless Night.

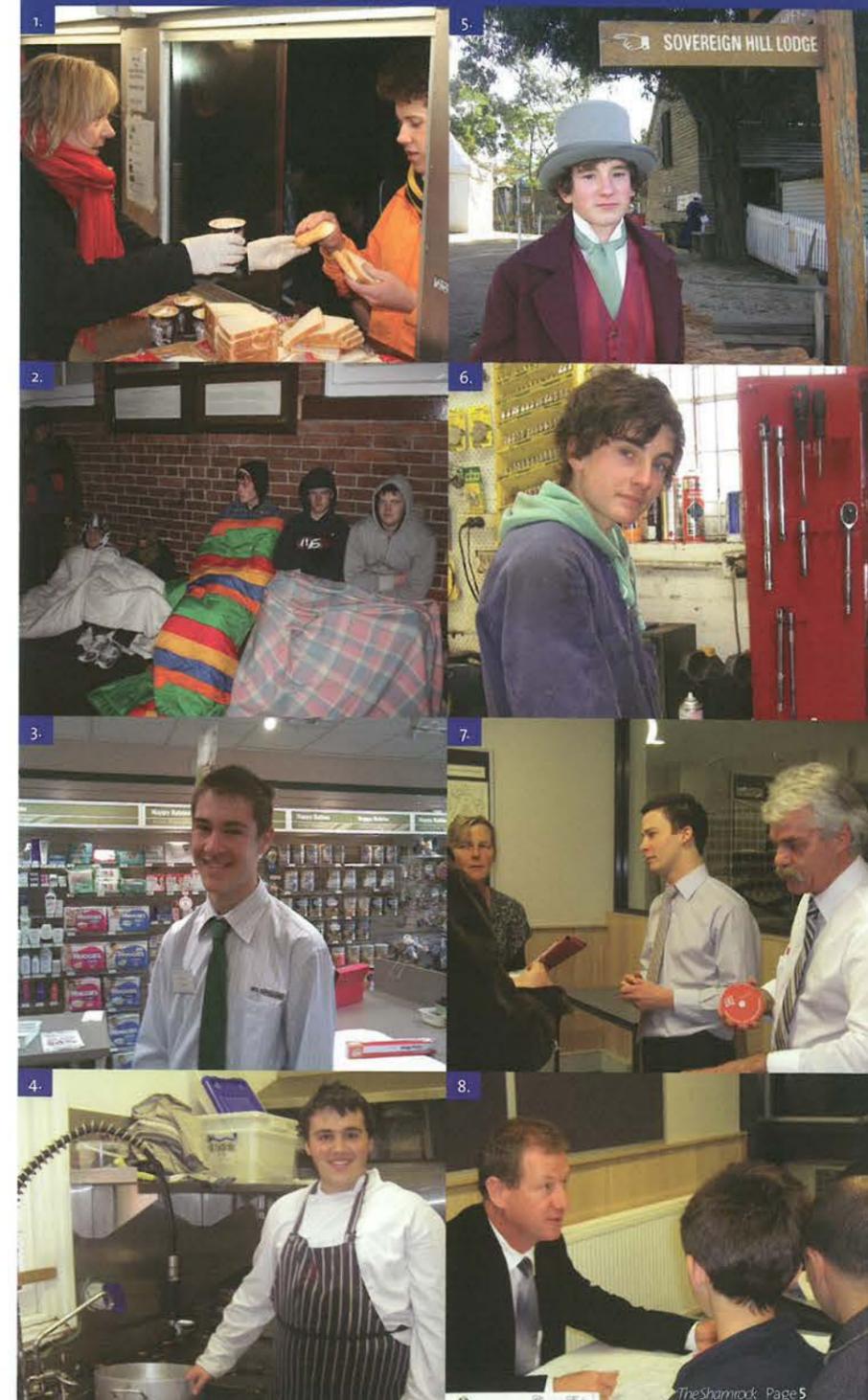
I would just like to thank you for the experience you gave me. It was an experience that really hit home for me, about how lucky I really am and one that I will remember for the rest of my life. For me it won't be remembered as a good experience, but as a meaningful one. The fact that I could be just two poor choices away from being in this situation scared me. It scared me for the good though, as now I'm going to work harder to not get myself in that situation.

While I was sleeping on the cold ground I knew that I was going home to a warm shower and meal. I felt a great deal of empathy towards real homeless people who don't get that, and go through worse conditions every night. I felt giving my dollar to Craig's soup bus and my blanket to St Vinnies just isn't enough, so I'm going to make sure I volunteer my time a few times a month. Whether that is to Craig's Soup Bus or organising something for donation towards his bus, I just feel like I should give a little something to our community after Thursday night.

My perspective on homeless people has changed immensely. I only ever saw them as a stereotype. I know now that they all have a story behind them on how they got there for most is terrible. I thought I would get nothing out of this night, just a good excuse to get a day off. I was wrong though, very wrong. Having a warm and comfortable place to sleep, a roof over my head and healthy meals to eat, means more to me now than before, and I'm truly grateful for that. From those facts that were given to me I learnt fast that this was not just a little matter.

- 1-2. Year 10 Homelessness Night
- 3-6. Year 10 Work Experience
7. Careers Information Evening: Kyle Bennett (1998-03) provided advice on the career of Engineering
8. Careers Information Night: Peter Flynn (SPC 1976-81)

Photo Gallery



The night was a real eye opener for me. I can't thank you enough for giving me this experience as it has shown me what life can really be like. I have now made it one of my goals to work even harder at school, so I'll be able to get a good career and not end up homeless. I encourage and hope this night will become a tradition at St Pat's.

To give boys a real look at what it's like and how bad it really is, so they'll be able to go home, like me, and say thanks for all there've got.

So thank you Mr Bobrowski, Mr Caldwell, Mrs Carroll and all the other staff members who were there on Thursday night. Thank you as that experience has changed my life for the good.

*Yours sincerely,
Jack Owen*

WORK EXPERIENCE

The College's Transition Coordinator, Mr Anthony Meehan has again worked tirelessly in assisting over 200 Year 10 students with work placements in the week of June 21 to 25. As ever the College received many positive endorsements from employers throughout the region who were greatly taken by the maturity, work ethic and broad range of skills demonstrated by Year 10 students.

FATHER'S DAY

On September 3 the College celebrated Fathers' Day Mass and breakfast, which was well attended and had a terrific atmosphere. Thank you to Mrs Maree Moore, Mrs Jo-anne Patching and the Mission Team, Mr Bernie Kenna and Fr Greg Tait for their efforts in bringing this occasion together.

In our setting – an all boys' Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition, we are ever conscious of the impact we, as adults have on our young men. The influence that parents have on shaping their children is paramount and the second greatest influence usually comes from the teachers that young people have during their schooling. The opportunity to bring Dads and sons together is something which the College values enormously. The evidence suggests that as Dads, we must ensure that we do find time to be with our sons and daughters and to take an active and genuinely interested role in their lives. Special mention to Peter Grinter who left Hexham at 5.00 am to celebrate Mass with son James. Peter was accompanied by James' grandfather Keith Jubb (SPC 1944-49) who made the trip up with Peter from Mortlake. We trust that all of our Dads and families enjoyed a great Fathers' Day!

YEAR 8 ESSENTIAL SERVICES DAY

Boys in Year 8 participated in the Personal Safety and Responsibility Emergency Services Programme, conducted by the Country Fire Authority. The boys experienced a wide range of activities including sessions in First Aid, Drug and Alcohol Awareness, Cook Safe and Personal Responsibility.

The most confronting and challenging session required the boys to negotiate their way through a room filled with theatrical smoke, the message being 'keep low in smoke'.

In addition to these sessions the boys were also given the opportunity to investigate the million dollar fire truck from the Ballarat Fire Station with its 37 metre high ladder. Special thanks are extended to Chris Carey from the CFA for this initiative.

BOYS, BLOKES, BOOKS AND BREAKFAST

On Friday August 6, boys and significant males in their lives gathered in the St Patrick's College OCA Pavilion to eat a delicious breakfast and share their favourite books. The morning was coordinated by staff from the Kelty Resource Centre and included a number of local sports stars and famous author Michael Hyde.

Michael Hyde spoke about his love of hearing and telling stories and his experiences in working with people to help them find their story to tell. It was a great opportunity for boys and blokes to get together and be positive and share the joy of reading.

BOOK WEEK WINNERS

The Kelty Resource Centre recently ran a number of competitions as part the 2010 Book Week. The theme, Across the Story Bridge was evident as boys entered the KRC. Special thanks to Mr Procaccino and the staff in Design and Technology for the sensational bridge they built as part of the Book Week display.

The response to this initiative from boys was fantastic. The KRC received many correct entries, all of which were then placed in a box, and the winners drawn out. Canteen vouchers were awarded to students in the following homerooms:

- Year 7B - Ms Moore
- Year 8C - Mr Kruger
- Year 9B - Mr Joyce
- Senior Ryan B - Ms Fazzalari

2010 ART EXHIBITION

The third annual SPC Art Exhibition was a wonderful success with a diverse range of art work on display in the OCA Pavilion. Curator Mr Terry Blizzard and his team did an exceptional job in presenting works with a large number of visitors commenting on the quality of the Exhibition. The Committee led by Mrs Tracey Wilson managed all aspects of the event in a professional manner further adding to the prestige of the Exhibition. Special thanks to Ms Caitlin Bennett and Mrs Karoline Malone who did a huge amount of administrative work to ensure the event ran smoothly.

The highlight of the Exhibition was the awarding of the 2010 Acquisitive Prizes at the Gala Launch on Friday. These prestigious prizes were awarded to:

- 1-3. Boys, Blokes and Books Breakfast
4. Andrew McMaster enjoys breakfast with his son, College Captain James McMaster
- 5-6. Father's Day Mass and Breakfast
7. 2010 Art Exhibition Flanagan Prize Winner: 'Burnt' by Tarli Glover
8. 2010 University of Ballarat Emerging Artist Prize Winner: Objects and Subjects No. 2 (shoe boxes) by Anastasia Wiltshire

Photo Gallery



- Flanagan Art Prize (\$5000) – ‘Burnt’ by Tarli Glover
- University of Ballarat Emerging Artist Prize (\$1000) – ‘Objects and Subjects No. 2’ by Anastasia Wiltshire
- Student Choice Award – ‘Autumn Light, Apollo Bay Wharf’, Mrs Marianne Kambouridis (SPC Staff)

Sincere appreciation to major event sponsors Viatak and the University of Ballarat.

VCE art students from St Patrick’s and Loreto College visited the Exhibition with all students voting on the ‘Students’ Choice’ Award which was won by staff member Mrs Marianne Kambouridis for her work featuring the port of Apollo Bay. This was an invaluable experience for students and further reinforces the breadth of learning opportunities available to students at the College.

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

2010 Committee

- Mrs Tracey Wilson (Chair)
- Mr Terry Blizzard (Curator)
- Mrs Karoline Malone (Secretary)
- Mrs Shirley Walters (Treasurer)
- Ms Caitlin Bennett
- Mrs Claire Blake
- Mrs Sue Blizzard
- Dr Peter Casey
- Mrs Leonie Spencer
- Mr Mark Waddington
- Mr Bernie Wilson

The success of the event was also attributable to a number of generous event sponsors for 2010 including:

Category Sponsors

- City Oval Restaurant & Bar – Robert and Deb Gayton
- Darriwill Farm
- L’Espresso
- Lifestyle Travel – Leonie Spencer
- Mud Group - Graphic Design
- Peter Ford Catering – Peter and Louise Ford

- Springhill Farn
- Sovereign Press
- Turrett Café & Catering
- Zaragosa Mexican & Spanish Tapas Bar and Restaurant

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC A YEAR TO REMEMBER

Mrs Kathleen Plastow
Director of Performing Arts

The Queensland Music Tour

This year’s tour to Queensland was very successful both in regards to competition and for individual skill and performance development. 56 boys and four staff departed at 4am for the airport and subsequently the warmer temperatures of Brisbane where the first day was spent enjoying the rides at Dreamworld.

This, however, was the only the start on a heavy load of performance and rehearsal. On the Thursday, all three of the larger ensembles, Stage Band, Guitar Ensemble and Concert Band 1, entertained the audiences at the EKKA. Although this was more designed for entertainment purposes, the boys received valuable feedback from the professional musicians that were adjudicating the sessions.

This was followed by a quick change of clothes from Tour uniform in to the College Uniform for the more official competition at the Queensland Catholic Colleges Music Festival. Both Concert Band 1 and the Guitar Ensemble were successful in being awarded the Silver Shields in their categories.

On the Friday all students spent the day at Gallipoli Barracks working with the Australian Army Band. This proved to be

one of the most productive activities undertaken by our musicians. The workshop focussed on intonation, articulation and playing techniques that had a huge impact on the sound produced by each of the members of the band. We had a look at possible music careers within the Defence Force and we have brought back documentation for those looking at this as a possible career choice.

Saturday was probably the busiest of all of the competition days with Woodwind Ensembles 1 and 2, Brass Ensembles 1 and 2, Percussion Ensemble and Stage band all having to perform over the course of the day. Again this proved to be a very successful day with the following results: Woodwind 1 – Silver, Woodwind 2 – Silver, Brass 1 – Gold, Brass 2 – Silver, Percussion – Bronze and Stage Band – Gold.

Melbourne School Bands Festival

As soon as students had returned from the Queensland Tour, many of them had to back up and compete in Melbourne. The Stage Band performed admirably considering they had flown back less than 24 hours earlier. The band was awarded a Merit Award for their performance.

Two days later, 105 musicians headed back down the highway for the concert band sections. Concert Band 2 is made up of students in Years 7 and 8 and for their performance were awarded the Standard of Excellence Award. Not bad considering this was their first public performance. This was followed up by a Silver Award for Concert Band 1.

Royal South Street Society Competition

In only their second public performance, Concert Band 2 were awarded third place in the Novice Training Band section. This was followed up by a much deserved lunch at McDonalds on the way back to school.

Concert Band 1 achieved the only awarded Honourable Mention in the Intermediate Concert Band section and the Guitar Ensemble placed second in the Small Ensemble category.

We are also proud of the students that performed in solo sections. Joseph Zreikat – 3rd, James McDougall - HM, Charlie Powlett, Angus Rooney – 3rd, Kyle Woodward, Andrew Groch - 1st, Tom Edmondson - 2nd, Ben O’Shea, Timothy Crowe, Thomas Thorpe and Justin Torresi. It takes a lot of confidence to perform solo and the boys did a marvellous job in representing us.

Marching Band Success

On Saturday night, July 17, the College Marching Band performed its first public performance at the Minerdome. The boys performed from the stands for the half time break and during the Lady Miners game and during the interval between the games. We were able to perform some marching set pieces with the aid of our new marching percussion equipment. This equipment: Bass Drums, Quad Drums, Snares, cymbals and glockenspiel, were purchased with the assistance of a grant from Telstra Country Wide and the Ballarat Foundation and allow us to perform a greater range of music and be more mobile in performance. The show was well received by the community.

DRAMA

Theatre Sports

The St Patrick’s College Theatre Sports Team of Killian Plastow, Daniel Kelly, Thomas Thorpe and Luke Wilson recently represented the College at Royal South Street Society Competitions. They competed in two sections and received the Highly Commended award for each performance. ‘Death in a Minute’ requires the boys to instantly perform a randomly chosen topic with a twist. At the end of

- 1-2. Year 7 Loreto and St Patrick’s College Interaction Day
- 3-4. Country Fire Authority visits St Patrick’s College
- 5-7. Year 8 Medieval Day
8. Top: SPC Stage Band 1 at the Melbourne School Bands Festival and Bottom: SPC Concert Band at the Melbourne School Bands Festival (Image Courtesy John Travers)

Photo Gallery



one minute, someone must die. They have to judge the time and make it plausible with no planning or conversation to indicate who will die or how it will happen.

Of course this can lead to very funny situations and our boys had the audience in stitches. The second category was Space Jump. Each member must come in to the scenario and change the action that is happening on the stage. Again this can lead to very interesting and funny situations developing. Well done to all of the boys involved.

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Mrs Shannan Sosinski
Indigenous Education Manager

As part of the College's Indigenous education programme my family were privileged to visit the community of Timber Creek where we received a warm welcome from our five Timber Creek students and their community. As part of the Indigenous Education Programme the College is committed to nurturing positive two way relationships between St Patrick's and communities to ensure optimal outcomes for all students are attained. Our visit followed on from the visit of the Waddington family in 2009 and day visits from school community members such as Br Bernie Scott.

Before arriving at Timber Creek we visited the Barunga Festival which is an Indigenous sport and cultural event. We experienced some of the cultural workshops, as well as watching many sporting competitions (including a spear throwing contest). We were amazed by some of the athletic talent, and couldn't believe that bare feet were favoured by some of the athletes. Like most places we have been, we met some familiar faces including Lorraine Jones mother of Calvin Anzac (SPC 2007-2008).

We arrived in Timber Creek on a Monday. We weren't quite sure what to expect or how long we would stay - we ended up staying ten days! We loved our time at 'Timber'. The locals made us feel very welcome and we enjoyed the outdoor lifestyle and the richness of community life.

We were fortunate to spend some time at the Timber Creek primary school. My children Jack, Lachie and Tara each spent a day in their respective year level classes and, from there, made some great friends. The children of Timber Creek are amongst the most friendly people we have met - they greeted us with lots of hugs and smiles. They have since taken us fishing, celebrated a birthday party for Jack, and shared many stories of their traditions and culture. Despite the challenges they face, they seem so genuinely happy and have taught us far more than we could ever teach them!

Timber Creek is beautiful country. It is surrounded by rocky ridges and is bordered by the magnificent, albeit crocodile infested, Victoria River. It is famous for the Boab trees which are found everywhere. The weather in July is perfect - mid 30's every day.

Despite so many people telling us the water is too cold, we caught the elusive Barramundi. We went fishing with one of the locals, Aaron, who knows everything there is to know about catching the big fish and hunting the local wildlife (as a young fella he once caught a crocodile which he kept in his bathroom for three days!) Aaron also helped us catch a catfish and, can you believe, a 75cm shark! We were excited enough with the shark but then along came a beautiful 70cm barramundi.

This visit will always be a precious memory for our family but underlines our core belief that we have a learning partnership with our students - our boys teach us so much every day and in many simple and practical ways bring us all closer to a genuine state of reconciliation.

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING

Director of Performing Arts
Mrs Kathleen Plastow

Debating

Following on from their outstanding success at winning the Regional A Grade Debating Association of Victoria; Connor Bourke, Joseph McKee and Ben O'Shea have taken out the Debating Challenge Cup at the Royal South Street Society Competition. The very contemporary political topic for the debate was, "That our present policies on immigration are too strict" and our team had to argue the negative side of the issue. Thanks must go to Mrs Sara Taylor for her time in coaching the team to such great success.

Year 7 and 8 debaters put forward strong arguments on their debates which included the topic that, "It's better being male than female" and "Mathematics is more important than English", but unfortunately both teams were out argued by Ballarat High School. Congratulations to David Adams, Campbell Milne, James McKinnon, Thomas Wakefield, and Sam Laidlaw for representing us so well.

The Year 11 team of Adam Spencer, Killian Plastow and Joseph Baxter were beaten by a very slick Hamilton and Alexander College Team.

Public Speaking - Royal South Street Society

Public speaking is a growing activity at St Patrick's with large numbers of boys representing us at the Royal South Street Society Competitions and competing in the Purton and Breach Oratory Competitions. In the RSSS competition Impromptu Speech, six of the nine competitors were St Patrick's boys and two places went to our students. Killian Plastow was awarded second place and Ben O'Shea received third place.

In the prepared speech Division 1, Killian Plastow placed 2nd and Dimitry Makeev was awarded a Highly Commended. In Division 2 David Adams was awarded 2nd place and Ben O'Shea 3rd place.

Public Speaking - Purton and Breach Oratory

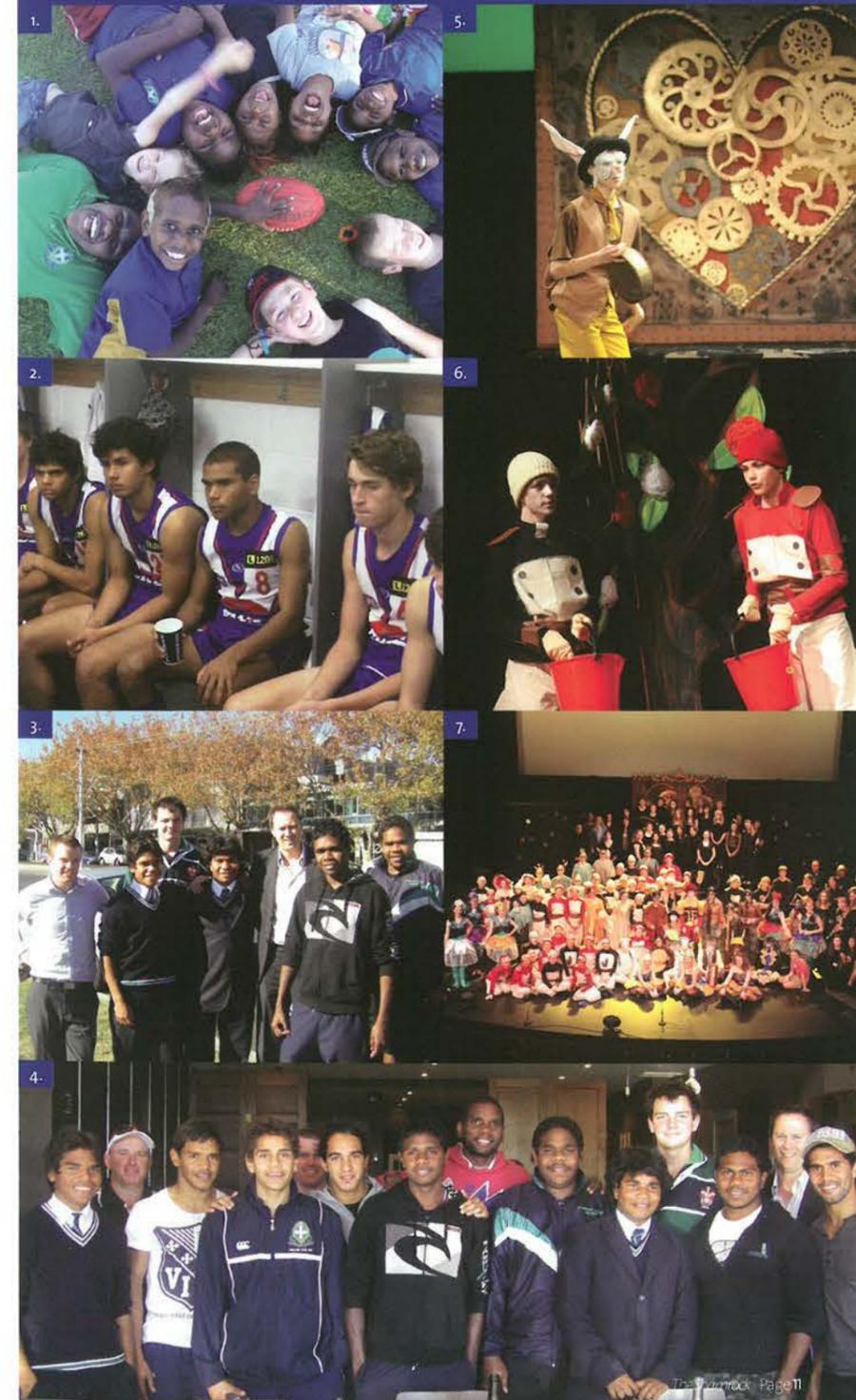
On Saturday, September 11, the College ran the annual Purton and Breach Oratory Competitions along with W.T. Doyle Debate to a full audience.

This year there were six boys accepted to deliver the Breach Oratory: Thomas Thorpe, Jack Wakefield, David Adams, Lachlan Fuller, Xavier Carey and Campbell Milne. The topics for the Breach Oratory ranged from "My Footy Finals Series" to "Kokoda" and "Cyber Bullying". The boys spoke for five minutes and were assessed by two adjudicators. Following the prepared speech, each of the boys was required to give an impromptu speech lasting two and a half minutes. Campbell Milne took out both awards and we congratulate him for an outstanding effort.

There were six competitors for the prestigious Purton Oratory this year; Kieran O'Riley, Ben O'Shea, Joseph Baxter, Adam Spencer, Connor Bourke and Killian Plastow delivered eight minutes speeches and then followed this with the impromptu speech. Michael Keem, a previous Purton Oratory winner, felt that this years competition was one of the closest that he had seen for many years. Kieran O'Riley was awarded the Purton Oratory and Ben O'Shea the Sir Hugh Devine Award for Impromptu Speaking.

1. Students from SPC and the Timber Creek school
2. Jake Neade (No.8) representing Greater Western Sydney
- 3-4. AFL Stars with members of the College's Indigenous Education Programme
- 5-7. Alice in Wonderland

Photo Gallery



'ALICE IN WONDERLAND'

Students from St Patrick's and Loreto joined forces for an enchanting production of the timeless Alice in Wonderland at the Wendouree Performing Arts Centre. Students from local primary schools and members of the wider community raved about the performances of students from both schools. Well done to the following students who were involved in the production:

CHORUS

Daniel Goetz - 9
Jarod Cosgriff - 9
Jake Crawford - 9
Jeremy White - 11
Jerome Wallace - 9
Joel Burzacott - 9
Peter Oakley - 9
Thomas Thorpe - 9
Travis Russell - 10

LEADS

Patrick Linnane - 10
Harrison Spratling - 9
Jack Wakefield - 9
Luke Wilson - 9

BAND

Killian Plastow - 11
Charlie Powlett - 10

SPORT

FOOTBALL 2010

Mr Howard Clark
Director of Football

1st XVIII A Premiership at the 'G' MCC Herald Sun Shield Grand Final

The St Patrick's College 1st XVIII won their third MCC Herald Sun Shield title with a comprehensive 51 point win over fellow EREA school St Joseph's College, Geelong. The team, brilliantly coached by Mr Howard Clark and his support team of Mr Gavin Webb, Mr Chris Caldwell and Mr Jamie Bobrowski, took all before them in 2010 and played excellent team football in all games during the season. Captain Justin Gordon led the team inspirationally and set the bench mark for commitment to the football programme.

St Patrick's College 14. 11. 95
Defeated
St Joseph's College, Geelong 6. 8. 44

Goal Kickers: Nick O'Brien 5, Nick Rippon, Scott Spriggs, Jake Neade 2, Edward Arthurson, Brad Crouch, Justin Gordon 1.

Best Players: Brad Crouch, Tom McDonald, Nathan Kelly, Nick O'Brien, Scott Spriggs, Jake Ward

St Patrick's College defeated St Joseph's College, Geelong by 51 points in the Grand Final of the prestigious MCC Herald Sun Shield on Sunday July 25. Played in beautiful conditions on the spiritual home of AFL football, the Melbourne Cricket Ground, St Patrick's College avenged last year's Grand Final defeat to Assumption College, by winning the most coveted prize in schoolboy football.

St Patrick's College entered the game warm favourites, having displayed a high level of excellence from the opening

phase of the competition (defeating Bendigo Secondary College by 92 points, Marcellin College by 125 points and Box Hill Secondary College by 145 points) to reach the semi final phase and then defeating St Bernard's College by 74 points to earn the right to play St Joseph's College in the Grand Final.

With SPC being the nominal favourites, St Joseph's College commenced the game with full intent and purpose, controlling the first ten minutes of the contest (five inside 50 entries to our one). Although St Joseph's College controlled possession and certainly had the better of the opening phase of the game, the work rate of the St Patrick's players (ten tackles, four spoils and a smother) kept the damage on the scoreboard to a minimum. For the remaining ten minutes of the first quarter, St Patrick's College kicked two unanswered goals and went into the quarter time break 12 points in front.

A most telling statistic during this opening phase was the ability of the SPC boys to execute 31 Team Targets or 1% acts. Pre-game, the coaching panel had challenged the boys to reach 25 Team Targets (Tackles, Blocks, Smothers, and Spoils) for the first quarter and so to reach a game high 31 was most telling.

The second quarter was defining and proved decisive in the overall context of the game with St Pat's kicking five goals to two. Nathan Kelly and Brad Crouch were exceptional in their role as rebounding defenders across half back, Jake Ward was impenetrable in the key post at Centre Half Back, Scott Spriggs worked tirelessly in his role as the attacking wingman and Nick O'Brien was the most dominant forward on the ground, kicking four goals in the first half of the game. At the main break, St Patrick's College had opened up a 30 point lead and it was a credit to the playing group that the atmosphere within the rooms both before the game and at half time was controlled, focused and calm.

The third quarter is classified as the 'Premiership Quarter' and this was reinforced at half time by the coaching panel. The players heeded this advice kicking the first four goals of the term and

effectively shutting St Joseph's College out of the game. Jake Neade was instrumental in this period kicking two goals himself and having a direct influence on another. At three quarter time St Patrick's College led by 44 points which was just reward to the relentless, exciting brand of football they had played for the opening three quarters.

The final quarter was a culmination of two years work by this playing group. Justin Gordon continued to lead the players by voice and action, Tom McDonald continued his fine season with a most dominant game in the ruck and Hayden Walters, very much the spiritual leader of the group, urged his mates to finish the game off decisively. At games end, St Patrick's College had achieved 105 Team Targets for the game and ran out emphatic 51 point winners, thoroughly deserving the title as the most dominant Schoolboy Team in Victoria.

BAS PREMIERS 2010

St Patrick's College 10. 7. 67
Defeated
Ballarat College 7. 7. 49

Goal Kickers: Scott Spriggs, Jake Neade, Mitchell Phelps 2, Jake Dunne, Justin Gordon, Nick Rippon, Jesse Dundon 1.

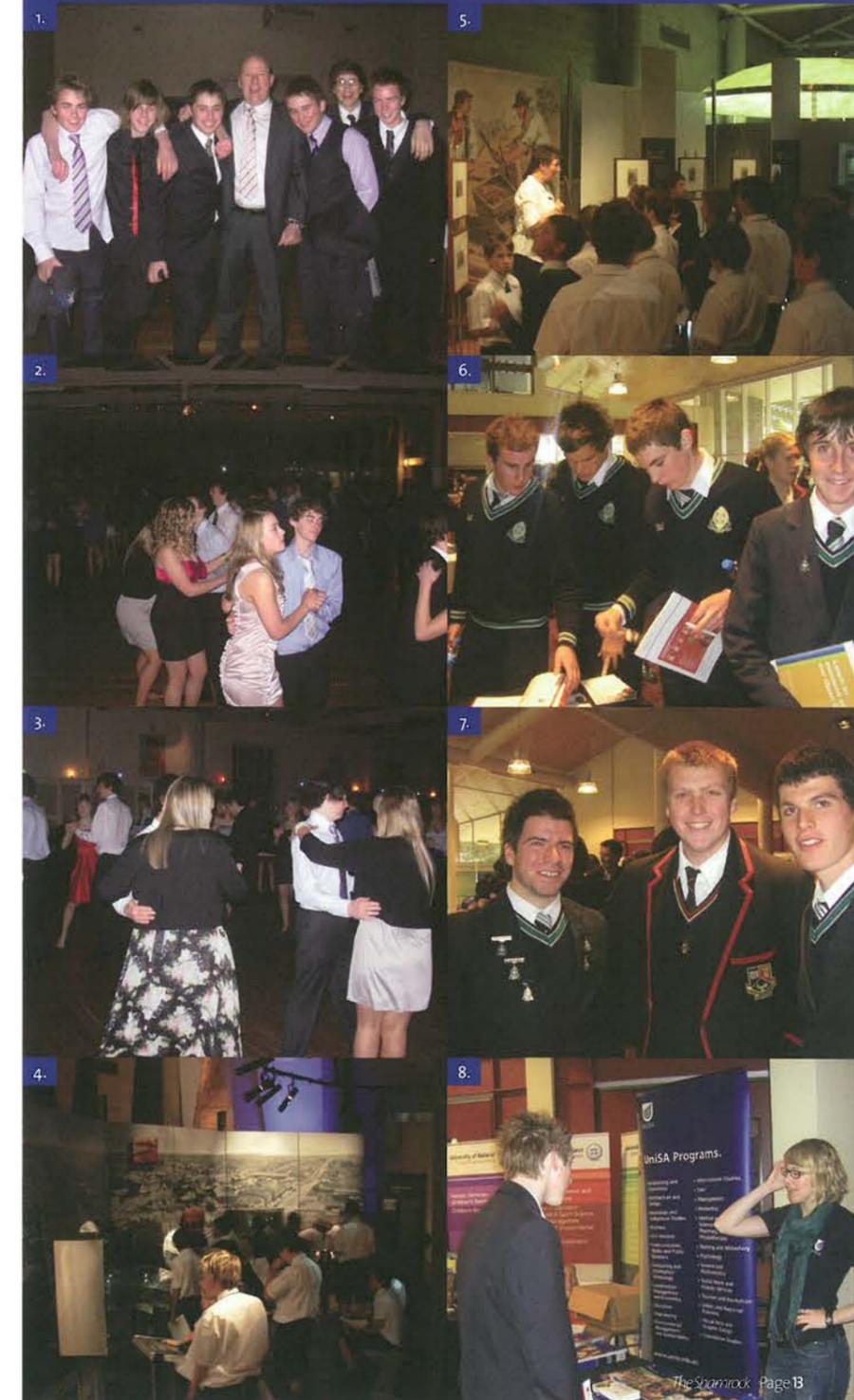
Best Players: Tom Stapleton, Nick Rippon, Jake Ward, Nathan Kelly, Scott Spriggs, Justin Gordon.

St Patrick's College capped off a stellar season by winning the BAS Grand Final against Ballarat Clarendon College at the Eureka Stadium on Wednesday July 28. The Grand Final, played under lights for the first time in front of an estimated 2500 people, was a wonderful endorsement of schoolboy football and certainly reflected positively on both school football programmes.

Having won the prestigious MCC Herald Sun Shield three days earlier, the BAS win was the culmination of a highly successful

1-3. Year 9 Social with Loreto College
4-5. Year 7 boys at the Gold Museum
6-8. Senior School Career Day

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season. The players were true to the Vision and Mission that they created at the commencement of the year: "In 2010, St Pat's will respect the traditions of the game whilst being disciplined and honest with each other. Our honour in the jumper will be shown through our enjoyment and devotion in creating our own history". This group of young men will certainly be viewed most favourably in comparison with decorated SPC teams of the past.

Played in wet and slippery conditions, BCC opened the game with real energy and purpose, kicking the first two goals of the game and causing some headaches to the coaching staff. At the 12 minute mark of the quarter and trailing by 13 points, Mitchell Phelps kicked a trademark goal that has been his signature over the last twelve months.

Mitchell was able to get on the end of some excellent defensive work by Tom Stapleton late in the quarter to kick his second goal of the term to bring St Pat's within three points.

The second quarter was a mirror image of the first, with College kicking the first goal to open up a ten point lead at the eight minute mark. The crowd was becoming quite vocal and at times the playing conditions and the state of the game led to skill errors, however, the intense nature of the contest never wavered. Tom Stapleton continued to play extremely well as the small back, deep in defence, Nick Rippon showed maturity beyond his years to have a significant influence on the game and Jake Ward playing Under 18 All Australian Centre Half Forward, Lucas Cook, was having the better of the duel for the third time in as many games. At half time, St Patrick's College, although trailing by five points and feeling physically and mentally tired from Sunday's game, were confident that they could regroup and win the last half and ultimately the contest.

The last half was a testament to the great character of this playing group. Scott Spriggs was shifted to full forward and his influence on the game was crucial to the outcome. Not only did Scott kick two goals himself, he had a direct influence on two

others and his class in the wet and slippery conditions underlines his great potential in the game.

At three quarter time, with St Patrick's College leading by the slender margin of two points, a thoughtful, calm and measured speech by Mr Chris Caldwell centered the player's focus asking each of them to win their own contested football, for the midfielders to win the clearances through body positioning and when the situation presented itself, to use the boundary line as a 19th player in the wet and slippery conditions.

Justin Gordon who has been a wonderful leader throughout the 2010 season was shifted into the centre and his strong body coupled with his desire to win the ball at any cost was vital in the final quarter. Not only did he win two centre clearances himself, he kicked a goal from 60 metres that extended our lead to ten points. Two further goals from the very talented and creative Jake Neade sealed the contest with St Patrick's College running out eventual 18 point winners.

A most telling statistic of the final term was St Patrick's College having seven scoring shots to Ballarat Clarendon College's one. This is a true testament to the character of the boys, as they willed themselves over the line, exhausted from the heroics from Sunday's game, digging deep when challenged and ending the year undefeated. A fitting conclusion to a year that promised so much and delivered that and more! The success of the year is measured not by the trophies but the character of the group, in particular the humble manner in which they have carried themselves.

2ND XVIII

SPC White 8 - 6 - 54 Defeated Ballarat Clarendon College 4 - 4 - 28

Goal Kickers: Mitch Taylor, Nick Aringo 2, Michael Slater, Nick O'Farrell, Gerald Toohey 1.

Best Players: James Cook, Justin O'Brien, Nick Aringo, Jayden Orr, Clay Jenkins, Mitchell Taylor.

The BAS 2nd XVIII Grand Final was played at North Ballarat as a lead in to the 1st XVIII game. The last time SPC played Ballarat Clarendon College in Round 1, a draw resulted following some conjecture over the score! The boys were very determined right from the outset and opened up a handy two goal lead at quarter time. The second quarter was very scrappy in the wet conditions as both sides applied plenty of physical pressure. Matt Cullinan had to leave the field after dislocating his finger and we certainly missed his presence around the ground. BCC dominated the early part of the third quarter and hit the front. This stunned the SPC White boys who then responded with three late goals to take a 20 point lead into the last change. SPC outscored College again in the last to run out to 26 point winners. The boys played "team" football and thoroughly enjoyed the win. Thank you and well done to all boys who represented SPC White this year.

JOHN JAMES MEDAL NIGHT

Over 180 guests attended the prestigious John James Medal Evening, a night that recognises one of the College's finest athletes, 1961 Brownlow Medallist John James. John was an amazing school boy athlete once kicking 35 goals in a 1st XVIII game against Ballarat High School. The night also recognises the involvement of over 400 students, staff and parents who participate in the College's Football Programme.

Guest Speakers on the night were Melbourne star Aaron Davies and VFL Liston medallist Stephen Clifton. Aaron captivated the crowd with his moving account of his journey to the AFL which saw him play in Adelaide prior to a stint at Port Melbourne where he was rookie listed

to the Melbourne Football Club. Aaron never lost his self belief and despite the added pressure of raising a young family was able to eventually find a spot on the Melbourne list. As they say the rest is history and today he is a leader of the club and without doubt one of the most exciting players in the competition. He is an exceptional Indigenous man, a great role model and an inspiring mentor who has spent many hours working with some of the young men in the College's Indigenous Education programme.

Stephen Clifton (SPC 1999-2004) highlights the value of perseverance and continues to give himself an opportunity for selection to the highest level of football. 'Cliffo' has steadily worked his way through the ranks of VFL football, along way winning state representation and the competitions highest individual honour. He has played in each of North Ballarat three premierships and was a runaway winner of the club's 2010 best and Fairest Award. Stephen poignantly demonstrates the range of football pathways available to graduates of the College and the importance of always striving for personal excellence. Stephen was interviewed by Gerard FitzGerald (SPC 1973), a long time supporter of the College's football programme.

1st XVIII Awards

Br WT O'Malley Best and Fairest Trophy
Thomas McDonald and Jordan Alexander

MCC Herald Sun Shield Player of the Year
Scott Spriggs

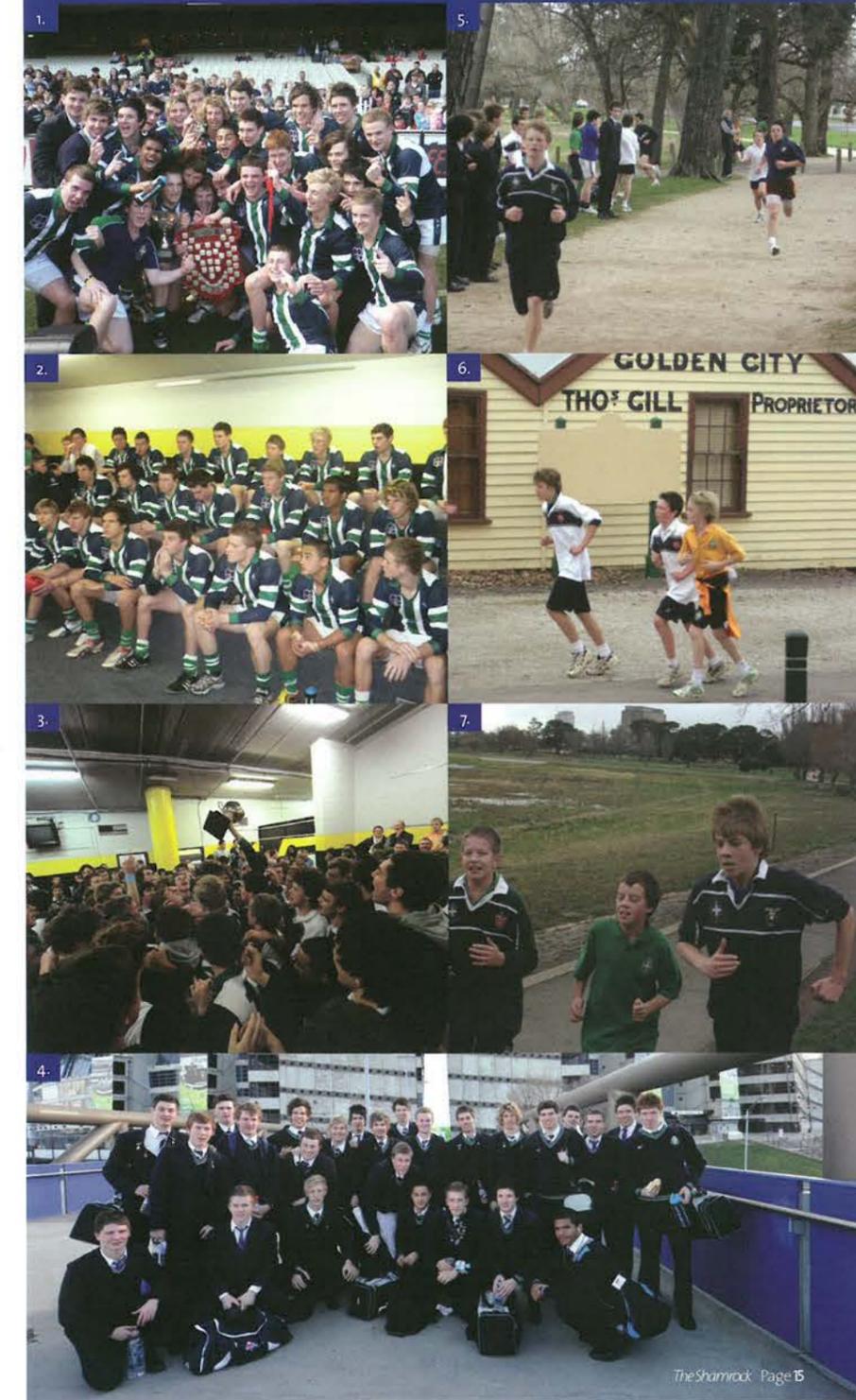
John James Medal (Best on Ground BAS Grand Final)
Thomas Stapleton

North Ballarat Rebels Most Valuable Player
Thomas McDonald

Year 10 Most Promising Player
Jake Neade

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1-4. MCC Herald Sun Shield Grand Final
5-7. Junior School Lap of the Lake



2nd XVIII Awards

SPC Blue
(Coach – Mr Mark Waddington and Peter Blanchfield)
Xavier Quigley

SPC Green
(Mr Gavin Webb)
James Blood

2nd XVIII
Greg Dowd Memorial Best Player Award
Xavier Quigley

Year 10 Jim Toohey Memorial Best Player Award
(Mr Mark O’Loughlin)
Angus Kirby

Year 9 Best Player Award
(Mr Joe Carmody)
Joseph Mason

Junior Awards

SPC White
(Mr Phillip Sherry)
Kane White

SPC Gold
(Mr Rohan Davis)
Brody Sheridan

SPC Green
(Mr Garry Fitzsimmons)
Ryley Stuhldreier

SPC Blue
(Mr John Richards)
Will Petrowski

GYMNASTICS APS Invitational Event

The SPC Gymnastics team represented the College with distinction at the APS Invitational competition held at Wesley College, Prahran.

The entire team, under the able instruction of Br Scott, with the assistance of Don Purnell, had great success at all levels and presented extremely well in their team uniform. According to parents

in attendance, Br Scott and the boys did the College proud.

Thank you to Br Scott for all his hard work in preparing the boys, especially in light of ill-health of late. At no time did Br Scott back down from expecting the best from the boys, at no time, did they back down from giving him their best!

SOCCER 1ST XI BAS PREMIERS

Mr Tony Beggs

St Patrick’s College 9 defeated Ballarat Clarendon College 1

The First XI Grand Final was played on August 25. In a commanding victory SPC defeated BCC 9 goals to 1. Despite the wet weather and the heavy pitch, SPC showed superior skill and endeavour to win the pennant. Congratulations to all the players and staff that were involved.

Goals: M Radojevik 5, A Antonelli, W Georgiou, S Lockyer, C King

Best: M Radojevik, M Trigger, S Lockyer, C King, W Georgiou, I Ellis, A Antonelli, M Ferguson

The Grand Final match finally got under way two weeks late after two postponements due to heavy rains. On a wet and wild night on a pitch that was as bad as at any time in this wet season the final began against our neighbours Ballarat Clarendon College. Early movement from both sides was sharp, but we took the early lead when Sam Lockyer gathered in the box and was brought down. Matt Radojevik went to the point and drilled it bottom right. Joe McKee and Isaac Ellis were gathering many balls on the right side and off this side again Sam Lockyer was able to earn a corner kick but it went through safely. Sam again gathered on the right front and centred expertly to Matt Radojevik who took control of the ball, shielded it and hit straight to the right of the keeper who could only manage a finger touch with his

desperate lunge. For a third time it was Sam on the right after Isaac’s work getting the ball centred to Matt who made it three in a row.

Alex Antonelli and William Georgiou were playing crisp football across the centre but the real step up for this match was Michael Trigger who continued to play the ball into our forward line. He was taking control with one touch and playing through their lines with pinpoint passing that gave us complete control through the centre of the park. Charlie King centred a spot-on ball to Alex in the box and his header just flew over. Lachlan McLean had a shot that crossed the goals dangerously after great work from Isaac Ellis.

Nearing half time, College kept working and Michael Ferguson was forced to make a great save inside the box, but they gained a corner shortly afterwards. In the scramble when the ball dropped, there was a flurry of exchanges and they managed to get it in for their first goal after Patrick Thorpe was wrong footed in the muddy area.

The second half saw the boys facing the south-east end of the ground, where goals had been hard to get against their big keeper. However, we were able to put that myth away as Michael Trigger gathered 30 metres out and drilled a goal that went low and past the keeper’s control. He continued to cause mayhem as he won a corner with brilliant work on the right. The ball was smacked at the goals by Sam Lockyer and in an unusual moment the keeper couldn’t stop his momentum and carried the ball over the line. Trigger continued his assault forward and found William Georgiou inside the box and he speared the ball clearly in for a goal.

Matt Radojevik continued his blitz with the next two goals: the first showed his ability to gather close to his body and pivot with accuracy; and the second he was on the end of a smart passage from Luke Moodley and Aaron Blomeley. Moodley had come on during the second half and was a solid target up front coming up the ground. The final goal went to Charlie King with another inspirational effort, for which he has been accustomed to produce. He was able to beat off a couple of defenders with tight control before finding a space to run forward. He sized up a defender on his left and the keeper leaving only three metres of the goal line on

their right side. Undeterred he speared a rocket straight through the gap for a wonderful goal from 20 metres.

Lachlan McLean had two near misses near the end which saw the score finish at 9-1 and a very pleased group of players, spectators and coach looked rightfully very pleased after such a dominant effort in wet and cold conditions. This game saw the best of the team, with total control where it counted and no wasting of possession. Matt Radojevik deserved his five goals in a completely dominant showing with few wasted possessions. Michael Trigger gave a silky display in the centre and the play of Sam Lockyer was brilliant off the front right. None of our players lowered their colours during the match in a superb all-round performance.

NOORAT REGIONAL CLAY TARGET SHOOT

On Thursday August 26, twenty six students made the early start to Noorat in Western Victoria to compete in the Regional School Student Clay Target Championship.

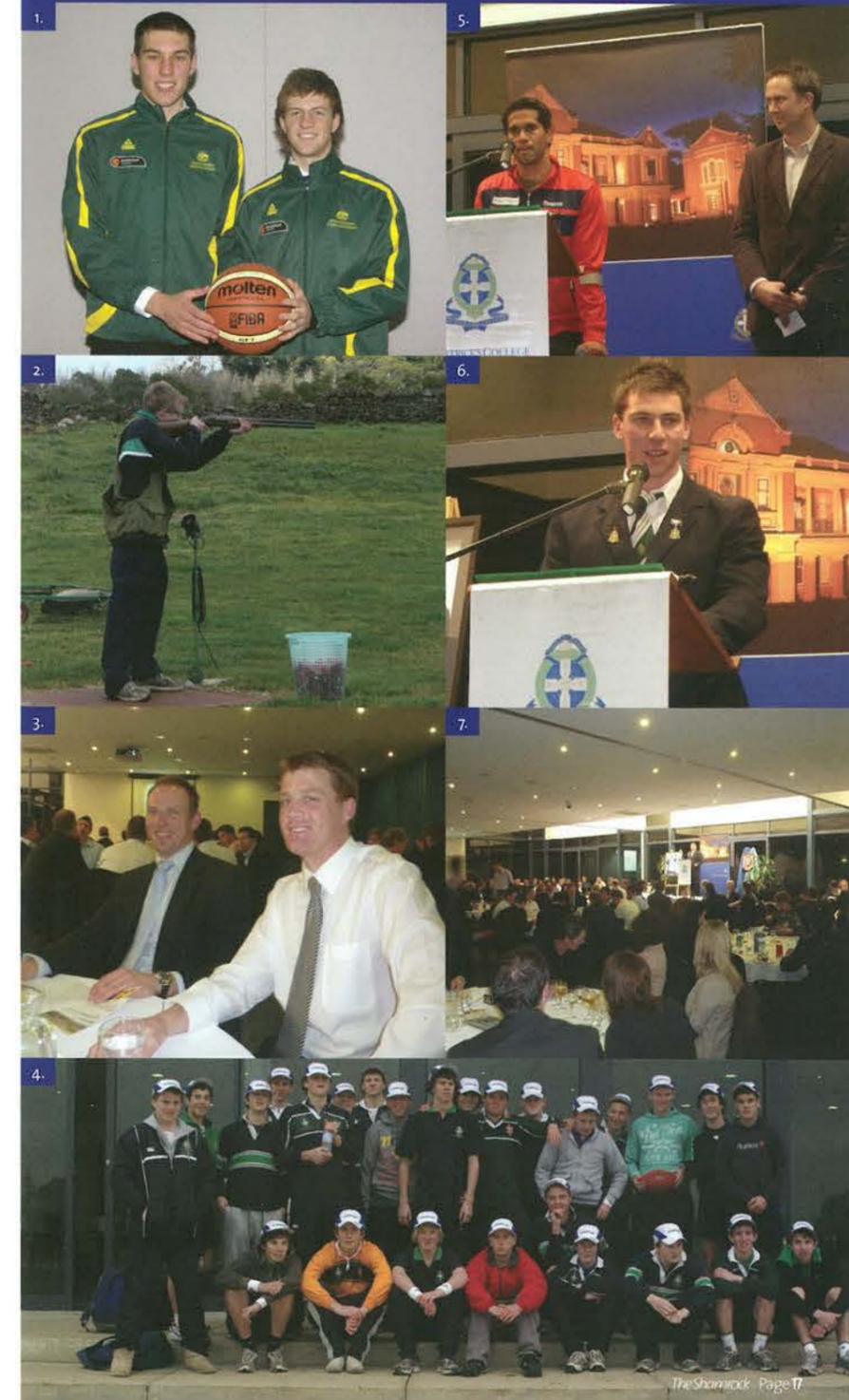
The weather conditions were cold and drizzling rain, but this didn’t stop over 275 students from across the region gathering to contest the annual event. The event contested was a down the line clay target discipline with the students shooting at 20 targets using single barrel only. The students shot in two rounds of ten targets.

After the first round Peter Griffin was the best placed representatives of the College shooting eight out of ten targets.

The second round saw the students move trap house, seeing an improvement of shooting with majority of students improving from their first round score. Unfortunately this wasn’t enough to catch the leaders of the competition who finished with a score of 19 out of 20 targets. The leading shooter representing the College was Peter Griffin who shot

1. Thomas Downie and Ashley Constable were selected in the Australian Basketball Team
2. Noorat Regional Clay Target Shoot
3. John James Medal Night
4. VET students participated in an AFL Umpring Course
- 5-7. John James Medal Night

Photo Gallery



16/20 closely followed by Matt Mullane and Jack Gibbs both shooting 15/20. Peter was also the leading junior shooter, although this was the first opportunity for a number of junior students to represent the College in an event of this type.

Well done to all shooters who competed on the day, every student gave their best effort showcasing the talent and enthusiasm that shooting has within the College. Thank you to the parents who took time out of their day to support their sons and other students as they competed in the day's event.

CYCLING Central Highlands Zone Finals

On Thursday August 19, students from St Patrick's represented the College as a part of the Victorian Schools Cycling Championships Central Highlands zone final. Riders took to the roads in Victoria Park riding a 2km circuit for a specified number of laps.

In the under 17 racing division Hugo Tolliday rode in a hotly contested event, unfortunately he was not able to maintain the high level of the two Ballarat Clarendon students but did manage to finish third.

In the Under 19 Division the highly talented Ciaran Conaughton started out strongly leading the group for the first few laps he was able to break from the pack for the last two laps and treated the ride as an individual time trial crossing the line a comfortable winner. During the presentation of medals Ciaran dedicated his win to recently deceased old boy Tom Nolan.

Nick Brown rode in the under 19 novice category, Nick was able to maintain a consistent pace staying with overall winner Ben Huggett for the first four laps until he eventually broke away. Nick then continued to ride holding off a chasing group of three rider to finish second.

Congratulation and well done to all students who took part in this event, we wish Nick, Ciaran and Hugo all the best with their

efforts as they now move to the State Finals which will be held in conjunction with the UCI World Championships in Geelong on October 2.

BASKETBALL 1st V Premiers in 2010

The BAS Senior Basketball Competition concluded on Thursday August 12, with the Grand Final match being played between St Patrick's College and Ballarat Clarendon College. This match was always promised to be the highlight of the season and it didn't disappoint.

The first half saw some tough defence being played on both ends of the court, with neither team giving an inch. Every loose ball was chased down and the majority of the shots were contested. SPC player Ash Constable found the basket early and helped give SPC the edge at half time, 27 to 19.

BCC did not give up in the second half, and after six minutes of game time, they had taken the lead by a point. A time out called by SPC calmed the nerves of the players, and within seconds, SPC had gained the lead once again through some massive shots taken by recruit, Stefan Osborne, and some strong moves inside by Tom Downie. SPC maintained their composure and played with patience in the remaining time of the half, becoming the 2010 BAS Senior Basketball Champions by seven points. This is the first time the team has won this title since 2002, highlighting the magnitude of this team's performance.

Final Score: SPC 52 defeated BCC 45

Leading Scorers for SPC: Tom Downie 15, Ash Constable 14 and Stefan Osborne 12.

McDonald's Cup State Titles

On Wednesday September 8, the SPC team travelled to Dandenong to play in a tournament known as the McDonalds Cup, involving some of the leading schools in the State. Results:

Game 1
SPC 69 defeated Catholic College Wodonga 53

Game 2
SPC 64 defeated St Monica's 38

Game 3
SPC 45 defeated Whitefriars 33

These wins ensured the team a spot in the Elite 8 Competition which was held on Monday the September 13 at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. Here the Top eight Schools from the State came together in a series of games.

Game 1
SPC 50 defeated Rowville 46

Game 2
SPC 53 defeated Box Hill#2 43

Game 3
SPC 49 defeated Wesley 40

The success of the boys during these games set up a Semi Final against Whitefriars College which turned into a battle of fitness and skill as the game went into double overtime.

Semi Final
SPC 61 defeated Whitfriars 58

The boys are now competing for the title of State Champions when they meet Box Hill in the Grand Final on Friday October 8.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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

- Ben O'Shea was awarded a gold medal by the Debating Association of Victoria for his superlative presentation as the best debater in the region.
- Jake Clough was a Gold Medallist at the World Skills Australia in Electro Technical VET.
- Liam Duggan won the Under14 Senior Ballarat League Best and Fairest Award.

- Laiton Sullivan of Year 9 represented St Patrick's College at the Victorian All Schools Cross Country Championships on Saturday July 17 at Bundoora. Laiton competed in the Boys Under 16 4km event, finishing sixth overall. As a result Laiton was selected to represent Victoria at the National Championships in Brisbane finishing the 4km course 37th overall from a field of over 50 competitors. Two days later Laiton then competed in the 2km race on the Monday coming away with Silver after a fantastic race.

- Mitchell Thompson represented SPC at the Victorian All Schools Cross Country Championships at Bundoora Park in the Under 16 4km event. After a tightly contested race, Mitchell was selected to represent Victoria at the 2010 Australian Cross Country Championships in Brisbane in August.

- Aaron Blomeley won the Victorian Junior Regional Badminton Championship. This is the second year running that Aaron has won this event.

- Jackson Leach of Year 7 was selected to represent Australia at the World Futsal Titles in 2010.

- Jack Gibbs won the Junior Section of the National Clay Target Shooting in Perth on the last Wednesday of Term Three, September 15.

- Daniel Cobden, the College's Captain of Rugby Union was given the privilege of training with the Wallabies as they prepared for their game at Etihad Stadium against Ireland. Daniel handled himself very well adjusting to the speed of the training session very quickly.

- Ryan O'Sullivan won the Junior memorial trophy at the Seymour Gun Club shooting 73 out of 75 targets.

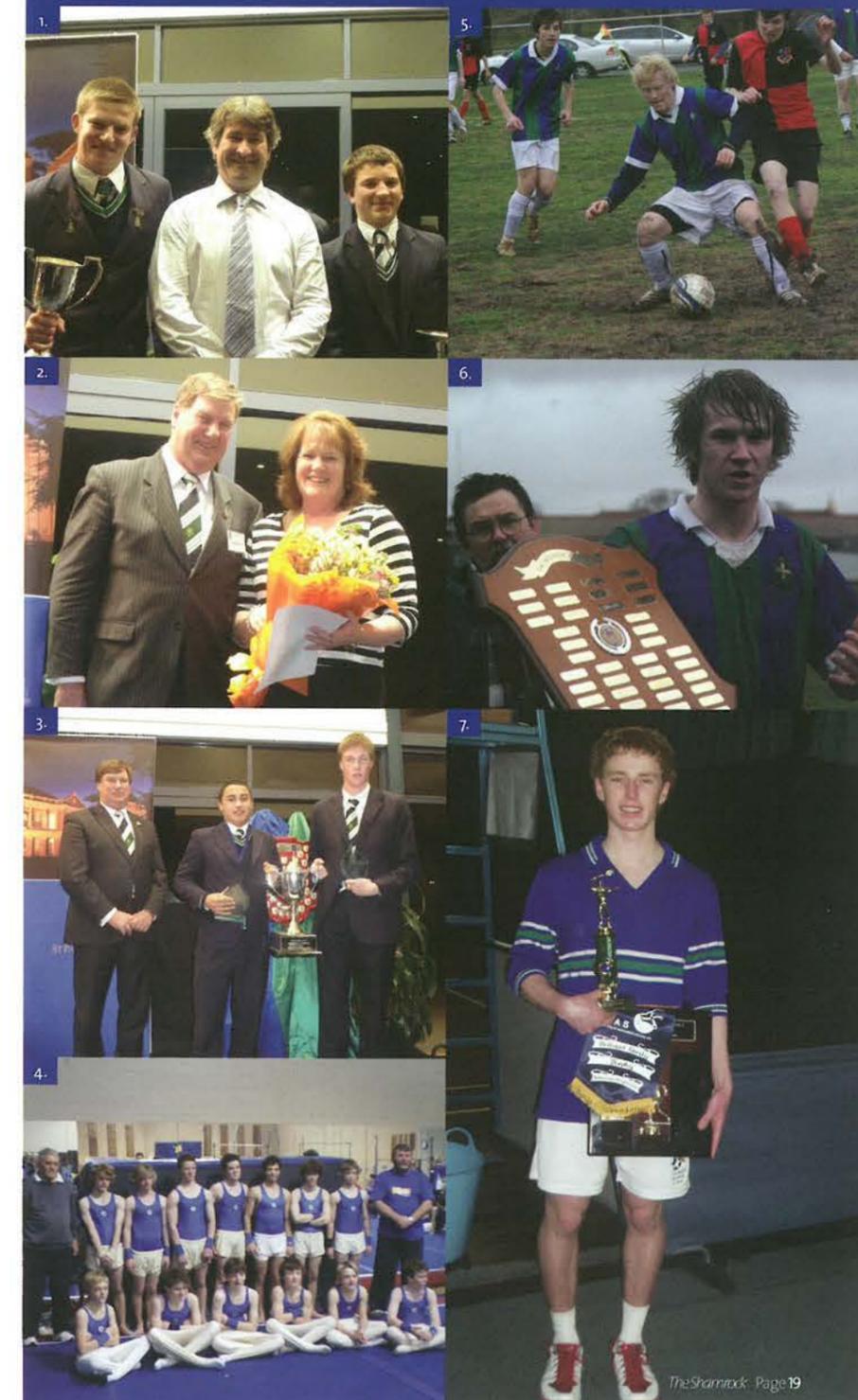
- Nick Borrell won a silver and bronze medal at the 2010 Australian Pool Rescue Championships, in the process qualifying for the Australian team for the World Championships in Egypt.

- Brayden Allan won the Brehaut Family Trophy for the best badminton singles player in the BAS competition defeating Brandon Oliver (BG) 21 - 16, 21 - 12. Brayden became the first SPC winner of the trophy since 2001.

- Congratulations to staff members, Mr Gavin Webb and Ms Casey Frame on winning their respective Grand Finals in the Ballarat Football and Netball League on Saturday September 18.

- 1-3: Rugby Presentation Dinner
- 4: The APS Invitational Gymnastics Competition
- 5-6: BAS Soccer Grand Final played in extremely wet and muddy conditions!
- 7: Brayden Allen - winner of the 2010 Brehaut Family Trophy for Badminton

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MELBOURNE DINNER

On Friday August 13 over 100 old boys gathered at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club to honour a number of new 'Legends' on the College including, dual AFL Grand Final umpire Shane McInerney (SPC 1984-89), AFL Premiership player Clinton Young (SPC 2003) and the Bourkes of Pakenham. A 'Facere et Docere' service award was also presented to long term teacher and distinguished old boy Frank Rice (SPC 1954-64) who retired from teaching as a Principal in 2009.

Shane has umpired over 250 AFL games including VFL Under 19 grand Finals, reserves grand finals and the 2004 and 2007 AFL Grand Finals. He also has the distinction of umpiring the BFL Grand Final whilst a student at St Patrick's. Shane is an intelligent, articulate man who also has a high level professional career working. He has a degree in Applied Chemistry and is the Australasian quality control manager of the international miner Unimin – a great exemplar of balance in life!

Clinton Young has enjoyed a meteoric rise from the rookie list to the Grand Final stage, playing an integral role in the Hawthorn 2008 Premiership win – many pundits had him winning the Norm Smith medal until an ankle injury in the third quarter. Clinton was a highly skilled schoolboy player but had to wait patiently for the AFL to come calling. He worked as a residential supervisor in 2004 at the College and was drafted to Hawthorn in the 2004 Rookie draft. He played his first game in Round 16 2005 lining up on child hero and AFL hard man Glenn Archer! All going well he will play his 100th game in 2011. Clinton is regarded as one of the best kicks in the AFL and is currently completing a degree course majoring in biomechanics with the aim of being a specialist kicking coach once he hangs up the boots.

The Bourkes of Pakenham have made a huge contribution to the College and to the racing industry and Pakenham

community. The late David Bourke had already been made a 'Legend' of the College and so it was fitting to honour the great achievements of Gavan Bourke (SPC 1951-55), Michael Bourke (SPC 1950-54), Hugh Bourke (SPC 1949-53) and John Bourke (SPC 1945-49). Despite attending the night on the proviso that they didn't have to speak the audience were delighted when John acquiesced and gave a moving and humble oration paying tribute to his family and the many great staff at the College, whilst also recalling many great times in boarding at SPC.

Peter Farley provided an inspirational and moving tribute to Frank Rice who was an outstanding student of the College, a much loved teacher at St Patrick's College and an esteemed Principal at St Brendan Shaw College in Tasmania. Frank was greatly loved and admired by students and his teaching peers and his service to Catholic education is recognised and celebrated within educational circles. The awarding of the honour is a fitting honour for an esteemed old boy of the College.

The Melbourne Dinner is always an entertaining and enjoyable night – please mark the date in your diary for 2011 (the second Friday in August) and get a table together. If you have names of prospective speakers please send them through to the Development Office.

Frank Rice – Facere et Docere Service Award

An Introduction from Mr Peter Farley

The Latin phrase, "Facere Et Docere" meaning "To do and to teach", once the motto of the Christian Brothers and for many years used by St Patrick's College has been selected by the Old Collegians Association as an appropriate title for an award which will recognise exceptional contributions to education at St Patrick's, Ballarat. Tonight the recipient of this service award, the first to be presented at this Annual Melbourne Assembly, is most deservedly Mr Frank Rice.

Frank's achievements as an educator is at least the equal of any still living who has taught at St Patrick's College. I've added 'still living' in case Br O'Malley's listening, but the

number of years Frank was directly associated with this College is second only to the 50 year stint of the same Br O'Malley.

Our College annuals record that Frank was a student from 1954-1964 and a teacher from 1966-1997, a total of 43 years. Frank took leave for a couple of years while he upgraded his teacher qualifications. For some reason some records deleted these years from Frank's service to St Patrick's: I haven't, they shouldn't, as today it would be termed 'study leave' or perhaps, 'paternity leave', after all he did return to his teaching duties as a married man!

Surely only Stan the Statistician from Cood-a-been fame would dare challenge my figures. To complete the image of Frank's connections with St Patrick's it need to be noted that his father (Frank), brother (Brendan) and three of his sons (Paul, Michael and Eamon) plus several nephews are all sons of St Patrick's College.

Throughout his 32 years as a teacher at our school Frank's generosity and talents as an educator saw him involved in all facets of school, parish and community life.

It is close to impossible to record accurately Frank's full dedication to duty while he taught here. Employed as a teacher of maths, science, religious education and other subjects he turned his skills to, Frank was also at various times: a member of the College Board, facilitator of the first SPC Mission Statement; on Old Boy Committees and an enthusiastic supporter and frequent leader of Parent Committees as they organised College fetes, working bees and many other activities for the good of our students.

Frank's value as an educator was further recognised when he was appointed the first senior teacher and later the first Senior Administrator while regularly accepting roles as level coordinator and homeroom master. Coach of many sports, he particularly relished the racquet sports of tennis, squash and badminton. He even shone as an instructor of physical education. Well I do recall Frank in an ill-fitting track suit, extinguishing his cigarette after completing lunch, announcing to any staff who wished to hear and to the many who did not wish to hear, that he must "away" to lead his class in their physical activity.

Frank was always willing to support any student, staff member or, indeed, anyone who needs help. In the Cathedral Parish, while full time at St Patrick's College, he extended his role as an educator by being a driving force on the Diocesan Pastoral Council, was chair of several committees and as required, was a special minister at St Patrick's Cathedral Masses.

Throughout all of his involvement he remained the same approachable and friendly Frank that we all know so well. With only one year separating his completion of second year matriculation in 1964 and his commencement as a teacher at SPC in 1966 it was to be expected that some former fellow students would "test the waters" with Mr Rice as a teacher.

Frank himself, has recalled a rather memorable Year 10 student of 1966 inviting Frank, as he finished a lesson, to a party in Ballan with the encouraging words "You ought to come Mr Rice, there'll be plenty of sheilas but bring your own grog". The then 19 year old teacher was never phased and simply demanded obedience by being himself, a quality, which many years later he continues to exhibit, even after 13 years of leadership in schools in Tasmania and now he accepts responsibilities in advising Headmasters in Edmund Rice Schools in Victoria.

Throughout his time as a teacher at St Patrick's, Ballarat Frank excelled not only in imparting information lucidly to those he taught but continually impressed all with his in-depth knowledge of his students and their families – a rare skill that has gained the respect of both those he taught and those who worked alongside him.

Despite the dedication and time he has devoted to St Patrick's and his career, Frank is foremost devoted to his wife Carmel and their five children and other relatives, several of whom are supporting him by being here tonight.

It gave me great personal pleasure, on behalf of the St Patrick's College Community to invite Mr Frank Rice to now come forward, in order to accept the "Facere et Docere" Service Award for his exceptional contribution to education at this great College of the Green, White and Blue.

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REUNION DINNERS

The OCA annual series of reunion and regional dinners continued with successful evenings held in Shepparton and Warrnambool. The dinner in Shepparton dinner was a great night and it was wonderful to see a few new faces in attendance. Over 20 old boys attended the Shepparton dinner and it was great to catch up with many 'greats' and share stories of days at SPC. Brian Donovan (SPC 1958-65) is Australia's longest surviving kidney transplant recipient and continues to live in the area. Leon Preston (SPC 1959-64) claims the distinction of being expelled from the College three times for fights on the football field, only being saved by the grace of the Brothers who excused his behaviour because his mother 'was such a nice lady'. Pat Crudden (SPC 1942-46), former Director of the Melbourne Catholic Education Office was also in attendance and remembers with great joy ice blocks from the corner shop. Peter O'Shannessy (SPC 1958-65) completed wool classing at the School of Mines whilst at the College, using his travel time to place bets at the local tote!

Future dinners will be held in Bendigo and Geelong in 2010. The OCA will also conduct 10, 20 and 30 year reunion dinners in October and November so gather up your peers and get along – a good time is guaranteed!

ST PATRICK'S PREMIERSHIP PLAYER!

Nathan Brown (2002-2006) completed every boy's dream winning an AFL premiership medal with the all-conquering Collingwood Football Club. He joins a distinguished list of old boys to taste premiership glory including Barry Richardson, Reg Hickey and Clinton Young. It was a tumultuous few weeks for

Nathan, originally being dropped for the Grand Final to enable veteran defender Simon Prestigiacomio to return to the Pies line up. In a great show of character Nathan received a late call up on the day before the game and was given the job of quelling super star Nick Reiwooldt, a job he did with great aplomb keeping one of the competition's best players to two goals.

As all will know the game was a nail biting draw and so Nathan got to do it all again seven days later – amazingly he did an even better job on St Nick in a winning team, in the process further reinforcing his reputation as a key part of the Collingwood backline for the next decade. Well done Nathan – the College community, even those who despise the black and white army, are very proud of your achievement!

VFL SUCCESS A 'Three-Peat' and a Liston Trophy!

On Sunday September 19 at Etihad Stadium the North Ballarat Roosters proved that they were the competitions leading team with an emphatic victory over the Northern Bullants. This is the Rooster's third premiership in succession, a feat unparalleled in the nation's second highest football competition. Coached by the highly acclaimed and much loved Gerard 'Fitzy' FitzGerald (SPC 1973) the win was a testimony to the club's commitment to be successful in a highly competitive hybrid league that features AFL reserves teams, combined combinations such as the Roosters who draw up to 12 members of their team from AFL affiliate North Melbourne and stand alone teams such as Port Melbourne.

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

The team featured two old boys Bill Driscoll (SPC 2000-2003) and Stephen Clifton (SPC 2000-2005). Stephen enjoyed a fantastic season winning the competitions equivalent of the Brownlow, the J. J. Liston Trophy for the fairest and best player. This continues Stephen's excellent progress through footballing ranks and all at SPC hope that he may snag a spot on an AFL Rookie list in 2011. Well done Steve!

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



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The Old Boys football team enjoyed a great season in 2010 under the leadership of Richard Peoples (SPC 1984-89) and Simon Harwood (SPC 1998-2003), finishing third after losing the preliminary final to Monash Blues. Unfortunately this consigns the team to another season in Division 1, however the signs are promising that in time the team will make it back to C Grade – and eventually back to the premier division of the VAFA. The Reserves won a third premiership in succession with an emphatic win over Whitefriars.

Reserves Premiers 2010

A magnificent effort by the team and coaches Michael Barker and Paul Bryar in winning our third Reserves Premiership in a row. Over 55 players participated in the Reserves throughout 2010 and to mould and create a premiership winning side with these numbers is a testament to all involved. Voted Best on Ground by the umpires was Co-Captain (and also Vice President) Chris Dobson who has had a magnificent year. 2006 College Captain Edward Grinter was also part of the team enjoying an excellent season consistently featuring in the best players.

NOBSPC 8.14. 62 defeated Monash Blues 6.7. 43

Goal Kickers: D. Joyce 3, L. Dullard, N. Evans, P. Bryar, B. Burdeu, S. Sleep

Best Players: C. Dobson, B. Burdeu, P. Carnovale, F. Caldwell, A. McLarty, C. Le Maitre

2010 Awards

The Club held its Best and Fairest Count on Friday October 1, with a major focus being the celebration of the club's Reserves premiership. Details:

Seniors

Best and Fairest W.G. Stuckey Trophy
Matt Keown

2nd Best and Fairest Brian Hannebery Trophy
Sam Thomson

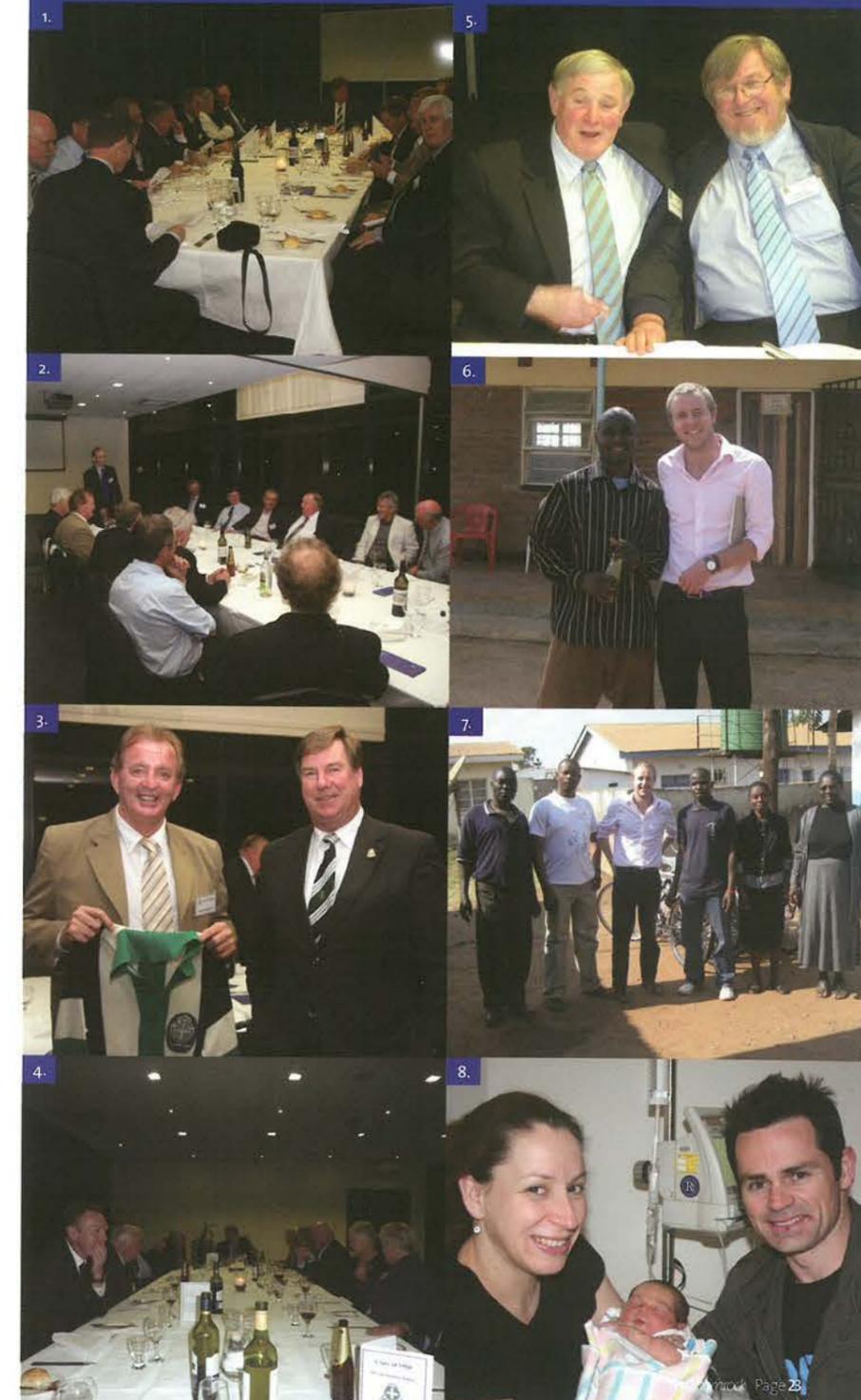
Most Determined Peter Spurling Memorial Award
Matt Gillett (SPC 2003-2008)

Coach's Award
Chris Horsley

Most Consistent Cashen Fogarty Trophy
Lachlan Ezard

Photo Gallery

- 1-5. OCA Class of 1960 Reunion Dinner
- 6-7. Lachlan Keen (SPC 1998-2003)
8. McKenzie McMahon with parents Stephen (SPC 1986-91) and Kylie



**Best First Year Player
Dunnell Family Trophy**
Michael O'Donoghue

**Goal Kicking
Joseph Cahill Trophy**
Todd Patterson (67 goals)

Best in Finals
Simon Harwood (SPC 1998-2003)

Reserves

**Best and Fairest
Les S. Murray Trophy**
Chris Dobson

2nd Best and Fairest
Luke Sheehan

3rd Best and Fairest
Brett Burdeu

**Most Determined
Tom O'Toole Trophy**
Chris Le Maitre

Coach's Award
Thomas Ware

Goal Kicking
Damien Joyce (32 goals)

Best in Finals
Nick Evans

Club XVII (Shamrocks)

**Best and Fairest
Stephen Maule Trophy**
Brenton Lawty

2nd Best and Fairest
Hamish Christie

3rd Best and Fairest
Luke Fogarty

Most Determined
Ryan Gannon

Coach's Award
Peter Webb

Goal Kicking
Michael Numan (28 goals)

Brunswick Revisited

'A Day with North Old Boys'

James Gilchrist (SPC 1983-88) wrote this piece which featured in several Melbourne publications and was a part of his match day address to supporters of the old boys club.

At the place where Sydney Rd meets Albion Street rise two distinct buildings, the Edinburgh Castle and Don Bosco Boys' Hostel. Passing these landmarks I recall flickering images of youth. Twenty years ago I boarded at Don Bosco with many other students and apprentices new to the city. A few of these made their way down the road to Gillon Oval, my destination today, to play for North Old Boys, a football club formed in 1963 for students of St. Joseph's College Pascoe Vale and North Melbourne. Brunswick has long been a haven for country boys and like Don Bosco, North Old Boys nurtures young men from its own back yard (through its relationship with Brunswick Jr Football Club and the surrounding school district) as well as boys from all over regional Victoria. Its affiliation with St. Pat's College Ballarat and the closure of its old ally St Joseph's North Melbourne seems to confirm its status as the "country club".

Today is Ladies' Day at Gillon Oval. Inside the AR Glenn Stand President Trevor Ludeman mans the bar while over a hundred women listen to an impressive address from young Criminal Defence Lawyer Cassie Collier while the seconds do battle on the patchy turf outside. Women play a tangible role at this club. From trainers Charlotte, Lara, Liz and Cathie - physio students who assist with the pre-game rub downs and Treasurer, Wendy Canobie who keeps a keen eye on the finances; through to "First Ladies" Margaret O'Toole and Pat Leigh who sit at their traditional table by the window enjoying the day's events. Margaret's late husband Tom was a former team manager and her son played for North Old Boys but as they have moved on she continues her relationship with the Club, a proud life member. As she puts it simply "It's my life ... It just keeps me going". Similarly Pat's husband was one of the foundation members of the team of 1963 and when his playing career ended ran the boundary for over 400 games. Like Margaret she maintains a constant interest in the Footy

Club and after her sons stopped playing she just adopts the new boys that come through "You just take them over, they become a part of you."

Both ladies have nothing but praise for the young men who play for North Old Boys. Margaret insists "we've never had a bad one, they're a pleasure to know" while Pat adds "I've got a lot of courtesy, you always get a kiss and a hug from the boys who play." Pat ought to know how men should behave, being able to recall a more chivalrous age "I was in the vintage of John James and saw him at dances at CLC" (East Melbourne) James a legend of Carlton and St Patrick's College was ever renowned as a consummate gentleman.

In the change rooms seniors coach Richard Peoples quietly speaks to his players. A club which at one time achieved two A Grade premierships now finds itself mid-table in Division 1, three layers from the top of the VAFA. But a residue of pride seems to linger in the grandstands and locker rooms. Locker 12 bears the name "Mark Hannaberry 1976-1989" a player who at that time also found his way to Victoria Park to strive for the Magpies. Underneath is the name Peter Weir. When combined with former champion Les Murray, North Old Boys seems suddenly a club of artists.

As the players rise from their stretches to begin bullet handballs the adrenalin lifts as Peoples gathers them for the pre-game address. Five key words dominate the whiteboard Fitness, Skill, Ability, Belief and Fight. "Boys we can go through the stats and tactics but in the end you know it comes down to belief." Peoples, a fearless and uncompromising player for Ballarat YCW and St Pats in the '80s is a good person to talk about these things. He sends them out with ferocity to meet Whitefriars. The season in the balance, four points are needed for the finals. A striking unit of purple and white now graced with the green of St Pats go forth to shape their season.

In an empty concrete stand adjoining the main clubhouse, several couches have been unusually placed to form a surreal members' lounge. From this perch, Club stalwart Lee Iafate, clad in Geelong cap and 'North Old Boys St.Pats' jumper offers constant advice to the players below. Like all true believers this is

often expressed as tough love. A keen Cats fan he frequently tells the boys to "just do the simple things and stop tryin to be (expl deleted) Joel Corey" His frustration deepens as North struggle for cohesion under a gloomy sky and Whitefriars claim the first goal courtesy of an ill-placed tap by a home defender. Soon after forward Matt Keown conjures a clever mid-air soccer goal to square the ledger. A tit-for-tat struggle ensues as showers descend. Iafate's mood alternates between comic - at one stage suggesting the need for a smoking jacket and glass of port for the couches - to morose "Lose this and its sayonara for the finals". He seems anxious at the loss of pace through recent injuries as Whitefriars speedy on-ballers threaten the goals. But the North defence led by the dashing Josh Forte, are up to the task.

A brilliant forward thrust leads to full-forward Todd Patterson marking and converting. But Whitefriars respond with cutting run across the outer flank and a set shot goal after the siren to stamp a ten point lead much to Iafate's consternation.

Sitting behind the fence with his young daughter is former Hawthorn player John Barker. Both his brothers played for North Old Boys and he pulled on the jumper twice himself but promptly gave it away after he broke his hand on the face of a Sunbury opponent playing in the twos, a team coached by his brother Michael. He now works as forward coach for the Hawks but is "always keen to get down and have a look" and like many enjoys the great community spirit of the Club "It's a great environment ... I've had many memorable nights at Club functions."

Whitefriars open with the first of the second and an arm wrestle follows with rain again threatening. It feels like North need the next one to stay in touch. It comes through the bulky strength of Matt Keown who notches his third in a set shot from the outer flank. The midfield may be depleted but the bookends seem capable as Forte provides constant run from defence, eventually setting up Keown for his fourth to reduce the margin to three points before frustratingly Whitefriars again break the shackles in the dying seconds to goal after the siren and deliver an eight point lead.

At the half Peoples stands inside the rooms beneath a large motto which reads "With Perseverance We Shall Prevail" and calmly recalibrates his side. "Just keep running that's the key to it. We talked about belief, take the game on, we're not going to win by playing safe footy. Let's not come off the ground wondering what we could have done." With injured playmakers Simon Thompson and Adam Cramer watching from the sidelines, the response to this challenge might tell a little about this Club today.

Out of the slog that develops in the pouring third quarter rain the ball is barreled forward to Patterson who converts a banana from deep in the pocket to pull the side within two. Then a sweet passage through the corridor between Mills and Layley releases Patterson again for an open goal and the lead. The grandstand roars its approval and the game rises in intensity resulting in whipping, frantic forays from each side. Whitefriars press repeatedly but fail to convert until eventually North counter-attack swiftly through the corridor where the troublesome Patterson finds McPherson breaking in space for a team-lifting goal and a handy eleven point margin. With their tails up North finish the quarter full of run and the lead.

At the last change Peoples again emphasises the simple words "pressure, run and belief". These seem to be embraced in full as the defence holds firm at the start of the last and Keown marks cleanly in heavy rain, kicking gun barrel straight to stretch the lead to seventeen. Cheers resound as things turn bleak for the visitors stuck now in monsoonal conditions and perhaps wishing they'd made hay while the sun shone. North Old Boys' dominance grows with each minute, repeatedly threatening the scoreboard. The key defenders Forte, Hosking and O'Donoghue mark imperiously in the drenching rain but the highlight of the quarter comes when Simon Harwood hangs in the air for a classic grab in the square to finally register the sealer.

In the rooms they belt out the song, a variation of "Join in the chorus ..." joined by the lusty voices of thick ranks of supporters and loyal club men representing many years of history in a proud football club. Harwood,

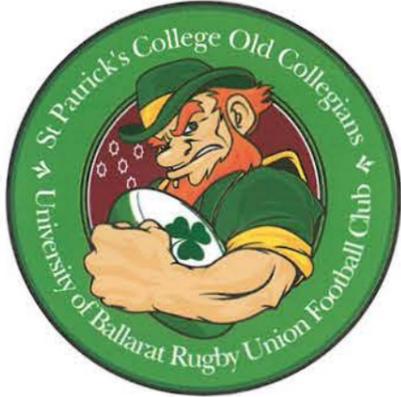
like his team mates is soaked and mud-stained but buoyant. One of the few team members to come from St Pat's College, he was vice-captain of the famous College's First XVIII in 2003 and carries fond memories of playing with his mates under the highly respected mentor Howard Clark. He talks of North as a club for country boys, a club that is now North Old Boys/St Patricks College:

"There's a rich culture of kids that come from the country to study or work in Melbourne, from Terang, Barooga, Warnambool. We are all close and have something in common. We are trying to build a St Pat's heritage. If we can get into C grade then maybe we can attract more boys from there. Things are going well. We're heading in the right direction."

Inside the main grandstand the lights are on but the ladies continue to socialise. It has been a good day under the black clouds of Brunswick. At Gillon Oval in the autumn chill, men and women have found a common ground and the city has met the country, sharing in the tradition of a footy club that still prevails through perseverance and belief.

James Gilchrist is the author of "Wednesday Warriors - Doing it for the Jumper, The St Pat's Ballarat Tradition", available from Connor Court Publishing or www.stpats.vic.edu.au

SPOC-UB RUGBY UNION CLUB



A First Season to be Proud Of ...

After an inspiring team performance the first season of SPOC/UB has fallen short with the team losing its elimination final against Endeavour Hills. Despite a tight contest all day, two tries in the last fifteen minutes sank the Ballarat side's finals campaign.

It was a hard contest between two very determined sides. SPOC/UB's desperation was tested as Endeavour Hills threw everything at them early in the game. But, after conceding some early scrums, the Ballarat forward pack began to dominate their opposition and the pressure was turned around. Such was the tightness of the game that, come half time, neither team had registered any score.

The second half began much the same as the first; both sides withstanding the high pressure. Just when it seemed that no one would score, the Endeavour Hills spread the ball out to their backline who stepped around a determined Ballarat defence to score the first try. Only minutes later, the opposition again forced an overlap in the backs, which resulted in a sixty metre try.

The SPOC/UB side were not done with, however, forcing the play up in their attacking end, seeking any opportunity to peg one back. Several attempts were stopped just short of the line, until Fijian lock Inosi Ravisa stretched the ball out over the line for a try.

But it was all too late. Immediately after the conversion attempt, the referee blew full time, ending any hope of quickly snatching victory.

Much was spoken about after the game regarding the positives of the club's first season in the metro competition. However, it was clear that the players were disappointed to have made it to the finals only to bundle out in the first week.

Club secretary, Mick Kennedy, spoke about the hunger needed going forward. "We were very pleased to make finals, and all of the players today showed good spirit," he said after the game. "But we can't be complacent. We have to use this disappointment of losing today as motivation to do better next season."

Final Score:
SPOC/UBRC 5
defeated by
Endeavour Hills Rugby Club 12

Tries: I. Ravisa (1)

Through the leadership of Old Boys David McMahon and Nathan Rogers and Executive Matt Simpson and Mick Kennedy the team has enjoyed an excellent first year. The Club is looking for new members for 2011, especially past players and administrators to assist with coaching and the off-field operations of the club. If you would like to get involved in this exciting venture please contact David McMahon Secretary, St Patrick's College Old Collegians Association, Ph: 0448 123 069 or Email: davidmcmahon@ballarat.vic.gov.au

2010 PAKENHAM RACES

The annual Pakenham OCA Race Day will be held in 2011 on Saturday January 8 – please note that in 2011 the race meeting will again be held on a Saturday rather than the former Sunday calendar date. The race meeting honours the memory of Br W.T. O'Malley and the highly admired and greatly missed College 'Legend' David Bourke, CBE. Both men have races named in their honour as part of the meet.

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

2010 OCA GOLF DAY Your Chance to Win a Car!

A reminder to all Old Boys that the eighth annual OCA/SPC Foundation Golf Day will be held on Sunday November 14 at the Ballarat Golf Club. This year's event promises to be another huge day with major sponsor King's of Ballarat giving players the chance to win a new car if they can 'ace' the nominated King's Mitsubishi 'Hole in One' Par 3 hole. This is always a great day with all past players enjoying a great social day of golf, with a fine array of prizes on offer. The event is a four person ambrose event, providing everybody with an opportunity to have at least one moment of inspiration.

With the lure of a new car on offer in 2010 the event was close to being fully subscribed so please return the entry form

(included with this edition of *The Shamrock*) and your entry fee as soon as possible. It is always wonderful to see all parts of the College community; students, staff, parents, grandparents, old boys, friends, suppliers and players roped in at the last minute come together for a great social occasion in the name of St Patrick's. Fore!

ST ROCH'S OVAL RE-DEVELOPMENT APPEAL

In this edition of *The Shamrock* you will find an appeal flyer for the St Roch's Oval Appeal. Patron for the Appeal is Steve Moneghetti (SPC 1975-80) who is currently Chief de Mission of the Australian Commonwealth Games Team. Donations are coming in at a steady rate but we would love to see many more members of the College community featured on donor board sin the OCA Pavilion when the project is completed.

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

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

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

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

- St Patrick's College Old Collegians Association
- St Patrick's College Foundation

- The family of Robert (Bob) Connelly
- Dr Brendan Hyland
- Dr Chris Targett
- Marion Popplewell Charitable Trust

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

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Ms Catriona Banks
Archivist

Recently we were fortunate enough to accept a very generous donation from the family of a past student, William John Vaughan McCarthy (SPC 1913 – 1917).

Vaughan McCarthy was the great-uncle of Mrs Janice Hayes who had in her possession a small series of photographs as well as two beautiful SPC medallions from 1913 and 1914. These medallions were later altered into brooches for Vaughan's mother Emmeline to wear.

When Vaughan left SPC he joined the Taxation Department, continued his studies and became a Chartered Accountant. Sadly, in the late 1920s he developed Tuberculosis (TB), a disease which we are mercifully free of in these modern days. When he recovered from his illness, he joined Apex Motors in Richmond, and in the late 1930s his career took him to the Richmond Council where he acted as Rate Collector and City Treasurer until his retirement. Vaughan died in April 1980.

The SPC Archives is always pleased to hear from families of past students and are happy to accept donations into our collection. For all archival enquiries please contact Catriona Banks on 03 5322 4410 or at cbanks@stpats.vic.edu.au

OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

- Fr Laurie Bissett MSC (SPC 1950-52) currently works for the Cairns Diocese and has been as busy as ever in the far North. Staying on Thursday Island, Laurie made his way to Toowoomba and then Sydney for the MSC Chapter which finished in early October. Laurie then made his way back to Toowoomba where he picked up a small trail bike courtesy of the Cairns Diocese and donations from people in Ingham and surrounding locations and then rode to Bamaga on the tip of the Cape where he boarded a boat for the Tiwi Islands. The MSC began the Mission in the Torres Strait 125 years ago. Laurie follows in the footsteps of Fr Pat Mullins who left the Cairns Diocese after many years. Mass is held each week day morning at 7 am, and on the weekends at Horn Island, Hammond Island and Torres Strait. Every two weeks a Mass is held at Bamaga and once a month at Weipa where Laurie spends a few days each week at the various Mass Centres.
- Deniliquin Rovers playing coach Josh Bode (SPC 1993-94) went berserk in a game in the Picola and District league kicking 31 goals to smash a pile of league records in the Kangaroos' 356-point obliteration of bottom side Wunghnu Magpies. Bode had kicked 27 goals in his previous 29 games. He'd never kicked more than six goals in a match, and had 15 at half time, finishing with an astounding 31.8! Nearly John James like; John having kicked 35 in a game for SPC against High School.
- Liam Brady (SPC 1997-2002), Grant Bell (SPC 2002-2007), John Barnett (SPC 1997-2002), Nicholas O'Brien (Year 11) and Gavin Webb (SPC staff) were all key members of the 2009/2010 Wendouree Cricket Club premiers team in the Ballarat Cricket Association 1st Grade competition. Year 8 coordinator Peter Brady, himself a 'Legend' of Ballarat cricket was also a member of the club's coaching panel which has guided Wendouree to successive premierships as well as a State 20/20 title at the MCG.
- Murray Byrne (SPC 1939-47) founding director of Victorian Securities recently celebrated with family and friends the 50th anniversary of the company. Murray observed that 50 years ago Ballarat locals had problems obtaining home and commercial loans. Victorian Securities was

the first organisation of its kind to invest money which was then pooled and made available to regional residents for their financing needs. The residence area titles were in time transformed to freehold titles, a step in some ways linked to Murray being a member of parliament and the overwhelming support of other country members. Victorian Securities is proud of its involvement in the state's housing market with Victorians enjoying the highest home ownership ratio in the world at the time, with more than 70 percent of families owning their home.

- Fr Leo Donnelly (SPC 1940-50) recently wrote to the Development Office to advise that his house mate Fr Chris Baker (SPC 1942-43) had flown out for a couple of months to celebrate with his mates from Werribee their 60th ordination anniversary. Fr Leo clearly remembers Chris' ordination reminiscing that a bus load of us Matric lads got down to the ordination in St Pat's and then went on to the MCG where Les Mogg was playing for North Melbourne in the Grand Final. Chris was 'prem' at 22 but was being ordained early, already assigned to Rome to study scripture. He came back in 1955 to the Columban Seminary in Sydney.
- Dr Michael Dowd (SPC 1964-69) represented the Dowd family at the 2010 John James Medal night, speaking eloquently about the exploits of his much loved brother Greg, after whom the 2nd XVIII Best and Fairest Award is named. Michael told the audience: 'Greg was half way through his Year 11 at St Joseph's College North Melbourne in 1962 when our family moved to Ballarat. 'Understandably it was an emotionally difficult time for Greg, as he was leaving behind his schoolmates and his cricket and footy team-mates. St Joseph's was of course a very successful sporting college and Greg was the centremen in their 1st XVIII, and would, as it happened, line up against his North mates for SPC later that year. Greg's selection in the SPC 1st XVIII eased his transition to his new school. In later years Greg often spoke of how amazed he was by the SPC school and sporting culture. From the first time he could throw and catch a ball Greg loved sport and he was so impressed and inspired by the emphasis given to sporting excellence, sportsmanship and pride in the 1st XVIII jumper and its history. He quickly forged friendships that were to last the rest of his life. The SPC teams of 1962 and 1963 were full of extremely talented young athletes and footballers. The 1963 side had 11 or 12 representatives in the BPS combined side.

Three of the 1963 side; Greg, Barry Richardson, and Frank Dimatina played VFL. Greg played in the centre of this side, a side that was nominated as at least the equal of the side that had the two Brownlow Medallists John James and Brian Gleeson. 'After leaving St Pat's he played, coached and was on committees of 13 town and country footy clubs such as his love of the game and his desire to give something back to a sport that had given him so many friendships and happy times. Greg told me once that he probably played his best footy at school, for St Pat's, because it was the most 'fun' and nothing compared to playing with your schoolmates at that time in your life, in a jumper that had such a wonderful tradition and history. He said it had been a great privilege and honour to wear the jumper and to have attended such a terrific school. 'As you know, Greg died of a heart attack in 2002, after fighting bravely against cancer for the previous two years. Greg was not just a terrific sportsman. He was, as all who met him would tell you, a great character, terrific company, loyal and generous friend, and much loved by all of us who had the good fortune to know him. Our family are very honoured that this award is presented in his memory'.

- Damien Finlayson (SPC 1977-80), has kindly donated a copy of his recently-published book, *Crumps and Camouflages*, to the College's Kely Resource Centre. The book, which is the result of his eight years of (part-time) research and edited by the Australian Army History Unit, details the 'warts and all' history of the tunnelling companies involved in WWI in France and Belgium from their formation in September 1915 to war's end. It was launched at the Shire of Remembrance by the Chief of the Army, Lt Gen. Ken Gillespie, on September 14 2010. The book had its genesis when Damien, whose day-time job is as a hydrogeologist based at Tatura, Victoria, realised whilst investigating his family tree that a cousin of his paternal grandfather was a member of the tunnelling unit and died on active duty. Sadly a dedicated history of the units had never been written. Consequently Damien set to work finally producing a 480-page tome of fascinating hitherto untold data and stories, including 100 photographs, some previously unavailable, and 40 maps, many originals drawn by the author. Damien kindly wrote a poignant inscription inside the book for the student of the College - 'Remember boys, there is always more to discover, always more to learn! Enjoy this piece of Australian History'.

The book is available in hard cover at the major retailers @ \$35, or online at Big Sky Publishing.

- Regular correspondent George Helon (SPC 1980-82) wrote to Dr Casey, congratulating the OCA for honouring Peter Farley with a 'Facere et Docere' Service Award. 'I just received latest edition of *The Shamrock* and was so happy to read about (Mr) Peter Farley having received the College's 'Facere et Docere' Service Award. As I wrote in my last correspondence to you back in February of this year, (Mr) Peter Farley "always demonstrated an unwavering commitment to education, both in the theoretical and practical sense, even though his teaching methods and disciplinary techniques seemed sometimes questionable and controversial." Thank you for seeing fit to recognise his outstanding contributions to the College over the last 40 years; such a long time coming. If you can, please personally pass on my most enthusiastic congratulations and warmest regards to him. Now you might wonder why I parenthesised 'Mr'; this is out of my respect and admiration for the man who taught me so much, and to whom I will ever be grateful to. George, Marquis de Helon, RCST, JP (Qual.) Academician of Honour
- Ben Jenkins (SPC 2003-2008) and Tim Jenkins (SPC 2005-2009) are doing their bit to keep us all safe! Ben is completing his training at the Victorian Police Academy and will be posted to Sunshine Police Station following his graduation in November. Tim is undertaking training in the army and is loving life, especially playing rugby for the army team, a passion he developed at St Pat's under the tutelage of Mr Graham Swinton. Parents Norm and Jo Norm commented recently about their pride in the boys (and Year 11 son Jack), 'for what they have achieved - we feel that their time at St Pat's absolutely helped us to mould them into the fine young men we think they a credit to us and a great credit to St Pat's'.
- Simon Kearney (SPC 1991-96) is currently Tennis Australia's National Strength and Conditioning Coordinator, having overseen the development of players such as Alicia Molik and Sam Stosur. Simon has previously worked for the Melbourne Football Club (Strength & Conditioning Coach for four years) and the Melbourne Tigers Basketball Club (Strength & Conditioning Coordinator for five years). Simon is living in Melbourne and married to Danielle with daughter Holly.

Photo Gallery



• 2003 College Captain Lachlan Keen (SPC 1998-2003) was featured in election coverage in *The Age* and *The Courier*. Lachlan and two other Aussies working in Malawi travelled 1200 kilometres to vote at the Australian Embassy in Zimbabwe. Lachlan contacted the offices of Catherine King and Mark Banwell to let them know and it appears as though someone passed this information onto *The Courier*. Lachlan received a phone call from a journalist Pat Nolan (SPC 2002-2007) who conducted the interview in a very professional manner. As Lachlan noted being so far away highlights that voting is a privilege and it was also very nice to have that connection with the Ballarat electorate from so far away. Lachlan is working with World Vision – the photo's on page 23 show him with the Local Leaders in a place called Chiradzulu District. The man to the right of me is the Chief who has offered Lachlan land! He has been working a lot with him on the harmful cultural practices that take place in his community. As the Chief has a great deal of influence in the actions of community members he is certainly a good ally to have and is open to new ideas. Most of what Lachlan and his team are doing relates to the protection of children as well as the spread of HIV and AIDS with the youth during initiation ceremonies. Lachie continues to be an inspiration to his peers and a great exemplar of the Edmund Rice charisma.

• Lieutenant-Colonel Eamon Patrick Lenaghan (SPC 1985-1990) received a Queen's Birthday Honour being listed under awards for the Australian Army. His commendation was for distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the principal Operations Planning Staff Officer at Headquarters Regional Command (South), International Security Assistance Force, Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. Eamon was also awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service by US Army. Eamon is the eldest son of Eamon and Carlyene Lenaghan of Tourello Victoria and brother of Liam (SPC 1989-1995), Dermot (SPC 1993-1998) and Sean (SPC 1995-2000) and sisters Elizabeth, Louise and Lucy.

• David Loader (SPC 1982-85 and SPC Staff) has been appointed as Head Coach of the Rebels Talented Player Pathways Programmes after the resignation of Glenn Wilkins who held the position for the past two seasons. David has been an integral part of the Rebels Coaching panel for the past four years holding down positions such as Development Coach, Line Coach and more

recently Senior Assistant Coach and Coach of the Under 16 Development Squad as well as coaching in AFL Victoria's successful 'Young Guns' game this year. Before his involvement in the Rebels Talented Player Pathway Programs he also had a successful coaching career coaching SMW Rovers Football Club in the Mininera Football League. David is a staff member at St Patricks College, working as an Indigenous Support Officer with students from Timber Creek, Alice Springs and Elliott. David is also currently undertaking a Bachelor of High Performance (Sport and Business) for coaching AFL and elite athletes competing at national and international levels, which is in partnership with the Australian Football League and the AFL Coaches Association. He is also a Level 3 Accredited Coach. David will be joined by another old boy at the Rebels with Shaun O'Loughlin (SPC 1990-95) appointed as an Assistant Coach. Shaun was a highly talented schoolboy athlete representing the College 1st XVIII and 1st XI with distinction. He is currently working as a Primary Teacher at Buninyong Primary School. Shaun is a premierships coach at the successful Ballarat Football Club and is an ex-Rebels player. Shaun has done a wonderful job at developing young players at the Ballarat Football Club over the past years and is keen to continue his coaching development at the TAC Cup level.

• SPC 'Legend' Shane McNerney (SPC 1983-88) travelled back to his old stomping ground to address the Ballarat Football Umpires Association for 'Life Members Night' at the City Oval. The association surprised Shane in naming a trophy in his honour for 'Ballarat's Most Improved Umpire'. Shane was humbled at the gesture and said that it reinforced the culture of the association in supporting umpires to pursue the highest levels they could. Shane hopes the trophy will inspire up and coming umpires to take their game further. In the 2010 AFL season Shane reached his 300th game, including 17 AFL finals and two Grand Finals in 2004 and 2007. Despite strong performances in 2010 he missed out on that 'one day in September' ... and October!

• Allan McKinnon (SPC 1966-69) was recently featured in a detailed tribute article in *The Courier* newspaper. Alan has been at Linton Primary School now for almost 20 years and is still having a ball with the children he teaches. Growing up on a dairy farm in the western district called Ecklin South, half way between Terang and Port Campbell, Allan spent most of his time on the family's dairy

farm often helping milk the cows and feed the calves before he set off for school at Ecklin South state school and then onto school in Terang. Allan spent most of his secondary schooling at St Patrick's College and following matriculation thought that he would go onto do Law. Unfortunately at the time Allan didn't receive a Commonwealth scholarship and so began his teaching career. Allan's first teaching post was at Simpson, on the Heytesbury settlement. Then followed appointments to Creswick, Snake Valley, Mount Clear and his current position as Principal at Linton Primary School. Being Principal in a small school Allan says can be challenging at times as it is a very busy lifestyle. Support staff do not exist so the administrative load is quite large - 'in most cases you have to be all things to all people'. There are a number of challenges also to small schools such as the declining enrolments, which is a trend amongst all small primary schools as communities battle with decline in population numbers. However despite these challenges Linton Primary School received the Excellence in Learning Award in 2004 for the schools community involvement. Linton Primary School also won a curriculum innovation award in 2005. At the end of the day what Allan loves about his work in the variety. 'When the kids come to school they probably help me to stay young' he notes

• A number of old boys received scholarship awards from Newman College at the University of Melbourne for outstanding academic achievements in semester one 2010. Well done to winners Michael Keem (SPC 2004-09) who was awarded the Margaret and Brendan Dooley scholarship, Bernard Kuek (SPC 2006-09) who received the Frank and Lina Cincotta Scholarship, Paul King (SPC 2004-2009) was awarded the Sir Michael Chamberlin scholarship and Ben McOwan (SPC 2004-2009) who received the Old Collegians Scholarship.

• Daniel Nicholson (SPC 2007-08) has been heavily featured in the Melbourne newspapers following two outstanding seasons with VAFA A Grade club University Blues. Daniel completed a pre-season with Hawthorn in 2009/2010 and during the 2010 season starred in representative fixtures for the 'Ammos' against the VCFL and Tasmania. Daniel also won the VAFA 'Rising Star' award for his round 9 performance, the VAFA record describing him as 'another product of St Pat's, Ballarat, a left footer who glides across the ground'. Daniel was best on ground against Tasmania in a performance that caught the eye of

AFL recruiters in the crowd and it is hoped that with the introduction of the Gold Coast and GWS that he may get a crack at the AFL at some stage in the future.

• Barry O'Connor (SPC 1959-1963) was recently awarded a Life Membership of the Catholic Education Business Administrators. He has worked as Business Manager at Emmaus College (campuses in Vermont South and Burwood) for the past 21 years and retires in November. He previously worked for the State Electricity Commission of Victoria for 24 years.

• Patrick Shaw (SPC 1998-2004) has enjoyed a very successful professional cycling season winning the domestic Scody Cup. Patrick rides for the Virgin Blue - RBS Morgan team and also rode in the National Championships at Ballarat recording a top ten finish in a very competitive field. In 2010 Patrick won the Tour of Toowoomba and Tour of Gippsland and finished second in the Tour of Geelong.

• Matt Teasdale (SPC 1993-98) is married to Fiona Oliver and the couple recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary, currently living at Southbank and working in Melbourne. In September this year, Matt completed his Masters of Business Administration (MBA) at Monash University and is currently working at ANZ in Commercial Banking. Having completed his MBA Matt hopes to have more time to play golf!

• Peter Toone (SPC 1990-95) was a boarding student at the College and enjoyed his time immensely at the College. After leaving SPC he completed a Marketing/management degree at the University of Ballarat and works in Melbourne and overseas for a variety of high profile companies. He is living in Eltham with his family.

• Gerard Torpy (SPC 1961-65) was kind enough to contact the Development Office to point out that in Edition 1 of *The Shamrock* current student Adam Murphy of Galvin was credited with a time of 19.16 seconds for the 200 metres. This would place him ahead of current world record holder Usain Bolt who covers the distance in a 'lazy' 19.19! Whilst Adam is a great runner his time was in fact 29.16! Thanks Gerard for your attention to detail, a trait that no doubt would be important in his role as Educational Officer, Post Compulsory Pathways at the Catholic Education Office in Melbourne.

WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS, BIRTHS, BEREAVEMENTS

SPC Weddings

• Bennett - Caitlin (Staff) to Chris Cummings on Saturday November 6, 2010 in the Loreto College Chapel.

• Brady - Andrew (SPC 1983-1988) married Virginia Wilson (Loreto 1985-1990, School Captain) on Saturday October 3 2009 at St Peter's in Daylesford by Fr Kevin Maloney. The reception was at the Convent Gallery. The couple first met at Villa Maria Primary School more than 25 years earlier! Andrew is now related to father-in-law, Peter Wilson (SPC 1959-1965) and to brother-in-laws Hayden Peucker (SPC 1986-1988) and Simon Heagney (SPC 1987-1992). Andrew and Virginia honeymooned in Laos and are living in Melbourne.

• De Jong - Matthew (SPC 1979-84 and staff 2001-04) married Chularat Sinthon on September 12 2009 and the arrival of their first child is imminent. Matt is currently into his second contract as Head of Campus (Sadadeen Year 9-12) OLSH Alice Springs.

• Lee - Alastair (SPC 1988-93) wed Carisa Adele Lynch on March 6, 2010 in St Mary's Anglican Church, Cobden. Alastair's mother Helen is the College's Sacristan.

SPC Engagements

• Bothe - Mark (SPC 1998-03) became engaged to Jessica Mills on June 16, 2010.

• Flynn - Taffy (SPC 97-02) became engaged to Anna Dalley on January 10 2010 in Hue, Vietnam.

• Powell - Andrew (SPC 1993-98), College Captain of 1998 became engaged to Emma Virgona in UK on September 4, 2010.

SPC Births

• Daniel - Jeremy (SPC Staff) and Cindy welcomed Asher Mason on June 3 2010 weighing in at 3920 grams.

• Bridges (SPC staff) - Ursula and Dale welcomed Ben on June 7, 2010, a brother for Jack and Danica, who weighed in at 6 lb 11 oz.

• Kane - Ryan (SPC 1990-95) together with wife Rachel are pleased to announce the safe arrival of new baby boy Jackson Leo, born on June 21 2010.

• McErlain - Damien (SPC 1989-94) and wife Jane welcomed the safe arrival of first child Chantilly Pricilla on September 11, 2010 weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

• McMahon - Stephen (SPC 1986-91 and SPC staff) and Kylie welcomed Mackenzie Jade on Sunday September 5 2010 at 5.40 pm at St John of God Hospital, Ballarat. McKenzie weighed in at 3,960g (8'12") - a brother for Sean.

• Speechley - Paul (SPC 1989-94) and are thrilled to announce the arrival of Liam David on June 23, 2010 weighing 7lb 3oz. A brother for Keira.

• Watson - Nick (SPC 1992-97) and Emma welcomed the arrival of their second child Henry Charles (8lb 15oz.) on May 24, 2010. A brother for Charlotte.

SPC Deaths

• Thomas Joseph Boyce passed away on Monday, 7 June 2010. Father and father-in-law to Tracey and Barbara Boyce, Grandfather of Kieran Boyce (SPC 2001-2006), Callum Boyce (SPC 2004-2009) and Regan Boyce, Year 11.

• Stan Butler was buried from St Patrick's Cathedral on September 15, 2010. Stan's eight sons attended SPC: Stanley (SPC 1964-68), Peter (SPC 1966-68), John (SPC 1967-69), Paul (SPC 1969-72), Daniel (SPC 1973-78) Chris (SPC 1975-80), Anthony (1976-77) and Damien (1983-88), Stan's son in law Lars Drendel (1980-85) also attended the College. Tragically Lars died in a motor bike accident and was buried at St Patrick's Chapel in 2002.

• Majorie Alwynne Casey, beloved mother of Headmaster Dr Peter Casey passed away on September 23 2010, aged 89. Her funeral was held in Barooga. Dr Peter was able to return from Jerusalem for the funeral and it was a joyful celebration of a rewarding and fulfilling life.

• Michele Flynn, sister of Taffy Flynn (SPC 1997-02) suddenly lost her battle with cancer on Friday October 30 2009 at 4.15am in the hospice, Caritas Christi at Kew in Melbourne. Her funeral was held on November 6 before being buried in Wollongong Lawn Cemetery.

• Shannon Hector, brother of Shaun (Year 12) passed away in Darwin in September. Shaun and other boys from Timber Creek returned to Daly River for sorry business.

- Daryl Leddin (SPC 1978-80) of Warrnambool passed away peacefully on July 23 2010 aged 48 years. Devoted husband of Jenny and loved father of Liam, Aaron, Patricia and Eamonn.
- Simon Millington (SPC 1991) passed away in February 2010.
- Tom Nolan (SPC 2008-9) died tragically in a motor vehicle accident in the Wimmera on August 13, 2010. The St Patrick's College community mourned the passing of a greatly respected and much loved old boy and extends its deepest sympathies to Jim (SPC 1975-80), Jacqui and other members of the Nolan Family. Tom was greatly admired and respected by staff and students for his positive approach to life and his caring and friendly nature. He represented the College 2nd XVIII with great spirit and skill and was a popular and respected member of the boarding community in 2008. He also played local football with the East Point Football Club. Tom was making great progress in his plumbing apprenticeship, having been recognised by Ballarat Group Training as an exemplary first year apprentice. Tom's funeral at St James was attended by many old boys and was testament to the regard with which he was held by his peers and the wider community.
- Kevin Francis Leonard (SPC 1939-42) passed away March 29, 2009. During his childhood Kevin loved all sports, especially golf. He was Under 16 College Champion, playing the course with only one club. In later years Kevin got his handicap down to eight, an achievement he was greatly proud of. Kevin valued the importance of family and displayed a deep faith, grounding him strongly for the challenges he faced throughout his life. Kevin later set up a busy real estate career in Canberra called Kevin Leonard Real Estate. Kevin was discreet in concern for all people and particularly cared for retired priests and made sure they were all housed. Kevin married Shirley in the Sacred Heart Church, Mildura on the Feast of our Lady Mercy on September 24, 1954. 'Mary's Land' became their home in Coleambally. Kevin and Shirley later became proud parents and grandparents and lifelong supporters of the College.

- James Sturrock Peters (SPC 1926-30) passed away on September 28, 2010 at home in Toorak aged 96. A sportsman, soldier, surgeon, family man and farmer, James was the epitome of cheerful affability. As a boarder at St Patrick's College James captained the 1930 championship football team and kicked 141 goals for the season. Then following in his sisters footsteps, James then studied medicine at the University of Melbourne where he graduated MB BS in 1937, the year in which he was also President of the Newman College Students Club. When the war broke out James enlisted and was posted to North Africa with the Sixth Division. Serving with distinction at the siege of Tobruk and the Battle of El Alamein. Once the war ended James left as a Lieutenant-Colonel and began specialising in urology. He became a resident medical officer at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, completed his MS and married Moira O'Collins. In 1946 the married couple set off for England where James became a residential surgical officer at St James' Hospital London and secured his FRCS. In 1948 on returning to Australia James received his FRACS and became an honorary urological surgeon at Prince Henry's Hospital and the founding specialist in urology at the Repatriation Hospital, Heidelberg. James built up a large practice in urology and was appointed a member of the editorial committee of the British and Italian journals of urology. James served as President of the Australasian Urological Society (1961-62) and as an Australasian delegate and member of the International Society of Urology (1967-73). James and Moira had eight children, five sons and 3 daughters, 17 grand children and one great-granddaughter.
- Robert (Bob) Smith (SPC 1957-63) passed away on July 24 2010. A Thanksgiving service for the life of Bob was held at St Patrick's Cathedral and was well attended by members of the College community. Bob was a distinguished and highly decorated member of the CFA having served the Ocean Grove brigade and South West region with great distinction over many years.
- Bryan Tudor (SPC 1951-53) of the Gold Coast passed away on January 28 2010.

FOLLOW THE OCA ON FACEBOOK

The St Patrick's College OCA has a Facebook page to assist old boys in staying connected with friends and news from the College. As well as linking past students up with old boys from many eras which as invaluable social and professional networking benefits the page contains details of all OCA events including upcoming reunions, news from old boys sporting clubs and details about the upcoming golf day on November 14. It is also a great forum for sharing news and views and staying connected to the College. The OCA Facebook is being managed by Peter Blanchfield (SPC 1998-2003), an executive member of the OCA. Please visit the page and get connected.

NEXT EDITION

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