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ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE  
BALLARAT





**Top shot!**

Year 10 student Noah De Losa was one of St Patrick's College's star performers in the recent joint production of Fame alongside students from Loreto College. The production was held in the Wendouree Performing Arts Centre across three days in late July in front of appreciative audiences.



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### Front Cover

1. Luke Wilson performs with Loreto College students in this year's joint production of Fame.
2. Mothers Day mass and breakfast was a popular event in May.
3. New Legends, from left, Fr Brendan Davey, commentator Peter Walsh, and Olympic canoeist Bryan Thomas were inducted at the Legends Dinner in the OCA Pavilion in May.
4. Three-peat! The First XVIII team wins the Herald-Sun Shield.



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Welcome to a new look edition of *The Shamrock* for September 2012. We hope the new look and feel makes reading this an easier and more relaxing experience. Inside you will find fresh, new content along with all the regular features you have come to expect from each edition of *The Shamrock*. We are interested in your thoughts on the revamp and encourage feedback to be emailed to [oca@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:oca@stpats.vic.edu.au)

# FROM THE ACTING HEADMASTER



Mr Chris Caldwell  
Acting Headmaster

I thought long and hard about what I might write about given Dr Casey's absence. There were many things that I could have chosen to write about. Initially I thought I would give a summary of all the positive things that have occurred throughout Term 3, whether it is academic, sporting, social, cultural or a whole range of other pursuits but I think I might leave that for another time. You will read of the third consecutive Herald Sun Shield Football win, the gold medals achieved in the Brisbane Ekka Music competitions and many other great activities occurring under the auspices of St Patrick's College.

I would like to reflect upon our community and what we are trying to achieve. When formulating our strategic plan we tried to look at the question of: "What was our vision for the future?" We were really trying to put into simple terms what it is that we want for our boys here at St Patrick's College.

When thinking about this, I reflected upon my time in Perth at Trinity College which is an EREA school situated right beside the WACA. Their vision was "Men for others" which struck a chord with me. When I think about this statement there is certainly an element of service as the 'others' are the critical point in this thought process.

Another thought that came to mind was that, rather than thinking individually about what you want to achieve, we need more of a community focus. The focus was upon others rather than our own



needs. It provided an outward focus rather than looking inward. This is what I want to look at in more detail - our aspect of community.

At St Patrick's College we have a fantastic community and it is not until you go out into other communities that you recognise how fortunate we are. Many of you will have heard the expression "There is no I in team" and that team actually stands for "Together Everyone Achieves More".

I am a firm believer that this is true, particularly in schools. I believe that the combined efforts of us all, add up to something greater than what we can produce if we were all working individually. I will go into this in more detail.

Let's think about this from an academic point of view. Our fine

young men in Year 12 are currently preparing for their End of Year exams which begin on November 1 and finish on November 19. In preparing for these exams, I am thinking about the strategies that they should complete as part of their revision programme.

Some that I can suggest are to work in study groups as, collectively, we can help each other in terms of preparing for the exams. If I am teaching something to my friends I would suggest that I might learn the content better than if I were just reading over notes or completing past exam questions. Not that these aren't valuable strategies in their own right.

Equally, it is a collective effort with staff to maximise our performance in the exam. Staff will provide a range of different strategies

throughout their revision programme. I know first hand that all staff are determined to assist each student to achieve their best.

In a sporting context we have all heard the old adage that “a champion team will always beat a team of champions”. I believe that what this is saying is that if we all play our part, if we all do what is required, then we are far more likely to experience success. This will be the case even if we come against a team that may have more individual talents, but not everyone is working together.

In a school setting we all need to work together to be our best. Respect is critical. Relationships are paramount as we all need the support of others to achieve our best.

So, in thinking about all this, it brings us back to what is our vision for the future. One thing that I think about is what I want for the boys at St Patrick’s College. I want the same things as many of your parents and the same things that I want for my own son. That is that you lead happy, healthy and productive lives.

I know that in our environment we spend a lot of time recognising the achievements of many different boys in a whole range of different fields. But I wonder whether we spend enough time acknowledging the efforts of the boys who do the best that they possibly can nearly all the time. We need to focus upon getting the best out of every boy and working together to achieve the most that we possibly can.

I hope that they are all able to make a significant contribution to society and that they will endeavour to improve things for the disadvantaged and marginalised. We are all in a privileged position with the opportunities that we have here at St Patrick’s College and I hope that we can improve our society through our collective conscience and compassion. If we



can achieve these things then we will be truly achieving our current vision statement of “Raising fine boys to the status of Great Men”.

I have been fortunate to have attended a number of major OCA functions this term. These include the Melbourne Legends Dinner, the 50 and 40-year-reunions, as well as the regular Old Collegians monthly meetings. Throughout these functions, I have been struck by the number of great men who have passed through the gates of St Patrick’s College. Indeed our recognised Legends provide an overview of the success of the many different spheres of life through which we become involved upon leaving school. Without trying to belittle or diminish the accomplishments of these Legends, I also recognise the significant numbers of men who are Old Collegians of St Patrick’s College who have contributed significantly to their communities. These contributions are made on so many different levels and make them great men as well.

This provides a reasonable segway into thanking our College Patron

for the past 15 years, Bishop Peter Connors, for his service, support and leadership throughout his time with St Patrick’s College. Words cannot accurately convey the influence that Bishop Peter Connors has had upon not only our College community but, more broadly, upon the entire Diocese of Ballarat. He has presided over a significantly difficult period of the Church with the sexual abuse that was perpetrated by priests and religious prior to his appointment and he has dealt with these issues with compassion, discretion and empathy for the victims. Despite being educated at Assumption College by the Marist Brothers, he has had a strong relationship with the Christian Brothers community in Ballarat and is a great man.

On behalf of the St Patrick’s College community, I warmly welcome the announcement of the appointment of Father Paul Bird CSsR as Bishop-elect of Ballarat. We look forward to working with our new Bishop and forging a strong and productive relationship with him into the future.

**Opposite:**  
“A champion team will always beat a team of champions.”

**Clockwise from top left:**  
Working together, we can achieve more.

The College officially congratulates Bishop-elect Paul Bird and looks forward to working closely with him.

Functions such as the Melbourne dinner to honour and induct new Legends give us an opportunity to reflect on the number of St Patrick’s College students who have become great men in society.

The fundraising efforts at the Edmund Rice Day Walkathon provide a good example of St Patrick’s College students becoming “Men for Others”.

# CHRIS NOLAN AWARDS



**Mr Stephen Hill**  
Deputy Headmaster  
Teaching & Learning

The 2012 Semester One Chris Nolan Awards were presented at the College Assembly in July to the 209 Years 7 to 12 students who finished in the top 15 per cent of their respective year level (based on an aggregation of their results from Semester One assessment tasks).

We took time at the beginning of the assembly to consider what each boy had achieved to receive their certificate. Take one of our Year 8 boys as an example. The typical Year 8 student received a percentage result for some 40 assessment tasks completed in 11 different subjects in Semester One. The highest average result for a Year 8 boy was 92 per cent. Remember, the boy who attained this result did so by completing over 40 assessment tasks to a very high standard in all areas of the curriculum - English, RE, Maths Science, PE and so on. This achievement is certainly worthy of recognition and is typical of the consistently high level of academic achievement attained by the boys who received an award.

Each year, we have a significant number of new students and staff and so it is important to explain exactly what the 'Chris Nolan Awards' are. 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.

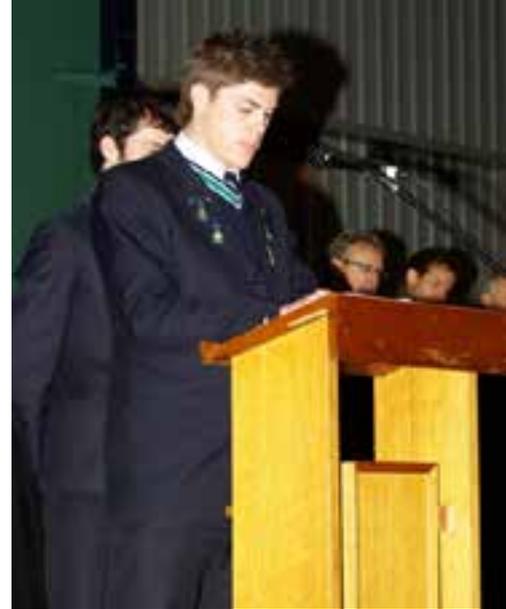
As a student at the College, Chris regularly achieved strong academic results and in his final year he was awarded:

- 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.

The College community was pleased that Chris, his parents and carer were once again able to join us at the assembly. Chris' parents, Mary and Jack, presented certificates to the boys on behalf of Chris.

**Year 7:**  
Tyrone Baynes  
Nicholas Carta  
Timothy Collier  
Lachlan Conlan



Samuel Coxall  
Thomas Cranage  
Jake Curran  
Kali Dawborn  
Joshua DeVoogel  
James Duffy  
Joshua Duggan  
Max Edwards  
Nicholas Elliott  
Lachlan Furlong  
Jack Gaffney  
Thomas Godson  
Aaron Guevara  
Declan Hanrahan  
Callum Hofler  
Thomas Hughes  
Mason Joyce  
Krishnakanth Kamatchi-Sriganth  
Jack Lalor  
Jonathan Lansdown  
Brandon Lauton  
Jeremy Learmonth  
Ryan Montgomery  
Lachlan Reynolds  
Samuel Rousch



Shamus Ryan  
Brody Searle  
Cameron Searle  
Benjamin Simmons  
Daniel Sully  
Caelan Thompson  
Hayden Thompson  
Mitchell Tuddenham  
Henry Ward

**Year 8:**

Cameron Adams  
Joel Amor  
Liam Cappello  
Nathaniel Corboy  
Bailey Crawford  
Hasker Dawborn  
Louis Edwards  
Brandon Falland  
Jarrod Gillingham  
Liam Haintz  
Thomas Hallett  
Liam Hanrahan  
Conor Heeney  
Troy Keem  
Patrick Keogh  
Timothy Liston  
Lawrence McCrabb  
Samuel McMaster  
Alexander Mooney  
Riley Murphy  
Jacob Norman  
David O'Doherty  
Samuel Oostendorp  
Liam O'Shea  
James Parini  
Lleyton Pigott  
Alex Porter  
Cormac Prendergast  
Samuel Short  
Lucas Shugg  
Callum Smith  
Riley Stephens  
William Sullivan  
Joshua Taylor  
Jack Treweek  
Bradley Tuohey  
Brayden Ward  
Luke Wynd

**Year 9:**

Shaun Ainley  
Nicholas Anokye  
Tyler Atkinson  
Sean Bourke  
William Briggs  
Mitchell Canny  
Laurence Cashin  
Patrick Collier  
Jacob Coxall  
Sam Cranage  
James Everett  
Nicholas Frawley  
Lachlan Fuller  
Kelsey Gannon  
Evan Green  
Callum Holland  
William Jury  
Christopher Kan  
Jake Leontiew  
Abraham Lewis  
Alex McCall  
Samuel Mewett  
Campbell Milne  
Christopher Milroy  
Jordan Purcell  
Ryan Ringin  
Harris Robinson  
Thomas Schreenan  
Mitchell Steele

**Year 10:**

David Adams  
Alex Browning  
Hamish Clydesdale  
William Counsel  
Thomas Cove  
Noah DeLosa  
Bradley DeVries  
Ashley Duffy  
Liam Duggan  
Jack Ferguson  
Matthew Hall  
Liam Hanrahan  
Jackson Howell  
Liam Jess  
Thomas Keogh  
Matthew Lakey  
Peter Leighton

Joshua Leviston  
Paul Liston  
Benjamin Martin  
Thomas McDonough  
Thomas McMaster  
Thomas Mooney  
Edward Nyary  
Luke Pelchen  
Daniel Phyland  
Louis Powlett  
Harrison Robertson  
Martin Ryan  
Trystan Sammut  
Angus Thompson  
Damon Williamson  
Aidan Willowwhite  
Samuel Wines  
Kieran Wynne  
Elliott Yeung

**Year 11:**

Jakob Baric  
Gene Bergman  
James Burge  
Gerard Clifford  
Timothy Crowe  
Blake Davis  
Andrew Fay  
Andrew Groch  
Jack Harrison  
Peter Hearn  
John Hickey  
Luke Howard  
Jayson Irving  
Mitchell Kennedy  
James Keys  
Jake Laidlaw  
Declan Leishman  
Douglas Mai  
Oscar McDonald  
James McDougall  
Nicholas McMaster  
Mark McOwan  
Samuel Micich  
Adam Murphy  
Liam Noone  
Peter Oakley  
Jarryd O'Dowd  
Timothy O'Shea

Robert Perkins  
Joshua Peters  
Dylan Phasey  
Charles Robinson  
Timothy Ryan  
Harrison Spratling  
Connor Squires  
Jarrah Staley  
Ignatius Stewart  
Patrick Tansey  
Aiden Thompson  
Thomas Thorpe  
Daniel Toohey  
Jerome Wallace  
Luke Wilson

**Year 12:**

Nicholas Beaver  
Cameron Butcher  
Michael Cocomazzo  
Charles Cook  
Christopher Debono  
Conor Dickson  
James Fahey  
Riley Fullerton  
Jack Furness  
Zachary Hopper  
Hamish Kelly  
Adam Lavery  
Benjamin Martin  
Jakob McDowell  
Paul McEldrew  
Kieran Missen  
Jacob Mitilineos  
Bradley O'Loughlin  
Kieren O'Riley  
Xavier Slater  
Fraser Steggall  
Jordan Stones  
Daniel Vearing  
Nicholas Willowwhite  
Joseph Zreikat

**Opposite:**  
College vice-captain Ashley Simpson welcomed the College community to the Chris Nolan Awards assembly.  
Chris Nolan takes great pleasure in being present at the assembly to see current students win the awards named in his honour.

**Above from left:**  
Some of the winners of the Chris Nolan Awards. Jack Gaffney (Year 7), Lleyton Pigott (Year 8), Jacob Coxall (Year 9), Jackson Howell (Year 10), Andrew Fay (Year 11), Xavier Slater (Year 12).

**Note:**  
Head shots represent one award winner from each year level.

# HEADMASTER EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**Ms Elizabeth Till**  
Acting Deputy Head  
Student Wellbeing

At the College Assembly on Tuesday, June 19, we started by acknowledging a number of Year 12 boys with a Headmaster Excellence Award, for their efforts in their English SAC, 'Dear America' where they achieved 90 per cent or above.

The students who received 100 per cent were Hamish Kelly, Jordan Stones and James Fahey. Students who received 93 per cent were Kieran Missen, Conor Dickson, Fraser Steggall and Jordan Atkinson. Nicholas Rippon, Bryce Fullerton and Alex Thompson receive 90 per cent for their SAC.

These boys had clearly demonstrated a high level of ability to grasp key ideas and concepts presented to them and to express that understanding in highly fluent writing. To achieve this, these boys often attended after-school study sessions, wrote draft essays and asked key questions of their teachers as they prepared for the task. It is this preparation that has led them to achieve excellent results. They are to be congratulated on their fine effort.

The next Headmaster Excellence Award was awarded to Jake Muscat in Year 11 for his effort in Systems Engineering. Jake has shown outstanding commitment, time management and practical skills in VCE Systems Engineering. His production plan, record of work and evaluation were all completed and

submitted before time with excellent results. In the practical task, Jake added features which required re-engineering aspects of the project for an improved outcome. In the Systems Engineering exam Jake scored 94 per cent. Jake's off campus VET commitments have meant that he is only able to attend Systems Engineering classes for three periods a week and, given his results, this demonstrates a highly motivated student whose time management, practical and study skills have allowed him to complete work to a very high standard. Well done Jake!

Year 11 student, Fergus Bragge also received a Headmaster's Excellence Award for his efforts in Year 11 Systems Technology. Fergus has shown outstanding perseverance and commitment towards his studies in this subject. Fergus received a mark of 100 per cent for Outcome One. In Outcome Two for the Production Plan, record of work and for the evaluation Fergus received 93 per cent. For Outcome Three Fergus scored another perfect 100 per cent and in the end of Semester exam, Fergus achieved a subject best of 99 per cent. Fergus has also shown excellent conduct and leadership both in the classroom and workshop. Well done and congratulations Fergus!

Year 10 student, Liam Edwards received a Headmaster's Excellence Award for his work in Systems

Technology. Liam has displayed a high level of independence to construct the Semester Production Plan, which is an integrated electro-mechanical system which performs multiple functions. Liam's model crane was designed and machined from specialised software. Liam's dedication to the task to see the model through to completion whilst maintaining a high level of quality, tidiness and performing all work safely is commendable. During the production phase, Liam also maintained a detailed record of work and submitted his folio for assessment to a high standard.

The next Headmaster's Excellence Award was presented to Year 8 student Jonathan Antony for his work in Drama. For his melodrama assessment task, Jonathan created a character centred on a bumbling French detective who was working for hire in the Sydney and Canberra area. To add to his humour Jonathan made the creative choice that his French detective character had lost his accent. The slapstick comedic choices, physical comedy and stereotypical nature of his performance perfectly embodied a melodramatic performance and earned him a mark of 100 per cent.

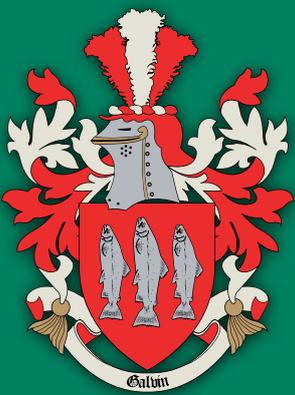
The following students in Year 7 received an Academic Endeavour Award for achieving 100 per cent on their end-of-semester Music Theory exam: Liam Roth, Ciaran Corrigan, Max Edwards, Nicholas Elliott, Samuel Rousch, Joshua Duggan, Tiernan Somers, Matthew Whiteford, Nicholas Carta, Krishnakanth Kamatchi Sriganth, and Sean Martin who achieved a fine result of 93 per cent.

**Below:** Headmaster Dr Peter Casey with a selection of students who were honoured at the assembly.



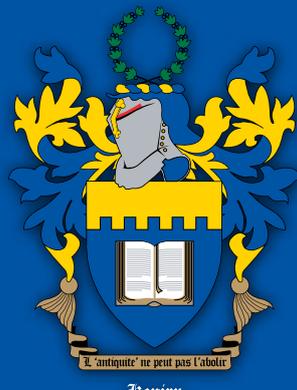
# STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2012

## Members of the 2012 Student Council



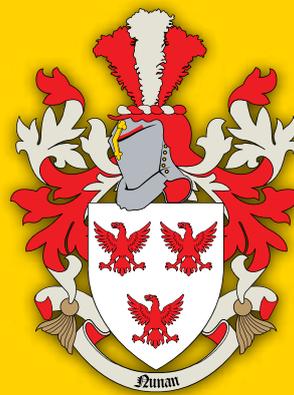
**Captain**  
Zachary Hopper

**Vice Captains**  
Kieren O'Riley  
Jack Romeril



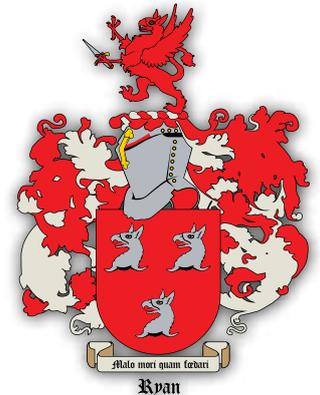
**Captain**  
Charles Cook

**Vice Captains**  
Luke Polmear  
Patrick Blood



**Captain**  
Thomas Constable

**Vice Captains**  
Nicholas Beaver  
Edmund Howes



**Captain**  
Michael Cocomazzo

**Vice Captains**  
Mitchell Robertson  
Timothe Moore

## Members of the 2012 Student Congress

**Year 11**  
Daniel Toohey  
Peter Oakley

**Year 10**  
Liam Boyd  
Jack Day

**Year 9**  
Samuel Cranage  
Todd Brooks

**Year 8**  
Patrick Keogh  
Tom Hallett

**Year 11**  
James McDougall  
Nicholas McMaster

**Year 10**  
Thomas McMaster  
Ben Martin

**Year 9**  
Kelsey Gannon  
Josh Rix

**Year 8**  
Samuel McMaster  
Isaac Bowker

**Year 11**  
Louis Wilson  
Jacob Baric

**Year 10**  
Louis Powlett  
Thomas Mooney

**Year 9**  
Patrick Collier  
Joe Downey

**Year 8**  
Oliver Nash  
Cameron Adams

**Year 11**  
Nicholas Whelan  
Patrick Begbie

**Year 10**  
Kane White  
Brayden Rodd

**Year 9**  
Darcy Kelly  
Christopher Milroy

**Year 8**  
Tynan C Haintz  
James Parini

We take this opportunity to applaud the following students who were honoured at an assembly earlier this year for being named in leadership positions for the winter season:

### Debating

Captain Kieren O'Riley  
Vice Captain Nicholas Beaver

### Public Speaking

Captain Peter Oakley  
Vice Captain Kieren O'Riley

### Australian Rules Football

Captain David Morris  
Vice Captain Nicholas Rippon  
Vice Captain Ashley Simpson

### Basketball

Captain Jack Saunders  
Vice Captain Tyler Constable

### Hockey

Captain Zac McMurray  
Vice Captain Luke Polmear

### Rugby

Captain Thomas Azarnikow  
Vice Captain Mitchell Cattell  
Vice Captain Christopher Debono

### Soccer

Captain Jakob McDowell  
Vice Captain Luke Moodley

**Right:** Fr Patrick Lim conducted the Edmund Rice Day Mass in the W.T. O'Malley Sports Centre before the College community participated in the walkathon.

**Below:** Students participate in this year's Edmund Rice Day Walkathon.

In early May the College celebrated Edmund Rice Day. We were extremely proud of all the boys who attended and contributed to these events. The generosity shown by students and their families in raising money for those less fortunate for Edmund Rice Day was outstanding. The boys should also be very proud of their efforts.

# EDMUND RICE DAY



**Mr Chris Caldwell**  
Acting Headmaster

Proceeds from the day were presented at the Social Justice Assembly on June 1, which coincided with the 250th anniversary of the birth of Edmund Rice. The work of a large number of boys involved in the St Vincent de Paul Conference and the Social Justice Group under the leadership of Mr Danny Moore culminated in a tremendous gathering with some very important messages for the College community to ponder.

The gathering witnessed the presentation of cheques from the funds raised at Edmund Rice Day to the nominated charities - the Christian Brothers' Overseas Aid Fund, Edmund Rice Camps, the Edmund Rice Centre St Albans and Caritas Australia. The assembly also

provided an opportunity for representatives from these organisations to thank the boys and briefly explain how their contributions support and assist their organisation.

The assembly presented \$40,000 worth of funds among each of these charities to continue their good works. This money was raised by the student body during the Edmund Rice Day Walkathon and demonstrates the willingness of our boys to help the marginalised within our society. I believe that this is one concrete or demonstrable example of the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice, the founder of the Christian Brothers, that is present within the student population here at St Patrick's College.



I felt quite moved by this assembly and I thank all boys and staff involved in preparing and presenting the assembly. I would like to thank Nicholas Beaver for his exceptional effort in acting as Master of Ceremonies for the Social Justice Assembly.

## The Edmund Rice Day Walkathon Significant Fundraisers from the Edmund Rice Walkathon

### Galvin House students who collected more than \$100 of donations:

#### Year 12

Zachary Hopper  
Keiren O'Riley  
Zachary Weightman

#### Year 8

Liam Cappello

### Ryan House students who collected more than \$100 of donations:

#### Year 12

Michael Cocomazzo  
Sean O'Neil  
Timothe Moore

#### Year 7

Joshua Allen

### Keniry House students who collected more than \$100 of donations:

#### Year 12

Patrick Blood  
Aaron Salvatore  
Ashley Simpson

#### Year 11

Nicholas McMaster

#### Year 10

Benjamin Martin  
Mitchell Walsh

#### Year 9

Phillip Koenders

#### Year 8

Khaleb Pierce  
Lucas Shugg

#### Year 7

Charles Fresle

### Nunan House students who collected more than \$100 of donations:

#### Year 12

Nicholas Beaver  
Thomas Constable  
Edmund Howes

#### Year 10

Ryan O'Sullivan

#### Year 9

Jesse Avery  
Tom Button  
Patrick Collier

#### Year 8

Cormac Prendergast

#### Year 7

Beau Rasic



Congratulations to all of these boys for their outstanding efforts! Congratulations to Year 12 student Ashley Simpson on raising the most money in the school. Ashley was awarded with the David Ranger Fundraising Award which highlights his efforts at the Social Justice Assembly. Ash also received a \$100 gift voucher from Rebel Sport as a result of his fantastic fundraising efforts.

**Below:** Indigenous students Joshua Clarke (Year 9) and Joshua Tranter (Year 10) helped participate in the ceremony to mark National Reconciliation Week at the College in May.

## NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK



National Reconciliation Week celebrates the rich culture and history of Indigenous Australians. It is the perfect time for all Australians to think about how to help turn around the disadvantage experienced by many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It is also a time where we can reflect about what we are doing to advance the process of reconciliation.

Reconciliation involves achieving an understanding of the facts of Indigenous Australia, including history and its continuing effects, the importance of culture, the contribution of Indigenous people to the Australia that we live in today, and the diverse situations of Indigenous people living in our communities. This understanding is fundamental for respectful engagements and mutual acceptance between people.

On Wednesday, May 30, two Reconciliation services were conducted to acknowledge National Reconciliation Week. Thanks to the staff involved with the ceremony, particularly

Mr David Loader, Mr Rick Balchin and Ms Cate Walshe. Thank you also to the boys for the reverence and respect that they demonstrated throughout these services.

The week coincided with two important dates in Indigenous Australia's recent history. May 27 marked the anniversary of the 1967 referendum in which more than 90 per cent of Australians voted to remove clauses from the Australian Constitution which discriminated against Indigenous Australians. It enabled Indigenous people to be included in the census, and gave Federal Parliament the power to make laws in relation to Indigenous people. June 3 marked the anniversary of the High Court's judgment in the 1992 Mabo case.

The decision recognised the Native Title rights of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the original inhabitants of the continent and overturned the myth of terra nullius - the belief that the continent was an empty, un-owned land before the arrival of Europeans in 1788.

## NIGHT OF HOMELESSNESS Mr Chris Caldow Acting Headmaster

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 which have 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 1 in 70.

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

On Thursday, May 31, 210 students (out of 218) 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 Director of Student Leadership 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 society's 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.

Given the importance of this significant social and community issue I would appreciate any feedback you may have discussed with your son regarding the One Night of Homelessness. Email [jbobrowski@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:jbobrowski@stpats.vic.edu.au) with your feedback.



# MOTHERS AND FATHERS DAY MASS AND BREAKFAST



**Mrs Caitlin Bennett**  
Marketing and  
Development Officer

The College always relishes the opportunity to welcome parents in our chapel and dining room and, it seems, the parents love to come and visit as well. This year on Mothers Day and Fathers Day hundreds of parents took the opportunity to attend breakfasts.



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On Friday, May 11 more than 350 mothers and sons gathered for Mass in the College Chapel with Fr Patrick Lim. The Mass was a beautiful celebration of the relationship between a mother and her son.

The boys were then able to serve their mothers breakfast in the Old Collegians Pavilion, prepared by the St Patrick's College Catering Team and led by Mr Bernie Kenna.

Croissants, pastries, fresh fruit and Burcher muesli were on the menu, with many mothers able to relax and enjoy the morning with friends from the St Patrick's community.

Father's Day Mass was a similar occasion in terms of numbers attending.

Held on a very chilly morning on Friday, August 31, the College welcomed fathers, sons, guardians and grandfathers to celebrate Mass with Fr Robert Stewart and Br Ben Johnson.

Readings for the Mass were read by Zachary Hopper and Jarrod and Tim O'Brien.

Breakfast this year was a standing occasion with breakfast focaccia's and coffee served in the College Dining Room. It was a very joyful occasion with many in attendance commenting on how they appreciated the solemn, reflective nature of the Mass followed by the relaxed nature of the breakfast.

The Mission team, led by Mr Geoff Brodie does a wonderful job in preparing Mass for these special occasions as does the Audio Visual team led by Mr Glenn Fisher.

# VALE SERGEANT BLAINE DIDDAMS



**It was with profound sadness that the College received the news of the death of former student, Sergeant Blaine Diddams (SPC 1988-1989). He was killed in action on July 2, 2012 while on his seventh tour of duty in Afghanistan.**

Blaine attended St Patrick's College as a boarder from East Malvern, completing years 11 and 12. While at the College, he was a keen rugby player, being mentioned in the 1989 Annual as a valuable forward who was a 'big improver and motivator'.

Sgt Diddams was a member of the elite Special Operations Task Group and was from Perth-based Special Air Services Regiment (SASR). He was employed as a Special Air Service Regiment Patrol Commander. He was shot in the chest after his patrol was dropped by helicopter in pursuit of an insurgent and was fatally wounded, despite wearing body combat armour.

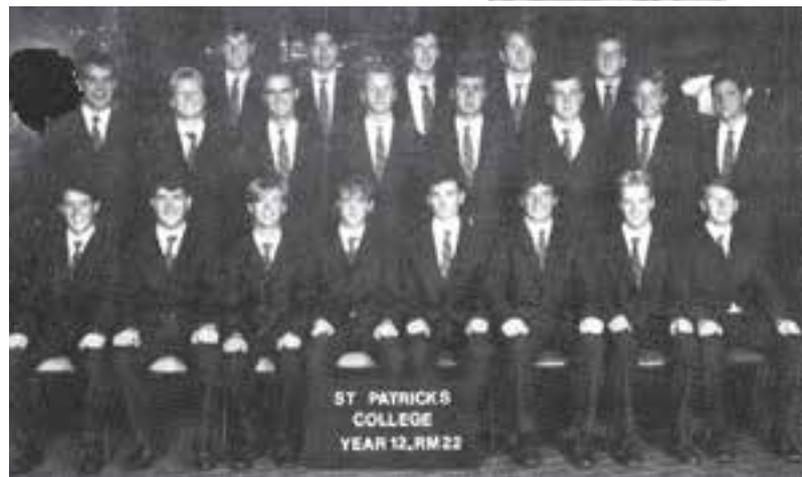
Blaine Diddams was born in Canberra in 1971. He enlisted in the Army on 24 April 1990, and after completing his initial employment for infantry was posted to the 1st Battalion Royal Australian Regiment in Townsville, Qld on November 2, 1990. Sgt Diddams was posted to the Special Air Service Regiment in 1995 after successfully completing his SASR selection course. This was his seventh tour to Afghanistan since 2001, although he had been deployed previously on four occasions to Somalia, East Timor and the Solomon Islands.

Sgt Diddams was recognised with the following honours and awards:

- the Australian Active Service Medal with Clasp Somalia, Clasp East Timor, Clasp ICAT;
- the International Forces East Timor (INTERFET) Medal;
- the Afghanistan Campaign Medal;
- the Australian Service Medal and Clasp Solomon Islands, clasp 'CT/SR';
- the Defence Long Service Medal, the Australian Defence Medal;
- the NATO ISAF Medal;
- the Meritorious Unit Citation;
- the Infantry Combat Badge, and
- the Returned from Active Service Badge.

Sgt Diddams is survived by his wife Toni-Ann, their daughter Elle-Lou and son Henry, his parents Peter and Cate, and siblings Nikki, Sian, Christian and Luke.

His wife, Toni-Ann, released a statement describing her late partner as the most loving of husbands and a proud father to their children. She said he was a man who stood by his mates no matter what and lived his life to the fullest.



Tom Broadhurst, one of Sgt Diddams' best mates from his days at St Patrick's College, said he would always treasure fond memories of their friendship.

"His mates from his years at St Patrick's remember him as a bigger than life individual who was always looking to have as much adventure as possible," Mr Broadhurst said.

"He will be sadly missed by all those who remember him from his days at St Patrick's College as a truly inspirational friend who lived the life he wanted."

Members of the SAS joined the family at the airforce base for a ceremony as his body was returned to Australia on July 14.

Note: Information sourced from the Australian Defence Force web page [www.defence.gov.au/vale/sgt\\_diddams/sgt\\_diddams.htm](http://www.defence.gov.au/vale/sgt_diddams/sgt_diddams.htm)

MORE  
OBITUARIES  
FOR OLD BOYS  
ARE ON PAGES  
30 AND 31

Year 7 and Year 8 camps throughout the first half of the year have proved extremely popular with students in the Junior School. While students relish the opportunity to get out of the classroom, the camps also provide vital lessons in life and social skills while also ensuring students are given time for thought and reflection.



# JUNIOR SCHOOL



**The 2012 school year in the Junior School at St Patrick's has been enjoyable and interesting. This year 251 new Year 7 students started classes in ten homeroom groups while 255 Year 8 boys also started the year.**



**Mr John Richards**  
Head of Junior School

Leadership in the Junior School had some alterations in 2012. With myself on long service leave in term one, Peter Brady assumed the role and was able to get the year underway in a very efficient manner. He was ably assisted by Year 8 coordinators, Mr Jamie Lynn and Ms Sarah Hughes and Year 7 Coordinators Mrs Jacinta Burge and Mr Gerard Willis. The restructure in leadership positions at St Patrick's has seen the Head of School assume a teaching and learning role with year level coordinators being responsible for the management and wellbeing of students.

Students in Years 7 and 8 have taken up residence in the refurbished O'Malley Wing. With

the newly completed Hugh Devine Wing and the Little Wing also housing Junior School classes, our students have commenced the year in relative luxury. Each room has been fitted out with reverse cycle air-conditioning, data projector and sound system to support the provision of contemporary teaching and learning experiences. Information technology is at the heart of enhancements to teaching and learning in the Junior School. Teachers across all curriculum areas make use of the eight class sets of laptop computers available for use. These devices are utilised to improve the overall teaching and learning experience for our staff and students. Significant

investment in our College's wireless network has ensured the success of this programme. A trial programme with class sets of Apple iPads is taking place in some other curriculum areas in the Junior School. In addition to this our students' have been made aware of the benefits and potential pitfalls of social media use.

The St Patrick's College Junior School is a vibrant and exciting place to be. We offer our students many educational and co-curricular opportunities for them to fulfil their potential as they continue along their educational journey.

## YEAR 8 CAMPS

What seemed an everlasting wait had finally ended. Year 8s were finally on camp and when we got there we immediately knew it was worth the wait. Right in front of our eyes was a mansion and it didn't just look good, it was good.

With a games room filled with table tennis tables, air hockey tables and even a billiards table, this one room would give hours of pleasure. Not only that, with two tennis courts, a basketball court and, a personal favourite of mine, the cross country track (which had extremely steep hills but a very narrow path), the place where we stayed, in itself, would make our camp great.

**Liam O'Shea**  
Year 8

Recently the boys in Year 8 attended a camp/retreat at Amberley Mansion in Melbourne. The mansion, which overlooks the Yarra River, is an Edmund Rice Centre run by the Christian Brothers and is a great place to relax and reflect.

The camp offered a range of activities such as team building exercises, reading letters written by our parents, going on bushwalks and having small group reflection sessions. The highlight of the camp for most people was the indoor rock climbing. As well as being fun, the rock climbing was a great team building exercise, having to rely on other people as well as yourself, and it essentially

reflected the meaning of the camp; challenge yourself, step outside your comfort zone, examine what you think is possible and then challenge that thinking. I believe that the camp was a great opportunity for me to learn a lot more about myself.

**Hasker Dawborn**  
Year 8



# MIDDLE SCHOOL



**The transition from boyhood to manhood can often be difficult and challenging. To encourage the boys to make this shift, a programme called “Stepping Stones”, with an emphasis on Respect, Responsibility and Awareness is utilised over the four terms.**

The boys are involved in a number of activities, exploring differences between boyhood psychology and manhood psychology. A substantial element of the programme focuses on encouraging the boys to choose appropriate responses to different situations, with the aim of boys becoming proactive rather than reactive. A key principle the boys explore is: Individuals are responsible for their own choices and have the freedom to choose.

## TERM ONE

The “Stepping Stones Programme” began in earnest with the Queenscliff camps. The boys immersed themselves in the various activities on offer, including: surfing, snorkelling, team initiatives and a canoe challenge. The night-time sessions run by Mr Jamie Bobrowski and Pastoral teachers explored leadership themes and perceptions - what it means to be a good man.

## TERM TWO

A distinctive feature of Middle School is our emphasis on community and relationship building. Our understanding and commitment to the importance of school/community partnerships is paramount as we seek to provide our

boys with the capacity and motivation to be:

- People with a faith base, with strong social competencies and resilience.
- Team players with appropriate negotiation, communication and co-operative skills.
- Critical and creative thinkers with an ability to problem solve.
- Eager to learn and explore the world around them.

With this in mind, the next significant stage in the “Stepping Stones Programme” was the Melbourne Experience.

With an aim to support the Humanities Immersion programme, develop a sense of independence and initiative, and help equip students with some basic “city skills”, each of the boys was encouraged to arrange their own accommodation in Melbourne with friends or relatives. With school based in Melbourne for the week, the students met their pastoral teacher at different city locations, and classes were conducted in an experiential manner. During the course of the week each class visited the National Gallery of Victoria, Eureka Tower, Queen Victoria Market, MCG, IMAX, The Museum and St Patrick’s Cathedral.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

### Callum Holland

Callum is enjoying a wonderful year in Middle School. Callum regularly achieves outstanding results, largely due to his exemplary work ethic and willingness to persevere with problems until he solves them. Callum is an outstanding role model to other boys and regularly involves himself in school activities. Callum’s organisation of the Year 9 Loreto / St Patrick’s Interaction day is an example.

### Tom Button

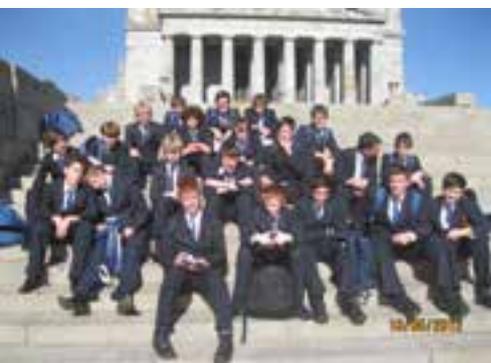
Tom is an exceptional young man making the most of his Year 9 experience. Tom’s leadership in his class and amongst the year level is to be commended. Tom is always willing to support other boys, and his personal integrity and respect for others is exemplary. This is very much evidenced by his willingness to embrace social justice issues in the school.

### Campbell Milne

Campbell is an excellent role model to all Year 9 boys. Across all endeavors: academic, cultural, sporting and in service, Campbell gives his best and is a noted School representative in Public Speaking. Campbell regularly encourages other boys to do the same. With his ability to assist and support others whilst acknowledging and celebrating their efforts, Campbell is to be congratulated.



**Mr Neal Arthurson**  
Head of Middle School



**Top: Mindshop Excellence** Year 10 students spent a week at Goldacres in Mitchell Park as part of the Mindshop Excellence programme and were acknowledged for their excellent work during their placement.

**Below: Japanese trip** Japanese LOTE students enjoyed a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Japan in the July school holidays, visiting key historical sites in Tokyo, Osaka, Kyoto, Nara and Hiroshima while also enjoying the opportunity to visit Japanese schools, eat some Japanese cuisine and visit some famous tourist sites.



# SENIOR SCHOOL



## MINDSHOP EXCELLENCE AWARDS

All aboard! We are off to Goldacres!

School is not all about theory rather, it is about developing some life-long skills that you will carry with you way beyond your secondary school experience.

The Mind shop Excellence programme, offered to Year 10 students was a fantastic opportunity for boys to take their skills and knowledge and message and apply it to make it relevant in a real work environment.

This year seven of our Year 10 students; Sam Romeril, Ben Martin, Harrison Robertson, Jack Ferguson Jackson Howell, David Adams and Luke Pelchen spent a full week at Goldacres in Mitchell Park.

Goldacres provides quality farming and spraying equipment to farmers nationally. While at Goldacres, the boys went about the task of solving a work-based problem. Namely, to identify a safe and efficient

distribution method of booms around the plant, and to design a better storage system for spare parts.

Trained in Mindshop business tools, the boys embraced the challenge and by the Friday they were presenting their findings to the company's board of management and again, later that day, at a public reception held at BGT training. Goldacres is planning to implement many of the findings.

Sam Romeril, the leader, summed up the experience: "It was a great opportunity to experience problem solving in a work place and to use business tools to do this, tools that can be easily transferred and used in a number of environments".

## JAPANESE TOUR

In the July school holidays, students of Japanese had the opportunity to participate in a study tour to Japan.

The focus of their trip was to make full use of the opportunity to become familiar with Japanese culture, daily life in Japan and the use of the Japanese language in everyday situations.

Students also had the opportunity to visit the major cities in Japan as well as some of the well-known tourist sites. Of particular note was the Sony Building, the Shibuya district and the Ghibli Museum in Tokyo.

One memorable moment came when the boys went to the Imperial Palace, and were privileged to see the empress arrive at the palace.

Upon their arrival in Matsuyama the boys had the opportunity to visit a high school, and attend some formal Japanese classes which according to Justin Williams was both daunting and insightful.



**Mrs Elizabeth Ryan**  
Head of Senior School





# PERFORMING ARTS

## FAME

The 2012 joint Musical Production with Loreto College of FAME was bigger and better than all previous shows.

This year's joint production was held over three days in late July at the Wendouree Performing Arts Centre in front of rapturous audiences.

With each show the talent of our boys continues to grow and numbers of students involved also strengthens every year.

Lead characters played by Luke Wilson, Noah De Losa, Linus Tolliday, Zachary Weightman and Marcel Schlooz were strongly performed and the boys wowed the audience with their dancing, singing and acting skills.

One of the wonderful things about the Performing Arts is that students from every year level get to work with each other and this show was no different.

There were boys from Years 7 to 12 involved. Some were acting, others were singing or dancing, and others again were playing in the band. Not to forget the very important contributions from those that assisted with backstage tasks.

We are already in planning for the next show, Sweeney Todd, which will be performed at Her Majesty's Theatre in July, 2013.

## BANDS BLITZ IN BRISBANE

At 3am on Wednesday, August 15, 76 boys and four staff headed off to Queensland to perform at Urbane UpBeat and the Queensland Catholic Colleges Music Festival. An enormous amount of work had been put in by both the boys and the teachers with extra rehearsals every week for the last few months paying off in exceptionally good results.

The Urban UpBeat Festival was a great success with large crowds gathering to hear Concert Bands 1 and 2 and the College Guitar Ensemble. Concert Band 1 members donned Hawaiian shirts to add to their performance of Beach Boys' classics and then they continued the Olympic feeling with a tribute to The Beatles with a fantastic rendition of Hey Jude. Concert Band 2 performed classics such as Canto and Caprice and Jupiter from Holst's Planets. The Guitar Ensemble performed well but the noise of the show at times overpowered their skilful performance.

The boys in the Guitar ensemble had a quick turnaround to then play at the Catholic Colleges Festival. While outnumbered, by bigger ensembles, they were not outplayed, bringing home the Silver Award.

Over the next two days, our boys were involved with eight more performances:

- Concert Band 1 - Gold
- Concert Band 2 - Silver
- Brass Ensemble - Silver
- Saxophone Ensemble - Gold
- Clarinet Ensemble - Silver
- Flute Ensemble - Silver
- Percussion Ensemble 1 - Silver
- Percussion Ensemble 2 - Bronze

Three of the boys also came in for recognition from the judges for their roles within the ensembles: Thomas Thorpe (Flute and Piccolo solos), Timothy Crowe (Saxophone Solo) and Peter Oakley (Mallet Percussion). Congratulations to all involved in the tour.



**Mrs Kathleen Plastow**  
Head of Performing Arts

**Top:** Luke Wilson (Year 11) played one of the lead roles in the joint production of Fame.

**Below:** The SPC band in action at the Melbourne School Bands Festival.



# FLANAGAN ART PRIZE



“Drift”  
by Paul Snell



A stunning photograph which, according to the artist, “invites concentration, quiet and even silence” has been awarded top prize at this year’s St Patrick’s College Flanagan Art Prize.



“Burning Thirst”  
by Tarli Glover

“Townsville”  
by Cara-Ann Simpson

**Top:** Winner “Drift” by Tasmanian artist Paul Snell won the top prize at this year’s award.

**From left:** “The Last Voyage” by Gary Arnephy is a tribute to ships that come to their final destination.

The winner of the Affordable Art Prize was this piece, entitled “Burning Thirst” by Ballarat-based artist Tarli Glover.

This stunning photograph of Townsville won the prize for Emerging Artist.

This piece by Kelvin Cole entitled “Homage to “Keef” was one of the more colourful on display and is a tribute to Rolling Stones’ Keith Richards.

The winning piece by Tasmania-based Paul Snell captured the attention of judge Professor Claudia Terstappen, from Monash University, for its technical difficulty and its ability to bring together a “unique and innovative approach” to photography.

In his artist’s statement Mr Snell said his piece aimed at bringing forth a new perspective to a physical object.

“By rhythmically repeating, pairing, overlapping, reversing and sequencing and through the investigations of specific colour relationships, I seek a sensory understanding of the physical object.”

Prof Terstappen said she was extremely impressed by the quality of works on display at this year’s exhibition and had a difficult time determining the winner, who receives a cheque for \$5000 provided with the support of sponsor Viatek.

In all, more than 80 works were shortlisted as finalist from more than 140 entries across Australia. The exhibition was launched on Friday, August 31 with a gala presentation in the OCA Pavilion. The exhibition was then open, free to the public, for the following ten days.

Prof Terstappen, a highly respected art expert who has previously studied and worked in many

countries including Germany, Spain, America, Canada, Japan and Australia, said she found it a delightful experience to be asked to judge the exhibition.

“The quality of works on display here is a credit to those who have organised this event,” she said.

“I created a shortlist of six art works that could have easily won the overall prize and it was really a very challenging task to narrow that down to just one. I was also extremely pleased to see the quality of works on display in the Emerging Artist and Affordable Art categories as well - in fact, the winners in these categories were in strong contention for the overall award too.”



**Top from left:**

Judge Claudia Terstappen addresses the audience at the launch of the 2012 Flanagan Art Prize

Winner "Drift" by Tasmanian artist Paul Snell won the top prize at this year's award.

Pam Karouni's "The Fear of Losing You" examined the artist's mid-life crisis.

Sophie Haythornwaite is a regular finalist in the Flanagan Art Prize and with quality painting such as this, it's easy to see why.

**Middle from left:** Stephen Pledban's "Cubby 1" was another the fine pieces of art on display on the night.

Dozens of artists and art lovers attended this year's exhibition launch.

**Below left:** St Patrick's College teacher John Davey did a terrific job as Master of Ceremonies at the launch.

The winner of the Emerging Artist Prize, worth \$1500 and sponsored by the University of Ballarat, was Thornbury-based artist Cara-Ann Simpson.

Her stunning landscape photograph of Townsville, overlooking the Ross Creek, was described by Prof Terstappen as a "piece which brings together

sound, vibration and stunning imagery in the one spectacular photograph".

Ballarat-based Tarli Glover won the Affordable Art Prize, valued at \$500 and sponsored by Lifestyle Travel, for her stark and confronting painting of a CFA tanker in the midst of battling a bushfire.

The exhibition was the culmination of months of planning and investment by volunteers on the Art Exhibition sub-committee of the Friends of St Patrick's College Committee. The College would like to thank those volunteers for the many hours of hard work they put in to make the event such a success in 2012. We are eagerly anticipating even greater success in 2013.

# NEWS AND VIEWS



Earlier this year, students from St Patrick's College applied for the 2012 Defence Technical Scholarship. Congratulations to Alex Thompson <sup>1</sup>, Year 12 who is the successful Scholarship recipient. The Defence Technical Scholarship consists of an award of \$2000 for Year 11 and \$3000 for Year 12 students. To be successful for the Scholarship, winners had to complete an application demonstrating their knowledge of technical trades within the Australian Defence Force and describe in detail what they would do as a trades person in a real life crisis situation; on this occasion, the scenario was based on the provision of humanitarian support after a natural disaster affecting a neighbouring country. Applications went through a competitive selection process. Well over 2300 applications from across Australia were received. Congratulations Alex!

In July, the College was delighted to learn that three former students were successful in winning an Australian Vocational Students Prize (AVSP). Year 12 students from last year, Nicholas Banks <sup>5</sup> (Photo courtesy of The Courier), Michael Bilston and Luke Kemp were each awarded a \$2000 prize. The AVSP promotes the value of gaining vocational skills while at school and recognises the important role vocational education plays in preparing students for further training and employment. The Courier featured a story on the three boys' achievement as being the only students in Ballarat to win the scholarships. The story can be found online at: <http://www.thecourier.com.au/story/143927/vocational-course-kept-student-at-school/>

Congratulations to golfer Kelly Lyle <sup>2</sup> in Year 11 who was chosen to play golf in the School Sport Victoria (SSV) Team Vic State Golf 19 Years and Under. Kelly competed in Perth in late August.

Congratulations to current teacher Brett Earl and his wife Michelle who, on August 24, were excited to introduce into the world Lucas Brett Earl <sup>4</sup> born at 6.47pm. Little Lucas weighed 8 pound even and was measured at 50.5cm long. Mother and baby boy were both doing very well.

Congratulations to College archivist Catriona Banks who launched her latest book on August 25, 2012. Mrs Banks was approached by St Joseph's Primary School in Collingwood to compile an extensive history of the school to celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2012. The historic publication was launched alongside a commemorative Mass at the school. Mrs Banks said the school was one of the oldest in Melbourne and she was delighted to be involved in tracing the history of such an important and esteemed part of the community. "St Joseph's primary school in Otter Street Collingwood is one of the oldest schools in Melbourne, operating on the same site for 150 years," Mrs Banks said. "The population of the school has reflected the changing population of the suburb of Collingwood. Each wave of migrants has been welcomed and embraced by St Joseph's, and has contributed to the richness and diversity of the community. "Patricia Taylor, the first lay principal since 1890, commenced in 1993 and is still principal of the vibrant and diverse community of St Joseph's Collingwood."

More information about the book can be found at this address: [www.sjcollingwood.catholic.edu.au/special/history-book/](http://www.sjcollingwood.catholic.edu.au/special/history-book/)

O'Loughlan - Mark (current teacher) and wife Courtney, along with Isobel and Max were proud to welcome Joseph James O'Loughlan <sup>3</sup> who was born on July 10, 2012, weighing in at 7lb 15. Mum and bub are doing great.

Roberts - Russell (Staff) and Sonya (Staff) welcomed the safe arrival of their first girl Clover Angelia <sup>6</sup> on May 9 2012 weighing 7lb 1 oz. A sister for Trigger.

The College was saddened to hear of the passing of Ken McDonald, the husband of former College librarian Carolyn McDonald. Ken lost his battle to melanoma in late July. He was buried following a simple service in Elmhurst with the small church overflowing with mourners. Ken's legacy to us all was his participation in trials to help identify a mutant gene involved in melanoma. Our prayers and thoughts are with Carolyn who is now on her own at the farm where they devoted their lives. May Ken rest in peace.

The St Patrick's College Community would like to express condolences to the Slater family on the passing of Fletcher Slater aged four on July 27, 2012. At this time our thoughts and prayers are with his parents Sally-Anne and Robbie Slater and his brother Mitchell Toohey in Year 8.

The College community also extends its deepest condolences to Mrs Kerrie Leach (Staff) and family on the unexpected death of her stepfather Keith Millman in late July.

Our prayers and thoughts are with the Headmaster, Dr Peter and Anna Casey and family at the passing of Peter's sister Lois Cooper on Saturday, August 11. Please keep the Casey family in your prayers.

The College received notice of the passing of former staff member Br Leo Doolan on August 20, 2012. Br Doolan died at the Little Sisters of the Poor in Northcote. Leo was a staff member at St Patrick's College in the late 1990's. He was heavily involved at the time in the Enhanced Learning Department. Please remember him in your prayers.

The College's thoughts and prayers are with Cathy McGowan (formerly Walls) following the passing of her father in Echuca on Saturday, August 18, 2012. He was 82 and in poor health having suffered a stroke in 1983.

The College community also extends condolences to Jamie Bobrowski (Staff) and family on the passing of his grandmother Christine Bobrowski in mid-August.

The Elaine Tennis Club is a finalist in the Victorian Tennis Awards Most Outstanding Club, Centre, Association or School Category. Club Secretary Shane Dunne (SPC 1987-92) is overwhelmed with the nomination and is a remarkable achievement for the Club given it folded in 2000 and only reformed in 2010. Shane's son Brady Dunne (Year 7) and team-mates Wade Hearn (Year 7) and Lachlan Emmelin (Year 8) also play for the Elaine Tennis Club.

If you have any news and views you'd like to see on this page in the next edition please email [pnolan@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:pnolan@stpats.vic.edu.au) before the November 30 editorial deadline.



# SPORT

## 2012 HERALD SUN SHIELD GRAND FINAL

ST PATRICK'S  
COLLEGE  
13 - 13 - 91  
DEFEATED  
ST BERNARD'S  
COLLEGE,  
ESSENDON  
5 - 4 - 34

**Goal Kickers:** Dallas Willmore 4, Daniel Butler 3, Nick Rippon, Jaydon Stiles 2, Tom Smith, Dominic Barry 1

**Best Players:** Nick Rippon, Matthew Short, Dominic Barry, Matthew Crouch, Daniel Butler, David Morris, Nathan Haylock, Jake Neade, Tanner Smith

St Patrick's College defeated St Bernard's College, Essendon by 57 points in the Grand Final of the prestigious MCC Herald-Sun Shield on Sunday, August 19. Played in beautiful conditions on the spiritual home of AFL football, the Melbourne Cricket Ground, St Patrick's College achieved the rare distinction of winning the title for a third consecutive year.

St Patrick's College entered the game as nominal favourites, having defeated Ballarat Clarendon College by 98 points in the BAS Grand Final and having defeated Salesian College, Sunbury by 43 points in the semi-final of the Herald-Sun Shield.

St Bernard's started the game with inspired intensity, applying pressure on the St Patrick's ball carriers, resulting in errant disposal by hand and foot. St Patrick's College held a 17-point lead at quarter time, but that lead was built on several individual acts rather than a cohesive, team-orientated style. Dominic Barry, Matthew Short and Daniel Butler were instrumental in this opening phase of the game, with the run and dash of Dominic, the

poise and calmness of Matthew and the youth and vitality of Daniel being key aspects of the quarter.

The second quarter belonged to St Bernard's as they outscored St Patrick's by nine points and played a superior brand of football. One per cent acts, which have been the barometer of how hard the side has worked in 2012, were slightly down (18), and at the half time interval, this key statistic was highlighted to the playing group. During the half time break, the players were also reminded about the style of football that has been synonymous with this group over the past three years. At times, throughout the first half, the players seemed quite nervous and during the main break they were also encouraged to 'break the shackles' by playing the bold, instinctive style that has characterised the St Patrick's 1st XVIII.

The third quarter was defining and proved decisive in the overall context of the game with St Patrick's kicking seven goals to one, to open up an unassailable 46-point lead at three quarter time. The midfield group, led by the extremely consistent and highly talented Nick Rippon (game high 39 possessions, 14 marks), the beautifully balanced and highly skilled Matt Crouch (eight clearances) and the exquisitely skilled Jake Neade (eight inside 50 entries) provided Dallas Willmore as the key deep forward with several goal scoring

opportunities. Dallas kicked four goals three behinds for the quarter and his smart leading and accurate kicking proved decisive in the context of the game.

David Morris and Zac Hopper across half back repelled the four forward entry opportunities that St Bernard's were able to muster in the quarter. Their rebound allowed the natural runners in Angus Kirby and Dominic Barry to find space and freedom to move across the open expanses of the 'G' and create opportunities for other players. The statistics in the third quarter highlighted St Patrick's dominance: 14 inside 50 entries to four (game high 39 - 26), 33 one per cent acts, six centre clearances to two, and a seven goal to one score line.

The final quarter was a culmination of three years work by this playing group. The players continued to be selfless in their approach, sacrificing their bodies for the sake of their team mates. David Morris continued to lead the players by voice and action, Nick Rippon put an exclamation mark on his outstanding and dominant three years in the 1st XVIII programme and Ashley Simpson was constructive in his comments after coming off the ground early in the match with a leg injury.

After disappointingly missing out on the 2010 Grand Final due to injury, Michael Close responded in the best possible way by

continually presenting up the ground as a hard working centre half forward and Nathan Haylock continued to lock down on his opponent in the key position as the deep defender. Amazingly Nathan conceded one goal for the entire year in an outstanding debut season with the College. Jaydon Stiles kicked two goals, in the process showcasing his exciting skill set.

When the final siren sounded to affirm St Patrick's College as 2012 champions, the team had achieved 91 team targets or one per cent acts for the game. This telling statistic shaped the team's emphatic 57-point win, in the process crowning the team with the thoroughly deserving title of the most dominant schoolboy team in Australia.

Throughout the season at both BAS and Herald-Sun Shield levels St Patrick's College remained undefeated (third year in a row) kicking a staggering 151 goals while conceding only 21. This is a statistic that surely must rank this group of young men as equal to any during the College's proud and distinguished history. To have five Australian Institute of Sport players (Tanner Smith, Dallas Willmore, Jake Neade, Matthew Crouch, Liam Duggan), eight represent their state at national level and have an All Australian Under-18 representative in Jake Neade, is a fine example of the incredible depth that is synonymous with the College's 1st XVIII programme.



### MCC Herald-Sun Shield Grand Final

**From top left:** Liam Duggan punches strongly from behind to clear the defence against St Bernard's.

Norton Darrigan leads for the ball close to the MCG boundary.

Nick Rippon in action on the MCG during his best-on-ground performance.

Norton Darrigan gets a kick under pressure from his St Bernard's opponent.

Wingman Dominic Barry listens intently to pre-match address before the Herald-Sun Shield Grand Final at the MCG.

Nick Rippon leads strongly for a mark on the MCG.

The win was a true testament to the character of the boys, honouring their 2012 'Call to Arms' - "History is our Opportunity" It was a fitting conclusion to a year that promised so much and delivered more than anybody could have expected. While the scorelines and silverware are gratifying, the real prize was the humble manner in which every player in the programme carried themselves. This group of young men, extended the legacy so clearly articulated by members of the 2010 and 2011 teams that laid the foundation for this team to create history in being the first St Patrick's College team to win three consecutive Herald-Sun Shield Titles. In doing so, their feats speak for themselves and history will assign them status akin to the much celebrated teams of 1952, 1999 and 2005.

As the Head Coach of St Patrick's College, it has been my privilege to work with these fine young men. In recognising their achievements it is essential to highlight the expertise and dedication of the programme's outstanding coaching group, comprised of Gavin Webb, Chris Caldwell, Andrew Chamings and Chris Gleeson and Team Managers Tamara Westwood and Tim MacKenzie. The coaching team continue to provide inspiration, knowledge and positive role modelling to all the players. Congratulations and thank-you to you all.

## 2012 BAS GRAND FINAL

**St Patrick's College**

**16 - 18 - 114**

**Defeated**

**Ballarat Clarendon College**

**2 - 4 - 16**

**Goal Kickers:** Liam Duggan 3, Jake Neade, Jaydon Stiles, Matthew Crouch 2, Martin Gleeson, Nicholas Rippon, Daniel Butler, Dominic Barry, Tanner Smith, Angus Kirby, Thomas Smith 1.

**Best Players:** Jake Neade, Matthew Crouch, Nicholas Rippon, Ashley Simpson, Michael Close, Tanner Smith, Nathan Haylock, David Morris, Matthew Short, Liam Duggan

St Patrick's College capped off an unbeaten local football campaign to win the BAS Grand Final against Ballarat Clarendon College at Eureka Stadium on Wednesday, July 25. The game, played under lights in front of 1500 people, was a wonderful endorsement of schoolboy football and certainly reflected positively on both school football programmes.

Played in windy conditions, BCC opened the game with real energy, kicking the first goal of the game and causing some headaches for the coaching staff. Unfortunately, at the three and a half minute mark of the first quarter, BCC's Ben Mabon received a knock to neck region after colliding with a team-mate and the game was interrupted for 20 minutes while an ambulance attended to him.

Thankfully, Ben was released from hospital later that night.

After that early stoppage, St Patrick's College dominated the match and increased its lead at every break.

The second term was the most telling of the match and underlined why the team has experienced the success that it has enjoyed this year. While keeping BCC goalless for the term, St Patrick's College kicked five second quarter goals to open up a 45-point lead going into the main break.

The third quarter was similar to the second with St Patrick's controlling the stoppages. The back six of Matthew Short, Nathan Haylock, Zachary Hopper, Norton Darrigan, Tanner Smith and David Morris set up the team with their wonderful foot skills and creativity. It was extremely pleasing to see their spread from defence as they switched the play with both purpose and precision.

At three quarter time SPC led by 72 points before extending the lead and running out convincing 98 point winners.

The side has conceded three goals while kicking a combined total of 42 goals in the three games played against BCC (combined tally of 141 goals for, to 12 goals against throughout the 2012 BAS season) to underline the side's consistency of performance throughout the year.

Next edition of The Shamrock will include full coverage of the John James Medal Night and full wrap on how 1st XVIII players fare at the AFL National Draft.

## RUGBY

**Mr Leigh McKee**  
Director of Rugby

One of Australia's greatest ever sporting legends was guest of honour at the annual St Patrick's College Rugby presentation evening on Monday, August 20. Former Wallabies captain Stirling Mortlock thrilled the 150 attendees throughout the night by mingling with everyone, answering questions and posing for photos with players. The night was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our players and to give thanks to all those who gave so much to enable rugby to thrive at SPC.

Stirling is an Australian icon as the following shows:

- 80 Tests for Australia - 11th Most capped Wallaby of all time.
- 29 Tests as Australian Captain - 4th Highest capped Australian captain of all time.
- 489 Test Points - 4th Highest Australian points scorer of all time.
- 29 Test Tries - 7th Highest Australian try scorer of all time.
- 145 Super Rugby Caps - 3rd highest of all time.
- 1036 Super Rugby Points - 2nd highest of all time.

Stirling is the fastest Australian to score 50 and 100 points and the first Australian to score 20 points or more in his first four tests. He scored more points in his first five tests than any Australian before him. He was the inaugural Melbourne Rebels captain in 2010 - 2011 and was appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia for his services to sport 2012.

After the function Director of Sport, Mr Chris Gleeson, was glowing in his praise of Stirling.

"I have been lucky in various positions I have held now over a long period of time to meet and witness many functions and situations such as Monday night," Mr Gleeson said.

"This includes many star players in their respective fields including most notably football and cricket for example. I am yet to witness anyone near his stature be as receptive, respectful and able to provide such a positive experience as Stirling in the Ambassadorial role he played on Monday night."

I would like to congratulate all our award winners and all of the boys who played with so much passion and dedication in 2012. I would also like to thank our coaches who sacrifice so much time and who apply considerable amounts of skill and effort in developing their players.

### Award Winners

#### U/13

**Coach:** Mr Matt Simpson

**Captain:** Ryan Dewar

**Best and Fairest:** Harrison Bogers

**Coaches Award:** Brendan Bell

**Most improved:** Aaron Guevara

**Players' player:** Lachlan Bobrowski

#### U/14

**Coaches:** Mr Leigh McKee and Mr Remy Hassanin

**Captain:** William Sullivan

**Best and Fairest:** Billy Sullivan

**Coaches Award:** Patrick Willis

**Most Improved:** Logan Simmonds

**Players' player:** Mitchell Brown

#### U/16

**Coaches:** Mr Rod Van Bentum

Mr Alex Montgomery

**Captain:** Harrison Antoniazzi

**Best and Fairest:**

Paddy Taylor - Potter

**Coaches Award:** Thomas Plover

**Most Improved:** Nathan Stevens

**Players' player:** Joshua Tranter

#### 1st XV

**Coaches:** Mr Mike Govers and Mr Luke Govers

**Captain:** Tom Azarnikow

**Best and Fairest:**

Christopher Debono

**Weary Dunlop Award:**

Alex Thompson

**Most Improved:** Louis Micich

**Players' player:**

Thomas Azarnikow

#### Victorian representatives

##### Tasmania U/17

Andrew Vidic (Vice Capt)

Jay Jack

##### Tasmania U/16

Padraic Taylor Potter

#### UK, Ireland, Belgium and

##### France U/16

Nathan Stevens

Kobe Travers

## 2012 BAS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

**Stephen McMahon**  
Director of Athletics

Our team of 78 St Patrick's athletes dominated the 2012 BAS Athletics Carnival held at Llanberris Reserve on May 1. SPC defeated last year's champions, Ballarat High School, by 273 points and runners-up Ballarat Grammar, by 204.5 Points. Strong performances on both the track and in the field, across all age groups, saw SPC sweep to victory in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Boys Aggregates. Led by Athletics Captain Angus Kirby and Vice Captains David Morris and Daniel Vadala, the team reclaimed the coveted BAS Athletics crown. It demonstrated that SPC has many talented sprinters, jumpers, throwers and distance runners within our other winter sporting teams, as the positioning of Athletics in Term 2 severely limits student participation, preparation and training.

Leading performers on the day were Cameron Searle, Brody Sheridan, Oliver Edwards, Tom Vadala, Jordan Clark, Andrew Brown, Laiton Sullivan, Tyler Constable, Lachlan Murphy, Ben Barwick, Lucas Shugg, Ryan Shaw, Dallas Willsmore, Matt Smoorenburg, Joshua De voogel, David Morris, Hasker Dawborn, Angus Kirby, Jack Bowen, Luke Vadala and Daniel Vadala.

Overall Aggregate: SPC 1226.5, BGS 1022.0, BHS 953.5, DC 758.5, BCC 668.5

The Athletics Team will be chasing more success and medals at the Victorian All Schools Track Relays at Albert Park in September.



**Rugby presentation night:**  
SPC Director of Rugby chats with Wallabies great Stirling Mortlock during his visit to the College in August.



## SOCCKER Tony Beggs Director of Soccer

On the Morshead synthetic pitch on a windy and cold afternoon, St Patrick's Blue defeated Ballarat College to claim the fifth BAS title in a row - seventh if drawn results are counted.

It was a close enough match with College playing very well and but for some outstanding keeping from Jack Knight, the result could have been dangerously closer.

After the previous encounter resulting in a quite easy 5-1 win on the small St Patrick's pitch, this match proved that definitely the best two Ballarat school sides were competing. College began strongly and their continued pressure saw numerous attacks on our goal - that caused some panic at times in clearances. Nick McKee fortunately played a wonderful game off the back left and together with strong play from Cameron Ferguson and Jarrah Staley, we were able to turn attacks.

Our first score was against the play somewhat as we were being starved of real chances before a long defensive ball went over the half way and was glancingly headed towards our scoring end. Brody Duggan was first to react and he gained and controlled the ball racing ahead of the defence until he closed on the advancing keeper and shot it past him at the last moment into the goals. We appeared to be gaining momentum as Sam Wines was given a smart sideways pass on the left side and his strong drive from 35 metres just missed left of the vertical.

A bone crunching collision between Ferguson and their striker left their Shumba reeling but the same down the other end saw Luke Moodley knocked off his feet by their Andy Ma. Luke received a caution on his sliding tackle down the wing shortly

afterwards, before Nick McKee pounced on a throw in and found Duggan in the central attack. He played Jake McDowell in with a well measured ball which Jake gathered just three metres off the far line. He powered in the drive from an oblique angle but it was on target and the resulting deflection went in for our second.

From the kick start, College drove forward with purpose resulting in a retaliatory goal after our backs momentarily lost concentration. Leading up to half time Jake threw a typical long ball that was gathered by Pat Karras inside the 18 yards. He drew the last defender and the advancing keeper before finding space enough to second guess them and fire high into the net.

This gave us what appeared a safe 3-1 lead into the break.

Pat Karras continued to prove difficult to contain for College and he attacked from the right. Michael Cocomazzo made a fast run down the left flank but ran out of support. Jack Knight channelled a dangerous move from Stefan before having to make an enormous save to his left. Paul Barrasi, Cameron Ferguson and Jarrah Staley among others were forcing College to waste opportunities with tight marking on the downwind side of the pitch.

We found cover when Harry Martin threw a long ball into the danger area of our attack. Brody Duggan kept the ball in his keeping, standing on the ball before setting off through traffic and finding a gap to pierce their defence and put us 4-1 up. Our defence was now very compact and first Jarrah Staley challenged Stefan when he went deep. Jack made a stand up straight save at the near post and Harry Martin

was able to clear decisively. Still College came at us and were able to get one back but with little time left on the clock. There was enough time for Jake McDowell to jump athletically at a raised ball and rattle the bars again (for his second close shot for the game). The whistle found us BAS winners at 4-2 after a very entertaining, skilful and hard at the ball match - rightful winners to extend our run to 5 years.

**St Patrick's College Blue 4 defeated Ballarat College 2**

**Goals:** Brody Duggan 2, Jakob McDowell, Pat Karras

**Best:** Brody Duggan, Nick McKee, Jack Knight, Pat Karras, Paul Barrasi, Jakob McDowell, Cameron Ferguson

## FIRST XI PRESENTATION NIGHT

There were emotional scenes at the First XI presentation night on August 29 with the inaugural presentation of the Thomas Karras Memorial Trophy for Best and Fairest Player. This award has been struck in loving memory of College student Thomas Karras who was killed in tragic circumstances earlier this year. Thomas' family including parents Arthur and Michelle attended the presentation and were thrilled that the College, and in particular the soccer team, had decided to honour their son with such a tribute.

During introductions to the vote counting, the coach Mr Beggs noted the keen enthusiasm that he had sensed every time he met Thomas in the school corridors on his way to class and his excitement at the prospect of joining the Senior Soccer team.

The votes were counted with a close win being achieved by team captain Jakob McDowell over Pat Karras. Pat of course is Thomas' elder brother and coincidentally last year's B&F winner.

With five votes per match available from the ten matches played, the final tallies were Jakob McDowell 22, Pat Karras 21, Luke Moodley 16, Cameron Ferguson and Billy Gianacopoulos 14. The win by Jacob was made more remarkable when one considers that prior to this season he had played most of his soccer as keeper. In 2012, he risked moving out of goals and was used as a pivot forward, learning throughout the season to become recognised as a talented striker in his own right.

The Goal Kicking award saw Jakob just pipped by promising striker Brody Duggan. In his five matches Brody scored seven goals, also adding a further two in the Grand Final.

The ceremony also noted representation duties for the BAS combined team endowed upon St Patrick's players: Jakob McDowell, Harry Martin, Pat Karras, Cameron Ferguson, Billy Gianacopoulos, Luke Moodley and Brody Duggan.

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**2012 Legends**  
Top: New Legends, from left, Fr Brendan Davey, commentator Peter Walsh, and Olympic canoeist Bryan Thomas were inducted at a gala dinner in the OCA Pavilion in May.

Left: Racing identities Patrick Payne, left, and Robert Smerdon were inducted as College Legends at the Melbourne dinner in August.

Right: Former Legend Fr Peter Hudson, left, formally inducted new Legend and former classmate Bishop Brian Finnigan at the Melbourne dinner.

## LEGENDS INDUCTED

A priest, a canoeist, a horse trainer, a commentator, a bishop and a jockey all walk into a ...

No, it's not the start of a poor joke. Rather these six men all have one thing in common - in 2012 they have all been honoured as new 'Legends' of St Patrick's College.

In May Fr Brendan Davey was joined by Olympic canoeist Bryan Thomas and ABC radio sports commentator Peter Walsh in being inducted during a gala dinner in the OCA Pavilion.

Then, in August, revered horse trainer Robert Smerdon, jockey Patrick Payne and Bishop Brian Finnigan were all inducted during a terrific night at the Melbourne dinner at Il Gambero's Restaurant in Carlton.

The super six may have come from diverse fields and careers but they all easily meet the required criteria to be considered Legends of the College.

They have all excelled in their chosen fields, acted with dignity throughout, earned the respect of their peers and the wider community, and helped enhance the reputation of St Patrick's College as an institution which moulds young boys into fine men.

They join 47 formerly inducted Legends of the College and their names will now forever adorn the honour boards in the OCA Pavilion.



Acting Headmaster Chris Caldow said both Legends functions in 2012 provided fitting tributes to honour the careers of the new inductees and to thank them for their contributions to the College.

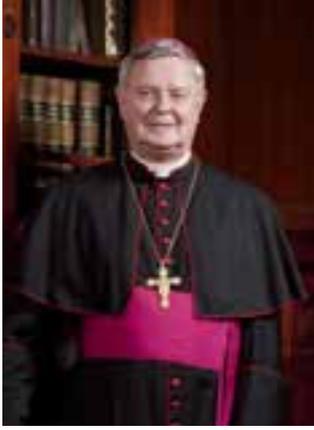
"To be acclaimed as a Legend of St Patrick's College is a stunning achievement," Mr Caldow said.

"These men fully deserve the accolades which will be heaped upon them as Legends, and we remain eternally grateful for their contributions towards the fine history of excellence at St Patrick's."

This year's ceremonies marked the tenth year in a row that

Legends of the College had been honoured. Our concept of creating such a "Hall of Fame" has since been copied successfully by other schools such as St Joseph's College in Geelong, Assumption College in Kilmore is also planning on embarking upon a similar programme, copying the template set by St Patrick's College.

The Old Collegians Association is already meeting to plan new inductees in 2013. Anyone who wishes to nominate a former student to be considered for legend status is strongly encouraged to do so by emailing: [oca@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:oca@stpats.vic.edu.au)



**Bishop Brian Finnigan**  
(SPC 1960-1962)

Four decades of dedicated services to the Catholic Church across Australia and around the world have ensured Bishop Finnigan's place among the Legends of the St Patrick's College community.

Brian Vincent Finnigan was born on August 25, 1938 at Port Fairy as the youngest of 12 children to John Joseph Finnigan and Elizabeth Dorothy (nee Russell) and came to St Patrick's College in 1960 as a boarder.

His strong leadership skills were soon evident and a precedent was set in 1962 when Bishop Finnigan, along with another St Patrick's College Legend Barry Richardson, was appointed a prefects while still in Year 11. At the completion of his Leaving Certificate, Brian was co-recipient of the 'Father T Shelley' Memorial Prize for Christian Doctrine.

Bishop Finnigan's formation for the priesthood was at Corpus Christ College, Werribee and at Glen Waverley before he was ordained in 1970 in Ballarat.

In the Ballarat Diocese he served the parishes of Portland, Ballarat Cathedral, Warrnambool and Sebastopol. In May 2011, Pope Benedict XVI appointed Bishop Finnigan Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Toowoomba, while still fulfilling duties as Auxiliary Bishop in Brisbane. He has been a priest for more than 42 years, and a bishop for more than ten. He still serves the Brisbane community as Auxiliary Bishop, alongside Bishop Joseph Oudemans - also a former SPC student.



**Bryan Thomas**  
(SPC 1974 - 1978) (PY 1979)

Bryan Thomas commenced in Form 1 at St Patrick's College in 1974. In his first year he was a member of the Under 12s football team as well as the Under 13s swimming squad.

In 1975 Bryan received a sporting award for his swimming achievements, and was acknowledged in the College Annual of that year as a promising performer for the swimming team. The following year Bryan again received a sporting award for junior swimming.

Bryan was among those mentioned in the Annual of 1977 as achieving the best times recorded in several events at the Swimming Carnival; breaststroke - 43.0 secs, butterfly - 39.9 secs.

He was also a valuable member of the Form 4 football team. In 1978, Bryan's final year at St Patrick's College, he was awarded the Form 5 Father Ryan Prize for swimming, and represented the College in four events.

After leaving St Patrick's College, Bryan went on to great acclaim as a sprint canoeist, and represented Australia at the 1988 Summer Olympic Games in Seoul.



**Fr Brendan Davey**  
(SPC 1946 - 1953)

In 1946 Brendan Davey commenced at St Patrick's College, after being awarded a Scholarship.

He was the recipient of a Scholastic Prize for First Year Christian Doctrine in 1947.

Brendan was a valuable member of the premiership team which won the Oval Competition for Treacy House in 1952.

In the same year, Brendan was again awarded the Scholastic Prize for Christian Doctrine. He was also involved with the St Patrick's College Cadets and the Rowing team.

1953 was Brendan's final year at St Patrick's College. He completed his Matriculation, gaining passes in the following subjects: English Literature, Latin, British History, Greek & Roman History.

Upon leaving St Patrick's College, Brendan commenced a period of eight years study at the Corpus Christi Seminary. He was ordained at the age of 25, on 23 July, 1961 at St Patrick's Cathedral in Ballarat.

Brendan celebrated his Golden Jubilee in 2011 - 50 years since his Ordination. He has spent 24 years as the Parish Priest at St Mary's Parish in Ararat, and 11 and a half years serving as Parish Priest in Stawell. His other postings included Ballarat East, St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat, Ballarat North, Warrnambool, and as Chaplain to St Patrick's College.



**Patrick Payne**  
(SPC 1988-1989)

Patrick Payne as made a career of winning so it should be no surprise to anyone to see him inducted as a Legends of St Patrick's College.

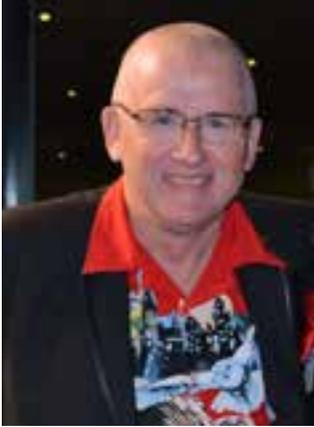
He completed Years 7 and 8 at St Patrick's College in 1988 and 1989. Despite the fact that he won the Junior Sporting Award for cross country in 1989, it was always apparent his heart belonged in another form of racing - where a horse would do the cross country running for him.

Patrick's career as a jockey began at the age of 14, when he became the youngest rider in history to outride his claim. He has since ridden successfully throughout Australia and overseas. His career highlight came with victory in the 2002 Cox Plate on Northerly.

Increasing weight forced an early retirement from the saddle, so Patrick set his sights on a training career and established a training facility on his Plumpton property.

Patrick obtained his trainer's licence in 2008, and has since trained group and listed winners throughout Australia. In March 2010, Patrick Payne won the quinella as a trainer in the Group 2 Adelaide Cup with two of his horses, Capecover and Kerdem. It was a thrilling win for Patrick who had won the Adelaide Cup as a jockey on Our Pompeii in 1994.

Patrick, who is a regular at the major yearling and Ready to Run sales throughout Australasia, takes a hands-on approach to his training and is known for his patience.



**Peter Walsh**  
(SPC 1965 - 1967)

Peter Walsh started at St Patrick's College in 1965 in Form 1. The son of a former SPC boy, John Walsh (SPC 1934-1935), Peter completed Forms 1 to 3, leaving the College at the end of 1967.

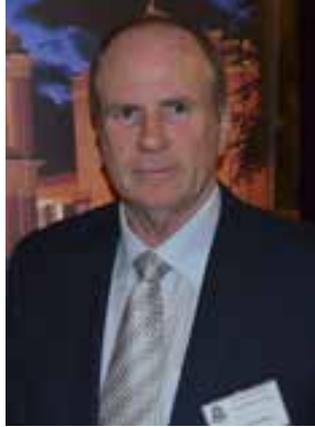
In 1966, Peter captained the premiership cricket team, Nunan House, in the St Roch's House Competition. The College Annual reported that Peter demonstrated a strong performance, attaining a score of 69 not out, and was among the bowlers who took four or more wickets in an innings.

After leaving St Patrick's College, Peter's first media job was working in radio at Ballarat station 3BA, where he covered junior football, and was then given the chance to write for The Courier.

Peter covered sport in Ballarat and Bendigo for five years, before being approached by the ABC to cover VFL football in Melbourne. He called his first match in 1978, a Fitzroy v South Melbourne game at the Junction Oval.

In 1981 Peter secured a spot on the football broadcast team at 3GL (now K-Rock) and called football with Ted Whitten. Peter moved to Tasmania in 1985 after the ABC appointed him to a permanent position where he called Tasmanian Football League matches as well as cricket. Peter has been based in Adelaide since late 1999.

Peter is known for his 'loud shirts' and can often be seen chasing international cricketers around the Adelaide Oval during Test cricket matches, offering them an opportunity to be photographed wearing one of the shirts.



**Robert Smerdon**  
(SPC 1967 - 1972)

While most of his peers were trying out for the St Patrick's College 1st XVIII, Robert Smerdon's career was taking off in a different field on horseback.

It proved to be a wise choice for the teenager from Miners Rest who joined the St Patrick's College community in 1967 as a Year 7 student.

During his years at SPC, Robert spent most of his spare time in the stables of his great uncle, Arthur Smerdon, a well-known and respected trainer.

Robert soon progressed from stable-hand to riding fast track work. Robert chalked up wins in all metropolitan tracks and the best horse he rode was Warm Feeling, which won the Easter Cup at Caulfield in 1974.

Robert left SPC at the end of 1972 and travelled to England to work in the equine industry and started to formulate the foundations of his training methods. Upon returning to Ballarat, he opened stables starting with six horses. His training career has developed enormously since then.

In 1998, Robert was approached to join Aquanita Racing. Since then he has won the Sydney and Adelaide Cups, two Goodwood Handicaps, a VRC Oaks, Australian Guineas and a Randwick Guineas. He has trained Group One winners in all mainland states except Western Australia.



**Ballarat Legends Dinner** from top left: Former winner and long-serving teacher Frank Rice, left, congratulates former colleague John Cosgriff on receiving the Facere et Docere Service Award.

OCA committee member Shane Hayes, left, partner Mary Psaila, Kylie McMahon and Ben Couch (SPC 2004-09)

From left, Chris Waller, Pat Hickey, Paul James and Wayne Sharp.

OCA secretary David McMahon and Tim Kearney (SPC 1989-94)

**Melbourne Legends Dinner:**

Brothers Paul (left) and Peter Blanchfield attended the dinner. Paul completed Year 12 at St Patrick's College in 2002, with Peter graduating a year later in 2003.

Former student and now Channel 10 chief political reporter Paul Bongiorno attended the dinner and is pictured here catching up with Carol Joyce.

**Top right:** Previously inducted Legends Fr Brendan Davey, left, and 1957 Brownlow Medallist Brian Gleeson relived their time at St Patrick's College at the dinner.

Former student James Marburg, left, had just returned from competing at the London Olympics in the men's pair rowing, before he attended the dinner and caught up with former classmate Bradley King. Both men graduated from St Patrick's College in 2000.

Former student Patrick Kempton attended the dinner with his wife Maria.

Former student Tim Blanchfield, who graduated from St Patrick's in 1999, caught up with Rick Keen, the father of 2003 school captain Lachlan Keen.

Former students from left, Chris Foley, Danny Keating and Dr Phillip Favoloro enjoyed the evening at Il Gambero restaurant in Lygon St, Carlton.

Former long-serving staff member Frank Rice caught up with former student Brian Doherty at the function.



# WHERE ARE THEY NOW PAUL TATIRETA

**In the middle of the Pacific Ocean a former Old Collegian is engaged in a battle for his homeland's survival.**

It is a battle Paul Tatireta (SPC 1963-66) has no real chance of winning. The forces of nature and the rising sea levels stop for no-one. As such, Paul and his 100,000 co-residents of the tiny island nation of Kiribati are being forced to plan possible evacuation of their homeland before it is swallowed by the sea. UN predictions suggest the country could be uninhabitable within 40 years.

For Paul, at least, it may not be the first time he has had to make such a relocation under duress.

However, judging by the way he tackled his last massive international life change when he joined SPC as a student nearly 50 years ago, Paul is a man who thrives when faced with upheaval.

Now retired, Paul recently contacted the College seeking to restore contact with former school mates. In doing so, he reminded us of his remarkable story of courage, dedication and excellence since being uprooted from his then home of Nauru to become a boarder at SPC in 1963.

Born in 1945 on a tiny atoll in Kiribati's northern islands, Paul's family moved to Nauru when he was five. They remained there as Paul continued his education through to the highest level available in the country, which was the equivalent of finishing Year 10.

Aware of Paul's potential, the Catholic missionaries at the time decided to send him to complete further education at SPC in 1963.

However, Paul did not want to come. As a teenage boy he was being asked to leave his friends, family and all his familiarities to embark on a journey to what must have felt like the other side of the world.

Paul was to write in an article in 1966 that he "was preoccupied by disturbing thoughts of new faces, strange surroundings, formidable buildings, and of a completely foreign environment".

To say he made the most of his time at SPC would be an understatement. Rather, he excelled at everything he attempted.

He was named Captain of the first XVIII in 1966 and received the Br O'Malley Trophy as best and fairest. He was named Captain of Athletics, Vice Captain of Basketball, House Captain of Treacy House, President of the Holy Name Society, a College Prefect, and a member of the senior choir. His success earned Paul a Commonwealth Scholarship Fellowship Plan which supported him as he studied law at Monash University, later transferring to study teaching.

Paul returned to Nauru to find his father in ill-health in 1971 and they made the decision to return to Kiribati. Paul has remained there since, working in senior government departments, for major road construction companies, as a teacher in secondary schools and even as a safety and security co-ordinator in the Kiribati Peace Corps.

Married for 38 years, and with nine children and 15 grandchildren, Paul is now living a quiet life at home, spending time reflecting on his SPC years.

"My heart and sincere gratitude goes to the brothers and people who were my teachers and benefactors back then," Paul said.

"Brother Nangles my English teacher, Brothers Tuck and O'Malley my Geography teachers, my layman History teacher whose name I have forgotten but I think it was Mr. Smith, my rugged footy coach and Economics teacher Br. Delahunt.

"I also remember Fr. McKinon our college chaplain and Geoff Tumbridge our athletics coach then.

"Matron and maids in the kitchen who provided us with daily meals and who put up with our hurried footsteps for the cream milk every morning at breakfast time and, last but not least, the nurse who treated me when I was downed unconscious during a footy match from a kick to the spine.

"To all of these nice and dedicated people whether alive or have rested in peace, I now have the opportunity of expressing my undying gratitude to them and pray that God keep and protect them always in His care."

**Top:** Paul Tatireta and the leaders of the 1966 SPC Athletics teams.  
**Below:** Paul Tatireta is today retired in his native homeland of Kiribati.



If you know an inspiring story about an Old Collegian which you believe should be included in The Shamrock please contact the Development Office on 5331 1688.



# REUNIONS

The reunion season is in full swing for the St Patrick's College Old Collegians Association following the successful hosting of the 1962 and 1972 get-togethers.

On August 8, a small, but high-quality group of former students gathered in the OCA Pavilion to relive their years at the College as graduates in 1962.

At least two couples in attendance on the evening had travelled from Queensland specifically to participate in the reunion and their efforts were very much appreciated.

Former captain Peter Dickinson and dux Alan Basham were among the attendees at the 50-year reunion and, judging by this letter, they thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Mr Dickinson wrote:

"Just a note thanking you for your efforts in providing a very welcoming and enjoyable night at SPC.

The school has come an extraordinary long way since our time - it would now be back in its rightful place in providing excellent facilities for the education and growth of our men into the future. I must, when the opportunity arises, make more time to appreciate the school and its facilities.

Again thank you all for your efforts on behalf of all who attended."

A larger, and slightly more raucous, function was held on August 25 when the class of 1972 gathered for its 40-year reunion, also in the OCA Pavilion.

Many thanks must go to 1972 graduate and current staff member Phil Sherry for 'working the phones' in the lead-up to the event and convincing so many of his former classmates to attend.

Many thanks also must go to Tim O'Shannessy for his great work behind the microphone on the night and his efforts in ensuring every Old Boy in the room had the chance to recount their precious memories from their time at the College.

Some of the stories and jokes told on the night provided much colour as to what life was like at St Patrick's College in the early 70s.

The reunion programme will continue with a busy schedule ahead in Term 4 as the OCA welcomes back students for their 10, 20 and 30-year reunions. We can't wait.



**Top left: 1972 reunion** - Around 30 members from the class of '72 gathered in the OCA Pavilion for their 40-year reunion.

**1962 reunion from top left:** Lawrie Muller, left, with Noel Nuttall and former College Captain Peter Dickinson at the 1962 reunion.

Dr Tony Nuttall with Glenda Muller at the 1962 reunion.

Former dux Alan Basham relived his old days at the College with Aileen Dickinson.

Tim Mahar and Deirdre Basham at the 1962 reunion.

**1972 reunion** John McKinnon, Chris Foley and Bill Bateman relive old times from 1972.

Paul Devereux and John Hallam caught up for a beer at the 1972 reunion.

Peter Irvin and Jim Basham at the 1972 reunion.

Dr Phillip Favaloro and Phil Sherry reminisced old times at their 40-year reunion.

Rodney Vallance, left, remembered old times with Gregory Foott and Paul Duggan at the 1972 reunion on August 25.

Derry Monaghan and Keith Driesen enjoyed their 40-year reunion.

Daniel Molloy, Peter Callahan and Marcus Coppock caught up on 40 years' worth of memories at the '72 reunion.

# BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES



Leslie Mogg - Image courtesy Cobram Courier.

## BIRTHS

- Aleem – Yousef (SPC 1996-01) and Amanda welcomed the safe arrival of Zain Syed on April 13 2012.
- Comelli – John (SPC 1995-2000) and wife Melanie proudly welcomed the safe arrival of Sophia Grace on April 3 2012 weighing 8lb 1oz.
- Horgan – Dallas (1989 – 94) and wife Paula were thrilled to announce the arrival of Oliver George on July 5, 2012. Oliver is a little brother for Ruby and Spencer.
- Jeffrey – Luke (SPC 1989 – 94) and wife Louise were delighted to welcome Mia Louise on July 3, 2012 at Ballarat Health Services – Base Hospital. Mia weighed 6lb, 1oz at birth. She is a little sister to Harrison, 5, and Noah, 3.
- Pridham – Ryan (SPC 1991-96) and wife Jade welcomed Dexter Kelvin on May 6 weighing 8lb 6oz.
- Pritchard – Shane (SPC 1985-1987) and wife Tatiane welcomed the birth of their first children, identical twin girls Chloe and Luisa on February 16 2012. The girls were born premature at 27 weeks in the Royal Women’s Hospital weighing 1174gm and 896gm respectively. Both girls are now at home and doing well.
- Seater – Grant (1991-96) and wife Eliza are delighted to announce the arrival of Sienna Jayne on May 10 weighing 7lb 1oz.
- Vanderkley – Danny (SPC 198-93) and wife Naomi welcome their first child Owen Peter born on May 22 weighing 8lb 6 ounces. The Vanderkley family have made their home in Queensland.

- Watson – Michael (SPC 1995-2000) and wife Renee welcomed the arrival of Abe Brandon Watson on April 24 2012.

## ENGAGEMENTS

- James Foley (1996 – 2001) recently announced his engagement to Anthea Gribble. The couple are now living in Brisbane.
- Elliott Sizeland (SPC 2000 – 2005) announced his engagement to Tegan Hare on July 15, 2012 while on holiday in Port Douglas.

## SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

- Former College captain and dux William ‘Des’ Nolan (SPC 1933-38) celebrated a remarkable milestone with friends and family at Echuca on August 19, 2012. Des who turned 90 on June 13 this year, had double reason to celebrate with his wife Mary who turned 90 on August 18. The party was to celebrate their joint ‘180th’ birthday! The couple have enjoyed 64 years of marriage, have five children, 15 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren and still live together in their home in Echuca.

## BEREAVEMENTS

- Callinan – Raymond Clifford (SPC 1941-46) died on April 17, 2012. Raymond was affectionately known as the Miracle Man, always bouncing back from several strokes, heart surgery and many other health problems until pneumonia finally took hold. Ray loved his time at the College.

- Grigg – Anthony (SPC 1951-55) died on July 2, 2012 in the Oaks Nursing Home in Mt Gambier following an extended illness. Tony was a boarder at SPC after growing up in Murtoa. A good student, Tony was Dux of his Intermediate Class and, in his final year of the College, won a number of awards as a Cadet Under Officer. Following school, Tony followed an active career, variously working at General Motors Holden, Murtoa Motors, the Victorian TAB, Xerox and Tasman Trading before starting his own automotive paints business in Mt Gambier. He is survived by his daughters Andrea and Cara, and grandson Sam, and siblings Ann, David (SPC 1957 -60) and Margaret.
- Houlihan – Anthony attended SPC in 1948 for 6 months, interestingly, as he was placed there while waiting the completion of St Paul’s Technical School in Ballarat. He went on to be a member of what was the founding class of students when that school first opened. Tony went on to become a successful carpenter and the father of 9 children, staying his entire life in Ballarat until his death on January 9, 2012. Tony, three of his six sons, Richard, Mark & Daniel, his nephews (Tagliabue family, Nolans from Euroa, Hucker family - staff member Anne) and grandsons, Matthew (2005-10), Sean (current Year 11) and Thomas Houlihan (current Year 9) are tied to SPC and proud that their Pa began there too. His education future was then mapped out by the Nuns of St Joseph home because of his mother’s early passing.
- Mullaly – Adrian was a valued former staff member and parent who died recently. Mr Mullaly was the Head of the Maths department and a highly qualified and dedicated senior maths teacher. Adrian

- started at St Pat’s in 1993, after his role as Principal at Sacred Heart in Ballarat. Adrian will be remembered at the College for his significant input into and leadership of curriculum development throughout the 1990s. In consultation with other Faculty Heads, Adrian developed a huge amount of curriculum documentation, revised the assessment and reporting procedures, led the way in adapting to the Curriculum and Standards Framework, encouraged staff to share skills and insights, and laid the foundation for many future developments. Adrian Mullaly is survived by his wife Jan and their two sons, Damian (SPC 1992-1997) and Luke (SPC 1995-2000). Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families at this sad time.
- Scholten – John passed away on May 3, 2012 at Gandarra Ballarat. The funeral service was held at St Augustine’s Church Creswick. John was a former staff member of the College. His two sons attended the College, Richard (SPC 1981-86) and Jason (SPC 1983-84). John’s niece Shandelle Scholten is a current staff member and grandson Jackson Scholten is currently in Year 7. Please keep the Scholten family in your prayers.
- Sheehy – Maurie. St Patrick’s College is sad to report the news of the death of Maurie Sheehy, who served the St Patrick’s community for 16 years. Maurie commenced in 1978 in the role of College Bursar. With the growth and increasing complexity in administering the College, Maurie’s responsibilities increased and evolved over time. His duties included the direction of grounds, cleaning and maintenance staff, purchasing goods, involvement with building development, co-ordinating tradespeople,

and liaison with almost all sections of the College community. Despite his busy schedule, Maurie was known for his ability to remain calm, and to maintain his friendly demeanour. In the late 1980s and into the 1990s Maurie increased his involvement with the students in operating the book room, driving boarders home on weekends, and playing a prominent role in the Student Welfare Team where his counselling skills were used to advantage.

- The St Patrick's College community extends its condolences and prayers to Maurie's wife Joan, and his extended family at this sad time.
- Smith - Father Brendan (SPC 1951-54) died peacefully at the Swan Hill Hospital on June 3, 2012. The funeral and Mass was held on Friday 8 June 2012 at Saint Mary's Church, Swan Hill with the burial held at the Redbank Cemetery.
- Smith – Father Patrick (SPC) passed away in Toowoomba in September 2011.
- Van Duynhoven – Frank (SPC 1969-72) passed away after a battle with cancer in December 2011.

## LESLIE MOGG

(SPC 1942-1945, & 1948)

It was with great sadness that the College received the news of the recent death of Leslie Mogg at age 82. While at the College, Les excelled himself in the field of debating, and was awarded the highest marks in the Team Debate section in 1944. For this he was presented with the Literature Prize for Junior Debating.

1944 Leaving Certificate

Les was keenly interested in sport, and won the under 16s handball competition in 1945, and the open handball competition in 1948. In 1948, he also won the Sports Prize for football. Les was a member of the College First XVIII football team which saw

SPC Premiers and Champions for the 44th year. In the final game of that season, Les kicked 15 goals in a match against Ballarat High School. He was awarded the Pedler Cup, in recognition of his best forward performance on the football field.

In 1948, when Les completed his Matriculation year, he was Dux of his year. He was awarded a University Free Place along with three others, as well as a Commonwealth Cadetship with his brother Kevin. After leaving St Patrick's College, Leslie pursued a distinguished football career with the North Melbourne Football Club, playing as a wingman in the 1950 VFL Grand Final against Essendon. In total, Les played 76 games for the Kangaroos and kicked 41 goals.

He left the club after the 1954 season to take up the position of captain-coach for the Cobram Football Club in the Murray Football League (MFL). In his first season at his new club, he led the team to a grand final win. He later captain-coached the Cobram Tigers to a further three premierships in succession, from 1959 to 1961. In 1961 Les won the O'Dwyer Medal as the MFL's Best and Fairest, and also topped the MFL goal-kicking with 85 goals. The goal-kicking award is now named after him.

Les also had the distinction of being the captain-coach of the MFL combined team which upset VFL club St Kilda by 14 points in a 1960 practice match. It is believed to have been the first time since 1914 that a country side had beaten a VFL team.

## FR BRENDAN SMITH

(SPC 1951-1954)

The St Patrick's College community was saddened to hear of the death of Father Brendan Smith, who died peacefully on June 3, 2012, at the Swan Hill Hospital. Brendan Smith was a boarder at St Patrick's College, coming from St Arnaud, in central Victoria.

Matriculation class of 1954.

Brendan was awarded the Father Payne's Prize at the end of his Matriculation year. He was also a member of the St Peter's Junior Seminary, the Sodality of Our Blessed Lady, and the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Brendan was keenly interested in sport, and was House Captain of Nunan House which was the premier team in the inter-house competition in 1954.

He was a member of the Second XI Cricket team, and in his final year at SPC was named as one of the best batsmen and bowlers in the inter-school competition. Brendan captained the House Basketball team to a premiership win in 1954.

## GAVIN PATRICK BROWN

(SPC 1951-1960)

It was with great sadness that the College received news of the death of Gavin Patrick Brown APM, who attended St Patrick's between 1951 and 1960. In his Matriculation year, 1960, Gavin was an integral member of the Cadets Unit, participating as an Under Officer. He was also the Captain of the Cross Country athletics team, leading his team to success in the BPS sports competition in 1960.

Soon after leaving St Patrick's Gavin started his career at Victoria

Police where he served for 37 years, the last ten as Assistant Commissioner. He was awarded the Australian Police Medal in 1995. He held an MA in criminology and was a research consultant to the Centre for Police Studies at Monash University, Melbourne.

He died peacefully on Sunday July 15, 2012. The condolences of the St Patrick's College community are extended to his wife Anne, his children, Sarah, Adrian and Jen, Campbell and Ngaire, Owen and Georgia, and grandchildren Quinn Delaney, Tate Mackinley, Elsie May and Alexis Anne. May he rest in peace.

## MARK WHITTY

(SPC 1931-1939)

It was with great sadness that the College received the news of the recent death of Mark Whitty at age 89. Mark Whitty came to St Patrick's from Newmarket (Flemington) and was a boarder at the College. In his final year he was Head Prefect, and after leaving SPC started his degree in Medicine at the University of Melbourne (not Engineering, as was reported in the College Annual of 1939).

As well as achieving outstanding results academically as an Honours student, Mark was involved in many other aspects of College life. He was on the Committee for the Literary and Debating Society, and was one of three students who were presented with a Cup for Dancing in 1939. Mark Whitty was a Council member of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1939. He was also a keen sporting competitor, being involved in athletics and football. He was captain of the Galvin House athletics team in 1939, the championship team of the College sports that year.

# FROM THE OCA



**Rick Blanchfield**  
SPC-OCA President

**The St Patrick's College Old Collegians as a committee has grown substantially in the past few years as an integral part of the College community.**

With the support of our Headmaster Dr Peter Casey and the Development Office, now with Paul Nolan as Director of Community Development, we have been involved in many day-to-day activities of the College. However, more particularly, we have organised many reunions, dinners, regional dinners, an annual golf day and of course, most importantly, our annual Legends dinner and bi-annual

Melbourne dinner. Details of all 2012 inducted Legends can be found elsewhere in this magazine

The committee has most recently provided funds for the completion of the electronic scoreboard and lighting for the Old Collegians Rugby Club. We have also continued with ongoing support for Old Collegians wishing to pursue overseas adventures both in Africa and Canada.

All of these social functions and financial contributions require careful management and, in this regard, our committee are ever-mindful of the need to seek support from all of our old colleagues. This magazine, together with an ever-expanding database of Old Collegians, helps with that process

With the majority of the current committee having completed their school years some time ago now, we appeal to our readers from subsequent decade to put up their hands and offer a small part of their time to become part of a vibrant group which will take us forward into the future.



Terang Dinner

## ROWING OLYMPICS

The long, proud tradition of success in the St Patrick's College rowing programme has, once again, been greatly enhanced in the past term with several Old Boys enjoying significant individual success.

Two former students in Anthony Edwards and James Marburg represented Australia at the London Olympics, with both men reaching the finals in their respective crews.

Anthony Edwards (SPC 1985-90) represented his country in the Men's Lightweight Fours in London. Remarkably, it represented the fifth consecutive time Anthony had competed at the Olympics, having previously won a bronze medal in the men's lightweight pairs in Atlanta in 1996, and silver medals in the lightweight fours in Sydney in 2000 and again in Athens in 2004.

These Olympics were likely to be Edwards' last chance for that elusive gold yet, unfortunately, it ended in heartbreak for "Eddy" and his crew as they were narrowly beaten into fourth position in a pulsating finish which had the top four crews finishing within two seconds of each other.

Despite the pain of so narrowly missing another medal, it was still a fantastic effort by Edwards and his crew.

Another medal-winning Old Boy James Marburg (1995-2000) was also hoping to add to his Olympic collection at London. Having previously won a silver medal in the coxless fours at Beijing in 2008, Marburg paired with Brodie Buckland in the Men's Pairs at London.

The pair also reached the final and battled manfully into fifth position, well behind the

dominant New Zealand crew which took gold.

The week following the rowing competition at London provided more good news for the SPC rowing programme when former student, staff member and coach Chris O'Brien (1980-85) was appointed as Rowing Australia's high-performance director. Mr O'Brien will spearhead Australia's charge towards more Olympic medals at the 2016 Games in Rio de Janeiro.

Mr O'Brien, 44, coached the men's four to silver at London and was also credited with luring dual medallist Kim Crow into the sport after spotting her talent while she was competing in athletics.

The London Olympics were Mr O'Brien's third as an Olympic coach having previously coached James Tomkins and Drew Ginn to gold in the coxless pair in Athens in 2004, and Ginn and Duncan Free to gold in the same event at Beijing in 2008.

Acting Headmaster Chris Caldwell congratulated Mr O'Brien on his appointment.

"At the College, we've long been aware of Mr O'Brien's remarkable leadership skills and unmatched knowledge of rowing, so to see him appointed to this most senior position is a tremendous acknowledgement of his abilities," Mr Caldwell said.

The remainder of the year promises to bring further excitement for the College's Rowing Club which is planning a major fundraising dinner during November which Ginn, Marburg, Mr O'Brien and another former Olympian Old Boy Christian Ryan are expected to attend. More details can be found on page 34.

## OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS



- Jake Belsar (2005-10), above, is being hailed a hero after using his first-aid skills to save an elderly man's life at Point Lonsdale earlier this year. The Geelong Advertiser reported in May that Jake had been driving along Shell Rd at 7.17am on Saturday, May 12 when he noticed a man slumped behind his steering wheel on the side of the road. Another passing motorist, Graham Halsam, assisted Jake in removing the man from behind the wheel and commencing CPR. Jake, who completed first aid training with Queenscliff's Dive Victoria, told the newspaper he distinctly remembers the sounds of the man's ribs and sternum cracking as pumped on his chest. "It's the weirdest, most gross feeling ever," Jake told the paper. "But the last thing I was thinking about was that I should go softer. Afterwards I was a bit shocked ... but I wasn't feeling bad because I knew we'd done all we could." In fact, Jake and Mr Halsam had performed brilliantly. Ambulance officers and police said it was their quick thinking and decisive actions that had been the difference between life and death. The beneficiary of Jake's heroics, Point Lonsdale resident John Fewtrell, was taken to hospital after suffering his heart attack and was placed in intensive care. He has since had a matchbox-sized defibrillator implanted and is now living a healthy lifestyle. He has also

since reunited with Jake and thanked him for saving his life.

- At the request of the Bishops' Conference in New Zealand, the Congregation in Rome approved the appointment of Monsignor Peter Jeffrey (SPC 1953-55) of the Diocese of Sandhurst as the Rector of the Holy Cross Seminary for three years. Mons. Jeffrey is privileged to be associated with this challenging and exciting ministry. As a boarder at St Patrick's from 1952-54 he received a good grounding for future life as a Diocesan Priest. For the past 28 years Mons. Jeffrey has been a Diocesan Priest in the Parish Ministry and 20 years in Seminary Formation, first in Melbourne, the Fiji and currently now in New Zealand.
- Former School Captain Nicholas O'Brien (2006-2011) made his debut for the Essendon Football Club against Richmond in Round 22 at the MCG. While the Bombers lost on the night, there was still a magnificent highlight for Nick who managed to kick a goal with his first kick in league footy. Another Old Boy also made his debut in the AFL earlier this year. Steve Clifton (SPC 1999 – 2004) played four games in the 2012 season for the Greater Western Sydney Giants. Finally, former student Tom McDonald (2010) finished third in the Melbourne Football Club Best and Fairest count on September 13.
- Dennis Foley (SPC 1966 – 72) was inducted into the Ballarat Basketball Hall of Fame in August. Dennis was the inaugural Ballarat Basketball Club president, serving in the role for 20 years (1985 – 2005) and helped oversee the establishment of the Ballarat Miners and Lady Miners programmes. Dennis told The Courier he was surprised and very honoured to be included in the Hall of Fame. He is also a life member of the Ballarat Basketball Association and is the

inaugural Ballarat Basketball Foundation chairman. Dennis also remains heavily involved with the College as chairman of the St Patrick's College Foundation and a member of the OCA committee.

- Many thanks to former student and 1957 Brownlow Medallist Brian Gleeson who provided the following report (and pictures) from a reunion of Old Boys who once played together in the VAFA. "A Remnant of the first SPC Old Collegians in the VAFA (1951- 1956 ) still socialises on a regular basis with bi-monthly lunches. Co-ordinated by retired pharmacist, John Grogan (SPC 1942-50), the group includes club champion player, centre half back and record holder of the greatest number of games (99), Brian McKenna. Below is a photo (taken by Bryan Casey, not an SPC Old Boy but he played with the club) of some of the group who attended lunch on Monday, August 13, 2012. From left: Brian Gleeson, Fr Gerard Dowling, Brian Miller, Gale Gallagher, John Grogan, John Martin, Brian Mc Kenna and Dr Jim Shaw (who also once served as Medical Officer to the Hawthorn FC). Absent were Dr Gerry Walsh, Dr Michael Bourke, Kevin Drake and Michael Martin.
- Wives also attend as do the widows of two former players, Kevin Currie (Carmen) and John Buckley (Judy). Gale Gallagher, a retired pharmacist, John Martin a retired solicitor, and Brian McKenna, also a retired pharmacist, are widowed. Fr Gerard and twin sister Mary are regulars and celebrated their 80th birthday on August 29 and 30 - one born each side of midnight."
- Congratulations to former students Lawrence Perks (1998 – 03) and Eamon Stringer (1995 – 2000) who were honoured at the Central Highlands Football League Awards night on August 27. Lawrence won the League Best and Fairest for the Reserves Competition. Laurie is also the captain of the Bungaree Reserves which contested the finals. Runner up in the reserves league Best and Fairest was Eamon Stringer, also from Bungaree. Eamon also won the league goal kicking award with 100 goals. Eamon brought up his 100th goal in a Qualifying Final at Daylesford. Eamon has become the first player to kick 100 in the CHFL Reserves competition.



## COMING EVENTS

If you thought Terms 2 and 3 sounded like they were busy times around the College, rest assured our foot remains firmly on the accelerator as we head into Term 4. With 2012 continuing to fly right by, there are plenty of upcoming activities and events to ensure you have every opportunity to participate in the life of St Patrick's College. Some of the following events may be worth pencilling in your calendar.

### OCTOBER

#### October 8

Students commence Term 4

#### October 9 and 10

Year 11 Justice Retreats

#### October 13

Old Collegians Association 10-Year Reunion for Class of 2002. Starts at 6pm in the OCA Pavilion.

#### October 17

First V Basketball presentation night starts at 7.30pm in the OCA Pavilion.

#### October 20

Old Collegians Association 20-Year Reunion for Class of 1992. Starts at 6pm in the OCA Pavilion.

#### October 22

Old Collegians Association Regional Dinner at the Foundry Arms Hotel in Bendigo at 7pm.

#### October 24

2014 Year 7 information night starts at 7.30pm for new parents in the OCA Pavilion.

#### October 25

Year 12 Concluding and Thanksgiving Mass at 7.30pm

#### October 25 and 26

Year 9 Retreat

#### October 29- November 2

Year 9 Grampians Camp

#### October 30

Old Collegians Association Regional Dinner at The Edge Restaurant in Geelong starting at 7pm.

### NOVEMBER

#### November 8

SPC Community Mass at 7.30pm

#### November 10

Old Collegians Association 30-Year Reunion for Class of 1982. Starts at 6pm in the OCA Pavilion.

#### November 11

Old Collegians Association annual golf day at Midlands Golf Club. Stay tuned to The Crest and the OCA Facebook page for further details as they are confirmed.

#### November 21

Speech Night. 7.30pm – 10pm.

#### November 23

Valedictory Dinner in the W.T.O'Malley Gymnasium

#### November 24

St Patrick's College Rowing Club Major Dinner in the W.T.O'Malley Gymnasium

### DECEMBER

#### December 3

New Boarding Students Orientation night

#### December 4

Year 7 2013 and Year 8-12, 2013 Orientation Day

#### December 14

Last day for teaching staff

#### December 21

Office closes for Christmas break

## NEXT EDITION

We hope you enjoyed this edition of The Shamrock. Rest assured, planning is already underway for the next edition which is due for publication in December.

It is sure to be another bumper edition and will include a fitting farewell to our leaving Year 12 students including a full wrap of the 2012 Speech Night and Valedictory Dinner. We will also be able to reveal the make-up of the 2013 Student Council and will include the inaugural address to the College community from the 2013 School Captain. You'll be able to keep an eye out too for familiar faces from our upcoming 10, 20 and 30 year reunions as well as OCA Regional dinners in Warrnambool, Geelong and Bendigo.

We'll give you all the details on how our 1st XVIII boys fare at the November AFL National Draft and we'll also have plenty of colour and fun from our annual Golf Day in November.

Of course, we always welcome your feedback and contributions. If you know something we don't about some great deeds being done by anyone associated with the College, then be sure to let us know.

The deadline for the next edition of The Shamrock is Friday November 30, 2012. All contributions from members of the SPC community are gratefully received. Contributions can be mailed, faxed or emailed to the Editor – Paul Nolan: [pnolan@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:pnolan@stpats.vic.edu.au)

**Top:** We'll have more great pics from reunions in the next edition of The Shamrock.

**Below:** The Annual OCA Golf Day is one of the highlights on the College's social calendar.





# ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE FOUNDATION

As an Old Boy of St Patrick's College we invite you to reflect on the enormous role the College played in helping you develop into the man you are today.

We trust that the quality of education you received here has contributed substantially to your subsequent career. In other words, the College hopes it has left a lasting legacy on you and your family. We now hope you feel it is your turn to leave a lasting legacy on the College in return.

St Patrick's College remains committed to providing Ballarat's best for boys. We also remain particularly committed to providing first class education to those who may sometimes struggle financially to meet all the costs of quality schooling. This is where you can help.

The financial challenge of maintaining and developing first class educational facilities for boys is immense. The cost of maintaining up to date teaching and learning facilities incorporating emerging and engaging learning technologies is significant and to keep pace in a competitive educational environment the College must be proactive in continuing to expand the programmes and facilities available to students. The College also seeks to maintain the inherent beauty within its grounds and

buildings, a significant challenge given the century old buildings that are a hallmark at SPC.

Fundamentally however St Patrick's College aims to be true to its Catholic heritage and the spirit of Edmund Rice. The College continues to work closely with the marginalised in the community and offers fee relief to approximately 10% of the student population. It also supports members of our Indigenous community and others experiencing temporary and ongoing hardship. To continue these good works the College needs to attract and invest endowed funds that can be used to finance scholarships and bursaries for students. St Patrick's College has a rich history of supporting students with scholarships and bursaries, with many of the College's highest achievers benefiting from the good will and generosity of the Christian Brothers.

If you feel that St Patrick's College in some way has played a precious and significant part in your life today, then through your generous support you can help us serve the needs of future generations of young men who will 'stick with the green, white and blue'. A bequest or a donation is a tangible way that you can show this support and in your own way maintain the tradition of giving and support that has assisted generations of 'Paddy Boys'.

## HOW TO PROCEED FROM HERE

The College Headmaster together with the St Patrick's College Foundation invite you to complete this reply form, which will be treated with the utmost confidentiality, and return it to:

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 St Patrick's College (Ballarat) Foundation  
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Most Suitable Time for Contact by the Bequest Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Tick Box

- I wish to advise that I have included St Patrick's College (Ballarat) Foundation Incorporated as a beneficiary in my will.
- I wish to advise that I intend to include St Patrick's College (Ballarat) Foundation Incorporated as a beneficiary in my will.
- I would like to discuss the matter of bequests and gifts with the College's Bequest Officer – without obligation and in the strictest confidence.
- I am interested in making an annual gift to St Patrick's College and would like information about gift options and information on tax deductibility of gifts.
- I do not wish to pursue this matter at this but please keep me informed.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# ST PATRICK'S HAT-TRICK



## Herald-Sun Shield Premiers 2010, 2011 and 2012

### 2012 Premiers

Back Row Left: Tamara Westwood (Team Manager), Chris Caldwell (Assistant Coach) Hayden McCrow (Statistician) Michael Peart (Statistician) Gavin Webb (Assistant Coach) Jack Peeters, Jaydon Stiles, Michael Close, Nathan Haylock, Joshua Benfield, Norton Darrigan, Martin Gleeson, Tanner Smith, Xavier Vearing, Tom Smith, Dallas Willsmore, Matthew Short, Peter Brown (Ruck Coach) Howard Clark (Head Coach) Chris Gleeson (Assistant Coach) Tim MacKenzie (Team Manager)

Front Row Left: Andrew Chamings (Strength and Conditioning) Liam Duggan, Daniel Butler, Jake Neade, Zach Hopper, David Morris (Captain), Nicholas Rippon (Vice Captain), Ashley Simpson (Vice Captain), Dominic Barry, Angus Kirby, Matthew Crouch, Jack Romeril, Daniel Bell, Rylie Stuhldreier (Statistician)



### 2011 Premiers

Back Left Row: Chris Gleeson (Assistant Coach), Howard Clark (Head Coach), Gavin Webb (Assistant Coach), Nicholas O'Farrell (Water), Chris Caldwell (Assistant Coach), Brad Crouch (Vice Captain), Tom Smith, Dallas Willsmore, Joshua Keys, Tim MacKenzie, Tanner Smith, Tom Downie, Nicholas O'Brien (Captain), Rhys Monument, Ashley Constable, Tyler Blake, Scott Spriggs, Jaydon Stiles, Michael Close, Ben Shiltz (Water), Tamara Westwood (Team Manager), Justin Gordon (Team Manager), Peter Brown (Assistant Coach), Chris Howley (Physiotherapist), Robert Dwyer (Statistician)

Front Left Row: Andrew Chamings (Strength and Conditioning), Tom Stapleton, Mitchell Phelps, Isaiah Johnston, Matthew Begbie (Vice Captain), Zane Thompson, Jake Neade, David Morris, Nicholas Rippon, Ashley Simpson, Rory Taggart, Matthew Crouch, Mick Allen (Statistician)



### 2010 Premiers

Back Left Row: Liam Young (Team Manager), Matthew Begbie, Chris Caldwell (Assistant Coach), Howard Clark (Head Coach), Kain Ford, Hayden Walters (Vice Captain), Edward Arthurson, Jake Dunne (Vice Captain), Alec Del Papa, Tom McDonald, Matthew James, Josua Plozza, Jake Ward, Mitchell Rodd, Nicholas O'Brien, Tom Stapleton, Scott Spriggs, Michael Allen (Statistician), Dr Peter Casey (Headmaster), Xavier Quigley (Water), Gavin Webb (Assistant Coach), Tamara Westwood (Team Manger) Jamie Bobrowski (Assistant Coach)

Front Left Row: Brad Crouch, Mitchell Phelps, Jordan Alexander, Justin Gordon (Captain), Jesse Dundon, Nicholas Rippon, Michael Suban, Nathan Kelly, Tom Pridgeon, Jake Neade, Andrew Chamings (Strength and Conditioning), Samuel Morrissey (Water), Clay Jenkins (Water)

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