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Top shot!
The SPC Concert Band 1 fits in some last minute rehearsals ahead of the inaugural SPC in Concert event which was held at the Ballarat Mechanics' Institute on August 7.



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Front Cover:

The SPC First XV celebrates its amazing come-from-behind premiership win in the Division 2 Grand Final of the Victorian Schools' Rugby Union Championships. On a fantastic day on August 10, the College hosted the grand finals for the first time, featuring around 500 players and nearly 2000 spectators. Full report on pages 24 and 25.



Welcome to the second edition of *the Shamrock* for 2013

Faith.
Tradition.
Excellence.
Joy.

All that we do at St Patrick's College is based upon these four pillars. We believe when the synergy between the four is at its best, it leads to a culture of success.

The past few months, since the last edition of *The Shamrock*, have certainly been filled with success, across all facets of life at St Patrick's College.

Whether it be the recipients of the Chris Nolan Awards, or the members of the College bands who staged a brilliant concert, or the cast of Sweeney Todd, or any one of our countless sporting teams - they have all tasted significant degrees of success over the winter months.

It has been an exciting time to be involved in St Patrick's College as, week after week, our students and staff, our Old Boys and parents, give us more and more reason to feel pride at how they are living according to our four pillars.

We now hope this edition of *The Shamrock* does justice to all that has been achieved and gives you a taste of what life is like at St Patrick's College. We hope you enjoy reading it.

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Headmaster's column



Dr Peter Casey
Headmaster

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Dear Friends

Through the various media now available to us, many of you are aware of the manner of our progress and our flourishing community. The highs include the obvious for St Patrick's College: Rugby, Football, Soccer, Basketball and the other winter sports have brought broad participation, great spirited comebacks, and scoreboard success. After all, this is how many people define us.

Not surprisingly, but not quite as publicly acclaimed, we first enjoyed the spectacular Sweeney Todd and then the inaugural SPC in Concert at the Ballarat Mechanics' Institute was a moving celebration of our students' talent in musicianship: playing, conducting and compering with great aplomb and flair. The same self-confidence was evident at the recent Chris Nolan Awards Assembly where we celebrated the achievements of 221 of our students from Year 7 to VCE. The presence of Chris Nolan and his parents, Jack and Mary, adds significantly to the joy of the occasion.

It has been a social time of late with the Year 12 Formal, Year 10 social, and Year 9 social. More importantly we have been in the news for seeking to

be socially just: asylum seekers in Broadmeadows, the 40-hour famine, a night of homelessness, and planning for the Alternative Schoolies Week working in Vanuatu are some of the issues which made news within and without the College.

In planning for life after St Patrick's College, the Careers Expo, Year 10 interviews, subject selections and work experience are all part of what we do to inform our decision-making processes.

It is through some of these regular activities that we have the unsung champions. At assembly recently I quoted the principal of Darley Primary School singing the praises of two of our Year 10s on Work Experience. I also quoted from my conversation with a bus traveller who could not help but ring to say how pleasantly surprised she was that three young men would stand to offer her a seat, while carrying themselves well in full uniform worn with evident pride. Many things that we take for granted and label as politeness and good manners are celebrated by the wider community. St Therese of Lisieux made her name by aspiring to do the simple things well. Just so, while we enjoy the acclaim and the banner

headlines for our students and Old Collegians' fine achievements, our true greatness lies in the number of our boys who toil away honestly, doing everything asked of them and more to the best of their ability.

As parents and teachers we are truly blessed in the opportunities that present themselves to us in our students. Just so, our students are truly blessed in the way that they can respond to the breadth of opportunities that present themselves daily, both on the grand arena and the daily tedium.

**Patience and joy.
Peter**

Above: A trial roll-out of iPads to Junior School students was conducted earlier in the year and looks set to be expanded further in the future.

Below from left: VET Certificate III in Music student Peter Leighton performs during the VET concert on July 29 – another example of remarkable opportunity for students at St Patrick's.

Year 9 students have been having dance lessons in the OCA Pavilion with students from Loreto College in the lead-up to their formal.

The SPC First XI soccer team has once again won through to the BAS grand final where we will take on Ballarat Clarendon College.





The inaugural “SPC in Concert” was held at the Ballarat Mechanic’s Institute, in the Minerva Theatre on Wednesday, August 7.

This night was a concert dedicated solely to showcasing the College’s fine musicians, bands and ensembles.

The night included performances by soloists on a variety of instruments, the vocal ensemble, percussion ensemble, woodwind ensemble, both guitar ensembles, the stage band and both concert bands.

It has been acclaimed as a roaring success for all

involved with all of the boys having a rare opportunity to play to a sold-out crowd.

Furthermore, the boys were able to experience performing in the newly restored theatre at the Mechanic’s Institute, which is an amazing space for both performers and audience members.

We look forward to conducting similar concerts in the future.

Top left: Year 12 student Jakob Baric performed at the inaugural SPC in Concert.

Top right: Thomas Thorpe is a Year 12 student and has been the College’s principal flautist for three years.

Above: Year 12 student Andrew Groch conducts the Concert Band 1 during last minute rehearsals ahead of the SPC in Concert performance.



Mr Bradley Murray
Music teacher



Chris Nolan Awards



Mr Stephen Hill
Deputy Headmaster -
Teaching and Learning

Above: Year 12 students receive their awards.

Opposite: 1985 College Captain Chris Nolan was delighted to attend the academic awards assembly named in his honour. He is pictured here alongside his great mate and co-founder of the Meredith Music Festival Greg Peel and his father Jack Nolan.

Below: Year 7 student Emmett Macklin received his first Chris Nolan award at the assembly.

Chris' mother Mary Nolan addressed the full school community at the assembly.



On August 6 we gathered to recognise and celebrate the academic achievements of the 221 Years 7-12 boys whose level of achievement in all Semester One assessment tasks resulted in them being in the top 15% of their year level and therefore eligible for a Chris Nolan Award.

It is worth taking time to explain what each boy who received a Chris Nolan Award did to achieve this recognition. Take one of our Year 8 boys as an example. The typical Year 8 student received a percentage result for some 40 assessment tasks, completed in 11 different subjects, in Semester One. The highest average result for a Year 8 boy was 90%. The boy who attained this result did so by completing over 40 assessment tasks to a very high standard in all areas of the curriculum - a truly outstanding example of academic excellence and one thoroughly deserving of recognition.

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

Chris Nolan graduated from St Patrick's College in 1985 as College Captain. He completed his Law Degree at Monash University and went on to practice law in Vietnam. Chris continues to be highly respected by his classmates and teachers for his commitment and enthusiasm to all aspects of College life. Chris demonstrated his intelligence and ingenuity shortly after leaving St Patrick's through his role as one of the co-founders of the Meredith Music Festival. In 1996, after several years in Vietnam, Chris acquired severe brain injuries from a viral infection leading to total organ failure.

Chris is profoundly disabled physically and in his communication systems. With the continued support of his family and carers, Chris has continued to fight against these disabilities and has developed various means of communication. Chris and his family are actively involved in developing awareness and support for young people with acquired brain injuries.

During his time at St Patrick's, Chris clearly exemplified the pursuit of excellence across a range of our important educational programmes and activities. I am pleased that Chris and his family joined us on this day to witness the presentations and to applaud the boys who receive them.

The following boys received a Chris Nolan Award:

2013 Semester One Year 7 Chris Nolan Award recipients:

Ryan Andrew
Harry Augustine
Paul Brown
Jack Burgess
Shaun Burgess
Samuel Canny
Bradley Castleman
Thomas Dunne
Joshua Findlay
Joel Fitzgerald
Mitchell Furlong
Declan Gannon
Nicholas Gaylor
Edan Huggett
Damian Johnson
Jesse Keem
Elliott Lamb
Blake Lim
Charlie Lloyd
Fletcher Loadewr
Conlon Love
Emmet Macklin
Samuel McCrum
Will McLoughlin
Ryan Mulheron
Charles Nimmo
Jacob Nolan
Dean O'Brien
Joel O'Connell
Xavier O'Shea
Briley Patullo
Mitchell Ralston
Nate Rienets
Dil Shah
Zac Stinchcombe
Lachlan Suttie
Nathan Suttie
Samuel Williams

2013 Semester One Year 8 Chris Nolan Award recipients:

Joshua Allen
Tyrone Baynes
Nicholas Carta
James Catterson
Lachlan Conlan
Austin Constable
Samuel Coxall
Corey Davie
Kali Dawborn
Joshua DeVoogel
Ryan Dewar
Joseph Dodd
James Duffy
Joshua Duggan
Max Edwards
Nicholas Elliott
Lachlan Frawley
Lachlan Furlong
Declan Hanrahan
Thomas Hughes
Mason Joyce
Jack Lalor
Brandon Lauton
Jeremy Learmonth
Alan Martin
James Meagher
Ryan Montgomery
Brady Mulheron
Harrison Murphy
Brandon Pryor
Isaac Quick
Patrick Reeves
Cameron Rennie
Lachlan Reynolds
Samuel Rousch
Brenton Ryan
Tiernan Somers
Caelan Thompson
Hayden Thompson
Mitchell Tuddenham
Henry Ward
Corey White
Matthew Whiteford

2013 Semester One Year 9 Chris Nolan Award recipients:

Cameron Adams
Liam Cappello
Nathaniel Corboy
Hasker Dawborn
Louis Edwards
Brandon Falland
Jarrod Gillingham
Liam Haintz
Tynan C Haintz
Thomas Hallett
Liam Hanrahan
Daniel Hillman
Troy Keem
Patrick Keogh
Timothy Liston
Lawrence McCrabb
William McCuskey
Emerson McMaster
Samuel McMaster
Alexander Mooney
Connor Murphy
Riley Murphy
Jacob Norman
Jarrod O'Brien
David O'Doherty
Liam O'Shea
James Parini
Benjamin Parish
Cormac Prendergast
Alexander Richardson
Marcel Schlooz
Samuel Short
Lucas Shugg
Callum Smith
William Sullivan
Joshua Taylor
Bradley Tuohey
Patrick Walsh
Harrison Waters
Patrick Willis
Matthew Wong
Luke Wynd

Headmaster's Excellence Awards



2013 Semester One Year 10 Chris Nolan Award recipients:

Shaun Ainley
 Nicholas Anokye
 Jayden Boak
 William Briggs
 Mitchell Canny
 Patrick Collier
 Jacob Coxall
 Sam Cranage
 Tom Evans
 Nicholas Frawley
 Lachlan Fuller
 Kelsey Gannon
 Callum Holland
 William Jury
 Christopher Kan
 Jarrod Kemp
 Samuel Laidlaw
 Jake Leontiew
 Abraham Lewis
 Timothy Martin
 Lachlan McIntyre
 Samuel Mewett
 Jordan Purcell
 Jarman Reid
 Ryan Ringin
 Joshua Rix
 Thomas Schreenan
 Samuel Seymour-Quest
 Dominic Slater
 Mitchell Steele
 Adam Stevens
 Zac Ticehurst
 Thomas Wakefield

2013 Semester One Year 11 Chris Nolan Award recipients:

David Adams
 Connor Aitken
 Zachary Carthen
 Hamish Clydesdale
 Harry Cousens
 Bradley DeVries
 Ashley Duffy
 Liam Duggan
 Liam Edwards
 Matthew Hall
 Liam Hanrahan
 Liam Jess
 Michael Kan
 Thomas Keogh
 Matthew Lakey
 Joshua Leviston
 Paul Liston
 Benjamin Martin
 Thomas McDonough
 Thomas McMaster
 Thomas Mooney
 Scott Murphy
 Solomon Nunes
 Luke Pelchen
 Louis Powlett
 Harrison Robertson
 Martin Ryan
 Michael Snaith
 Angus Thompson
 Damon Williamson
 Aidan Willowwhite
 Samuel Wines
 Elliott Yeung

2013 Semester One Year 12 Chris Nolan Award recipients:

Kyle Andrews
 Jakob Baric'
 James Burge
 Samuel Burzacott
 Gerard Clifford
 Timothy Crowe
 Andrew Fay
 Louis Gillett
 Andrew Groch
 Jack Harrison
 Kyle Kemp
 Mitchell Kennedy
 James Keys
 Oscar McDonald
 Mark McOwan
 Adam Murphy
 Peter Oakley
 Jarryd O'Dowd
 Timothy O'Shea
 Mitchell Ryan
 Timothy Ryan
 Harrison Spratling
 Connor Squires
 Ryan Stacey
 Jarrah Staley
 Patrick Tansey
 Thomas Thorpe
 Daniel Toohey
 Xavier Vearing
 Joseph Walsh
 Nicholas Whelan
 Luke Wilson

The second part of the August 6 assembly provided us with the opportunity to recognise and acknowledge the academic excellence of the highest ranked student(s) in each VCE Unit 3 study with a VCE Unit 3 Headmaster's Excellence Award.

The following boys were recipients of a 2013 Semester One VCE Unit 3 Headmaster's Excellence Award:

David Adams
 VET Certificate III in Music

Kyle Andrews
 Business Management Food Technology

Jacob Baric
 Japanese

James Burge
 Religion and Society

Gerard Clifford
 Accounting

Timothy Crowe
 Literature Mathematical Methods (CAS) Music Style and Composition Physics Specialist Mathematics

Alexander Fiegert
 Information Technology - IT Applications

Louis Gillett
 English

Jimi Gregg
 Studio Art

Andrew Groch
 Chemistry

Jack Harrison
 Media

Thomas Hoy
 Visual Communication and Design Studio Art

Joshua Jones
 Systems Engineering

Paul Liston
 VET Certificate III Engineering Studies

Joshua Manzl
 Vocational English

Jarrod McArdle
 Health and Human Development

Oscar McDonald
 Biology

Nicholas McMaster
 Economics

Mark McOwan
 Chemistry

Nicholas Moriarty
 Art

Scott Murphy
 Australian History

Peter Oakley
 VET Certificate III in Music

Jarryd O'Dowd
 Information Technology - Software Development Legal Studies

Harrison Robertson
 Health and Human Development

Angus Rooney
 Economics

Jarrah Staley
 Text and Traditions

Thomas Thorpe
 History - Revolutions

Daniel Toohey
 Product Design and Technology

Justin Williams
 Health and Human Development

Aiden Willowwhite
 Further Mathematics

Luke Wilson
 Physical Education

Samuel Wines
 Outdoor and Environmental Studies

Mother's Day Delight



The morning started with a Mass in the Chapel, celebrated by Fr Ben Johnson. In what has become one of the major highlights on our liturgical calendar the Chapel was filled to capacity as mothers and sons spent valuable time together.

cater for. However, following the success of this year's breakfast and the idea of having three separate dining areas, we are now confident that we can continue to grow the function even further in coming years."

The College's Director of Community Development Paul Nolan said it was very rewarding to see the popularity of the annual event.

Any fathers envious of the success of the 2013 Mother's Day event should be aware that they too can have their turn at celebrating Mass and breakfast with their sons when the College hosts its annual Father's Day event on Friday, September 6. Anyone interested in attending that event is urged to call the College before the end of August and reserve your place.

"The Mother's Day Mass and Breakfast is our one major annual opportunity to really honour the many hours of work mums contribute to making sure their boys perform at their best at the College," Mr Nolan said.

"We are very grateful of everything all our mothers at the College do so we are delighted to be able to host them for this special morning each year.

Gallery: There were hundreds of happy, smiling faces as more than 500 people enjoyed this year's Mother's Day Mass and Breakfast. The large attendance meant the College hosted breakfast in three separate rooms around the school.

"We were initially worried that the popularity of the event meant it was getting more and more difficult to

The College was delighted to host a record turn-out of more than 500 mothers (and grandmothers) and their sons at the 2013 Mother's Day Mass and Breakfast held on Friday, May 10.

The surging interest in the event was so strong that, for the first time, the College needed to split up the crowd into three separate areas to enable everyone to enjoy their sit down breakfast.

More than 220 people dined in the OCA Pavilion, a further 180 ate in the Dining Room while a further 120 gathered in the canteen area. All seemed to thoroughly enjoy the fine smorgasbord of breakfast delights our catering team had worked so hard to prepare.



Edmund Rice Day

On May 3 we celebrated Edmund Rice Day at St Patrick's College. We were extremely proud of all the boys who attended and contributed to these events. The generosity shown by students and their families in raising money for those less fortunate for Edmund Rice Day was outstanding. The boys should also be very proud of their efforts. Whilst there is still money coming in, the initial total is in excess of \$38,500.

My thanks to the members of the Mission Team for their organisation of the Edmund Rice Day Mass. Unfortunately, due to the size of the school it is impossible to find a church which can accommodate all of us which means that we have less opportunity to celebrate whole school liturgies. These are fantastic occasions and remind us all of the importance of our faith dimension within a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition.

Whole school occasions such as these are crucial in developing the Edmund Rice spirit in our boys, an essential feature of a Catholic School in the

Edmund Rice tradition. As part of the College Crest the Latin words, Facere et Docere, are translated to mean 'To Do and To Teach'. This was certainly brought home to me when we had a significant number of boys involved in raising funds for those in need. In a broader sense this means that we encourage students to do their best in all aspects of College life whether it be academic performance or any co-curricular activity. We can certainly commend the students who participated in our Edmund Rice day for living up to the high standards we expect of them.

Along with the fund-raising walkathon, the other major activity on the day was the staging of the St Patrick's Has Talent competition. Once again our talent quest was a huge success and I thank all involved with the organisation of the event. The winners were:

3rd place: 30.5 points - Nikola Baric

Equal 2nd place: 31 points - Henry North and Jake Crawford; Louis Edwards and James McKinnon.

Joint winners: 35 points - Luke Wilson; Band consisting of Lachlan Murphy, Jack Gunn and Peter Oakley.

Congratulations to all involved on the day.

Above: Teacher Michael Weadon offers Communion during the Edmund Rice Day Mass.

Below: (clockwise from top left) The judging panel casts their eyes over the talent on display in the W.T. O'Malley Sports Centre.

This band comprising of Lachlan Murphy, Jack Gunn and Peter Oakley were equal winners of the St Patrick's Has Talent competition.

Year 7 student Nikola Baric finished third in the St Patrick's Has Talent competition.

Some students wore costumes to provide even more colour and atmosphere to the Edmund Rice Day activities.

Students were happy to pose for the camera during the Edmund Rice Day walkathon.

Fr Benjamin Johnson celebrates Mass with the full school community on Edmund Rice Day.



Mr Chris Caldwell
Deputy Headmaster - Staff and Student Wellbeing

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Year 9 Melbourne Experience

A taste of the big city



Liam O'Shea
Year 9 student

It's not every day a Year 9 student is happy to get out of bed extremely early, but just weeks ago this was the case for 250 boys!

The reason was the Year 9 Melbourne Experience. It was just as exciting as the talk and hype around it suggested. Any St Patrick's boy who has been at the College since Year 7 would have heard about this week.

All Melbourne's greatest scenes in the space of just one week would be seen in great detail and toured by the boys of St Patrick's, such as the Shrine of Remembrance, the MCG, Federation Square and the National Gallery of Victoria just to name a few.

By seeing all of these things in tremendous detail, students would

gain a new sense of appreciation. Sure, everyone had their favourite spots because they had an interest in them, but people would enjoy everything they saw in Melbourne and learn about them in detail. One could not simply help but enjoy being in the MCG change rooms for example, a place probably only seen through cameras.

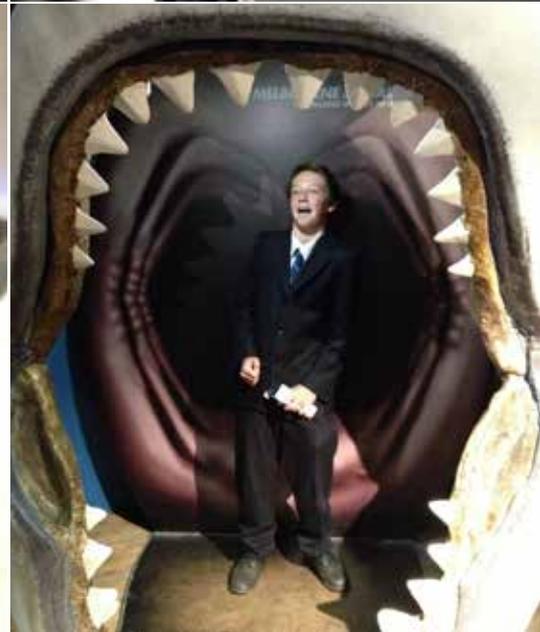
We were also given the freedom to go and explore Melbourne for ourselves, visit places we'd always wanted to and get ourselves there via public transport.

Beneath all this enjoyment, was the fact we had learnt more about Melbourne's history in a week by being out there, enjoying it and seeing it ourselves than what we could have learnt in a whole year by sitting at tables and looking through books.

What is even more remarkable is the fact every Year 9 student has learnt what will probably be a critical life skill of how to get around in Melbourne from A to B with no problem at all.

It is for all these reasons why the Melbourne experience was more than just a success, it was a moment in all the Year 9s' lives which they'll treasure, remember and use later in their lives.

Below: Late in Term 2 all Year 9 students were involved in our Melbourne Experience programme which gave them experience in the big city environment and enabled them to visit many of Melbourne's landmarks including the National Gallery of Victoria, the Aquarium and, of course, the MCG.





Night of Homelessness

On May 30, the majority of Year 10 students arrived at 7:30pm in the canteen to begin a night we all knew would be a test of character and mental strength. I do not think however, that anyone could have known how deeply it would affect us individually.

Rugged up in our warmest clothes and blankets, we complained about the cold and wind, sparing little thought for the actual homeless around Ballarat who are forced to endure even worse conditions than those in which we found ourselves.

The night started with an activity designed for us to experience the loneliness homeless people have to live with for most of their lives. While an hour of silence may be a challenge for some people, the activity couldn't hope to achieve the same sense of loneliness as the homeless, especially when we had all our friends accompanying us. I used this time to reflect upon how hopeless and alone the many

disadvantaged people in our society must feel, as well as how lucky I am to have friends and family supporting me in decisions I make.

We later broke into groups and went to various locations around the school to begin the main portion of the night, which soon became more gruelling than we anticipated. Being exposed to the elements immediately took a toll on us, and it felt like the more we tried to get warm, the colder we got. Trying to sleep was even harder as every 20 minutes we were told to move on elsewhere by a staff member. This simulated the way homeless people are removed from places during the night by police or security.

At midnight, Craig Schepis, the president of the Ballarat Soup Bus came to give us an insight on what he does for the homeless community around Ballarat. We also received a cup of soup and bread to help combat the cold.

We then returned to our groups and resumed our attempt of getting some sleep before morning came around. I doubt anyone had more than three hours, and that was with all our clothes and blankets to keep us warm, our friends close by, and a sense of security inside the school boundary; luxuries that many homeless people must go without.

Reflecting upon a Night of Homelessness I think I gained a very small insight on what it would be like to be marginalised in society and homeless. While we all felt a bit cold and did not get much sleep, the reality for many people is drastically worse and there really is no way for us to know how it feels to be alone without friends or family, tired, hungry or scared and not knowing what the future might hold. I speak for all of the Year 10s when I say that the Night of Homelessness will stay with us for the rest of our lives.



Kelsey Gannon
Year 10 student

Above: Year 10 students rugged up in whatever warm clothes they could find and then tried (usually without success) to find comfort anywhere they could as they endured the 2013 Night of Homelessness.

National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week and its importance for St Patrick's College and the nation was recognised during a special ceremony held at the College on May 29.

Recognising and embracing the 37 indigenous students that attend St Patrick's College in Ballarat, the junior and senior schools paid tribute to the rich culture and history of Indigenous Australians.

St Patrick's College Headmaster Dr Peter Casey said the national reconciliation week was an important occasion.

He told the students and invited guests that the ceremony was a symbolic way to "offer our respect to each other and respect our differences."

College Indigenous Education manager Rick Balchin said St Patrick's College's indigenous programme was

an outstanding example of how it gave indigenous students the opportunity "of a future, higher education and a chance to go back and lead by example."

Marking the special occasion, senior college student Liam Flanagan led the first reconciliation prayer, while College captain Peter Oakley and fellow student Donovan Jones lit a candle.

Also involved in the special occasion, a number of students including Mickitja Rotamah-Onus, Joshua Clarke, Chris Saunders, Daniel Rioli, Cameron Tranter and Shaquille Kruger draped the Aboriginal colours over the wooden cross.

Fellow students, Shane McAuliffe, Daniel Abbott and Zac Healey handed out gum leaves as a symbol to "nurture and protect our land into the future".



The College's Director of Mission, Geoff Brodie told the crowd that true reconciliation would arise "when our hearts and mouths no longer say 'they' but 'we'."

"We pray for this grace today, that the love of God may flood into our hearts so we may recognise the unmistakable dignity of all."

Above: Year 11 student Shaquille Kruger and Year 10 student Christopher Saunders participate in the St Patrick's College ceremony for National Reconciliation Week.



Work Experience



Mr Anthony Meehan
Careers and Transition
Co-ordinator

In March all Year 10 students prepared for work experience by undertaking the DEECD's mandatory online health and safety program - safe@work. After having successfully completed the required testing for the jobs they would be entering at the end of Term 2, the Year 10s set about locating suitable placements in a challenging economic climate. This year, more than any previous years, placements appeared to be scarce. More and more university students compete for these practical placements as part of their courses and receive priority with professional firms.

However when the time came to 'get working' 167 students could show that the hard yards had paid off in gaining placements and went off to local, regional, city and interstate locations. The most popular destination was (of course) Ballarat and the most distant places were Cann River to the east, Heywood to the west, and north to Moss Vale over the border in NSW. Over one quarter of placements occurred outside the Ballarat district and 24 students ventured into the 'big smoke'.

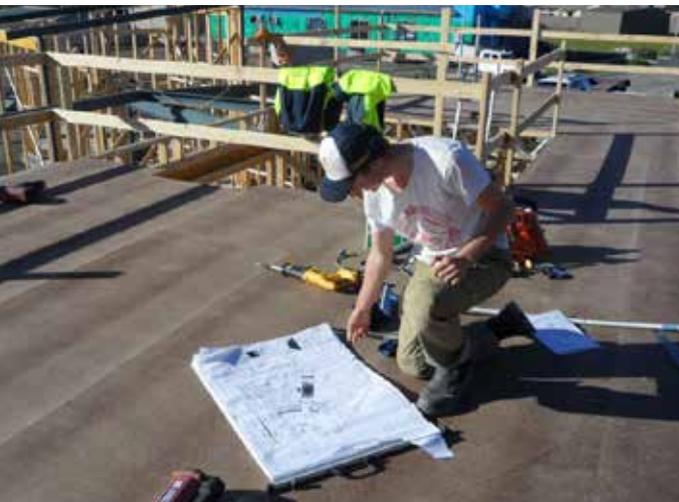
Considering the type of work students did, the perennial favourite, as ever, was building (16%), then in order - education, health services, plumbing, electrical, engineering, automotive, information technology and sports administration. Professional areas of law, architecture/drafting and commerce/finance were reduced by the limited places available at this most busy time of year.

Perhaps the most interesting placement was the student who managed to find himself aboard Australian Defence Force navy vessel HMAS Albatross. The most prestigious placement was either for the student placed with 'top end' barristers and

solicitors in the Owen Dixon Chambers or the student placed with the international firm, Fender Katsalidis Architects situated at the Docklands. However to top them all, the most luxurious placement was for the student who spent five days 'working' in/at/by the pool and golf course of The Sands Resort, Torquay.

Employer evaluations came back with universal praise for our boys, stating they regularly display - "confidence, enthusiasm, interest, bright and friendly, and show impressive knowledge of many areas worked in, and complete tasks autonomously. They are well mannered, polite, very attentive, pay attention to detail, ask lots of questions, correct mistakes when needed, work well within a team, and are a pleasure to have in the workplace". And employers seemingly always farewell the boys with a variation of - "wish you all the best for an outstanding future".

Work Experience: Year 10 students including Billy Hoye, above, and Jarman Reid, left, travelled far and wide to complete their Work Experience Week during the mid-year holidays. The range of industries they participated in ranged from construction to teaching and from plumbing to information technology.



Music Camp at Myrning

In early May, following on from the celebrations that were Edmund Rice Day, around 60 students from Years 8 to 12 and accompanying staff ventured off to Lake Dewar Lodge, near Myrning, to undertake the 2013 St Patrick's College Music Camp.

While music and ensemble skills were the focus of this two-day residential camp, the musicians also enjoyed many less formal pursuits such as, the 'Lake Dewar Great Race', the '2013

Music Trivia Competition' evening as well as a host of recreational activities.

Music teacher Brad Murray said the camp was a wonderful success, culminating with an informal concert performance for many visiting families and friends.

Band camp: Music students, including James McKinnon (left), completed their two-day music camp in early May at the Lake Dewar Lodge near Myrning with the focus on improving their performing and ensemble skills.





Above: A team of teachers, students and parents spent the Term Two holidays on the Kokoda Track. The journey has been described as a life-changing experience for all involved.

Walking in the footsteps of our forefathers

SPC 2013 Kokoda Trip

St Patrick's College has had a long association with the people of Papua New Guinea and in the winter holidays this year, we were once again able to give some boys the opportunity to travel to this beautiful country and walk the Kokoda Track.

We began our tour by heading to the North-Eastern beaches where, during WWII, the Japanese Army had landed and developed a strong beach-head for their assault across the Owen Stanley Range. Our journey along the beach took in the villages of Buna, Gona, Sanananda and Haddy's Village, who had not had visitors in over two years. As a place of significant historical value for all Australians, this was quite surprising. As such we were very much welcomed into the community and treated like royalty. Our walks along the beach attracted people from everywhere, and quite often local men and children would join us as we moved along, sharing their stories as we went.

The next phase of our tour was to visit Saga Village, just near Kokoda. We stayed in Saga for three days, touring the area,

meeting the locals, playing with the children and just relaxing. On our tours around, we walked over to nearby Koko Village, the site of a future Teacher's College. Part of our fundraising before we departed Australia was to raise money for a teacher to be trained. Unfortunately the college was yet to be constructed, with a rather large site being cleared, and with no final tick of approval, the site has since been overgrown. The revised completion date is now at the end of 2013, so hopefully it all happens soon.

The final phase of our tour was the walking of the Kokoda Track. We were all excited to begin walking but a bit nervous at the enormous challenge ahead. The first four days were almost exclusively uphill. This baptism of fire hardened up our trekkers and by the end of the fourth day we had reached the highest point. During these first few days we came to the Isurava battle site and spent time at the memorial reflecting on the stories of soldiers who fought there. It is an eerie feeling looking over the escarpment and thinking about the hordes of

enemy troops rushing up. A few days later the group had similar sombre feelings at the Brigade Hill battle site.

The group was very excited and proud of their considerable achievement when we walked through the arch at end of the track. Very quickly, however, these feelings were replaced with sadness and quiet respect when we arrived at the Bomana War Cemetery. It really put into perspective the scale of loss that our country endured.

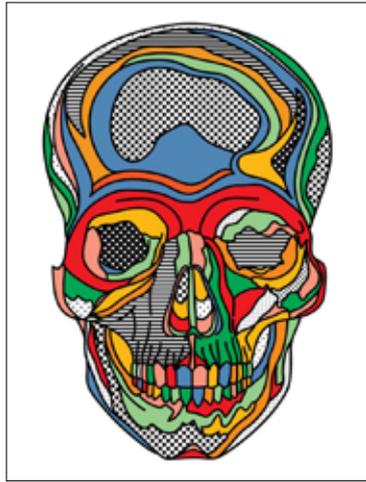
All boys spoke about the positive impact that the PNG experience has had on them and how visiting a third world country has sparked a sense of social justice within them. It was an incredible experience and I am so proud of our boys who got on with the walk without complaint and gave themselves so freely to the village children even after an exhausting day's walk.

Thank you to Dr Peter Casey and Mr Chris Caldow for supporting the SPC Kokoda Expedition and to Mr Michael Weadon and Mr Rodney Van Bentum for their help and support before and during the trip.



Mark O'Loughlan
Senior School teacher

"...we came to the Isurava battle site and spent time at the memorial reflecting on the stories of soldiers who fought there."



From top (L-R): New South Wales artist Shira Bentley wanted to show that "we are more than the sum of our parts" with this entry entitled "Skull".

Ballarat artist Joshua Muir has entered this portrait of "The Joker" in the University of Ballarat Emerging Artist section of the Flanagan Art Exhibition.

This stunning photograph of Queenstown in Tasmania has been entered by Melbourne artist Cara-Ann Simpson.

Ballarat's Garry Anderson has entered this oil painting entitled "Self Portrait After The Flood".



2013 Flanagan Art Prize

"...works of artists with very impressive resumes in both Victoria and interstate, at exhibition we are to be engaged by some 'seriously good' talent."

Now in its sixth year, the annual St Patrick's College Flanagan Art Prize has once again attracted a strong field of high quality entries which will be on display in the OCA Pavilion in late August-early September.

Around 150 entries from artists all over Australia were received in 2013, providing a challenging task for our judging panel which met in early July to try and select the top 90 entries to be in contention for the top prizes.

Thanks to the generous support of our major sponsors, a grand sum of \$7000 in prizemoney is available for the winning pieces. The main prize of

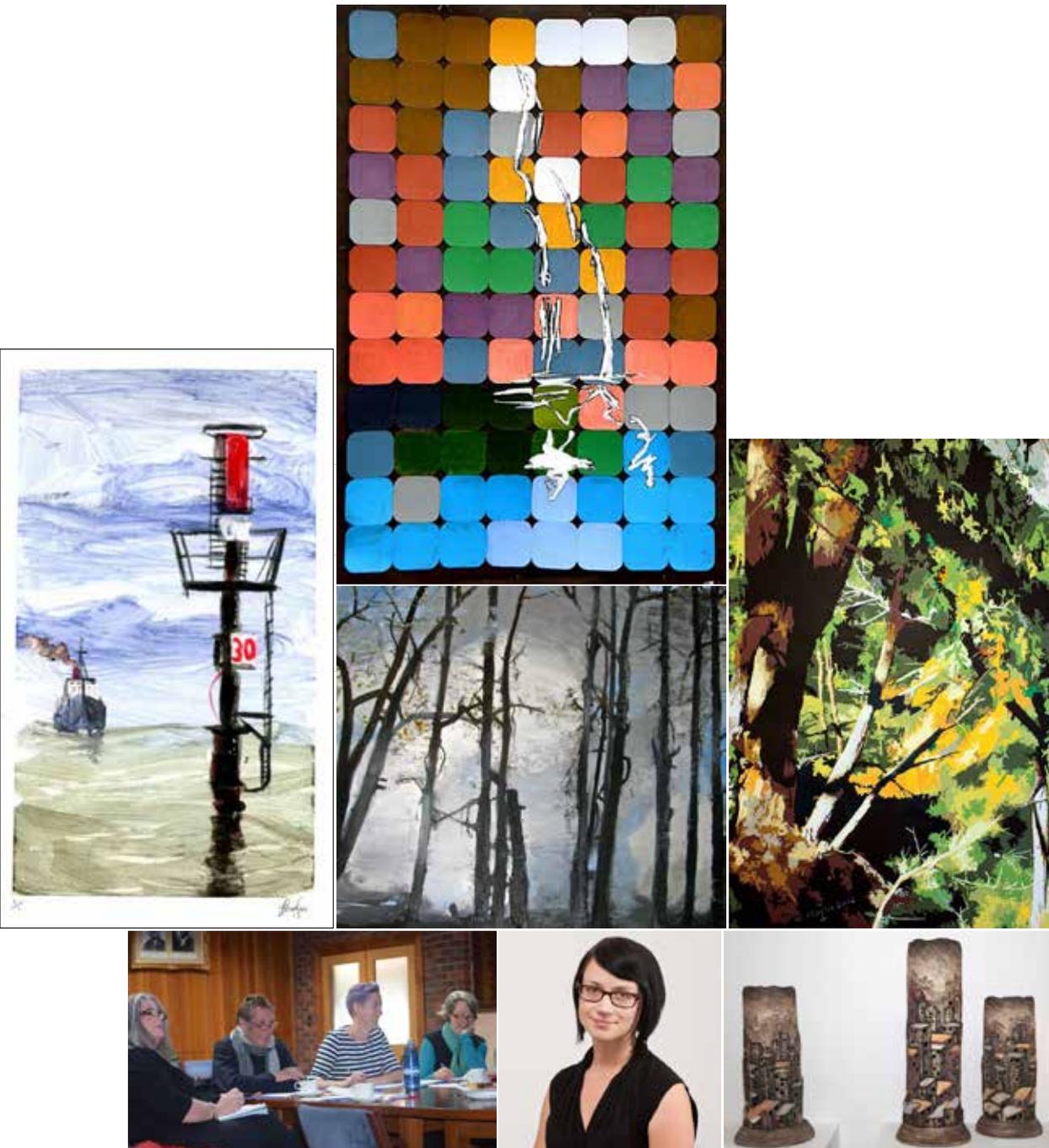
\$5000, proudly donated by Viatek, will once again be awarded to the overall winner of the Flanagan Art Prize, which will be determined by our judge ahead of the opening gala night on Friday, August 23.

The University of Ballarat has again graciously sponsored the Emerging Artist prize, which carries a winner's cheque of \$1500, while Lifestyle Ballarat is again supporting the \$500 prize for the Best Affordable Art piece.

2013 exhibition co-ordinator, Fran Deutscher, said she was excited by the range of artistic talent which will be on display at this year's exhibition.

"Our local Ballarat artists continue to enthusiastically support the Flanagan Art prize with some offering multiple entries. Notably, new artists to the region are also endeavouring selection in their quest for this, now considered, prestigious prize. Add these entries to the works of artists with very impressive resumes in both Victoria and interstate, at exhibition we are to be engaged by some 'seriously good' talent," Ms Deutscher said.

"With the 150 entries being reduced to a selection of 90 works for exhibition, the competition will be quite tense and the nominated judge's task and



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From top (L-R): Melbourne artist Wendy Black has this painting depicting a secluded Grampians waterfall on show at the exhibition.

This monoprint by Ballarat artist Jimmy Pasakos is one of three in a series depicting Melbourne's Docklands and will be on show at this year's Flanagan Art Exhibition.

Ballarat artist Stephen Pleban will have this painting "Fog After Fire" on display.

Wyndham Vale artist Robert Moyses has created this bush scene using scissor cut paper.

Judging panel - from left, exhibition coordinator Fran Deutscher, with judges Peter Pilven, Julie Collett and Carole Wilson.

National Gallery of Victoria assistant curator Beckett Rozentals will determine the winner of this year's Flanagan Art Prize.

Melbourne artist Yuso Lee has entered this earthenware sculpture depicting Melbourne's CBD at dusk.

decision will not be easy. There are indeed some beautiful and expertly rendered works contending all three prize categories.'

Winners will be determined by 2013 judge Beckett Rozentals, the assistant curator of Australian fashion and textiles and art at the National Gallery of Victoria. Ms Rozentals is currently assisting in the development of the NGV's major 2013 summer exhibition Melbourne Now which will celebrate the latest art, design and architecture produced in Melbourne.

The 2013 Flanagan Art Exhibition will be formally launched with a gala

function on Friday, August 23 in the Old Collegians' Pavilion, at which the winners will be revealed. Tickets to attend the function cost \$25 and are available through the College Shop.

The exhibition will then be open free to the public between 11am and 4pm on August 24-25 and again, at the same times, on August 31-September 1. Anyone interested in viewing the exhibition outside those times can do so by appointment with the College's Development Office.

The Flanagan Art Prize is an acquisitive competition, meaning the College retains ownership of the winning art

pieces and ensures they are on permanent display in the corridors around the school. The College also retains a percentage of proceeds raised from the sale of any art pieces during the exhibition, with funds being directed through the Friends of St Patrick's committee.

Anyone wishing further information about the exhibition is urged to call the College's Development Office on 5322 4449.



Sweeney Todd



Mr Greg Shawcross
Director

In late July our Combined College Production of "Sweeney Todd - School Edition" was held at Her Majesty's Theatre. After five months of rehearsals the students were very excited to finally get the chance to perform in front of an audience.

Our run of performances started with a School Show on Friday morning. We had the entirety of our Year 7 in attendance as well as a group of 50 students from St Joseph's College, Geelong. The cast relished the chance to perform in front of their peers and teachers and everyone in the audience had a great time. Evidently, the boys from St Joseph's were not put off by the themes of the show. We found out

later in the day that on their trip back to Geelong the boys all stopped to buy meat pies for lunch!

Next up was Opening Night. There was a fantastic buzz leading up to this performance. The cast couldn't wait to get out on stage and perform for their families and friends. The students did a sensational job and the feedback they received was very well earned.

Saturday concluded with two more performances which were again outstanding. Around 45 minutes prior to our final performance I asked each cast member to nominate their favourite thing about "Sweeney Todd". It was wonderful to hear so many of

the boys and girls say things such as "making new friends", "seeing other cast members performances grow" and "being able to perform at Her Majesty's Theatre".

I would like to thank all the staff who volunteered their time to help both backstage and as ushers. I would also like to acknowledge the Orchestra and our backstage crew. In particular, I would like to thank Hugh McKelvey, Emma Carracher, Mitch Leviston, Stephanie Parsons, Joanne Humphrey and Brad Murray for all of the work they put into the production both in the months leading up to it and in production week.





Teachers' tour of South Africa



Ms Sofia Thapa

"I have learned from the experience that we, as Australians, have an incredible distance to travel before we can embrace a reconciliation process that South Africa have done successfully."

Above (L-R): Some of the South African students Ms Thapa visited on her tour of South Africa.

Ms Thapa pictured with other members of the touring party alongside Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

During the 2013 Easter holidays I was fortunate to visit South Africa for what I believe was a life-changing and incredibly moving experience. Myself and 11 other teachers from EREA schools across Australia went to South Africa to immerse ourselves in efforts to work towards justice and peace. In particular we were invited to be 'guests' and witness efforts to reconcile and educate. We were also witness to one of the worst epidemics facing our world today - HIV/AIDS.

As we drove from Johannesburg airport to the Oblate Brothers accommodation facilities I came to realise this was just the beginning of my journey in South Africa from so many perspectives.

This amazing experience allowed us as representatives of our schools to connect with local educators in townships, farms, organisations and schools so that we could share their vision of an ever-changing nation. Everywhere, we were welcomed with open arms and smiles. People shared with us their stories of past and present.

What became evident in the eyes and words of the people that we encountered was hope. Hope for a future with more educated people. Hope for a safer community. Hope for less people to be living with HIV/AIDS. Hope that everyone will eat at least two meals a day, and that the employment levels will one day outweigh the unemployment levels.

I have learned from the experience that we, as Australians, have an incredible distance to travel before we can embrace a reconciliation process that South Africa have done successfully. South Africans have a formal recognition. Their students are taught about Apartheid from a young age. They show a greater understanding of another culture and embrace that culture. An example of this is that they offer Zulu language classes in their classrooms. We have much to learn from South Africa in this area. I hope for the day where we can see official recognition of our Indigenous Australians in our constitution.

There are so many highlights from the experience. It is too difficult to put them

into words. However, there were some significant highlights that I would like to share with you all. The first was when I was in the presence of Bishop Desmond Tutu. He is a remarkable man who is still devoting his life to justice. The second was when I encountered Anglican Reverend Sharon. Sharon not only provides education for pre-kindergarten children in a small building in the heart of an informal settlement, but she also provides these little children with safe houses so that they can get a chance to escape their unimaginable traumas. These escapes are sometimes only just for a few days to rebuild a sense of self. With this 'escape' the children are able to recognise that there is hope for them and Reverend Sharon provides them with this hope.

Finally, I would like to thank all those that have made this enlightening experience possible - especially the EREA, along with Dr Peter Casey. Without Brian and Kate Garrone, this immersion would not have been as meaningful and touching. Also, thank you to all the other teachers who shared their stories and experiences during reflection and debriefs.



Above: Senior school teacher Brooke Brown was recently profiled in a recent edition of the Australian Teacher Magazine.

Footy passion prompts further study

Senior school accounting, business management and pastoral care teacher Brooke Brown was recently profiled in the Australian Teacher Magazine as acknowledgement for her efforts to engage in further study.

Brooke studied a Master of Business (Sport Management) at Deakin University to complement another major part of her life - her role as team manager for the North Ballarat Rebels.

According to the article in the Magazine, it was Brooke's interest in AFL that spurred her on to enrol for the course.

"I had just finished my teaching degree and I'd been out of uni for about three years and teaching in a country town and felt as though I needed a bit more of a challenge, and sport has always ran through my family," Brooke said.

"Being in a boys' school and being a female teacher, it certainly helps me to be able to talk a bit of sport to them and be able to talk about the issues that are currently happening in sport and using those current issues to broaden their minds."

Brooke told the magazine that finding the time to study was difficult at times, as she was working full-time and had her part time football commitments.

But despite the challenges she faced, Brown said that the benefits of the course were obvious.

"You certainly see that there is an upside to the course and hopefully it will lead on one day to bigger and better things, whether it will still be in teaching or within a sporting environment, it's something to look forward to in the future that's for sure," she says.

Farewell to a fine Brother

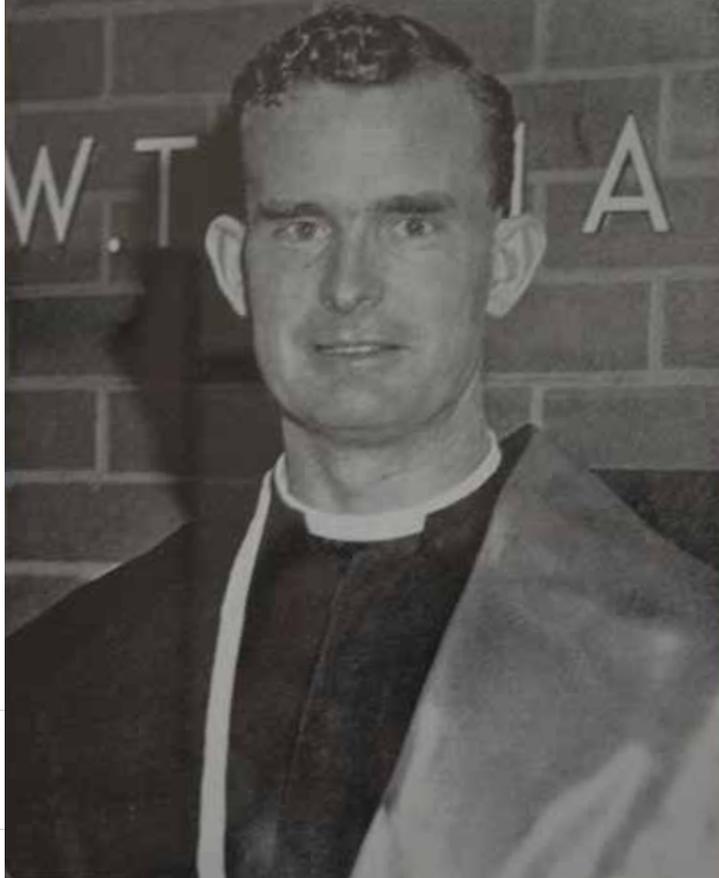
St Patrick's College was saddened to hear of the death of former Principal Brother Michael B Stallard on Thursday, June 13 in Prahran.

Brother Stallard came to the Christian Brothers from Bundaberg, Queensland in 1944, aged 15. He was born in 1929 and educated at the local convent school conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, and then at the Christian Brothers' College.

Br Stallard's training as a Christian Brother was done in Strathfield, NSW, and in 1948 he started his teaching career in Melbourne. While teaching at St Peter and Paul's Primary School in South Melbourne, Br Stallard furthered his studies at the University of Melbourne where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1954. Br Stallard subsequently completed two further academic courses - Bachelor of Education (Melb) and Diploma of Theology (Catholic College, Clayton). He was admitted to membership of the Australian College of Education in 1966.

For 13 years before coming to Ballarat, Br Stallard was a member of staff at St Kevin's College in Toorak. He specialised in teaching mathematics at the senior secondary level. He also taught religion and geography. He was an active member of the Mathematical Association of Victoria from 1955; and he was an honorary secretary from 1960 to 1965. In later years he was a highly respected member of the Mathematical Association of Tasmania.

In 1966, when the new Provincial Council was considering an appointment of Principal at St Patrick's College, Br Stallard was appointed. He was experienced, well-balanced and, at



Ms Catriona Banks
College Archivist

the age of 37, ready to meet whatever challenges might confront him. He undertook the task with some natural reluctance but also with a deep confidence.

Br Stallard left St Patrick's College at the end of 1969 and was appointed to the position of Novice Master for the Christian Brothers, St Patrick's Province. It was a task calling for all his energy, adaptability and dedication, for he was to train the 30 or more novices who came each year from Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania. After three years in this position, he was elected as a member of the 1972 Provincial Chapter and then appointed Provincial Consultor, a position he held for 12 years. In 1978 he was elected as an Australian delegate to

the General Chapter of the Congregation in Rome. At the expiration of his term as Consultor, Br Stallard was appointed Superior and Senior Mathematics Master at St Virgil's College, Hobart, after which (still very active at the age of 60), he offered his services in the mission field. He was a member of staff at Chanel College, Vava'u, Tonga where he took classes in mathematics, English and geography at Tongan School Certificate level.

Br Stallard will be remembered at St Patrick's College as a teacher of outstanding ability, one who not only had complete mastery of his subjects, but also possessed the power of communicating his knowledge to his students.

Above: Br Michael B Stallard was Headmaster at St Patrick's College from 1967-1969.



Old Boys making their mark

A new feature of Student Congress meetings in 2013 at St Patrick's College has been the involvement of former students returning to the school to address student leaders.

Already this year, three prominent Old Boys volunteered their time and the response from the students has been overwhelmingly positive.

Ryan Waight (SPC 1998-2003) was the first former student to address the Congress and he was able to speak about his time as a motivational

speaker and the lessons he had learned working closely with many underprivileged members of society. Prominent Melbourne media lawyer Justin Quill (SPC 1990-91) also returned to the school to speak and tell students about the hidden, inside facts behind some of the biggest news stories to break in Victoria over the past five years. Finally, former Linton Primary School principal Allan McKinnon (SPC 1966-69) spoke about the lessons he learned while a key community figure during the

infamous Linton bushfires of 1998 in which five firefighters were killed.

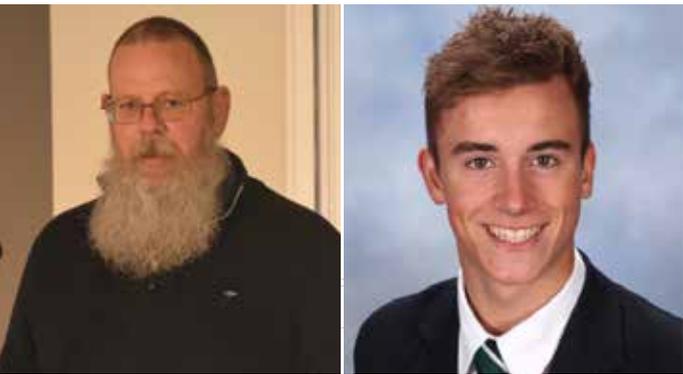
All speakers spoke passionately about the profound impact their education at SPC had had on the subsequent professional lives.

Any Old Boy who feels they may have a story to tell or a life lesson to pass on to today's students are strongly urged to contact Director of Community Development Mr Paul Nolan by emailing him at pnolan@stpats.vic.edu.au



From Top: Old Boy and former Linton Primary School principal Allan McKinnon, Peter Oakley with Old Boy and media lawyer Justin Quill.

News from around the College



Two students from St Patrick's College were honoured for their academic excellence when the 2012 Premier's VCE Awards were announced in Melbourne on Wednesday, June 5. It was the first time in the College's history that two students in the one year received the prestigious award. Current Year 12 student **Oscar McDonald** was recognised with a Premier's Award for Further Mathematics after he managed a perfect study score of 50 while he was still a Year 11 student in 2012. He was joined by 2012 College Dux

James Fahey who was honoured with a Premier's Award for his excellence in Biology, where he also obtained a perfect study score of 50 in 2012. Both students were joined by their teachers at the awards ceremony. Mr Barry Schuurs joined Oscar McDonald and Ms Elizabeth Till accompanied James Fahey. Headmaster Dr Peter Casey said the College was delighted that the academic excellence of its top students was being honoured at the highest level.

"I offer my heartfelt congratulations to both Oscar and James for achieving such brilliant results," Dr Casey said. "Both students worked tremendously hard throughout the year to perform to their full ability and these accolades are just reward for all the effort the boys contributed. "Both have set a fine example for all other students at St Patrick's College to aspire towards. "Perhaps even more pleasing is that, while being tremendous students, both Oscar and James are also outstanding young citizens and are representative of our mission to raise fine boys into great men."

Our thoughts and prayers are with teacher **Phil Sherry** who is continuing his battle with cancer. Following on from what was thought to be successful treatment for prostate cancer and oesophageal cancer, there are now multiple tumours and the outlook is poor. Phil is appreciative of the support offered by his many friends at SPC. Please think kind thoughts of all those in our community who are suffering from short and long term illness.

College staff were fortunate to attend a two-day staff formation at Creswick's Novotel Forest Resort during the Term 2 holidays. Special guest speakers at the formation were Bishop Paul Bird and Ballarat Fine Art

Gallery director Gordon Morrison. Bishop Bird spoke about the meanings behind the Beautitudes and their importance in today's life, while Mr Morrison delivered a terrific presentation showing some of the classic art pieces depicting Catholicism through the centuries. Staff were also delighted and grateful to hear from 2012 graduate Kirk Pearson who spoke brilliantly and passionately about how his two stints as a student at St Patrick's had helped him overcome difficulties he had endured in his life.

Congratulations to music teacher **Brad Murray** and his wife Sheree who were delighted to announce the happy and safe arrival of Finley James Murray born on May 18 at 12:23pm weighing 3.85kg.

Congratulations also to Kelty Resource Centre staff member **Trish Pearsall** who welcomed Jaxon David Pearsall into the world on June 15, weighing 10lb 10z.

Student Representative Council members from SPC and Loreto College organised a charity netball match in May to help raise funds for the Breast Cancer Network of Australia. The match was played in great spirits at Loreto with our boys looking resplendent in their netball outfits and raised much needed funds for the worthy cause. A similar charity hockey match between the two schools will be held later in the year on the Jo Walter Field. Congratulations to the SRC's from both schools for working so hard for charity.

Congratulations to Year 12 student and rowing captain **Caleb McGrath** who has been announced the SPC winner of the Pierre de Coubertin award for 2013.

Gallery from top left: Ballarat Fine Art Gallery director Gordon Morrison was one of the guest speakers at the 2013 staff formation.

2013 SPC Pierre de Coubertin winner Caleb McGrath.

2012 College dux James Fahey stands alongside his biology teacher Ms Elizabeth Till after being presented with his Premier's VCE Award.

College vice-captain Luke Wilson was happy to get into the spirit of the occasion at the SPC v Loreto College charity netball match.

Music teacher Mr Brad Murray is pictured with his wife Sheree and their new son Finley.

Year 12 student Oscar McDonald is presented with his Premier's VCE Award by Minister for Higher Education Peter Hall.



Sport

MCC Herald Sun Shield Grand-Final

St Patrick's College 12-8-80 Defeated Whitefriar's College 4-7-31

Goal Kickers: Jesse Palmer 3, Dallas Willismore 2, Brenton Payne 2, Nick Weightman 2, Daniel Butler 1, Rylie Stuhldreier 1

Best Players: Jesse Palmer, Brett Bewley, Matthew Crouch, Xavier Vearing, Dallas Willismore, Kane White

St Patrick's College defeated Whitefriar's College, Donvale by 49 points in the Grand-Final of the prestigious Herald-Sun Shield on Saturday, August 10. Played in beautiful conditions on the spiritual home of AFL football, the Melbourne Cricket Ground, St Patrick's College equalled history by being only the second school team ever to have won four consecutive Herald-Sun Shield titles.

With inclement weather the day before the game, the Melbourne Cricket Club shortened the match to four 15 minute quarters. With the reduced time frame the opening phase of the game was crucial to the outcome of the match. St Patrick's College played inspired football in the first term kicking five goals to

one and dominating proceedings. Xavier Vearing who has been an outstanding leader all year, controlled the stoppages through his ruck dominance and provided Matt Crouch and Joe Symons with first use of the ball. At quarter time, St Patrick's College led the centre clearances six to nil and around the ground stoppage five to nil, which clearly underlined our midfield supremacy. Jesse Palmer had the first three shots on goal for the game kicking two goals, one behind and his aerial strength, matched by his exceptional work rate, underlines his huge potential in the game. Dallas Willismore kicked a long range goal on the siren from 50m to not only show case his elite kicking skills but also place an exclamation mark over his leadership of the College's 1st XVIII programme. Dallas, along with Matt Crouch, was playing in his third Herald-Sun Shield Final and the he has displayed throughout the year has been outstanding.

The second quarter was one of consolidation where St Patrick's College didn't allow Whitefriar's College players the freedom to execute their skills. We were able to execute 34 one per cent acts for the half, an outstanding effort considering the shortened period of play. Brett Bewley continued his fine season and his elite kicking across half

back proved decisive in our 36-point half time lead. The back half, although conceding height to their direct opponents, were miserly, not conceding an inside 50 mark for the entire first half.

At half time, the coaching group were measured in their approach and refocused the players' mindset to the final 30 minutes of their school's 2013 season. The players responded accordingly, kicking the first two goals of the second half and opening up a decisive 51-point lead at the seven minute mark of the third quarter. Matt Crouch, who is an extremely talented inside midfielder, continued to get his hands on the ball first, bringing others into the game because of his clever and instinctive play. Matt, who along with Dallas and Liam Duggan is an AIS scholarship holder, is a very talented footballer and has a huge future in the game. Whitefriar's College kicked the last two goals of the quarter to reduce the margin to 38 points at the last break.

The final quarter was most pleasing with the coaching staff being afforded the opportunity to give exiting Year 12 students the enjoyment of being on the ground at the final siren. Jesse Palmer who has been most consistent throughout the year was adjudged best on ground in a complete performance. *Continued page 22.*



Mr Howard Clark
First XVIII Coach

From top: The First XVIII celebrate their fantastic win in the Herald-Sun Shield Grand Final at the MCG.

Midfielder Matt Crouch streams through the middle of the MCG.



From top to bottom: The SPC First XVIII poses for the official team photo with the famed MCG Members' Stand providing a stunning backdrop.

Year 11 student Jesse Palmer, a boarder from Swan Hill, receives his award for being named best-on-ground in the Herald-Sun Shield grand final at the MCG.

Star flanker Brett Bewley again drives the ball forward along the boundary line.

Ruckman Xavier Vearing played a crucial role for the First XVIII throughout 2013.

Best-on-ground Jesse Palmer sends the ball forward during the Herald-Sun Shield grand final.

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Brett Bewley, in his final game for the programme, underlined his ability to play well in the big games (he was the John James Medallist for being best on ground in the BAS Grand Final) by narrowly missing the medal. Like Matt, Dallas and Xavier, he has a huge future in the game. St Patrick's College kicked three goals to Whitefriar's College to run out convincing 49-point victors at games end.

The win was a true testament to the character of the boys, ending the year undefeated and honouring their call to arms of "Honouring the Past, Embracing the Future". It was a fitting conclusion to a year that promised so much and delivered more than we could have expected. Not just for the boys' football ability but the humble manner in which they have carried themselves. This group of young men, created history in winning the Herald-Sun Shield Title for the fourth consecutive time and they will always be measured most favourably when comparing teams across our proud and long history.

As the Head Coach of St Patrick's College, it has been my unique privilege to work with not only these boys, but with all the boys in the Senior programme and with my coaching staff of Gavin Webb, Chris Caldwell, Andrew Chamings, Chris Gleeson and Peter Brown and my team mangers of Tamara Westwood and Tom Constable who continue to provide inspiration, knowledge and positive role modelling to all the players. Congratulations and thank you to you all.

BAS Grand Final 1st XVIII

St Patrick's College
14-6-90
Defeated
Ballarat Clarendon College
2-10-22

Goal Kickers: Brett Bewley, Dallas Willsmore 3, Liam Duggan, Daniel Butler, Jesse Palmer 2, Rylie Stuhldreier, Matthew Johnston 1.

Best Players: Brett Bewley, Liam Duggan, Xavier Vearing, Dallas Willsmore, Joe Symons, Jesse Palmer, Bryson McDougall, Jake Ancrum

St Patrick's College defeated Ballarat Clarendon College in the BAS Grand Final by 68 points in a commanding team performance. The game was played under lights in cold but still conditions, on the beautifully presented Eastern Oval.

St Patrick's College controlled the game from the outset winning the game's first centre stoppage, which ultimately resulted in the first goal of the game to the highly talented Liam Duggan. Liam demonstrated that he is a beautifully balanced footballer with very clean hands and soft feet and his ability to make good decisions in heavy traffic, underlines his huge potential in the sport.

The first quarter was played at a very high intensity, with the speed of the game being of a much higher tempo than during the preliminary rounds. The opening phase of the game was characterised by the hardness of the midfield, the creativity and run from the back six and the fluency of the forwards, which was tangibly demonstrated on the scoreboard with St Patrick's College opening up a 30-point lead at the first break.



Above: The SPC Second XVIII celebrates its premiership victory over Phoenix College, Sebastopol in the BAS competition.

The second quarter was very similar to the first quarter with St Patrick's College clearly controlling the stoppages (10-1) and inside 50 count (22-5). This was a telling statistic and reinforced the sides' dominance of the game.

There was a shift in the game during the third quarter with Ballarat Clarendon College, in attempting to minimise the impact on the scoreboard, pushed extra numbers up and around the contest, which forced the contest into a game of stoppages.

Although BCC kicked the only goal of the term, the game remained in control of St Patrick's enabling the coaching group to rotate and rest sore players.

In the final term SPC extended its lead and ran out 68-point winners.

Brett Bewley was adjudged Best on Ground and deservedly won the prestigious John James Medal, again underlining Brett's ability to perform in the big games.

Capping off a terrific night for the College, our 2nd XVIII also won the BAS Seconds Grand Final by defeating Phoenix College, Sebastopol who were playing in the competition for the first time. The final scores were:
SPC 7-9-51 d Phoenix College 4-7-31.



Athletics & Cross Country

The year commenced with three boys representing Victoria in the Australian Junior Athletics Championships in Perth. Year 7 prodigy, Sam Williams, won two medals (Under 14 800M Bronze 2:12.21, 1500M Silver 4:30.67 - less than 1 second behind the winner). He also later represented Victoria at the Australian Little Athletics Championships in Canberra. Also competing at this peak national junior track and field meeting, were Year 10 brothers Ryan Shaw (Under 17 High Jump 6th 1.82 M) and Jack Shaw (Under 17 400M Hurdles 9th 62.74).

The annual House Athletics Carnival on the Main Oval, witnessed two new records created by Ryan Shaw (Year 10 High Jump 1.82 M) and Sam Williams (Year 7 800M 2:20.1). Congratulations to both boys on achieving this rare College accolade.

The BAS Athletics Carnival was conducted on the newly re-surfaced track at Llanberris on April 30 with SPC represented by a record 89 athletes.

Our team's excellent performance was able to overcome a rejuvenated and motivated Ballarat Grammar. There was very little between both schools in the senior and intermediate divisions, with SPC's dominant junior boys, pivotal to our 74 point victory. Led by Captain Laiton Sullivan and Vice Captains Jessy Kroon and Lachlan Murphy, the team will next compete in September at Victorian Schools Track Relays and Victorian Schools Knockout events at Albert Park. BAS Boys Aggregate: SPC 1,286.5, BGS 1,212.5, BHS 999.

At the Victorian All Schools Cross Country Relays at Jells Park on 4 May, SPC shocked Australia's premier distance running schools, when it claimed the Under 16 Boys 4 x 3 KM Championship. In a return to the halcyon days of St Patrick's distance running, Sam Williams, Aiden Domic, Brandon Pryor and Lucas Shugg ran magnificently, with the team coming from behind and then defending a late challenge from St Kevin's, Wesley and

Haileybury. This same quartet lined up at the Victorian Schools Road Relays at Albert Park later in May with our Under 20 Team of Laiton Sullivan, Lachlan Murphy, Paul Barresi and Kyle Kemp. Both teams ran extremely well in close competition for 5th and 7th respectively, from more than 40 teams.

Five athletes ran at the home of Victorian Cross Country - Bundoora Park - at the Victorian Schools Cross Country Championships and National Selection Trials. Sam Williams ran cleverly and strongly over the hills and mud, to win the Under 14 3KM, against 150 starters and claim the State Champion title. Sam will now compete at the Australian Schools Cross Country in Tasmania. Aiden Domic and Brandon Pryor ran outstandingly in the Under 15 4 KM, for 9th and 10th respectively, in another large field of 140. Our shamrock singlets were again in the leading pack in the Under 16 4 KM event, with Lucas Shugg (15th) and Barton Phillips (21st) placing very high.



Mr Stephen McMahon
Director of Athletics

Above: Junior School students take off at the starting line at this year's College Lap of the Lake which was held on the last day of Term 2.

Below (L-R): From left, Lucas Shugg, Aiden Domic, Brandon Pryor and Sam Williams combined to win the Under 16 Boys 4x3km Championship at the Victorian All Schools Cross Country Relays in May.

From left, athletics vice captains Jessy Kroon and Lachlan Murphy display the BAS Athletics trophy with captain Laiton Sullivan.

Fergus Bragge runs in the Year 12 4x100m relay at the BAS Athletics Championships.





Rugby joy

on home turf for SPC



Mr Leigh McKee
Director of Rugby

Victorian Schools' Rugby Union grand final – Division 2 St Patrick's College 1stXV vs Marcellin College

The weather leading up to Grand Final day on August 10 had been atrocious so it was with relief, more than anything else, that clear skies and warm sunshine greeted players and spectators alike on Saturday morning as SPC prepared to host the VSRU grand finals for the first time.

The 1st XV boys were either nervous, excited or both, depending on who you spoke with, but all were quietly confident having defeated Marcellin in their last encounter at Marcellin. The home side advantage was welcomed by the St Patrick's team but they would be without their head coach Mr Mike Silcock who was fulfilling best man duties at a wedding in London. Mr Jamie Graham stepped up to fill the void. Jamie has been fantastic all year and has driven to Ballarat from Melbourne twice a week at his own expense to help develop the SPC 1st XV.

Both sides started cautiously, trying to feel each other out and probe for

weaknesses. A kicking duel soon developed and Marcellin's fly half was putting on a bit of a clinic. Aided by a strong breeze the big number 10 was able to put the Ballarat boys back into their own territory each time they threatened. A penalty to Marcellin and a win in the resultant lineout was the catalyst for the first Marcellin try as the ball darted across to the grandstand side. Then further good work by the Marcellin backline worked the ball back again to score on the Eyre St side of the ground right in the corner on the 12-minute mark.

This gave Marcellin some much needed impetus and they repeated the dose eight minutes later and then added a penalty goal to have them ahead by 15 points after only 20 minutes.

Not to be outdone the Ballarat boys hit back with Gene Bergman breaking the defensive line with some strong running before Daniel Briggs threw a beautiful dummy and sliced through the Marcellin defence and ran in a 40-metre try. Joe Walsh added the extras and SPC were now back in touch. Rugby is a funny game though and you need to concentrate at all times. Chris Saunders had a try disallowed and at the five metre scrum the referee deemed that SPC halfback Connor Squires touched the ball before it rolled

over the dead ball line. The referee correctly called for a 22-yard dropout to Marcellin. In a moment of brilliance from the Marcellin fly half, and a complete brain fade from the St Patrick's players, the number 10 picked up the ball and ran to the 22 as the SPC turned their back on him and walked. The resultant kick, and chase, left SPC fullback, Josh Tranter, isolated. The ball bounced unkindly and Marcellin kicked the ball through and then grounded it to leave St Patrick's trailing 22 – 7 right on half time.

At the resumption of play Marcellin won an early lineout, the throw was terrible but was missed by the ref and touch judge who were trying to set the depth of the SPC line. Despite pleas from the locals play was allowed to continue and Marcellin took full advantage gaining 40 metres. Joe Walsh was called offside chasing a Daniel Briggs kick, despite not influencing the play and the penalty scrum that followed led to a breakaway try from the Marcellin number 10. St Patrick's was now 20 points down with 28 minutes to play.

What happened next was nothing short of incredible. St Patrick's could easily have hung their head and lamented what could have been but instead they gathered around each

From top left: Rugby vice-captain Gene Bergman, left, and captain Connor Squire lead an impromptu rendition of the SPC war cry to celebrate their amazing victory.

Vice-captain Jay Jack fires out a pass in the dying minutes of the grand final against Marcellin.

SPC's Kobe Travers flies high in this lineout against his Marcellin opponent.

Liam Noone charges through the Marcellin defence.



other and vowed to fight. At the restart the SPC boys attacked the Marcellin receiver and forced a hurried kick that failed to find touch and, as Bergman ran the ball back, you could sense the SPC forwards were ready to impose themselves. Successive hit ups from the big number 8 as well as Prestwood, Taylor – Potter, Noone and Travers resulted in Andrew Vidic busting over the line to score the try. Walsh added the extras and the local boys were now within two converted tries.

St Patrick's gathered the kick at the restart and unfortunately Squires managed to hit the referee with the ball just as it looked like a break was imminent. Further bad luck dogged the Ballarat side as Josh Tranter slipped over after making a great run and then Joe Walsh had a pass called forward five metres from the try line. Marcellin hit back through a well-placed kick and chase and would have scored if not for a terrific tackle from Tranter which took the ball carrier into touch. St Patrick's won the lineout and worked the ball magnificently down the field with backs and forwards working together to provide strong runs out wide and line breaks close to the ruck. St Patrick's turned to their

forwards again to try and score but the Marcellin defence was up to the challenge and were covering the St Patrick's big men very well. The wily and elusive Connor Squires recognised this and took the ball himself from half back to squirt through the tiniest of holes to ground the ball and when Walsh converted the comeback was well and truly on.

The odds were still heavily in favour of Marcellin who led by eight points with 10 minutes to play and the game now changed momentum again. Marcellin was playing a less attacking brand of rugby by playing the ball close to their forwards they were able to maintain the ball and start to run down the clock. Crucially, for St Patrick's, they were not gaining territory. There was a feeling that Marcellin was playing not to lose while SPC was playing to win and had the ascendancy. Briggs, Tranter, Walsh and Powell were beginning to look potent in the backline and Marcellin was on the ropes and defending grimly.

When Noone charged a kick down behind the Marcellin try line the crowd erupted, the resulting series of scrums led to more power play from the St Patrick's forwards. Time

and time again Marcellin repelled the SPC attacks until Jesse Kroon was pushed over the line and grounded the ball. Kroon leapt to his feet and punched the air before being engulfed in an Andrew Vidic bear hug. The crowd were ecstatic for the first year player with dodgy knees who has displayed enormous grit and determination all season. Walsh kicked another conversion and remarkably St Patrick's had closed the gap to a single point.

By now the crowd was in raptures, they could hardly believe what they were seeing. Marcellin was desperate and desperate men do desperate things. Repeated infringements by the number 10 led him to being sent off. Travers and then Powell made great runs to put SPC within their own 22 with just minutes to play. Another Marcellin player was binned for cynical play and St Patrick's now had a penalty in front of the posts. Captain Connor Squires called for the points and Joe Walsh coolly slotted the three pointer to put St Patrick's in front for the first time in the game.

At the restart SPC ran the ball with confidence and were recycling the ball well before Marcellin managed to pilfer the ball after another

strong run from Jay Jack. Marcellin took the ball past the half way line until Joe Walsh did a Harry Houdini impersonation by stealing the ball and feeding it to Connor Squires and then Tranter who executed a beautiful cross field kick which Ryan Guest ran onto and touched down. Unfortunately Guest was adjudged to be offside at the kick and the ball came back to half way for a Marcellin penalty and then lineout 40-metres from their line.

Marcellin won the lineout from the feed but were immediately set upon by the SPC defence which had the visitors going backwards. A hurried kick was intercepted by Powell who offloaded to Tranter as he was tackled, Tranter half fumbled the ball and then fell over as he kicked the ball into touch. It didn't matter though as the full time whistle blew and all of the St Patrick's players and supporters erupted with jubilation.

Final Score:
St Patrick's College 29
defeated
Marcellin College 27

Tries: Briggs, Vidic, Squires, Kroon
Conv: Walsh 3. **Penalties:** Walsh
Best: Jack, Squires, Noone, Tranter, Bergman, Briggs and Walsh.



Record teams numbers for SPC Basketball

Ms Tamara Westwood
Director of Basketball

2013 has already proven to be a very successful one for the basketball programme at St Patrick's College. For the first time we are putting on the court each week 14 teams in the Ballarat Associated Schools Competition, from Year 7 through to Senior level. We currently have three Year 7 teams, three Year 8 teams, three year 9 teams, two year 10 teams and three senior teams. Obviously this couldn't be possible without the help and support of numerous teachers that assist each week with the supervision of the students.

Following on from the very successful SPC Football model, the SPC Basketball program is offering a tour every year for our senior players. These tours include New Zealand, America and a team building camp in Melbourne. 2013 was the year that the first New Zealand trip was offered and 13 of our boys took up this opportunity.

The boys competed in the Basketball Pacific Easter Tournament from March 29 until April 1 in Auckland. They also travelled to Rotorua where they participated in several cultural activities including a visit to a Maori Village and a Polynesian Spa. This 10-day experience was the first time that many of the boys had travelled overseas and one that we will never forget.

For the first time, we also entered a junior team in the Victorian College Championships that were held in Werribee earlier in the year. The team was placed second in this competition, which

automatically qualified them to compete in the Finals day at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. The boys were extremely competitive against many of the stronger Melbourne Schools and the College was extremely proud of the way the boys represented themselves.

In another first for the SPC Basketball programme we sent an Intermediate team to the annual McDonald's Cup Tournament. Usually, this is reserved for our senior teams, but it was a great opportunity for students in Years 9 and 10 to represent the school in this Melbourne-based tournament. Our team were successful in this tournament, and will compete in the finals in coming weeks.

The SPC First V Senior team have been extremely busy throughout the first half of this year after already competing in the Victorian College Championships, the annual McDonald's Cup tournament and beginning the BAS season undefeated. The boys are also putting in the hard work for the Australian Schools Championships to be held in Knox and Kilsyth from December 1-6.

It is extremely pleasing to see the SPC Basketball Programme go from strength to strength with a continuing increase of student participation, and the involvement of some wonderful coaches, including Ballarat Miners legend Mr Eric Hayes. 2014 will also be exciting as we plan for our third USA trip in December.

Left from top: St Patrick's College is enjoying record numbers of teams playing competitive basketball in 2013.

The first tip-off for the 2013 BAS Senior Basketball season was won by St Patrick's College and we remain undefeated in the competition.



One point from a premiership

The combined SPC-Loreto A grade badminton team endured a harrowing one point loss to Ballarat Grammar in the grand final of the 2013 BAS Badminton season which culminated in June.

The result of the match was in doubt right until the very final game of the year, with Grammar prevailing by the narrowest of margins – 91 to 90.

However SPC badminton coach Neil Henderson said the season was a remarkable success.

“At the start of the badminton season we had 32 boys show up which was great but then, all of a sudden, we had an influx of 50 or more players wanting to represent the school,” Mr Henderson said.

“We are in a very strong position for next year if we can keep the same boys as we have a very good chance of winning the A grade and all the other grades.”

Left: Year 10 student Thomas Arnts in action during the BAS Badminton Grand Final.



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Blaine Diddams

Former St Patrick's College student and SAS Sergeant Blaine Diddams (SPC 1988-89) has been awarded the first posthumous gallantry medal of the Afghanistan war in this year's Queen Birthday Honours.



Sergeant Diddams, a popular and highly decorated 40-year-old soldier and 17-year SAS veteran was on his seventh tour of the war-torn country when he died in the Chora Valley on July 2, 2012 not far from the main Australian base at Tarin Kowt.

In this year's Queen's Birthday Honours list, Sergeant Diddams was awarded the nation's third highest gallantry medal, the Medal for Gallantry (MG).

The citation says that on the day that Sergeant Diddams died, he displayed inspirational leadership and selfless courage in extremely hazardous circumstances.

"To support his patrol and ensure mission success, he knowingly exposed himself to draw fire and lead assaults on insurgent positions," it said.

"His leadership and selfless acts of gallantry, which ultimately cost his life, were of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of Australian special operations forces, the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force."

At the time, Sergeant Diddams was leading Australia and Afghan special forces in a raid to capture a Taliban commander in Oruzgan province.

On the morning of his death, the force had landed in helicopters under heavy fire from several locations, and were blasted by machinegun, pinning the two lead scouts in a dry creek bed.

Sergeant Diddams repeatedly left cover to gauge the scene so that he could pass on orders by radio to the rest of his patrol and fire his rifle to help take the pressure off the two pinned down scouts.

"He put himself out there to support his men and he was killed doing it," a soldier from his unit told The Australian. "It was a completely selfless act."

But Sergeant Diddams' actions come as no surprise to his two children, Elle-Lou, 16, and Henry, 14.

"There are no words that could ever describe the immense pride I have for my father," said Elle-Lou.

"I know my father would never have changed his unwavering behaviour on July 2, 2012 whether he knew the outcome or not."

Henry said he was grateful his father had been recognised with one of the nation's top medals for heroism under fire.

"I look up to him even stronger than I did before."

He said his Dad was "the best father you could wish for" and "an amazing, hard working man when it comes to his job".

Elle-Lou said her father died to make the world a better place. "He knew the consequences and unfortunately suffered the ultimate sacrifice ... to protect his mates."

Above: Old Boy Sgt Blaine Diddams (SPC 1988-89) was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2012. This year he was honoured posthumously with a medal of gallantry.



President's Column

"We want to become an alumni association that is more relevant and engaging to the needs and expectations of our large and diverse Old Collegian community."



Mr Stephen McMahon
OCA President

Welcome to the latest edition of Green, White and Blue! The Old Boys' very own section of The Shamrock. It is with enormous pride, that I write this as the new OCA President. Over the next few years, I look forward to supporting and leading a passionate team of Old Boys on the Executive Committee, with various endeavours aimed at transforming the OCA into a more purposeful and conspicuous organisation for past, present and future students. We want to become an alumni association that is more relevant and engaging to the needs and expectations of our large and diverse Old Collegian community. On behalf of all Old Boys, I would like to acknowledge the invaluable work performed by our outgoing President Mr Rick Blanchfield over the many years and his ongoing expertise on the OCA Committee.

and symbols of the College remain. In future, I will comment on what I believe it means to be a St Patrick's Old Boy; why you should stay connected with your old school; and how you can still contribute to SPC. There will be regular updates on the activities of the OCA, with our intention of offering something for every generation of Old Boys.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our two recently inducted Legends - Mr Gerard FitzGerald (SPC 1973) and Mr Dennis Foley (SPC 1966-72). Both have distinguished themselves and the College, with their outstanding contributions. Recognition as a Legend is the highest honour the OCA and College may confer on an Old Boy. The Legend concept has undergone a review in the last 12 months, chaired by Legend Mr Stephen Moneghetti (SPC 1975-80). This was in response to concerns about the selection process, objectivity and the rigour of the required standards.

2013 has been a defining moment in the long history of the Old Collegian's Association (established 1899). The OCA Committee has conducted an external and consultative review of its vision, mission, purpose, structure, functional operations and plans for the future. The launch of our inaugural strategic plan later this year and a challenging list of goals to achieve, will ensure an increased tempo for all involved, but will be of ultimate benefit to the many thousands of Old Boys around the world and to the College community. We will continue to deliver our current successful activities, while also enhancing the value of life membership. We wish to prioritise the recruitment of more motivated and talented Old Boys, to join the Executive Committee and to also do important work within our new Sub-Committee teams. If you would like to get involved, now is the time to step forward. Please contact our Executive Officer Paul Nolan, at the College.

The OCA has published on the College website two key documents - 'Criteria & Procedure for Induction of an SPC Legend' and 'Nomination for Legend Award'. I would ask those wishing to nominate any Old Boy as a Legend, to first read these documents and determine eligibility. The next step is to complete the Legend Nomination and formally submit. We are happy to receive information about Old Boys doing great things. However, a formal nomination is needed for Legend consideration, one which addresses the criteria and also provides other pertinent information needed to move the nomination forwards.

Ecka Dora Boys!

Below: (from left)
The St Patrick's College Old Collegians' Association Rugby Team is one of the many endeavours which receives strong annual support from the OCA. The team is pictured here in action playing at Kardinia Park in a pre-season game.

The SPC-OCA hosts many regional dinners and reunions throughout the year. In May this year, more than 70 members from the Class of 2008 gathered at the Lake View Hotel for their five-year reunion.



Where are they now?

Ace career for tennis fan.

When he was a student at St Patrick's College and a star member of the College's First IV tennis team Courtney Walsh (SPC 1989-94) dreamed of making a career from the sport he loved.

The odds of making it as a professional player were slim at best so Courtney completed a Melbourne University arts degree while earning an income as a tennis coach in Ballarat.

"After spending a couple of years doing that I thought I'd best get a real job and decided to do a post-grad in journalism," Courtney told the Shamrock. It's with that decision that Courtney's career took off, enabling him to live out his dream.

"I was lucky enough to secure a cadetship with the Herald-Sun and began on New Year's Day in 2001," he said.

"I was with the paper for four years covering a variety of areas including the obligatory ambulance chasing on midnight police rounds, a year on court and another year as medical reporter.

"Eager to cover sport, I joined the commuter paper mX, which was a brilliant, fun and irreverent experience. I then joined The Australian as a sports writer in the paper's Perth Bureau in 2006. Effectively, my life for the next two years revolved around Ben Cousins and his exploits on and off the field.

"In 2008 I returned to Melbourne and have been an AFL and tennis reporter, primarily, ever since."



Courtney has been fortunate enough to travel the world in his role, reporting from Grand Slams and Olympic venues and meeting all the modern greats of the game.

Despite the current challenges and cost-cuttings facing print media today, Courtney said he still has a passion both for tennis and for journalism.

"The role is increasingly challenging given online demands and a lack of manpower, but it is still a great job that has taken me around the world," he said.

Courtney advised any current students dreaming of a career in sports journalism to pursue their goals despite uncertainty surrounding the future of some large media organisations.

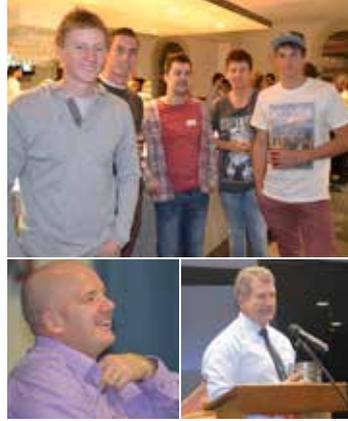
"My tip to any aspiring journalists at St Patrick's is to go for it," he said.

"You'll never be rich financially but you get a front row seat at events people around the world talk about. It is a changing landscape but one to embrace."

Anyone wishing to contact Courtney directly is urged to follow him on Twitter at @walshcee

Obituaries

- **Collins** - Michael Kevin AM (SPC 1944) died, aged 84 in April this year and his survived by his wife Dorothy and children Patrick and Janine. Sadly Kevin, as he preferred to be known, lost two sons, Gerald and Michael during his lifetime. Kevin will be remembered as one of the greatest advocates and proponents for change in the history of the Victorian education system and held the role as the chief general manager of the Victorian school division from the mid to late 1980s. In retirement, Kevin was appointed to Victoria's WorkCare Appeals Board, Chairperson of the Ministerial Review of School Entry Age, and the Non-Government Schools Funding Review Committee. He was asked to review the structure of the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria, saving millions of dollars that were then put to better use by the funding body. He remained with the Board of the Commission for another 10 years.
- **Glennen** - Michael (SPC 1941-43) of Noorat passed away on March 3, 2013. The funeral was celebrated by Fr Gerry Prunty on March 6, 2013 in Terang. Michael's brothers Con Glennen and John Glennen also attended the College. Michael was a regular attendee at the Terang Regional Dinners each year and always enjoyed telling stories of his years at SPC.
- **Todd** - Bob, (SPC 1937-1942) from Mulwala passed away on Saturday March 16, 2013.
- **Waldie** - Ryan (SPC 2006-2009) was tragically killed in a car accident at Gisborne in April. Ryan died at the scene, aged just 20.
- **Hamm** - George (SPC 1942-47) died in Bacchus Marsh on March 27 after a debilitating illness. George was an inaugural Legend of the OCA in 2002 in recognition of his extraordinary career as an engineer. His most notable achievement was leading an Australian National Antarctic Research expedition in 1968-69. George's clothes from that expedition were donated to the College and are on permanent display in the Coffey Display Centre near student services reception.
- **Hutchinson** - John (SPC 1924-38) died on July 13. A former president of the OCA in 1963 and 1970, John is survived by his wife, four daughters and nine grandchildren.
- **Sherry** - Andrew (SPC 1974-1978) passed away peacefully in Adelaide on April 12, 2013 surrounded by his loving family.



Right: The annual OCA reunion programme has again been a terrific success in 2013, welcoming Old Boys back to the College to wine, dine and renew old friendships.

Remarkable Reunions

The busy SPC-OCA reunion season is in full swing in the second half of the calendar year with Old Boys from across generations returning to the College to reflect (and occasionally embellish) upon past glories.

The Class of 2008 five-year reunion (the only annual year level reunion which is held off-site) was attended by more than 70 men in mid-May and was held at the Lake View Hotel for the first time.

SPC-OCA vice-president Chris Torpy addressed the Old Boys on the night and thanked them all for

attending and showing a commitment to continuing their relationship with the school.

"We look forward to hosting each of these men back at the College in five years from now," Mr Torpy said.

On June 1, the Class of 1983 30-year reunion was held in the Old Collegians' Pavilion with around 55 men attending. Considering the class of 1983 only consisted of around 110 students, the College and the OCA was delighted with the number of men were able to revisit 30 years later.

At this reunion the Class of 1983 scholarship fund was launched and we are pleased to note that already, more than \$22,000 has been pledged from this group of Old Boys towards funding future scholarships at the College.

The Pre-1970s reunion was held on August 3, also in the Pavilion. This multi-year reunion was trialled this year to replace the traditional 50-year reunion and was deemed a success. More than 40 men from across multiple decades attended and the College was particularly pleased with the efforts of the

Class of 1953, who had nine members in attendance celebrating 60 years since their time as SPC students.

The OCA will host three further peer year reunions in 2013. The Class of 1973 40-year reunion is scheduled for Saturday, August 17. Then, in Term 4, the Class of 2003 10-year reunion will be held on Saturday, October 19 followed a week later by the Class of 1993 20-year reunion. Men from those years wishing to attend are urged to RSVP to the College's Development Office.

Golf day looming... Sunday November 17... register now!

The annual SPC-OCA Golf Day will again be held at the Midlands Golf Club in 2013 following last year's successful event.

Anyone interested in participating in what is one of the highlights of the OCA social calendar is urged to mark November 17 in the diary as the date to hit the fairways and have a few drinks with some great mates.

Entry prices for the Golf Day will again be \$50 which covers breakfast, 18 holes and lunch, as well as providing the opportunity to share in great prizes on offer. Breakfast will be served from 7.15am before an 8am shotgun start.

Sounds like great value? Then simply fill in the form below and send it back to the College ASAP.

Registration

There are limited places available.

To be returned to:

Paul Nolan, St Patrick's College, Locked Bag 31, Ballarat 3350 or fax to (03) 53 318150 by:

Friday November 8, 2013.

Enquiries Phone: 03 5331 1688

The event is an Ambrose Team Competition with up to four people per team. Team registration with less than four players and individual/double registrations are most welcome - we will allocate teams.

\$50 per player payment must accompany registration form.

Player Name	Address	Phone	Handicap (if any)	Club (if any)

Cheque enclosed \$ _____ (payable to SPC OCA) or please charge my Credit Card

Card type: Mastercard or Visa Expiry date: ____/____/____ Card Number: _____/_____/_____/_____

Amount \$ _____ Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

2013 Legends Dinner



Two new Legends of St Patrick's College were inducted at the 2013 Dinner with the Legends which was attended by more than 150 people in early May.

Above: Gerard FitzGerald, left, and Dennis Foley were inducted as Legends of St Patrick's College at a gala dinner in May. Photo courtesy of *The Courier*.

Ballarat sporting icons Gerard FitzGerald (SPC 1973) and Dennis Foley (SPC 1965-72) were honoured on the night along with long-serving staff member Michael Brady, who was presented with the *Facere et Docere* staff award.

Fresh from coaching VFL team North Ballarat Roosters to a win over Frankston earlier in the day, Mr FitzGerald said he was deeply humbled by the honour and would treasure it dearly.

A former Geelong player, "Fitzzy" said that although he had only spent a short time at the College as a student, SPC had had a profound impact on his life. Both his sons were educated at St Patrick's and he has always retained a very close affiliation with the College.

Similarly, Mr Foley has enjoyed a close partnership with St Patrick's College for nearly 50 years, as a student, as a parent, as chairman of the St Patrick's College Foundation and as a former chairman of the College Board.

In addition to all he has done for the College, Mr Foley has also invested countless volunteer hours to his two great sporting loves - basketball and harness racing. He has spent nearly 30 years heavily involved in both sports in Ballarat as a coach and administrator and has been honoured with life membership both of the Ballarat Basketball Association and of the Ballarat and District Trotting Club. All this was achieved while Mr Foley was also pursuing a highly successful career as a director of

Certified Practising Accountants firm Cooke & Foley Pty Ltd.

The Old Collegians' Association (OCA) would also like to acknowledge the great work of Paul Coburn and Ralph Barba, both Old Boys from the Class of 1980, who both volunteered as MCs on the night.

Each year the OCA inducts new Legends to acknowledge the exceptional work being done by Old Boys in all spheres of life. Specific criteria have been established to ensure all inductees are of the highest quality. The criteria, along with Legend nomination forms, are publicly available on the Old Collegians' page on the College website. The link is: http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/old_collegians_1.php

Regional Dinners

Each year the St Patrick's College Old Collegians' Association hosts dinners in several regional centres as a way of reaching out and connecting with Old Boys in their home towns.

At each function, which are always held in a local pub or restaurant, the OCA will be represented by at least one committee member who will be joined by a representative of the College.

The night provides a great opportunity for Old Boys to get up to speed with all the latest news from their old alma mater while also networking with other former students from around their district.

The bonds and friendships formed at these dinners can be of enormous benefit in the lives and careers of Old Boys.

Already in 2013, the OCA has hosted dinners at Terang and Shepparton. Future dinners will be held in Warrnambool on Wednesday, September 6, at Bendigo on Monday, October 21 and at Geelong on Tuesday, October 29.

If you would like to attend any of these functions please email Caitlin Bennett at cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

Below: Attendees at the SPC-OCA's regional dinner which was held at the Australia Hotel in Shepparton.





Old Boys in the News

Chris (SPC 1998-2003) and Michael Sheedy (SPC 1994-1999)

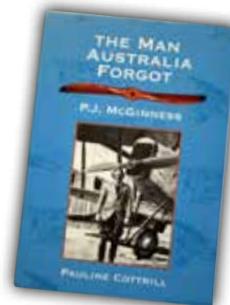


- While the entire country was revelling in the remarkable Ashes debut of spinner Ashton Agar (above), two Old Boys in particular were celebrating the occasion. Brothers **Michael (SPC 1994-1999)** and **Chris Sheedy (SPC 1998-2003)**, pictured above, had more cause than most to enjoy Agar's amazing innings of 98 on debut given that Agar was using a cricket bat made by the brothers' burgeoning bat label Tails Never Fails (TNF). Both Michael and Chris were teammates of Agar when he played at the Richmond Cricket Club and have close bonds with the new Aussie spinner. The company expects a surge in interest in their boutique bats given the international media interest in the TNF brand. Prior to Agar's innings the company had made about 400 bats. "I could probably sell 400 next week if I had them," Michael told *The Age*.
- Former student **Philip Sondhu (SPC 1997-2000)** has been recognised as one of Australia's best young entrepreneurs for his success in establishing the country's largest dedicated rural classifieds website. Philip created

the website *Farmbuy.com* five years ago after seeing a gap in the market for specialist online classifieds for rural property sales. In late June, Philip was named by *SmartCompany*, a respected business website, as one of Australia's top 30 young entrepreneurs.

- Congratulations to Old Boy **Tim Slater (SPC 2004-09)** who has been selected to represent the Australian lawn bowls team in the Para-Sport triples competition to be held in Glasgow in August. Tim is in contention to be named in Australia's Commonwealth Games team next year.
- Congratulations to several Old Boy priests who have been included in the Diocese of Ballarat's College of Consultors to Bishop Paul Bird. The College of Consultors is a group of priests who serve as an advisory body for the Bishop and are appointed for five-year terms. The current College started its term on July 1, 2013 with five of its eight members being former students of St Patrick's College. They are: **Fr Justin Driscoll (SPC 1981-82)**, **Fr John Fitzgerald (SPC 1966-69)**, **Fr Adrian McLnerney (SPC 1961)**, **Fr Eugene McKinnon (SPC 1965-66)** and **Fr John Monaghan (SPC 1967-72)**.
- The life of one of the College's iconic Old Boys has been documented in a biography which was launched by Qantas chief executive officer Geoff

Dixon at the Shrine of Remembrance in April. **Paul Joseph McGinness** attended SPC from 1910-1911 and is best remembered for being the co-founder of Qantas. However, it was his efforts fighting in two World Wars, including flying alongside Lawrence of Arabia in a secret squadron called X-Wing, that also set Paul apart as a man of courage and character.



Following his death in 1952 Paul's daughter, Pauline Cottrill spent years compiling the biography of her father. Her book, "The Man Australia Forgot" (pictured) is now available for sale at the Shrine of Remembrance website.

- Congratulations to Old Boy **Raymond O'Shannessy (SPC 1947-48)** who was awarded an Order of Australia Medal during this year's Queen's Birthday Honours List. Ray was recognised for service to the town of Benalla, which he has called home since moving there as a homeless youth in 1950. He said the town had such an impact on his life that he'd spent the past 60 years giving back to it.

- OCA Legend and former Victorian Premier **Steve Bracks (SPC 1968-71)** has been announced as Australia's new Consul-General in New York.
- Another Old Boy, **Stefan Osborne (SPC 2010-11)**, is also looking to make his mark in the USA after being offered a four-year, full scholarship to play basketball at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.
- Congratulations also to **Jake Neade (SPC 2010-2012)** and to **Bradley Crouch (SPC 2006-11)** for being named as the NAB Rising Stars in the AFL in consecutive weeks for Round 13 and Round 14 after starring for Port Adelaide and Adelaide respectively. Congratulations also to **Shaun Grigg (SPC 2001-06)** who played his 100th AFL game on July 6.
- Well done to Old Boy **Gerard FitzGerald (SPC 1973)** who has had his contract as senior coach of the North Ballarat Roosters extended by two years, ensuring he remains in charge until the end of the 2015 VFL season. Fitzzy also coached his 300th VFL game on June 29 with a win over Sandringham.

- Old Boy **Shane Dunne (SPC 1987-91)** will contest the next Federal Election in the seat of Ballarat as a candidate for Bob Katter's Australian Party.
- Well done to Old Boy **Pat Shaw (SPC Class of 2004)** who won the 103rd Melbourne to Ballarat Road Cycling race on July 27, beating 274 other riders in the process.

Next edition

Isn't it scary how time flies? How can we already be so close to the end of 2013? It seems like only yesterday we were welcoming everyone back to the start of another school year - when hundreds of small Year 7s (and quite a few tall ones as well) were nervously edging their way around the College, trying desperately to remember the difference between the wings, Pell and Purton, between the houses, Galvin and

Keniry, and between the dozens of new faces they were encountering on a daily basis. Not to mention learning the words to the school song and war cry.

But now, these boys are becoming SPC veterans nearing the end of their first 12 months in our great community. While, earlier in the year, our focus was largely on welcoming our new additions, now as the year draws to a close, we look towards farewelling those

who are departing to embark on new, bigger journeys in life.

The next edition of The Shamrock - the final one for 2013 - will be published and distributed in the weeks leading up to Christmas and will largely focus on farewelling the Class of 2013. We'll have full coverage of all events including the Valedictory Dinner, Speech Night and the farewell Mass. We'll also have full coverage of the ordination to the priesthood of Old Boy James

Kerr which will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on September 6. And, of course, we'll also ensure we bring all our readers up to speed on all the academic and sporting results from around the College as well as great pictures from OCA events including reunions, regional dinners and the Golf Day on November 17.

It promises to be a bumper edition full of great SPC reading.

Coming events

August

Friday, August 23

St Patrick's College Flanagan Art Prize, August 23-September 1. Gala launch function on Friday, August 23 at 7.00pm in the OCA Pavilion. Tickets are \$25 and are available by calling Caitlin Bennett on (03) 5322 4449. Following the launch the exhibition will be open free of charge on Saturday August 24, Sunday August 25, Saturday August 31 and Sunday September 1 from 11am to 4pm or by appointment.

Former student James Kerr will be ordained to the priesthood in September.



September

Monday, September 2

SPC First XV Rugby Presentation night in the OCA Pavilion. Further details contact Director of Rugby Leigh McKee. Email: lmckee@stpats.vic.edu.au

Wednesday, September 4

Old Collegians' Association Warrnambool Regional Dinner. Further details contact Caitlin Bennett. Email: cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

Friday, September 6

Father's Day Mass and Breakfast. Further details contact Caitlin Bennett. Email: cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

Friday, September 6

Ordination to the priesthood of former student James Kerr at St Patrick's Cathedral. For further information contact the Diocese of Ballarat.

Monday, September 9

SPC First XVIII Football - John James Medal Night in the OCA Pavilion. Further details contact Director of Football Howard Clark. Email: hclark@stpats.vic.edu.au

Monday, September 16

SPC First XV Soccer Presentation Night in the OCA Pavilion. Further details contact Director of Soccer Jamie Bobrowski. Email: jbobrowski@stpats.vic.edu.au

October

Saturday, October 12

Old Collegians' Association Class of 2003 Ten Year Reunion in the OCA Pavilion. Tickets \$45. Contact Caitlin Bennett. Email: cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

Monday, October 14

SPC Basketball Presentation Night in the OCA Pavilion. Further details contact Director of Basketball Tamara Westwood. Email: twestwood@stpats.vic.edu.au

Wednesday, October 16

Information night for 2015 Year 7 families. Further details contact Caitlin Bennett. Email: cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

Saturday, October 16

Old Collegians' Association Class of 1993 20-Year Reunion in the OCA Pavilion. Tickets \$45. Contact Caitlin Bennett. Email: cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

Monday, October 21

Old Collegians' Association Bendigo Regional Dinner. Further details contact Caitlin Bennett. Email: cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

Wednesday, October 23

Year 12 Concluding and Thanksgiving Mass at 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Tuesday, October 29

Old Collegians' Association Geelong Regional Dinner. Further details contact Caitlin Bennett. Email: cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

November

Thursday, November 7

SPC Community Mass in the College Chapel at 7.30pm.

Sunday, November 17

Old Collegians' Association Annual Golf Day at Midlands Golf Club. Further details contact Caitlin Bennett. Email: cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

Wednesday, November 20

Speech Night at Her Majesty's Theatre at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available through Her Majesty's Theatre.

Thursday, November 21

SPAM Media Awards in the OCA Pavilion. For further details contact Head of Arts Peter Hutchins. Email: phutchins@stpats.vic.edu.au

Friday, November 22

Valedictory Dinner in the W.T. O'Malley Sports Centre. For further details and tickets contact the College Shop.



The College's strong Foundation



Above: (from top): The St Patrick's College Foundation's 2013 Annual General Meeting created a small piece of history by being the first College meeting held in the former Brothers' Library in what will now be known as Kennedy House. Foundation members, from left, are: Dr Peter Casey, Rick Keen, David Canny, John Schreenan, Shirley Walters, Peter Wilson, Luke Dunne, Chris Caldwell and chairman Dennis Foley.

The fundraising campaign which led to the construction of the Jo Walter Field is an example of just one successful project the St Patrick' College Foundation has completed.

The St Patrick's College Foundation is building from strength to strength in 2013 with the appointment of some fresh new faces to the vitally important fundraising committee.

Three former students who are all now very successful businessmen have answered the call to volunteer their time on the Foundation Committee as it seeks to increase its profile and generate further donations to help fund ongoing scholarships and major capital works programmes around the College.

Managing Director of Ballarat law firm Neveitt Ford Lawyers, Peter Wilson (SPC 1959-1965) joined the Foundation Committee at the start of 2013, bringing invaluable experience and legal knowledge to the committee. Mr Wilson also addressed the full student cohort at the 2013 Academic Assembly earlier this year, speaking passionately about how his time at the College had helped set the Foundation for his subsequent successful career.

Mr Wilson was joined by two new Foundation Committee members at the Annual General Meeting which was held in the former Brothers' Library on May 29, 2013. Red Lion Hotel owner David Canny (SPC 1980-1985) and Kingprint managing director John Schreenan (SPC 1982-1983) both accepted invitations to volunteer their time and knowledge to serve on the committee.

Foundation chairman Dennis Foley said he was delighted to see the committee attract new members, ensuring its reach into the wider Ballarat business and social community would continue to grow.

"The Foundation is the major fundraising body of the College and is responsible for securing donations and requests to fund ongoing scholarships

and capital works programmes in and around the College," Mr Foley said.

"To do this successfully we rely greatly on the ongoing support of former students (as well as current and former staff and parents) so to have three such notable Old Boys return to volunteer in this role will be crucial towards the ongoing viability of the College.

"The Foundation has some exciting plans for fundraising activities in 2014 and I'm confident that, along with current non-staff members Luke Dunne and Rick Keen, our new additions will ensure these upcoming events will be successful."

Mr Foley said the major fundraising event on the horizon will be a gala dinner in February to announce the greatest St Patrick's College Football Team of all time. That team will then be forwarded on to the Edmund Rice Education Australia which is planning to name its Team of the Century from all Edmund Rice schools.

"We have previously named SPC Teams of the Decade but have never brought together a greatest team of all time, with players named in position so we expect there will be a lot of interest around that," Mr Foley said.

More details on the Football Dinner including a form to purchase tickets to this historic event will be published in the next edition of The Shamrock.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help out with the SPC Foundation is encouraged to email Director of Community Development Paul Nolan at pnolan@stpats.vic.edu.au



St Patrick's College Foundation

As a member of the St Patrick's College community we invite you to reflect on the enormous role the College played in helping you and your family develop to where it is today.

We trust that the quality of education you experienced in your time affiliated with the College 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 education for boys. As we move further 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'. 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 invite you to complete this reply form, which will be treated with the utmost confidentiality, and return it to:

The Bequest Officer
St Patrick's College (Ballarat) Foundation
Reply Paid 75486
Locked Bag 31
BALLARAT, VIC, 3350

Name: _____

SPC Years: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

Email: _____

Most Suitable Time for Contact by the Bequest Officer: _____

Please Tick Box

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____





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