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Top shot!

The 2012 school community gathers at assembly for the last time on Tuesday, October 22, 2012 – two days before the Year 12 students finished classes for the year.



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Front Cover:

1. Former student James Kerr during his Ordination to the Diaconate at St Patrick's Cathedral.
2. First XVIII coach Howard Clark, centre, celebrates at Valedictory Dinner with AFL draftees, from left, Michael Close, Jake Neade, Dominic Barry and Martin Gleeson.
3. 2013 College Student Leaders, from left, Vice Captain Luke Wilson, Vice Captain Nicholas McMaster, College Captain Peter Oakley.
4. New Ballarat Bishop Paul Bird celebrates the 2012 St Patrick's College Thanksgiving Mass.



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Foundation



Welcome to the third and final edition of *The Shamrock* for 2012. What an exciting and fulfilling year it has been for St Patrick's College! There have been far too many highlights to mention here and, thankfully, very few lowlights. We wish you all the best as you enjoy the Christmas period and summer holidays and look forward to another busy and fruitful year in 2013.

HEADMASTER'S ANNUAL REPORT TO SPEECH NIGHT



Dr Peter Casey
Headmaster

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Head of Junior School

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Director of Sport

Mr Seamus Herrick
College Vice-Captain 2008

Mr Jack Owen
College Captain 2012

Bishop Paul, invited guests, parents, students and staff of St Patrick's College, I welcome you to the College's 120th Speech Night in my eleventh year as Headmaster. I echo the words of our Masters of Ceremony, Ashley Simpson and Michael Cocomazzo in acknowledging that we gather tonight on the lands traditionally cared for by the Wautharong people. I pay my respects to their elders past and present and to any other elders who join us tonight. I remind all that we as a College are committed to redressing injustice in our society in all its forms, but especially through reconciliation.

Many on stage with me tonight are familiar faces at Speech Night. These include Ms Catherine King - Federal Member for Ballarat, Mr Adrian Doyle - Chairman of the College Board, Mr Dennis Foley - Chairman of the College Foundation, Mr Rick Blanchfield - President of the Old Collegians Association and our senior staff. But change is an inevitable part of the life of a school, and this year in our guests we have more change than

usual. So I particularly welcome Bishop Paul Bird, the newly ordained eighth Bishop of Ballarat and seventh Patron of the College. Ms Audrey Brown has joined us as Director of the Catholic Education Office Ballarat. From Edmund Rice Education Australia, I welcome Mr Paul Williams as the new Regional Director. Paul is accompanied tonight by his wife, Elizabeth. I welcome to her first Speech Night on stage, our local state member Ms Sharon Knight. I also welcome Ms Elizabeth Ryan to her first Speech Night as Head of Senior School.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome back Seamus Herrick who was master of ceremonies of Speech Night in 2008 and I thank him for his address earlier this evening.

The College continues to flourish as a Ballarat Catholic school for boys in the Edmund Rice tradition. This is attributable to the strong and effective support of the now retired Patron of the College, Bishop Peter Connors; the College Board led by Mr Adrian Doyle; the Board committees comprising Board members, parents, staff, and community members; the senior leadership of the College including our Deputy Heads, Mr Chris Caldow (Student and Staff Wellbeing) and Mr Stephen Hill (Teaching and Learning), and the Business Manager, Mrs Shirley Walters; the Leadership Team consisting of the Heads of School and the Directors of Administration, Kely Resource Centre, Mission, Pastoral Care, Performing Arts and Sport; the Year Level Coordinators; the Heads of

Faculty and so many other collaborators within our teaching and non-teaching staff. This year Ms Elizabeth Till continued in an acting capacity as a Deputy Head and did a great job, for which we are most grateful.

We are fortunate to have a committed body of parents who appreciate the mission of the College for the good of all boys in attendance. These parents give their support in a myriad of ways to each and every programme we offer.

As may be gleaned from the pages of this report and the many other communications from the College to the community, our academic endeavours flourish along with the wellbeing of our boys as we continue to provide a holistic education enlivened by the story and example of the Jesus of the Gospels, brought to us through our Catholic tradition and enlivened in our liturgy, theology and social justice programmes.

Student Population

The College continues to respond to demand for places, with 250 students in each of Years 7 and 8 in our Junior School, 200 in Year 9 in Middle School, and then a further 620 students in Senior School made up of 217 Year 10s, 229 Year 11s and 174 Year 12s at the midyear census. We started the year with close to 1350 students. As the larger cohorts come through from the Junior School, this number will continue to rise. As of today we have 1385 students enrolled for 2013.

Student Programmes

The School Improvement Framework survey data indicates that our students and parents continue to value the academic, pastoral and co-curricular offerings of the College. Our curriculum offerings offer great

breadth and appropriate pathways to study, training and employment beyond the College. Some would like us to include other offerings such as Psychology or a European language but ultimately our current offerings are sustainable and more than adequate. Our most significant response to student demand in recent years has come through technologies and Vocational Education and Training (VET) provision. I am pleased that most of our VET is now embedded in the core curriculum within the VCE offered by our own staff. These studies include Building and Construction, Engineering, Music (Technical Production), Music (Performance), Vocational Preparation, Sport and Recreation, and Applied Language (Japanese).

Another area of growth is that of Enhanced Learning for both funded and unfunded students. Funded students are identified as having specific impediments to their learning and are supported by Federal government funds topped up by Catholic systemic funding. Unfunded students are those with deficits identified by our staff but not fitting in to the categories of levels of deficit for government recognition. Enhanced Learning now occupies the time of four full-time teachers, 15 teaching assistants and about 80 funded students. This is an area for which the College has growing recognition and I thank our staff for their efforts in accommodating the diverse needs and anxieties of both parents and students.

Student Outcomes

NAPLAN results, student surveys, VCE examinations, exit data and word of mouth about our boys all concur that our boys are progressing well. A great deal of this material is available

on our public website, in our annual report to the community, and through the MySchool website. Our students' achievements post-school in universities and in training continue to enhance our reputation as a supplier of outstanding academic achievers and fine Ballarat citizens.

Boarding

Boarding continues to grow under the guidance of Mr Alex Hunt who this year joined us from Shipley College, Henley on Thames in the United Kingdom. Alex resides in Wanliss House as Director of Boarding with his wife Joanne and young son Adam. In response to growing demand, we have leased the property at 1416 Sturt Street, the former residence of the Anglican Bishop of Ballarat, which houses 22 students and has a three bedroom self-contained flat. It has a great deal more recreational space than any of the other houses: McCann, Nangle, and Kenny. We have EREA permission to proceed to purchase the Sturt House in 2013. I continue to reside in McCunnie House, awaiting the call to vacate because of the needs of the Boarders!

Student Leadership

College Captain Jack Owen, has performed most admirably as a leader of students, of sportsmen and of social justice initiatives. I thank him for his insightful and inspiring words tonight. Jack has been very ably supported by Vice Captains, Ashley Simpson and Zac Weightman. These young men have led our assemblies with grace and aplomb. We continue to offer many opportunities across the year levels and activities for the boys to demonstrate and to develop leadership in the company of many friends!

We were saddened but strengthened by the death of

Year 10 student, Thomas Karras, at the start of the year. This tragedy reinforced much that is good in our community, especially given Tom's involvement in the life of the College and the community, and his extensive family connections to the College. The soccer award tonight has been named in his honour.

Pastoral

In the pastoral area, we moved this year to horizontal homerooms or pastoral groups and introduced a second year level coordinator to each year level. This was in recognition of the significant growth in numbers at each year but also to free up the Heads of School to focus more on their core role as leaders of teaching and learning within their school.

Cultural

The growth in the numbers and calibre of the music programmes has been reflected in the recognitions of our ensembles within Victoria and on their annual outing to Queensland Catholic Colleges' Music Festival. Our public speaking, debating and dramatic exploits have continued to engage many boys. Next year we see our major dramatic production being staged at Her Majesty's Theatre, a sign of the significance of the production of Sweeney Todd with Loreto College.

Sporting

Our programmes have once again flourished with the growing numbers of boys wanting to participate and to represent the College. Winning is but the tip of the iceberg of the joy of playing for SPC in the company of friends and increasingly, against one's classmates. We have multiple team entries into many of the BAS competitions as well as a burgeoning number of interhouse competitions in the

major sports. A major feature of success this year was the third consecutive win in the Herald Sun Shield, Australia's premier schoolboy football competition.

The Christian Brothers

The Christian Brothers established their first community in Ballarat in 1876, with their first school in Skipton Street. They took over the former Holy Ghost College at the invitation of Bishop Moore in 1893 and renamed it St Patrick's College. The Brothers moved from their Lyons Street residence onto the property, into what had been known as Tunbridge's Folly. This month the Congregation will close its Ballarat community. Brs Breach and Parker will continue to reside at Nazareth House, Brs Ward and Hewitt will transfer to the Edmund Rice Hostel in St Kilda, and Br Zoch will be accommodated by the College in a refurbished two-bedroom flat in the current Brothers' Residence. The College will assume usage of the residence in 2013 at a cost of \$1.6million, negotiated between EREA and the Oceania province.

To recognize the closure of the community and the contribution of the Christian Brothers over the last 136 years, we will use St Patrick's Day 2013 as a focal point for the 120th anniversary of the College and the work of the Brothers. Bishop Paul Bird as Patron of the College has both March 15 (Friday) and March 17 (Sunday) pencilled into his diary for the College and OCA celebrations on the Friday and the other celebrations on the Sunday. I look forward to some positive celebrations.

Edmund Rice Education Australia continues its search for ways to support the Christian Brothers' schools in their offering Catholic education in the tradition of Edmund Rice. This year saw the approval by

Rome of EREA as a Church entity, known in the Church as a public juridic person, separate from the Congregation of Christian Brothers. This paves the way for EREA to assume canonical and civil responsibility for the Brothers' educational initiatives in Australia.

With the Parliamentary Enquiry currently being conducted and a Royal Commission announced this month, the College will be under close scrutiny once again. The ABC were filming footage of the front of the College again last week for the 7.30 Report in which we subsequently featured. The Age newspaper has been particularly graphic in its pursuit of these investigations. The fact of the matter is that there is a number of SPC resident Christian Brothers as well as Old Boy priests who have public records of sexual abuse of boys and girls in the Ballarat schools and throughout the parishes of the diocese. As Blessed John Henry Newman said: 'We cannot pretend that things are not as they are. We must use the facts to bring forth whatever good is possible.' It is a difficult time to speak out about the great work of the 342 brothers who have worked on and from this property when the deeds of a few are so much to the forefront of the media.

Clergy

This year more than most we have much to comment on by way of our clergy in my report. To Bishop Peter Connors I offer thanks for fifteen years of faithful service to the Diocese of Ballarat and to the College as Patron. I am pleased that Bishop Peter will continue to minister to our community as chaplain one day per week.

We welcome Bishop Paul Bird as the seventh Patron of the College and the eighth Bishop of Ballarat- which is the greater

responsibility I will leave to the Bishop to work out, but I say simply that he is most welcome and we are grateful for his accepting the role of Patron of the College. One of Bishop Paul's first functions was to officiate at the ordination of James Kerr (SPC 2000-2005) to the diaconate in our St Patrick's Cathedral.

The 30-year reunion of the SPC Class of 1982 had two notable absentees because it was held on a Saturday evening: the Very Reverend Dr Shane MacKinlay (SPC 1977-82) who was dux of the College in 1982 is now the Master of Catholic Theological College in Melbourne and parish priest of Bungaree and Gordon, and the Reverend Justin Driscoll (SPC 1981-82) who is Administrator of the Cathedral parish as well as the parishes of Redan, Sebastopol, and Rokewood. In attendance at the dinner was Dr Michael Casey (SPC 1977-82), secretary to Cardinal George Pell.

It was pleasing to see Bishop Brian Finnigan (SPC 1960-63) inducted by the Old Collegians association as a legend of the College in August. Brian attended the College as a relatively mature student because he needed Latin to enter the seminary. He is currently the Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane.

I thank all of our clergy for their ongoing prayerful and practical support of the College. We offer them our support as we engage in a Parliamentary Inquiry and a Royal Commission, knowing that many of our Christian Brothers, Old Collegians, Parents, Priests and Bishops will be impacted upon by the proceedings. May justice be done and peace reign.

Staff

Our staff members continue their sterling efforts in a professional and caring manner,

often at personal cost of time and vast amounts of energy and patience. I thank those who have joined us for their enthusiastic embracing of our spirit, and I wish well those who are moving on:

Mr Paul Andrews
Mrs Denise Clarke
Ms Carolyn Garvey
Mrs Virginia Green
Mrs Kate Jackson
Mrs Glenda Maes
Ms Jo-anne Patching
Mrs Susan Portelli
Mr Guy Skillen.

The doyen of these is of course Mr Paul Andrews who has been with us for 33 years. Paul's quiet style and artistic flair will be greatly missed. Paul has also been a long-serving member of the Board's Public Relations and Marketing Committee.

Board

The School Improvement Framework processes have complemented our well-established monitoring of our community's satisfaction with the programmes we offer, our processes and outcomes and these are being followed through in our Strategic Plan 2011-2014 whose theme is 'Raising fine boys to the status of great men'. The Board Committees have continued in their excellent work of guiding and monitoring the College's progress in the areas of Finance, Buildings, Policy and Planning, Boarding, Public Relations and Education.

Finances

Thanks to the members of the Finance Committee led by Mick Smith and the Finance Office led by Shirley Walters, the College managed a turnover in 2011 of \$18,656,827 and an anticipated turnover in 2012 in excess of \$20,000,000. We continue to return modest surpluses. I note for your information that the levies

collected by the Catholic Education Office Ballarat and Edmund Rice Education Australia from the College are \$205,919 and \$332,550 respectively.

Buildings

In January 2013 we will take possession of the Treacy Wing which will complete the rehousing of the 500 Junior School boys and staff across the O'Malley, Little and Treacy Wings. Treacy will also accommodate the Enhanced Learning staff and provide them with appropriate teaching spaces. At the start of 2012 the music staff moved into the newly vacated Pell rooms and we christened the Jo Walter Field of six tennis courts and a hockey/ soccer pitch. The electronic scoreboards for the Main Oval and the Shed Oval have been welcome additions. Much work has taken place on the grounds, particularly refurbishing both turf practice wickets and the main cricket nets area. The sandy beach volleyball pitch was apparently a must have addition to our physical education programme.

Support groups

We continue to be indebted to the work of the Old Collegians, College Foundation, Friends of St Patrick's, Friends of Music, SPC Rowing Club Inc, the NOB-SPC Amateur Football Club, the OCA Rugby Union Football Club. The Old Collegians, under the presidency of Mr Rick Blanchfield, continue to strengthen their role of friend-raising within our extensive community. The growth of our social media presence has greatly facilitated this role. The Foundation, under the chairmanship of Dennis Foley, continues as the fund-raising arm of the Old Collegians. The Foundation has enjoyed an influx of new members this year which will

secure its significant role for the future of the College. The ongoing connectedness of our community is vital to our ongoing fidelity to what we vision ourselves to be.

Conclusion

On a personal note I thank all those who once again have contributed to the smooth running of a spectacular enterprise. My own health issues have been across many people's thoughts and I appreciate the prayers and good wishes. I am pleased to say that through the power of prayer and candles, the cancer specialists have put me back to twelve-monthly check-ups and the heart specialists following surgery in Term Two have now given me the all-clear. I commend the work of our deputies, Stephen Hill, Chris Caldow, and Elizabeth Till, and my Executive Assistant, Mrs Stephanie Crawford who have shouldered additional burdens in my comings and goings. I offer them my gratitude most publicly and sincerely once again.

May we travel with God on our journey, mindful that together we can achieve the transformation of fine boys into great men, but we can do this only because we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us, and we are prepared to walk daily with God.

Dr Peter M Casey
Headmaster



Above: Highlights of the 2012 Speech Night which was held at Ballarat's Her Majesty's Theatre on Wednesday, November 21.

COLLEGE AWARDS

Speech Night 2012

Academic Awards

Headmaster's Award for Leadership

Jack Owen.

Howard Award for Excellence

James Fahey.

First presented in 1955, this award is the gift of the Howard Family in gratitude for all St Patrick's did for the four sons who attended SPC from 1923 through to 1937.

It is given for All Round Excellence, Character, Leadership, Participation, Academic Pursuits and Culture or Sports.

Little Family Award for School Spirit

Michael Cocomazzo.

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

Edmund Rice Award for Ministry

Nicholas Beaver.

This award recognises a student who has embodied the spirit of Edmund Rice through his

involvement in justice, action and reflective practice within the College, the community and the Edmund Rice Network.

ADF Long Tan Award

Zachary Weightman.

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

Dorothy Irene Ellis-Thomas Scholarship

James Fahey.

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

De Coubertin Award for Sportsmanship

James Fahey.

The Award recognises students who demonstrate consistent participation and commendable sporting behaviour in line with the Olympic ideals of participation.

Catherine King Award for Community Service

Ashley Simpson.

This award recognises students who demonstrate all round excellence in contribution to the community – both internal and external to the College.

University of Notre Dame Award for Academic Excellence

James Fahey

Middle School Award for all-round excellence

Nicholas Frawley

Junior School Award for all-round excellence

Hasker Dawborn

Year 11 Dux

Timothy Crowe

Year 11 Proxime Accessit Prize

Connor Squires

Year 11 Religious Education Prize

Declan Leishman

Year 11 ACU Ballarat Campus Dean's Scholarship

Peter Oakley

Year 10 Dux

University of Ballarat Prize

Hamish Clydesdale

Year 10 Proxime Accessit Prize

Harrison Robertson

Year 10 Religious Education Prize

Matthew Hall

Dr Frank McArdle Prize

Year 10 Science

Hamish Clydesdale

Year 9 Dux

Thomas Schreenan

Year 9 Proxime Accessit Prize

Kelsey Gannon

Year 9 Religious Education Prize

Thomas Schreenan

Year 8 Dux

Liam O'Shea

Year 8 Proxime Accessit Prize

Brandon Falland

Year 8 Religious Education Prize

John Brodie

Year 7 Dux

Brandon Lauton

Year 7 Proxime Accessit Prize

Henry Ward

Year 7 Religious Education Prize

Tyrone Baynes

Cultural Awards

Public Speaking

Br D.G. Purton Oratory

Kieren O'Riley



W.T. Doyle Debating
Kieren O'Riley

**Sir Hugh Devine
Impromptu Speech**
Peter Oakley

W.T. Doyle Debating
Peter Oakley

Junior Impromptu Speech
Campbell Milne

Mary Purcell Debating
Campbell Milne

W.T. Doyle Debating
David Adams

Br H.T. Breach Oratory
Liam O'Shea

Mary Purcell Debating
Liam O'Shea

Mary Purcell Debating
Aaron Johns

Music

Performer of the Year
Joseph Zreikat

**Band Executive Award for
Dedication and Commitment**
Christian Larkin

**Sir Bernard Heinze Award for
Overall Outstanding Musical
Achievement**
Jakob Baric'

Bandsman of the Year
Timothy Crowe

Junior Music Award
Lucas Shugg

Sport

**Stephen Moneghetti Award
for outstanding athlete at the
BAS Carnival**
Brody Sheridan

A Grade Badminton
Benjamin Sculley

**Peter Farley Award for
1st V Basketball**
Ignatius Stewart

**Leo O'Brien Award for
1st XI Cricket**
Joab Mead

**Tony Benson Award for Senior
Cross Country**
Laiton Sullivan

**Br W.T. O'Malley Award
for 1st XVIII Football for
Best & Fairest Player**
Nicholas Rippon

**John James Medal for Best on
Ground BAS Grand Final**
Jake Neade

**Br H.T. Breach Award for 1st XI
Hockey**
Jordan Clark

**Brian Vear Award for Senior
Rowing**
Alex Thompson

1st XV Rugby
Christopher Debono

**Thomas Karras Memorial Award
for 1st XI Soccer for Best &
Fairest Player**
Jakob McDowell

Senior Squash
Mitchell Clarke

Senior Racquetball
Anthony Jreige

**Br B.J. Davis Award for
Commitment to SPC Swimming**
Joshua Benfield

**The Captains Cup Award for
Swimming**
Joshua Benfield

**Br B.J. Scott Award for Senior
Gymnastics**
James Fahey

A Grade Table Tennis
Joseph Thorpe

1st IV Tennis
Anthony Jreige

1st VI Volleyball
Samuel Cosgriff

Golf
Kelly Lyle

Shooting
Matthew Stewart

Lawn Bowls
Rory Conroy

Croquet
Laurence Cashin

Cycling
Hugo Tolliday

House Awards

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

The Br J.B. Galvin Award
Zachary Hopper

The Br E.F. Keniry Award
Charles Cook

The Br M.P. Nunan Award
Thomas Constable

The Br J.L. Ryan Award
Mitchell Robertson



CLASS OF 2012
VALEDICTORY DINNER

2012 VALEDICTORY DINNER

IT WOULD BE FAIR TO SUGGEST THAT WHEN BR BILL WILDING OFFICIATED OVER THE OPENING OF BR W.T. O'MALLEY SPORTS CENTRE EXACTLY 30 YEARS AGO HE WOULD NEVER HAVE ENVISAGED IT BEING TRANSFORMED INTO A FIVE-STAR FUNCTION CENTRE.

Yet that is exactly what happened over two frantic days in late November when months of planning came spectacularly together as the Sports Centre played host for the first time to the 2012 Valedictory Dinner.

Never before has St Patrick's College embarked upon such a large scale project to host a function seating and feeding more than 550 people to farewell the Year 12s of 2012.

And what a tremendous night it was! The gym proved to be the perfect venue to provide a fitting farewell to the 174 departing students who only days earlier had completed their final VCE exams.

Outgoing College Captain Jack Owen, and his able Vice Captains Zachary Weightman and Ashley Simpson, all took to the stage to provide excellent

speeches and toasts throughout the evening.

Inspiring speeches by teachers Victoria Moore and Joseph Magee reflected somberly on the last six years at the College while also setting new, lofty goals for our graduates to reach.

The Valedictory Dinner was the final piece in the trifecta of farewells for the Year 12 students, following Speech Night and the Thanksgiving Mass which was held at St Patrick's Cathedral on October 25.

That Mass was celebrated by Bishop Paul Bird and was another stunning occasion, providing staff, students and their families the opportunity to say farewell and thanks for all that has been achieved.

For many reasons and in many fields, the Class of 2012 will be

remembered fondly at St Patrick's College for all that it has achieved. The College now hopes those graduates feel as though the farewell functions such as the Thanksgiving Mass and the Valedictory Dinner were fitting tributes.







WELCOME BISHOP BIRD

Top: Bishop Paul Bird was ordained as Bishop for the Diocese of Ballarat at St Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, October 16.

Right: The College would like to thank Bishop Emeritus Peter Connors for his incredible support of the College during his tenure as Bishop of the Diocese of Ballarat. He has kindly offered to continue his ministry of the boys and staff beyond his retirement as Bishop.

This article was written by former student Pat Nolan (SPC 2002-07) and is reproduced courtesy of *The Courier*.

Bishop Paul Bird's message for Ballarat can be summed up with one word - peace.

Bishop Bird was ordained in October as the new Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat during a ceremony at St Patrick's Cathedral, in which 600 guests attended.

Bishop Bird said he hoped to bring more people back to the church in one of its most challenging periods.

As head of the diocese, Bishop Bird said he would push a message of peace to the people of Ballarat.

When ordained, Catholic bishops select a motto to carry with them from that point onwards.

Bishop Bird has chosen "peace be with you" as his motto.

"It's not easy to find peace of heart, let alone peace within your relationships," he said.

"I hope that whatever I do will promote that for people, personally and for the communities I serve."

The Diocese of Ballarat covers western Victoria, reaching as far away as Mildura and the South Australian border.



Bishop Bird admitted there had been a shortfall in attendance numbers for church services but said it was possible to turn around.

He also said he hoped to foster more positive relations with other denominations within the Christian church

"It is difficult (to bring people back to the church) but because things are difficult doesn't mean they are impossible," Bishop Bird said.

"The fact it's difficult doesn't mean you should give up your efforts."

"We need to push the message of Christ as positively as possible.

"People have to be persuaded it's a good thing, but you can't force people."

Nearly 100 priests and 30 bishops from across Australia were in attendance to celebrate the ordination.

A big screen was set up in St Patrick's Hall next to the cathedral for people who were unable to fit inside the cathedral for the ceremony.



WHITE RIBBON DAY

About 1200 Year 7-11 students and 120 staff took a unique stand against domestic violence in November.

In the lead-up to White Ribbon Day the St Patrick's College community gathered on the school's Main Oval to spell out the word "NO!" and show their commitment to stamping out domestic violence.

Headmaster Dr Peter Casey said it was the first time the school

had organised such a large-scale and unique event to echo the messages promoted through White Ribbon Day.

"Our students are the husbands and fathers of tomorrow so we believe it is vital that they are now made aware of the importance of White Ribbon Day," Dr Casey said.

"Supporting strong community messages and initiatives is a crucial part of life at St Patrick's

College and being the only boys school between Melbourne and Adelaide, we believe that it is important that we show our support for White Ribbon Day and encourage our boys to take a stand against domestic violence."

2013 College Captain Peter Oakley said he believed the students gained great benefit from being involved in such a campaign.

"If an event like this encourages just one student to continue the discussion about stamping out domestic violence, then this will be a success," Peter said.

"It's important that our students make such a public stand in support of the White Ribbon Day message, but it's more important that we carry that message through and live to it as we grow older and start our own families."

INDIGENOUS ART ON SHOW



The annual St Patrick's College Indigenous Art Show was another great success in 2012, as boys from the Northern Territory and Victoria had an opportunity to display their artwork.

The art programme is part of the department's life skills component

which is headed by Indigenous Support Officer David Loader.

The students actively get involved as the show forms part of their individual study programmes, allowing them time out of the classroom to explore other skills.

Donovan Jones, Shane McAuliffe, Clifford Jones, Joshua Tranter and Daniel Briggs all played a significant part in the Art Show and all proceeds go directly back into the Indigenous Education Programme to assist in the supply of books, uniforms, school shoes and medications.

Supporting members of local community, including The Catholic Education Office, BADAC, MARS and Eureka Concrete were in attendance providing a great opportunity for those members and the students to interact, and speak freely. A great evening was had by all.

BORELL CREATES SPAM HISTORY

SPAM Award finalists:

James Keys and Ignatius Stewart – “Untitled”
Kane Hart – “Purgatory”
Rhyle Panozzo – “Lilly’s Journey”
Charlie Powlett – “Untitled”
Jack Harrison – “Untitled”
Christopher Borell - “Pine Grove”
Aidan MacGillivray – “Relax”
James Donovan – “Electric Dreams”
Patrick Murphy – “Insights”
Charles Robinson – “Abduction”



the evening when he won the Young Film Maker of the Year competition.

Guests were then treated to a stunning array of film making quality when the short films of the ten finalists were displayed on screens.

Judges were clearly impressed, describing this year’s finalists as the best ever.

However it was Christopher Borell’s “Pine Grove” which stood taller than the rest. His moving short film documented the love of two brothers working in unison on a farm in Westmere, in western Victoria, before tragedy tears them apart.



Top: Year 11 student Christopher Borell created history by winning both major prizes at the 2012 SPAM Awards.

Above: Head of the Arts Faculty Peter Hutchins congratulates Christopher Borell on his success.

Year 11 student Christopher Borell created his own little piece of SPC history on November 22 when he became the first student ever to win both major prizes at the annual St Patrick’s Awards for Media.

A change to the rules for 2012 enabled students from Years 10 and 11 to have their work deemed eligible for the major SPAM Award. Previously the top prize had only been open to Year 12 students.

In front of an audience of about 200 people in the OCA Pavilion, Christopher was honoured early in

From the bloody ending to Charles Robinson’s “Abduction”, to the quirky humour of James Donovan’s “Electric Dreams”, and the tear-jerking authenticity of Rhyle Panozzo’s “Lilly’s Journey” – the showcase encapsulated a broad range of genres and technical ability.

Some students, such as James Keys and Ignatius Stewart, were able to piece together elaborate stop-motion films on their iPhones, while others employed the use of much more elaborate and expensive equipment.

Judges were captivated by Christopher’s technical brilliance and carefully crafted narrative, brought together by a cleverly constructed soundtrack. (Others in the audience were caught off-guard by award-winning cameos from a couple of SPC staff members!)

Christopher’s winning film has been uploaded to YouTube and can be found at this address:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=SRSn1iHlXpg

THE DEMON BARBER OF ST PATS

By Drama and Music teacher Mr Greg Shawcross

I am very pleased to be able to officially announce that our 2013 Combined College Production with Loreto College will be “Sweeney Todd - The Demon Barber Of Fleet Street”.

Sweeney Todd tells the tale of a man who returns to London after being sent to Australia as a wrongfully imprisoned convict. Upon his return to London, Sweeney Todd seeks out revenge against all those who wronged him and

resulted in him being convicted and separated from his family.

Written by Broadway legend Stephen Sondheim, Sweeney Todd is a brilliant show with lots of opportunities for our students to get involved.

We will be staging “Sweeney Todd” at Her Majesty’s Theatre on Friday, July 26 (one performance), and on Saturday, July 27, 2013 (two performances).



NEWS AND VIEWS

St Patrick's College was saddened to hear of the death of Maurie Sheehy (above left), who served the College community for 16 years. Maurie started 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

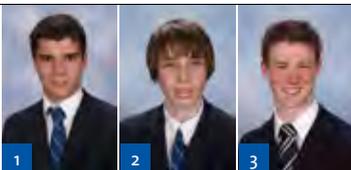
to advantage. The St Patrick's College community extends its condolences and prayers to Maurie's wife Joan, and his extended family at this sad time.

St Patrick's College also received the sad news of the death of Adrian Mullaly (above right), who was the Head of the Maths department and a highly qualified and dedicated senior maths teacher. Adrian started at St Patrick'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.

- The College also extended its sympathy to staff member Gary Wernldy on the death of his sister, Anne-Maree Smerdon who died in November. Anne-Maree had suffered from a very long illness. Anne-Maree was also a past parent of SPC with sons Mathew (SPC 2000-2005), Nathan (SPC 2000-2003) and Nicholas (SPC 2001-2006). Anne-Maree was also the former wife of Old Boy John Smerdon (SPC 1975-77).
- The College community offers its condolences to Jack James (Year 8), his father Andrew and sister Georgia on the recent passing of his mother, Katie on Monday, October 22. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jack and his family at this time.

- Our thoughts and prayers are with Kristine Smardon (Staff) and family on the passing of her father and mother in law recently.
- Condolences to Matthew Hall, Year 10 and Jonathan Hall, Year 8 on the passing of their grandfather on Saturday October 27.
- Condolences to John Hickey, Year 11 and family on the passing of his grandfather.
- Congratulations to our Director of Mission Geoff Brodie who, along with wife Tess and family, are celebrating the safe arrival of Emelia Brodie born on Wednesday, November 14 and weighing in at a very petite 4lb 7oz.
- Congratulations also to former College business manager Denis Bateman who was featured in The Courier in November after being elected president of the Ballarat Residents and Ratepayers Association.



STUDENTS EXCEL

Congratulations to Jake Muscat (Year 11) **1** who competed in the National Finals of World Skills in early September in Sydney where he finished in fourth place. Jake competed in the VET Automotive section and was unlucky with one error in the brakes section of the competition costing him a chance of a medal. Nonetheless Jake thought the experience very beneficial and described the event as

being professionally run. Any VET students wanting to compete next time will need to wait two years for the next round of World Skills competitions in 2014.

Congratulation to Ashley Duffy (Year 10) **2** for winning the Ballarat Japanese Speech competition in August this year - the prize for which is an all-expenses paid trip to Japan later in the year. Peter

Leighton, Hamish Clydesdale and Thomas Keogh also made excellent speeches.

- Congratulations also to Year 12 student James Fahey **3** for winning this year's Pierre de Coubertin Award for St Patrick's College for his excellence in gymnastics. Jimmy attributes the qualities of perseverance, respect, commitment and dedication as main reasons behind his

success in the sport, alongside the continued support of his friends.

- Congratulations to Year 10 students Rhys Goad and Hamish Clydesdale who have gained acceptance into the prestigious Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Programme at Melbourne University. Our two boys were among 700 students selected across Victoria from 1800 applicants.

THE ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN RUN AND WON AND THE STUDENT LEADERS FOR 2013 HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED.

Congratulations to Peter Oakley who was announced as the 2013 College Captain at a full school assembly in September, alongside his Vice Captains Luke Wilson and Nicholas McMaster.

The trio were elected following a multi-phased online survey of students and staff who were asked to nominate the students they felt were best placed for positions of leadership.

At subsequent assemblies, a range of various other student leadership positions have been announced from Boarding Captain Jay Jack to Music Captain Timothy Crowe. More sporting leadership positions will be announced in 2013.

PETER OAKLEY'S INITIAL ADDRESS AS 2013 COLLEGE CAPTAIN

Dr Casey, All guests, Parents, Friends of the College, staff, students, what a privilege it is to be standing here in front of you all today.

I'm sure one day I will have the chance to look back at everything St Pat's has directly and indirectly taught me; in fact I look forward to that day. However for now, for the remainder of 2012, 2013 and beyond, we have the opportunity to further ourselves in ways unimaginable, that must be reflected upon to truly realise the value of the time we have. So whilst we can look forward to the day we look back, let's move forward into the next 12 months, becoming the best we can be.

St Patrick's College Ballarat: An amazing place to be. To shorten everything I really need to say today, I'd initially like to say that, as I'm sure we've all heard, St

Pat's is full of opportunities to develop ourselves as people, whether academically, physically, mentally, socially, musically, culturally, spiritually, or hopefully, a combination of all of the above. It provides the opportunities to further our faith, broaden our vision, acknowledge aspects of life we may not have given second thoughts to and truly prepare us for later in life, whatever path we may choose to go down. It truly is a fantastic place, so we, the current student and staff body of St Patrick's College Ballarat, must respect it for the inspirational educational institution that it is, and take the many and varied opportunities to strive for excellence in various aspects of our own lives.

To the student council of 2012: On behalf of the St Patrick's College Community I would like to thank you for all the great work you have done this year. You have held yourselves with poise and dignity throughout the year, you've upheld the great reputation of the College, your ideas have not gone unnoticed and you have done the College

very proud. To all Year 12s, good luck for the upcoming November exams, and I hope you also continue the year with good fortune.

For those of us not departing next year, the 2013 School Council is very enthusiastic about what we, as a student body, can achieve this year. As always, there will be challenges, but we are with each other all the way. In fact we can adopt 2011 College Captain Nicholas O'Brien's question into all that we do: What can I do to make those around me better? In your studies, how can you help your classmates? In your sports, how can you help your teammates become better? In society, what can you do to help society become better? As we move on from who we are now, we have the greatest of opportunities to look around us and better the world around us. So let us take the plethora of opportunities we have, and make the world a better place, starting with what we have in front of us all.

Thank you.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

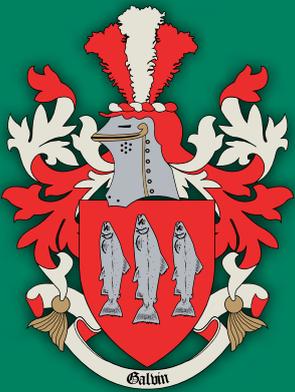
STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2013

2013 Student Congress

College Captain: Peter Oakley
College Vice Captains: Luke Wilson and Nicholas McMaster

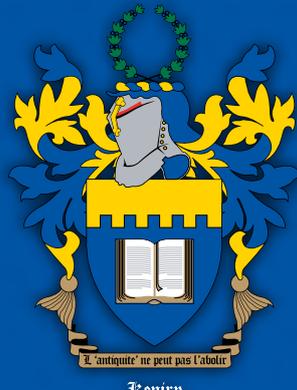
Following elections conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission the following Student Leadership appointments were made for 2012. House Captains, Vice Captains and Congress representatives within each House and year level are listed below.

Members of the 2013 Student Council



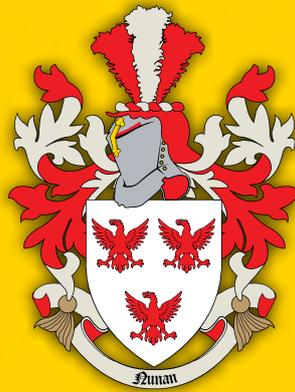
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Xavier Vearing

Vice Captains
Daniel Toohey
Timothy Crowe



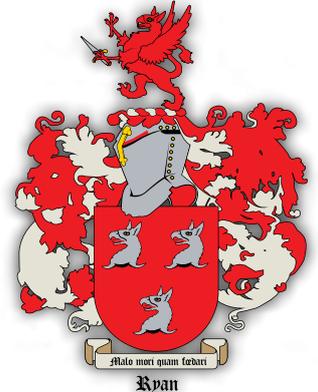
Captain
Caleb McGrath

Vice Captains
Gerard Clifford
Gene Bergman



Captain
Mark McOwan

Vice Captains
Jacob Baric
Thomas Young



Captain
Nicholas Whelan

Vice Captains
Riley Adams
John Hickey

Members of the 2013 Student Congress

Year 11
Liam Duggan
Daniel Butler

Year 10
Campbell Milne
Benjamin Lusby

Year 9
Riley Murphy
David O'Doherty

Year 8
Richard Dell
Thomas Cranage

Year 11
Thomas McMaster
Hamish Clydesdale

Year 10
Kelsey Gannon
Matthew Geary

Year 9
Samuel McMaster
William Sullivan

Year 8
Joseph Dodd
Benjamin Simmons

Year 11
Thomas Mooney
David Adams

Year 10
Nicholas Anokye
Benjamin Simpson

Year 9
Hasker Dawborn
Samuel Short

Year 8
Mitchell Tuddenham
Lachlan Cooper

Year 11
Harrison Robertson
Jake Ancrum

Year 10
Christopher Milroy
Samuel Mewett

Year 9
James Parini
Timothy Liston

Year 8
Max Edwards
Nicholas Carta

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 next year:

Captain of Boarding
Captain Jay Jack

Music
Music: Timothy Crowe
Vice Captains: Andrew Groch;
Jakob Baric

Rowing
Captain: Caleb McGrath
Vice Captains: Thomas Young;
Jaykeb Lench

Cricket
Captain: Blayde Baker
Vice Captains: Matthew Short;
Jack Peeters

JUNIOR SCHOOL

This year has been a most productive, challenging and exciting one for all of the 500 boys in the Junior School at St Patrick's College.



Mr John Richards
Head of Junior School

Once again, this year saw a starting enrolment of 250 new Year 7 boys eager to take on the many opportunities and challenges that that life at St Patrick's provides.

Many of them played a musical instrument for the first time; some of them may have taken up a new sport, such as rugby union, lawn bowls, or hockey. Some boys may have got out of their comfort zone and taken up the challenge to participate in public speaking and debating.

Some may have participated in the combined production of Fame which was conducted with our sister school Loreto College.

Whatever the involvement in our College, our boys have grown in all aspects, forged new relationships with peers and staff and developed a sense of independence that will stand them in good stead for the future.

As we are a Catholic school in the Spirit of Edmund Rice we welcome all boys who wish to honour our tradition, commit themselves to our values and contribute to our story.

Years 7 and 8 lay the foundation for all boys at St Patrick's and we are indeed fortunate to have staff who care deeply about the progress and wellbeing of the boys in these formative years.

Junior School is the first step along the educational journey at St Patrick's. During this time we instil in them what it is to be a St Patrick's boy by providing them with a wide curriculum and a broad co-curricular programme.

Thank you to all staff in the Junior School for their efforts in providing a quality education to the boys in Years 7 and 8. Particular thanks are extended to Year Level Coordinators at Year 8 Mr Jamie Lynn and Mr Peter Brady, and at Year 7 Mrs Jacinta Burge and Mr Gerry Willis for their untiring work in ensuring the day-to-day well-being of our boys.



Junior School students have thrived in a year full of positive and varied experiences as they settle into life at St Patrick's College.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

The St Patrick's College Middle School aims to be a significant and positive experience in the life of Year 9 students in our care, by allowing our students to reflect on their steps towards manhood.

The year is filled with positive experiences raising the boys' awareness of life and their growing responsibilities. Typifying our Year 9 Programme is the mantra of Respect, Responsibility and Awareness. Throughout the year our boys are encouraged, prodded and regularly challenged to make the transition from boyhood to manhood. The following short story could summarise this transition.

A father who was a coalminer took his son down the shaft into the underground pit where he worked. He said, "Wait here in this lit space, as I need to go along this tunnel." While the son was waiting for his

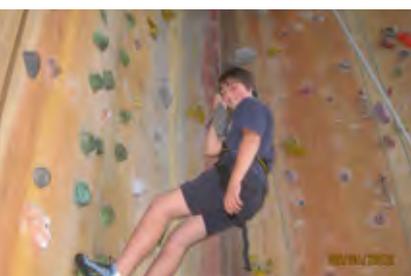
father to come back, the light in the mine failed. He was in pitch darkness and screamed out for his father. Down the tunnel, he heard his father's voice command him to start walking towards him. The boy cried out that he could not see anything. His father said, "Is the light on your helmet on?" The boy replied that yes it was, but it only threw light for one step ahead, and it was deep black beyond that. His father said, "Well, take that step." Of course the boy did, and cried that he could not see any further. His father said, "How much light can you see now?" The boy replied, "Only about a step." Back came the

instruction, "Well take that step." There was enough light just for one step at a time and, of course, by following the soothing advice, one step after the other, he finally reached the safety of his father's strong arms.

We would all prefer to see much further ahead. We want the road map and to know the short cuts. But usually we only have enough light for the next step. To get anywhere we must take that step. The challenge for our Year 9s is to reflect on what they are doing and determine what they need to do – maximising the light that is within them.



Mr Neal Arthurson
Head of Middle School



The Middle School year is filled with positive experiences raising the boys' awareness of life and their growing responsibilities.

SENIOR SCHOOL



Mrs Elizabeth Ryan
Head of Senior School

The Senior School of St Patrick's College commenced 2012 with a new look leadership team consisting of two year level coordinators assigned to each year level; Mr Michael Busscher and Mr Andrew Chamings at Year 12, Mr Gavin Webb and Mr Jeremy Daniels at Year 11 and Mr Howard Clark and Mrs Melissa Griffin at Year 10.

The team had, and has, in my opinion, the perfect balance of age, experience and enthusiasm.

Together with an experienced VCE Coordinator, Mr Hamish McCrum, and 27 dedicated pastoral care teachers, the team worked cohesively for the benefit of the boys.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank and acknowledge their hard work and dedication. The relocation of the leadership team to offices closer in proximity to the boys and each other allowed for positive mentoring, a pooling of expertise and a sharing of talent. Our mission was to ensure that we continued to accommodate and address the pastoral and learning needs of all the 632 students in our care.

What we strive to do each day here in the Senior School at St Patrick's College is to create an environment that allows each boy an opportunity to shine. Of course, we gloss this up with rhetoric and jargon like providing a

broad curriculum, a holistic, challenging and engaging education; being inclusive and the like, but our ultimate goal is to "Raise fine boys to the status of great men". To give all in the Senior School their moment to shine and be the best that they can be in things both great and small.

Subjects like VET Engineering, VET Music, VET Sport and Recreation and VET Building and Construction are now well established and well integrated into the core VCE curriculum, offering some boys the opportunity to study in areas more attuned to their interests and their long term work aspirations. The diversity of music programmes now available to students has seen high participatory levels across the Senior School, higher than I have experienced during my time at St Patrick's College.

Our sporting programmes continue to offer breadth and opportunity for all boys whether their interests lie in individual sports like clay shooting, golf, gymnastics and the like, or team sports like cricket, rugby, soccer, football and rowing. I would also like to acknowledge the 2012 student leadership group which consisted of Jack Owen (Captain), Ashley Simpson and Zac Weightman (Vice Captains) and all the House Captains who provided positive and creative leadership. The enthusiasm permeated and inspired all students particularly at significant whole school events like the School Athletics Carnival, the Swimming Carnival, Boat Race, First XI Cricket, First XVIII Football the Herald-Sun Shield, Edmund Rice Day and the Year 12 Formal.

1. Michael Cocomazzo and Charlie Powlett perform at the Valedictory Dinner. Participation levels in the music programme at Senior School level were high in 2012.

2. Senior School student Laiton Sullivan (Year 11) won this year's BAS Lap of the Lake – just one of the many wonderful achievements by Senior School students in 2012.

3. The 2012 Student Leadership team of Vice Captain Ashley Simpson, left, Vice Captain Zachary Weightman and Captain Jack Owe, right, set a high benchmark for other students to follow.



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SPORT

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE'S REPUTATION AS ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST FOOTBALL SCHOOLS HAS BEEN FURTHER ENHANCED AFTER FIVE YEAR 12 STUDENTS WERE SELECTED ON AFL LISTS IN 2012.



At the AFL National Draft students Michael Close, Tanner Smith and Martin Gleeson were all selected to join AFL clubs for the 2013 season.

They join classmates Jake Neade (Port Adelaide) and Dominic Barry (Melbourne) who were selected on senior AFL lists prior to the draft, during the trade period.

The first St Patrick's College student to have his name called out on November 22 was tall forward Michael Close who was selected at pick number 32 by the Brisbane Lions.

At pick number 36 the Fremantle Dockers selected key defender Tanner Smith and at pick number 53 Essendon selected Martin Gleeson.

Former student Daniel Nicholson, who studied at St Patrick's College in 2007 and 2008, was also elevated from the rookie list at Melbourne with pick number 71 in last night's draft.

The success at last month's draft means St Patrick's College will have at least 19 players on senior

lists in 2013 including Brad Crouch (Adelaide), Nicholas O'Brien (Essendon), Tom McDonald and Rory Taggart (Melbourne), Joshua Cowan (Geelong), Nick Suban (Fremantle), Nathan Brown and Clinton Young (Collingwood), Shaun Grigg (Richmond), Mitchell Brown and Matt Rosa (West Coast Eagles), Tom Downie (Greater Western Sydney) and Drew Petrie (North Melbourne).

In its history, the College has produced 96 footballers who have played VFL/AFL at the highest level but never before has it had five boys drafted in the same year.

Headmaster Dr Peter Casey said the College was delighted to have such a strong representation at the highest level.

"It is very encouraging to see so many of our students perform so well and achieve their dreams," Dr Casey said.

"As a College, we are always proud of the achievements of all our fine young boys who grow into great men in whatever field they choose."

St Patrick's College First XVIII coach Howard Clark congratulated all the boys on being drafted and said the College's partnership with the North Ballarat Rebels had worked perfectly to develop an ideal breeding ground for young football talent.

"It is terrific to have such prominent representation in the AFL and it is a strong endorsement for all the hard work we, as a College, put into our Football programme each year," Mr Clark said.

Top: Michael Close (Brisbane), Jake Neade (Port Adelaide), Dominic Barry (Melbourne) and Martin Gleeson (Essendon) join First XVIII coach Howard Clark (centre) at the 2012 Valedictory Dinner.

Left: Tanner Smith has been drafted to Fremantle.



BASKETBALL

St Patrick's College Senior Basketball Team won the 2012 BAS Grand Final with a convincing win over Ballarat Grammar.

Our team went into the game feeling confident after working extremely well together throughout the season and were away to a decisive start, quickly building a strong lead.

The match, which was played at the Ballarat High School courts, was a great example of schoolboy basketball with some of the outside shooting from the SPC team a real highlight.

The final score was:
SPC 67 d Ballarat Grammar 33.

The Basketball programme concluded its 2012 season with a presentation night in the OCA Pavilion on Monday, October 15. Guest speaker for the evening, former NBL and Ballarat Miners star Damon Lowery had the audience of more than 120 captivated as he recalled the lessons he had learned during nearly 30 years of competitive sport.

The following is a list of the awards that were presented on the night, with each Coach awarding a Most Valuable Player and Coaches Awards.

Year 7

SPC Blue

MVP: Jordan Johnston
Coach: Ryan Cox

SPC Green

MVP: James Curran
Coach: Lachlan Ross

SPC White

MVP: Jack Simpson
Coach: Lochlan Bobrowski

Year 8

SPC Blue

MVP: Harrison Loader
Coach: Riley Murphy

SPC Green

MVP: Samuel McMaster,
Coaches: Alexander Mooney
and James Parini

SPC White

MVP: Samuel Short
Coach: Thomas Williamson

Intermediate

SPC Blue

MVP: Zachary Carthew
Coaches: Thomas Thorogood
and Mitchell Ellis

SPC Green

MVP: Mitchell Hay
Coach: Matthew Peoples

SPC White

MVP: Jack Walter and
Christopher Milroy
Coach: William Jury

Senior

SPC

MVP: Ignatius Stewart
Coaches: Jack Saunders and
Tyler Constable

SPC Blue

MVP: William Gallagher
Coach: Liam Edwards

SPC Green

MVP: Luke Todd
Coach: Jarrah Staley

FOOTBALL - JOHN JAMES MEDAL

The importance of solid values as the foundation for success was the theme of the night when 250 people gathered for the 2012 John James Medal Count on Monday, September 10.

Former Geelong Football Club president Frank Costa delivered a stirring oration, imploring all involved in the St Patrick's College football programme to invest more effort in cultivating great people than any other endeavour.

Mr Costa explained how he rebuilt the Cats from their perilous position in the late 90s to become one of the powerhouses of the AFL. He said his formula for success at the club was the same as the one he applies to his fruit business and his family.

"Always find and invest in the best people, the ones with the best values – everything else will flow from there," Mr Costa said.

It is a message that has long been pivotal in the success of the St Patrick's Football Programme and was never more evident than in season 2012. Led by Howard Clark, the football programme this season enjoyed arguably its most successful season ever, culminating in the school winning its third successive Herald-Sun Shield Grand Final and dominating the BAS Football competition.

Jake Neade won the coveted John James Medal for best-on-ground in the BAS Grand Final while Nick Rippon won the race to be named best and fairest for the 1st XVIII in 2012.

1st XVIII B&F

Br W.T. O'Malley Best & Fairest
Nicholas Rippon

2012 John James Medal: Best on Ground BAS Grand Final
Jake Neade

Year 10 Most Promising Player
Daniel Butler

SPC Rebels Most Valuable Player
Matthew Crouch

2nd XVIII Best & Fairest (Greg Dowd Trophy)
Samuel Willian & Daniel Vearing

2nd XVIII B&F (White)
Daniel Vearing

2nd XVIII B&F (Blue)
Samuel Willian

Year 10 Intermediate Blue Best & Fairest
Daniel Butler

Year 9 Intermediate Green Best & Fairest
Benjamin Simpson

Junior Green Best & Fairest
Thomas Williamson

Junior White Best & Fairest
Hasker Dawborn

Junior Blue Best & Fairest
William Garner

Junior Gold Best & Fairest
Bradley Ward

Year 7 Ryan Best and Fairest
Jordan Johnston

Year 7 Galvin Best and Fairest
Aiden Domic

Year 7 Nunan Best and Fairest
Mitchell Tuddenham

Year 7 Keniry Best and Fairest
Joseph Dodd

Opposite left: The BAS Premiership winning senior basketball team with coach Mr Eric Hayes.

Opposite right: Former Geelong Football Club President Frank Costa was guest speaker at the 2012 John James Medal Night. He is thanked here by College Vice-Captain Ashley Simpson.

Right top: SPC opening batsman Mitchell Watt plays a classic forward defensive shot against the Crusaders.

Right Middle: Former Australian Test cricket legend Merv Hughes proved his pace bowling still had some zip when he took on the SPC team on the Main Oval.

Below: Year 10 student Nicholas Thacker is presented with his trophy by former Australian Test player Jim Higgs.

CRICKET

The SPC First XI has had a big start to the 2012/2013 season. The season began with our annual three-day tournament in Mildura against the Mallee-Murray Under 18 representative side, followed by our annual friendly against The Geelong College. The local BAS season has started well with the First XI winning all three of their 20/20 games to date as well as one out of the two one-day games.

One of the biggest events on the First XI calendar however, is the annual challenge match against the Crusaders cricket organisation. This side brings together former Australian test cricketers (Merv Hughes and Jim Higgs), former SPC Old Boys (Mathew Begbie, Dean Jennings and Justin Graham) and other top level cricketers from around the globe. The game saw SPC get off to a dream start with Aden Nestor removing Mathew Begbie first ball of the game and Dallas Willsmore picking up two wickets in one over to have the Crusaders 3/7.

The Crusaders however, rallied to post a competitive 157. Billy Hoye (2/20 from 8) bowled exceptionally well for SPC.

In reply Merv Hughes put the brakes on the SPC innings, showing that he has lost none of the control that made him one of Australia's great test bowlers, picking up 3/9 from his 10 overs. A middle order revival gave SPC a glimmer of hope with Matthew Noonan (31) and Billy Jones (25) putting on a solid 50 run partnership. Both boys then fell in quick succession putting the game all but beyond reach. Andrew Fay (21 from 20 balls) and Harli Givens (18 from 12 balls) gave SPC a glimpse but ultimately the boys ran out of overs finishing at 7/137.

The 1st XI now travel to Melbourne to take part in a two-day tournament (as well as a training session on the MCG) and, after the end of year holidays, return to take on SPC Launceston in the Breach Cup here at SPC.



HAT-TRICK

Year 10 student Nicholas Thacker created some history while playing for the Crusaders cricket team earlier this year.

In a game against Strathfieldsaye, in Bendigo, Nicholas took only the third ever hat-trick in the history of the Crusaders. One of his wickets was bowled, while the other two were lbw.

When the Crusaders came to play against St Patrick's College in November, they were sure to make a special presentation to Nicholas to honour his achievement.

The medium-pacer was presented with a commemorative trophy by former Australian Test leg spinner Jim Higgs (right).





ROWING

Arguably the greatest rower St Patrick's College has ever produced returned to the College on November 24 to christen a new boat named in his honour.

Five-time Olympian and triple Olympic-medallist Anthony Edwards (SPC 1985-90) spoke very passionately and fondly of his time at the College when he

christened the boat at the St Patrick's College Boatshed.

Anthony was an integral part of one of the College's most famous sporting moments as a member of the firsts crew which won the Head of the Lake in 1990 – the first St Patrick's crew to do so in 29 years. The famed boat from the race now holds pride of place, hanging from the

roof in the corridor outside the boarder's dining room.

In a surprising and much-welcomed gesture, Anthony donated back to the College his 1990 Firsts Crew cap and two race suits that he has worn in Olympic competition and at world championships. The College will ensure these previous items are displayed in a

prominent position, worthy of their importance.

Several other prominent Old Boy rowers attended the christening including Olympic silver medallist James Marburg (SPC 1995-2000), former Olympian Christian Ryan (SPC 1992-95) and former Under 23 World Champion Paul Myers (SPC 1990-95).

Top left: Anthony Edwards alongside his boat and the memorabilia he has donated back to the College.

Top right: Rowing greats, from left, Paul Myers, Christian Ryan, Anthony Edwards and James Marburg.

Right: First XI Hockey vice-captain Luke Polmear in action in the BAS Grand Final against Ballarat Grammar.

Far right: The First XI Hockey team before the grand final against Ballarat Grammar.



HOCKEY

What an exciting season for the participants of the First XI Hockey Team in 2012. Hockey players from three year levels participated to such an excellent standard that the SPC finished the season undefeated and well positioned to play the grand final. Unfortunately we were defeated by an exceptionally talented Ballarat Grammar, 2 goals to 0 in an exciting final. Our boys experienced the mixed emotions of making a grand final but losing to a team which was better on the day.

Captain Zac McMurray led the team this year, supported by Luke Polmear as Vice Captain. During each match our leaders displayed excellence in sportsmanship and skill while providing much valued moral support to the other players. Having the new Jo Walter Field as a practice pitch appeared to be having a positive effect in the early stage of the season and with new coach Nathan Gaeghan bringing his vast experience to the team, we began to develop some much needed skill and

match wisdom. One other most valuable contribution was made to the team's development by experienced player Aaron Salvatore. Aaron was our key full back, who also made a most diligent effort during training to spend time with the younger players to help them improve in their hockey.

The remaining players - Jordan Clark, Mark McOwan, Pat Farnan, Shaun Hocking, Ben Haintz, Kieran Missen, Nic Beaver, Christian Larkin, Liam

Noone, Isaac Sullivan, and Lachie Hewitt left an indelible mark on season 2012. Each week different players shone on-field, participating in a host of amazing teamwork and individual efforts. Most notably was Jordan Clark who brought an amazing level of pace, enthusiasm and skill to the team from his first match and also latecomer Liam Noone was a vibrant addition.

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Below: Bishop Paul Bird ordains James Kerr as a Deacon for the Diocese of Ballarat.

ORDAINING JAMES



St Patrick's College celebrated with the wider Ballarat Diocesan community on October 19, 2012 when former student James Kerr (SPC 2000-05) was ordained as a Deacon at St Patrick's Cathedral.

The ordination was conducted by Bishop Paul Bird, just three days after he himself was ordained as the new Bishop of Ballarat in the same Cathedral. Bishop Emeritus Peter Connors also assisted with James' ordination. The two bishops were joined by the Rector of Corpus Christi Seminary, Fr Greg Lane, dozens of priests, deacons and seminarians from the Ballarat and neighbouring dioceses.

James was clearly overjoyed throughout the ordination ceremony with many of his friends and family, including his parents Michael (a former teacher at St Patrick's College) and Francine present to support him.

Following is an edited copy of James' speech of thanks on the night:

"There are many people to whom I owe my thanks. Firstly thanks to all those who have helped with the ceremony this evening; to Sr Anne McMillan, the Cathedral parish, the musicians, sacristans, servers and caterers.

"Secondly, to our clergy. Thanks to Bishop Paul Bird for ordaining me. I am delighted, my Lord, that I can be the first to offer you my obedience and respect. May many more follow after me. Thanks to our Bishop Emeritus, Peter Connors, for your support and good humour during my years in the seminary so far. To Bishop

Emeritus Mulkearns and all the clergy of the Diocese, thank you for your welcome, especially to Fr Michael O'Toole for welcoming me into your home during my pastoral placement. To all the other priests who have travelled here tonight from Melbourne and Bendigo, to the seminary staff, especially my spiritual director Fr Pat O'Sullivan, and to the staff of the Catholic Theological College, thank you.

"Next, some communities deserve my thanks. Many thanks to the parish of St Mary's Colac, especially my feedback group and all those who welcomed me into their homes, to the Cathedral parish and the parishes of St James' Sebastopol and St

Macartan's Mornington. Thanks as well to the community of St Patrick's College, and to the Christian Brothers for their faithful witness to a life of celibacy and service, especially to Br Breach.

"More personally, thanks to my family and friends; to Nana, Mum and Dad, Dom and Kerrie, Tom and Sarah, Tim, Emma and Jess, as well of course Bridget, Amelia and Patrick.

"Finally, to my brother seminarians, especially my year mates. It is an honour to be with you men as we prepare to labour in God's harvest. I look forward to serving Christ and his people with you in future years."

FROM THE OCA



Rick Blanchfield
SPC-OCA President

As we welcome our most recent Year 12 students into the ranks of the Old Collegians I am pleased to reflect on the good fortune I had to complete my schooling at St Patrick's and become an Old Boy.

The many memories of my time at St Patrick's include Br Bill Wilding (pictured), Peter (Jake) Farley, Monday assemblies, 20km (!) walkathons, football bus trips, Latin etc, etc – but most of all, the camaraderie. These memories are hopefully similar for all our Old Boys

The Old Collegians Association attempts to maintain a link for all our past students with their alma mater by each year organising five, 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50-year reunions. This enables those in attendance to relive the

memories and continue to maintain the link with the school. Regional dinners and a Golf Day are also now traditional dates with all of the above being attended by representatives of the Old Collegians Association.

The Association's main focus is the Annual Legends night where the College honours those past students who have excelled in their professional life, or in their community service or in their sporting pursuits.

In 2012 we celebrated a "double-header" as, along with the Legends night held in the OCA Pavilion in May, where Peter Walsh, Bryan Thomas and Fr Brendan Davey were inducted, we also hosted the biennial Melbourne Legends dinner at Il Gambero restaurant in Carlton in August. On that occasion Bishop Brian Finnigan, jockey Patrick Payne and horse trainer Robert Smerdon were inducted as Legends.

All social functions require a great deal of planning and organisation both from our committee and the College's Development Office under the guidance of Paul Nolan and Caitlin Bennett. To them and to all our committee members I thank you for your continued support.

OCA GOLF DAY

The wind may have been a bit tricky, the greens may have been a bit challenging and the beer may have impeded a few swings, but still the quality of golf on display at the 11th Annual OCA Golf Day was of a high quality.

This year the event moved to Midlands Golf Club and a field of 15 teams hit the tees early on Sunday, November 11 to take on the challenging course.

Thanks to the very generous support of major sponsors – MOR Accountants, Kings Cars and Barker & Jennings Accountants – the field was competing for a host of quality prizes, including the chance to win a round for four at the prestigious Barwon Heads Golf Club.

Results:

Handicap section:

- 1st: Aydin Skaer, Drew Hawker, Joel Colliver, Matt Kelly - 54.25
- 2nd: Noel Ronan, Sean Klain, Brent Fitzpatrick, Ben Muceniaks - 57.625
- 3rd: Andrew Jones, Shawn Jones, Frank Jones, Robbie Slater - 60.25

Non-Handicap section:

- 1st: Mark Perry, Jason Benson, Robbie Burns, Craig Boucher – 64
- 2nd: Pat Nolan, Kyle Foley, Nick Sculley, Grant Bell – 68 (on cb)
- 3rd: John Davey, Rick Balchin, Alex Hunt, Chris Gleeson - 68



Top left: Winners are gridders: Handicap section winners were Aydin Skaer, Drew Hawker, Joel Colliver and Matt Kelly.

Top right: The winners of the non-Handicap section were Robbie Burns, Jason Benson, Mark Perry and Craig Boucher.

Left: Bill Walsh nails a drive down the middle of the 9th at Midlands.

Above: The team of Michael Ryan, Shane Hayes and Paul Bozic on the 7th at Midlands Golf Club.



WRAP OF THE REUNIONS

The St Patrick's College Old Collegians Association season of regional dinners and reunions ended on November 10 when the class of 1982 regathered after three decades.

It was a terrific night with more than 30 former students in attendance along with several former brothers including former Headmaster Br Bill Wilding.

The night also closed the chapter on a busy 2012 of organising

reunions and regional dinners for the Old Collegians Association.

Since the last edition of The Shamrock, the OCA has hosted regional dinners in Bendigo and Geelong as well as reunions for the 2002, 1992 and 1982 years.

All reunions were held in the OCA Pavilion and were well attended. Our "open mic" policy on the night, also ensured many great tales were told (some tall and some true), while many treasured memories were shared.

Remember to keep check on the SPC-OCA Facebook page (www.facebook.com/spcoca) to see regular photo galleries from all our events.

We look forward to seeing you at our functions in 2013.



1: 2002 College Captain Daniel Dwyer, left, made the trip down from Sydney to attend his 10-year reunion where he caught up with Dr Peter Casey and 2002 Vice Captain Chris McBrearty.

2: Dominic Saunders and Mick Every renewed old acquaintances at the Class of 1992 20-year reunion.

3: Christopher Leonard and Gerard Righetti at the 1992 reunion.

4: Simon Geljon and Alan Contreras shared a beer at the Class of 1992 reunion.

5: Damian Vodusek enjoyed a laugh at his 20-year reunion.

6: John Shannon and Dom Barba caught up with former teacher Br Kevin Woodruff at the Class of 1982 30-year reunion.

7: Ian Lewis, left, and Tim O'Leary, right, shared some memories with Br Shane Wood at their 30-year reunion.

8: 1982 College Captain Mick Baddeley relived fond memories at his 30-year reunion.

9: Brendan Stahl (SPC 1974 – 79) and Paul Armstrong (SPC 1969 – 74) were among those who attended the Geelong regional dinner.

10: Marcus Coppock (SPC 1967 – 72) shared a meal with Matthew Joordens (SPC 1980 – 83) at the Geelong regional dinner.

11: From left, Frank White (SPC 1947 – 49), John Gregory (SPC 1946 – 50) and John Fitzpatrick (SPC 1951 – 55) were among the guests at the Bendigo regional dinner.

12: OCA committee member Pat Nolan (SPC 2002 – 07) and 2008 College Captain Tom Kavanagh (SPC 2003 – 08) enjoyed the Bendigo regional dinner.



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 or email pnolan@stpats.vic.edu.au



WHERE ARE THEY NOW JAMES SPENCER



Right: 2007 College Vice Captain James Spencer has forged a career with the Brisbane Lions and spends game days in the coaches' box alongside Michael Voss.

JAMES Spencer never thought he would make the AFL as a footballer. And at the age of 23 it is probably fair to say that opportunity has passed. But that has never stopped him pursuing his dream job of becoming heavily involved in the world of AFL football.



By Pat Nolan
OCA Executive Member

James (SPC 2002-2007) has been a full-time employee of Brisbane Lions for about 12 months and says he has landed himself the "dream job".

Now a game analyst assistant for the Lions, the former College Vice-Captain is an integral part of the football club.

Having completed a double degree in Exercise and Sport Science and Commerce at Deakin University in Melbourne, James got his foot in the AFL door early and has never looked back.

At the end of 2009 he did work experience with the West Coast Eagles, organised with the help of close friend and former St Patrick's school mate Mitch Brown, who is still playing with West Coast.

This led to him working with the Eagles when they played in

Melbourne, before he gained a Sport Science Traineeship at the Victorian Institute of Sport.

From there he was employed full time at Brisbane and has never looked back.

In keeping a St Patrick's theme alive, James' job at Brisbane was once filled by another Old Boy in Ash Collins (SPC 2000-05), who now works with Collingwood Football Club.

"It's probably the next best thing to playing," James said.

"Growing up playing footy my whole life and even at St Pat's you live and breathe footy so working in the AFL is great.

"Not many places where you go to work and you are in the coaches' box on game day - as intense as it

can be - or occasionally have a kick with some of the boys.

"It's at times high pressure, but I guess it's the next best thing to playing. Working with some great AFL players and coaches can be daunting but everyone is so friendly and down to earth that it is just like being at your local footy club."

Although he is in the mix with some of football's greats nowadays, James still looks back at his time with the St Patrick's First XVIII with one particular fond memory.

"My claim to fame was kicking two late goals from two kicks when we beat College in the 2007 BAS grand final. Howard Clark threw me forward in the last quarter off the bench, I reckon I had two kicks and one handball for the game. That's been the pinnacle of my footy career."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The wedding of Jeremy Beggs (SPC 1994-99) and Jayne McDonald was conducted by Fr Barry Ryan at St Patrick's College Chapel with a reception in the OCA Pavilion on September 15. The wedding party included Dave O'Reilly (St Joseph's Geelong) and Jeremy's brothers Christopher (SPC 2000-05) and Timothy (SPC 2003-08) while youngest sister Emily and parents Kaye and Tony (current staff) attended. The couple met while volunteering on Edmund Rice Camps.
- 2000 College Captain Michael Ranger (SPC 1995-2000) recently married Renae Bott, with his uncle Fr Hal Ranger celebrating the nuptial mass.

The couple honeymooned in Africa, enjoyed a Tanzanian safari and hiked up Mt Kilimanjaro. The couple lives in Melbourne where Mick has a physiotherapy practice at the Whitten Oval.

- Congratulations to two members of the Brown family who are now engaged. 2004 College Captain Cameron Brown became engaged to Soph Harper in Daylesford in August. Cameron and Soph work in their own business with bases in Melbourne and Qatar. Cameron's younger brother Mitch (SPC 2002-07), a footballer with West Coast, announced his engagement to Shae Bolton in New York. Mitch's twin brother Nathan

(SPC 2002-07), a Collingwood footballer and OCA Legend, and his partner Liana Flood were at the announcement.

- Matthew Glenane (SPC 1997-2001) married Ebony Holt at the Katathani Resort in Phuket on October 26. The couple live in Western Australia.
- Chris Leach (SPC 2001-06) married Natasha Leonard on October 20, 2012 at St Bernard's Church, Belmont. Chris and Natasha are expecting their first child in March and have made their home in Geelong.
- Mark Van Hamond (SPC 1992-97) married Tiarni Blair on Saturday November 17, 2012 at the Wyndham Resort, Torquay.

The couple honeymooned on Hamilton Island and have made their home in Torquay.

- Tom Rice (SPC 1998-2002) married Puck Schwarz on July 7, 2012 in Wageningen, Netherlands. David Ryan (SPC 1997-2002), Anthony Lindorff (SPC 1997-2002) and Andrew Francis (SPC 1997-2002) flew to the Netherlands to celebrate the occasion. Tom and Puck honeymooned in St Tropez. Tom is a teacher at Arnhem International School while Puck teaches ballet. They continue to live in Wageningen, Netherlands.

FAREWELL TO A LEGEND

St Patrick's Cathedral was overflowing with mourners at Murray Byrnes' state funeral. Photos courtesy of *The Courier*.



HUNDREDS of mourners farewelled Old Boy, College Legend and Ballarat political and legal identity Murray Byrnes (SPC 1939-47) at a State Funeral at St Patrick's Cathedral following his death on November 7.

The former Member of the Legislative Council, Minister for Public Works, Development and Decentralisation and senior partner of the Byrne, Jones and Torney law firm was remembered as a pioneer of Ballarat industry. Murray died at age 84. He served in the Victorian parliament, representing Ballarat Province from 1958 until 1976, and helped bring major companies and industry to the region. During his time in Parliament, Murray served several stints as Acting Premier. Former Victorian premiers Jeff Kennett and Steve Bracks (SPC 1968-71) joined mourners. Ballarat Bishop Paul Bird led the Catholic Mass of requiem which was followed by a private burial. Current St Patrick's College

Board Member Andrew Byrne (SPC 1970-75) and Jane Hamilton delivered loving eulogies to their father, remembering him as dedicated to his wife Adele and eight children. "Our father was not strongly political but was drawn to a political life as he felt this was a way he could make a difference," Andrew said. "Dad was a people person and loved helping others. "Over his lifetime, I was always amazed that no matter where he was in public people would come up to dad and thank him for what he did for them, their family and their local community." Ms Hamilton said life was exciting with her father around. "Dad was big in so many ways: he

was a big thinker, had big ideas and most of all he was big-hearted," she said. Headmaster Dr Peter Casey said Murray would forever be remembered as one of the greatest and most successful graduates from the College. "We would like to send our prayers and thoughts out to Murray's wife Adele and to the entire Byrne family," Dr Casey said. "St Patrick's College is enormously proud to have been closely involved with several generations of the Byrne family stretching back to when Murray was a student here." Murray has two grandsons currently studying at the College – Paddy Byrne in Year 9 and Jack Widdison in Year 10.

OBITUARIES

• The Old Collegians Association was saddened to hear of the passing of former student William Joseph Knight (SPC 1957-60) earlier this year. Bill had operated a motor repairs business, B&D Auto Service in Nunawading for more than 30 years. He retired in March 2012 but shortly after was diagnosed with lung cancer. He died on May 27. Bill's wife Denise said he was proud to be a St Patrick's Old Boy and was very proud of the achievements of many of his former

classmates. Bill is survived by Denise and son Matthew and grandchildren Laura, Taylah and Mason.

• We were also saddened to learn of the death of former parent Frederick (Fred) Arthur Coppock, of Ballarat, aged 83 years. Fred died on November 1, 2012 at Nazareth House. As Fred was a carpenter he helped out at many working bees at the College in the 60s and 70s. Fred was the father of old boys Marcus (SPC 1967-72) Gavin (SPC 1970-75) and

Brendan (SPC 1972-76). Fred was also an uncle to former students Andrew O'Brien (SPC 1973-78), Simon O'Brien (SPC 1976-81), former staff member and rowing coach Chris O'Brien (SPC 1980-85) and Michael Rinaldi (SPC 1968). Fred was also a grandfather to current Year 11 student Leigh Thornton.

• The OCA is also mourning the death of former student Frank Stodolny (SPC 1973-78) who passed away on April 30, 2012.

• Stokie – Brian (SPC 1957-65) passed away on April 10, 2012. Brian, a former Public Servant enjoyed retirement at home in Melton. Brian's brothers attended the College Peter (SPC 1957-63) and Michael (SPC 1951-57) as well as his sons Paul (SPC 1989-94) Matthew (SPC 1993-98) and Luke (SPC 1995-2000).



NOBS BREAK FLAG DROUGHT

Above: NOBs representatives visited the College in October with the premiership cup they won in the VAFA this year and met with some of our First XVII stars. From left, NOBs treasurer Bernie Skahill, year 12 student Jake Neade, First XVIII coach Howard Clark, NOBs coach Richard Peoples, NOBs President Lee Iaftrate and Year 12 student Michael Close.

Below: The band, Gold Fields, featuring four Old Boys is making waves in America.

A premiership drought for the North Old Boys-St Patrick's College Football Club ended with victory in the grand final of Division 1 in the Victorian Amateur Football Association. The 18-point win over Peninsula was the club's 18th in a row and earned them elevation to the Premier C level of the VAFA.

It was the club's first premiership in 30 years and represents the first time in 15 years the club has earned promotion. NOB's coach Richard Peoples (SPC 1983 – 89) told the Moreland Leader the victory was just reward for hard work after the club had nearly hit rock bottom.

Final scores:
North Old Boys/
St Patrick's 16.13 (109)
def
Peninsula 13.13 (91)

Representatives of the NOBs brought the premiership trophy to the College on October 18 and spoke with our footballers about the opportunity to play with the club in 2013. Richard Peoples joined club President Lee Iaftrate (SPC 1974 – 79) and treasurer Bernie Skahill to meet our current stars in the College Dining Room.

VIRAL OLD BOY

Congratulations to Old Boy Daniel Hoare (SPC 1991-92) who, in his role as Communications Manager for Metro Trains, was involved in the new safety campaign which went viral on the internet. The "Dumb Ways to Die" campaign, launched on November 16 by Metro, had more than 4.7 million YouTube views in its first three days. Congratulations Daniel for being involved in such great work. Watch the ad here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IjNR2EpS0jw>

RACE DAY

The annual St Patrick's College Old Collegians Association Pakenham Race Day will be held on Saturday, January 5 featuring races honouring the memory of Br W.T. O'Malley and the admired and missed 'Legend' David Bourke, CBE. As in previous years old boys, family and friends are encouraged to enjoy the day in the name of St Patrick's. The OCA, through Gavan Bourke, is organising a luncheon at the course. To organise a ticket please contact Gavan on 5941 1146 or PO Box 203, Pakenham, 3801. Bookings are essential. Tickets are \$50 which includes entry, a racebook and lunch.

OLD BOY ELECTED

Former St Patrick's College student Joshua Morris (SPC 1995 – 2000) was elected to the City of Ballarat Council in October. Cr Morris' election in October coincided with his 30th birthday. A father of three, Cr Morris is currently working as a teacher at Darley Primary School while also running a small business named Sanitas First Aid.

GOLD FIELDS BLITZ US

We encourage Old Boys to support Gold Fields - a band of former students which has spent the past few months touring the US. Four of the five band members - Mark Fuller, Vin Andanar, Rob Clifton and Luke Peldys - attended SPC from 2001 to 2006 and have become one of the hottest young bands on the Australian music scene. They are launching a new album, entitled "Black Sun" in January and were even mentioned in the New York Times. The link to that story is: <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/10/22/arts/music/cacophonous-declarations-of-independents.html>



RESHAPING A LANDMARK

An Old Boy is playing an integral role in reshaping what was once one of Ballarat's prominent landmarks. Alan Mihaljevic's (SPC 1988 – 93) property development company is constructing an 18-lot residential estate on the site of the former grain silos in Gregory St, Wendouree. Alan told The Courier it was good to see progress at the site. "It's been a bit of a point of discussion around town, especially with the issue of the old silos," he said. The works will be completed next year.

JAMES RETIRES

Olympic Medallist and College Legend James Marburg (SPC 1995-2000) has announced his retirement from international rowing. James, a silver medallist at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, told The Courier he would quit rowing and become a lawyer. James is living in Melbourne but said he one day hopes to return to Ballarat.

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. As we head into 2013, 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'. With Christmas the time for giving, any 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 invites you to complete this reply form, which will be treated with the utmost confidentiality, and return it to:

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- I wish to advise that I have included St Patrick's College (Ballarat) Foundation Incorporated as a beneficiary in my will.
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- 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: _____



VALE TO AN SPC LEGEND



Murray Byrne

(1928 – 2012)

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