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# *the Shamrock*



Ballarat has shivered through one of its coldest winters in more than a decade and didn't we feel it here on Friday, August 1 when the College was covered in a thick blanket of snow.

One new Year 11 student, Yestin Eades, had only arrived in Ballarat two days earlier from Perth when he found himself watching snow fall for the first time in his life. Surely, he must have been wondering what he had got himself into!

The fantastic snowfall was one of many highlights of life at St Patrick's College over the past three months.

One again students, staff, parents and Old Boys have excelled on local, national and international stages, bringing much joy to the entire SPC community.

And once again, we have endeavoured to include as many of those achievements and milestones as possible in these pages.

Now, as we all begin to thaw out following the Ballarat blizzard, we can start to look forward to the warmer spring months which hold much promise for continued success.

**Top shot!**  
The entire College, including the picturesque Wilding Wing, took on a new, wintry look when 5cm of snow fell on Ballarat in August.

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**Front Cover:**

1st XVIII Captain Liam Duggan and coach Howard Clark are all smiles in the centre of the MCG after winning the College's fifth consecutive Herald-Sun Shield.



# New Headmaster announced

Headmaster Dr Peter Casey (left) will retire at the completion of the 2014 school year and will be replaced in 2015 by Marian College, Ararat principal Mr John Crowley.

The Board of St Patrick's has announced the appointment of Mr John Crowley, as the new Headmaster of St Patrick's College from the commencement of 2015.

Mr Crowley, the current Principal of Marian College in Ararat, will take over from Dr Peter Casey who retires after 13 years as Headmaster and 30 years of principalship.

St Patrick's College Board Chair, Mr Andrew Byrne said Mr Crowley was well qualified having spent the last five years as Principal of Marian College and has accrued more than 20 years of teaching experience.

"John's leadership and innovation at Marian College has resulted in extensive improvements and enhancements for the benefit of all and we are delighted to have him at the helm of St Patrick's College next year," Mr Byrne said.

Mr Byrne said Mr Crowley is extremely well-regarded by the Marian College school community as well as the Ballarat Diocesan

community and the Brigidine Sisters who are the governors of Marian College.

Mr Crowley said he was eagerly anticipating starting his new role at St Patrick's.

"I am absolutely delighted to be appointed as the next Headmaster at St Patrick's College, Ballarat," he said.

"As a school in the Edmund Rice tradition, it has a beautiful hope-filled charisma that calls all members of the community to be inclusive and compassionate and who work for justice for all.

"It is a tradition that I am very familiar with having worked at St Bernard's College, West Essendon and Trinity College Colac, both of whom are schools in the Edmund Rice charisma.

"St Patrick's College has a long and proud tradition of excellence in boys' education in the Ballarat and wider region and I look forward to

working with the College staff and parents to continue on with this great work over the coming years."

St Patrick's College Headmaster, Dr Peter Casey said he would be pleased to hand the baton and stewardship of St Patrick's College to Mr Crowley next year upon his retirement.

Mr Crowley's leadership at Marian College has resulted in a dramatic improvement in its academic achievements. The College has undergone an exciting building programme over the five years of Mr Crowley's tenure, including the construction of a Gymnasium and Multi-Purpose Centre, a Trade Training Centre and the acquisition of adjacent land.

Mr Crowley has been innovative in his direction for Marian College in areas such as technology, curriculum planning and student motivation and engagement.

Over his twenty years of teaching experience, Mr Crowley has been

rewarded for his enthusiastic dedication to teaching, especially in music. In 1998 he received a State National Excellence in Teaching Award and in the same year went on to receive the coveted National Excellence in Teaching Award from NEITA Foundation for Australia.

Mr Crowley has degrees in Arts at Bachelor and Masters levels, a graduate diploma in Education and is currently completing his PhD in Education at Monash University. He is a member of the Australian College of Educators.

Mr Crowley is familiar with the Edmund Rice tradition through his work at St Bernard's College, Essendon, and Trinity College, Colac. He is an active member of the Ballarat Community where he lives with his wife and two daughters in St Columba's parish.

Mr Crowley will commence as Headmaster of St Patrick's College in 2015.



# Edmund Rice Day

Monday, May 5, 2014

In Term 2 we celebrated the feast of Blessed Edmund Rice, who showed through his life that he stood for compassion and the practical love of others, particularly the poor and uneducated – a love which found its source in his deep faith in and relationship with God.

We need to hold on to his example here at school, because there are so many competing voices, values and influences, which could lead us in any random or self-serving direction.

The same is true of us individually as teachers, parents and anyone who through St Patrick's College is engaged in our ultimate goal or nurturing, educating and developing the boys in our care.

The story of Edmund Rice is an inspiring example of what it means to be a successful person with a meaningful life who stood for something both practical and inspiring.

As an ordinary man he allowed himself to be moved by compassion for the poor young uneducated boys of Waterford, Ireland, responding in a

practical way by feeding, clothing and teaching them.

And not driven by fame, status, money – or any other expression of pure self-interest, but by an uncomplicated faith in Jesus and his sense of compassion, he started and inspired a movement, the Christian Brothers, which has improved the lives of millions, and still does so today through the various Edmund Rice ministries, including St Patrick's College.

Many thanks must be offered to the students who engaged so positively in the range of activities on offer during the day.

Despite the weather the walk-a-thon was a great success and the way in which the majority of boys participated in the 11km walk was commendable.

The goal of raising \$40,000 is very close to being achieved. I would like to thank the boys with the support of their families for their efforts in trying to achieve this target. If donations are yet to be returned to the College could I ask that this is done as soon as possible.

Following is a list of the boys from each year level who raised the most money:

**Year 7**  
Jaiden White

**Year 8**  
Isaac Muller

**Year 9**  
Beau Rasic

**Year 10**  
Jack James

**Year 11**  
Thomas Button

**Year 12**  
Nicholas Strangio

The second major activity for the day was the St Pat's Has Talent Quest. Once again we were treated to a variety of tremendous performances, showcasing the diverse skills evident in our student population. The popular winner though was Year 11 student Joel Willmott who shone with his solo acoustic guitar and vocal performance.

Once again thank you for your support of this very important day.



Mr Jon Franzin  
Deputy Headmaster  
Wellbeing

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# Audiences spellbound by Bee

Students from St Patrick's College and Loreto College left audiences spellbound with their performance of the "25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" at Her Majesty's Theatre in late July.

The annual joint production from the two schools was full of amazing colour, humour, emotion and passion, combined with the incredible vocal and instrumental performances.

Director Mr Greg Shawcross was delighted with the final product which thrilled audiences in attendance over the three night-time performances.

"In choosing to stage 'Spelling Bee' as our combined College production for 2014, there was

a high level of anticipation in staging a light-hearted, fun and, at times, silly musical comedy," Mr Shawcross said.

"However, when rehearsals commenced and the cast and crew delved deeper into the script we discovered that underneath the fun elements there are some very serious themes coming through the subtext.

"As we got to know the characters over the course of the show we grow to understand that there is much more to these people than meets the eye.

"We live in a society that is very eager to categorise and label people quickly and often unfairly. I believe that 'Spelling Bee' is an

excellent reminder that there is so much more to a person when you take the time to learn about them and understand them."

Cast and crew for their performance commenced rehearsals in February, meaning six months' worth of sustained work had been invested in the production.

Those fortunate enough to attend during the show's run would attest that it was certainly six months well spent.

Next year's joint College production will be hosted by Loreto College and will be performed in Loreto's new performing arts centre which is currently under construction.





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# SPC in Concert



Mr Mark Witham  
Director of Performing  
Arts and Music

On Wednesday, August 6 all musicians from St Patrick's College presented their annual SPC in Concert in the College Chapel. The Chapel had not been used as a performance venue in the recent history of the College but is considered a perfect performance venue due to its lively acoustics and convenient location.

SPC in Concert showcased all SPC's large ensembles, including smaller chamber groups and several invited soloists. Another first was the introduction of the Year 7 Chamber Choir. Under Mr Michael Murphy's leadership the angelic voices of the choir took us on an emotional journey with Franz Schubert's Ave Maria. Their performance was the highlight of the night!

We were entertained by three concert bands: the newly-formed Junior Concert Band, the Concert Band and the premier ensemble at SPC, the

Symphonic Wind Ensemble. All three ensembles were conducted by myself.

There were soloists performing on vibraphone, piano, clarinet and guitar. The smaller chamber ensembles included a flute trio, the Sims brothers playing a piano duo and the SPC Guitar Ensemble. The Brass and Saxophone Ensembles also made their debut performance. The Staff Ensemble performed a Renaissance piece from the gallery taking the audience by surprise!

The Stage Band completed the first half of the concert with its exciting Jazz and Funk repertoire led by Mr Brad Murray. To commence the second half of the concert, the Percussion Ensemble kept the audience on the edge of their seats with their military precision directed by Mr Michael Evans-Barker.

The concert gave us the opportunity to showcase our new acquisition, the Yamaha Concert Grand C6 with James McKinnon, Nathaniel Corboy and Nick Elliot displaying their fine dexterity. SPC wishes to thank the Rotary Club of Ballarat South which was instrumental in financially supporting the acquisition of this wonderful instrument.

Headmaster Dr Peter was delighted after the concert.

"The music was well matched to the boy's ability and showcased them so well," Dr Casey said.

"They did sound accomplished. My favourite experience is just shutting my eyes and drinking in the notes as they waft over me. So much talent and enthusiasm to be channelled."

Above: The second annual SPC in Concert was hailed a fantastic success after making full use of the wonderful acoustics on offer in the College Chapel.



The College was delighted to play host to nearly 500 people for Mass and Breakfast on Friday, May 9 to celebrate Mothers Day.

In what is fast becoming one of the most popular events on the College calendar, hundreds of mothers and grandmothers braved the chilly Ballarat morning for Mass with their sons/grandsons in the Chapel at 7am.

Old Collegian Fr James Kerr (SPC 2000-05) celebrated the Mass before the congregation dispersed throughout the College for breakfast. Mothers and grandmothers were each presented with carnations by current students as they departed from the Chapel.

Three separate function areas of the College had to be set aside to cater for the large crowd with breakfasts

hosted in the OCA Pavilion, in the Dining Room and in the canteen area.

The 2014 Mothers Day event was the largest held at the College.

Director of Community Development Mr Paul Nolan said the College thoroughly enjoyed hosting the mothers and grandmothers and saying thanks for the extraordinary roles they play in their son's education.

"The annual Mothers Day Mass and Breakfast is one of the very special events on the annual St Patrick's College calendar," Mr Nolan said.

"We are thrilled that the morning continues to grow in popularity each year and provides the opportunity for mothers to share a very special morning with their sons."

The annual Fathers Day Mass and Breakfast is being held on Friday, September 5 from 7am. Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel followed by breakfast in the Dining Room.

All wishing to attend the Fathers Day Mass and Breakfast are asked to RSVP to Rachel Bryant (rbryant@stpats.vic.edu.au or 5322 4386) by Tuesday, September 2.

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# Reconciliation Week

Speech by Will Austin

As part of National Reconciliation Week celebrations at St Patrick's College, Year 12 student Will Austin addressed the full school assembly about his heritage and his campaign to increase awareness of mental health issues in Indigenous youth. This is an edited version of his speech.

My name is Will Austin. My people are from Warrnambool. They are from Gunditjmara country on the Framlingham mission. I would like to pay my respects to the old people who have cared and still care for this beautiful country we are able to live in. I would like to acknowledge the Wathaurong people who are the traditional custodians of this place and I pay my respect to any elders past and present and any elders that join us here today.

It is really important to do a welcoming to country because one of our ideas is that, after we pass away, our spirit moves up to the place called the Warrambool and the Warrambool is what we now call the Milky Way. Our spirit stays in the Milky Way but we can't live there forever. We have to return home to our country and we return in a shooting star. So when you see a shooting star, that's an old spirit returning to country.

I have been invited to reflect firstly a little about what it means to me to be Aboriginal. And secondly, where I think we are in terms of the Reconciliation Process.

It is not a choice in one's life to be this or to be that. I believe being

aboriginal is the core of who I am as an individual. It is what makes me, me. It is who I was yesterday and it is who I will be in the thousands of years to come. I cannot change that, nor would I want to. The fact that I am part of the longest living culture in the world is why I am so proud of where I stand today.

I gain the confidence to get up here and speak to you today through my imagination. Right now I see the 1,500 generations of aboriginal people looking up at me and passing on the role of guide to my generation, reminding us to continually immerse ourselves to keep that aboriginal culture alive.

As I grew up I was always surrounded by the love of family, aboriginal community and culture. I come from one of the biggest extended aboriginal family groups within Victoria. I loved marching with my elders, and family through the streets of Melbourne in the annual NAIDOC celebrations, attending many community events with the playing of the didgeridoo, ceremonial dancing and aboriginal concerts. It was natural and beautiful to me.

But in saying that, sometimes it can be hard for me, being a light-skinned indigenous young man of our

community. For some people it seems hard for them to accept the fact that I am aboriginal. Receiving statements and questions such as: "You can't be aboriginal, you're not black!" or "You try to be aboriginal, but really you're not". Or the most common one: "Yeah you may be aboriginal, but what percentage, like three quarters or one eighth?"

At times these statements really can start bringing you down. They create confusion and doubt. You start asking yourself who you really are. It is almost as if I am forced to navigate myself between two worlds: to be myself in my Aboriginal World...and to be the other person people perceived or wanted me to be in their Non-Aboriginal World.

It's come to me over the last couple of years that as long as I know who I am, and you know who you are, then that is all that really matters, as that is the start of living a successful life.

This notion of having to walk between two worlds does not sit right with me. When I step out the front door every day, I can't just park my aboriginality and leave it behind, and I do not closet my aboriginality every time I put on my

Above: Year 12 student Will Austin also addressed primary school students during NAIDOC Week in late June. Picture courtesy of *The Courier*.

# Flanagan Art Exhibition

A former winner of the prestigious Archibald Prize is among the many artists from across Australia to have entered the 2014 Flanagan Art Exhibition which will be held at St Patrick's College in late August.

Following the gala launch, the exhibition will be open free to the public from 11am-4pm on August 24, 25, 30 and 31. People wishing to view the exhibition at other times can do so by appointment.

2006 Archibald Prize winner Marcus Wills has entered this year's competition with a portrait entitled "Man cursing (what he wanted to say)" and will be among more than 80 artists in contention to win the coveted prize, now in its seventh year.

All artwork at this year's exhibition, except the winners, will be available for sale with 25% of each sale price being returned to the College.

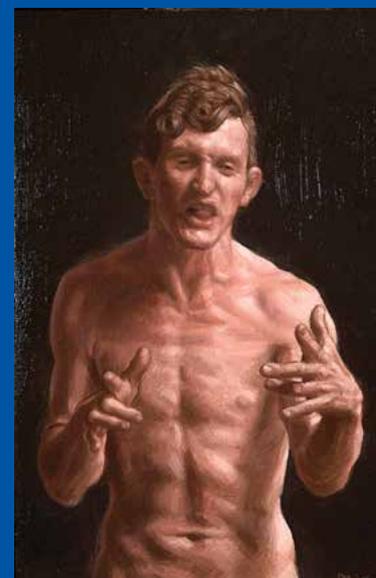
Anyone requesting further information on the exhibition is urged to contact Paul Nolan on 5322 4450 or at [pnolan@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:pnolan@stpats.vic.edu.au)

The winner of the 2014 Flanagan Art Prize will receive a \$5000 cheque, courtesy of Viatek Australia. The winner of the Federation University Emerging Artist Prize will receive \$1500 while a further \$500 is on offer for the artwork declared the best in the most affordable category, courtesy of Lifestyle Travel Ballarat.

This year's exhibition will be launched in the OCA Pavilion with a cocktail function at 7pm on Friday, August 22 at which the winners will be announced.

The College is thrilled this year to have Professor Callum Morton, the Head of Fine Arts at Monash University to judge the exhibition.

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Above: "Man cursing (what he wanted to say)", painted by 2006 Archibald Prize winner Marcus Wills has been entered in the 2014 Flanagan Art Exhibition at St Patrick's College.



school uniform. In fact my aboriginality will be the one thing that is always going to be with me.

Which means for me it now becomes a world where to be successful is to be aboriginal. To be a leader is to be aboriginal. To be alive, breathing, feeling is to be aboriginal. To live a life of compassion, love, honesty, family is to be aboriginal.

I often imagine how beautiful this world would be if discrimination based on an individual's origin or race never existed. Each and every one of us here today has the right to be proud of your identity and to live and breathe it, just as it is my right to live in harmony, devoid of racism.

Within the past 13 years my Dad has often said to me, it is not a perfect world yet...but the change from his era is phenomenal. Dad always says 'from little things big things grow'...words from a much loved song by aboriginals.

For me, reconciliation is that acceptance of realising our differences and celebrating them as much as defending what we have in common. It is about recognising that we all have a valid point of view, no matter how different it may be.

At the same time as reconciliation weaves its way through this country of

ours, my elders have been able to heal from their hurts and painful experiences of their past, celebrating watching the young ones grow up in a safer country than what it was for them.

Reconciliation provides an incredible vehicle and vision for the future, of unity and respect for all Australians. It is up to our generation to put things right. Don't wait for politicians to do it, they come and go. Reconciliation is the people's movement.

We need to close the gap in all aspects of life. Because at its heart, true reconciliation is not just about the past, it isn't just about the history, it's about linking arms indigenous and non-indigenous, moving forward, creating our own history as a whole, and leaving our own footsteps behind for the generations after us to follow.

It is my intention, as an Indigenous member of my generation, to do whatever I can to assist the generations of my people who have come before me and will come after me to feel safe, empowered and proud.

It is also my intention to assist our country, in whatever small way I can, to effectively manage and progress the lives of Indigenous people within our civil society.



# SPC in the big smoke

Brandon Lauton 9J

Year 9 students were involved in the annual Melbourne Week Experience in early June, providing the boys with practical lessons on the history, attractions and navigation of the big city. Here, student Brandon Lauton provides his overview of the experience.

**Above:** Year 9 students step on to the hallowed turf of the mighty MCG.

**Below:** Year 12 student Scott Allison completed a week of work experience at Laser Electrical, Ballarat.

On June 2 five Year 9 classes went to Melbourne for the first time on a journey to learn Melbourne's complex public transport system. I was one of the many boys who travelled up and down to the city every day, leaving Ballarat Station at 6:45am and returning at around 6pm.. It was basically a twelve hour day away from home, every day. My personal highlights were the Melbourne Aquarium and the Vic Market Treasure Hunt.

Our first meeting point was the National Art Gallery (International). We learnt about a variety of art, from classical renaissance to modern contemporary art. After this, we all headed to one of the 'hundreds' of 7Elevens in the CBD for refreshments. We also went to the dream works animation exhibition. This was interesting to

see how real animators made epic cartoon movies.

The next part of the trip was Federation Square, it was interesting to see the complex architecture and its relation to the environment around it. But for me, the real excursion we were all waiting for was the aquarium. When we finally got there the anticipation was real and we really enjoyed our experience. We saw a massive saltwater crocodile at 5,5m in length and weighing 750kg! Afterwards we all treated ourselves to a Rio frozen Sprite from McDonalds.

On Thursday, we went to the Vic Market and this was very interesting as we had to complete a scavenger hunt. We had to find certain objects or people, such as best bargain or cheapest tomatoes. It was real fun

we met some really nice people, some real funny shop owners and we saw some pretty exotic food. For lunch that day, we had a nice chicken pesto sandwich. Magnifique!

On our final day, we went to the MCG on its famous tour of the cricket nets and a walk on the pitch. The highlight of that tour was easily the game on interactive boards. We played soccer, netball, footy and archery. We learnt a lot about the stadium's history, and how it started from a paddock until it developed into the massive stadium it is now.

With that at 2.30 on Friday June 7 we boarded the overcrowded train back to Ballarat - I was sitting in the luggage area! With this train ride our Melbourne Experience had ended.

## SPC at Work

Anthony Meehan - Careers Officer

More than 200 Senior School students undertook work placements throughout the designated work experience week. The most popular jobs were primary teaching (28), medical/health sciences (15), building/construction (14), retail sales (12), engineering (12), agricultural/ landscaping (10), plumber (8), mechanic (8), graphics/ architectural design (7), sports administration (7), legal/commerce (7), media/visual communications

(7), manufacturing/ trades (7), electrical (6), general administration (6), real estate (4), and hospitality (3).

One student travelled interstate to the Claremont Tigers in Perth, one to the surf coast at Torquay, and one to the base of the snow fields at Mansfield. Some ventured to the big smoke of Melbourne's CBD corporate hub. One adventurous soul travelled to the far east of the state and reached Victoria's major power station and another travelled

north looking for greener pastures in Kelly country. Far and wide they went in search of work experiences but still the majority found placements in their local backyard with Ballarat and district employers.

My thanks are extended to the Enhanced Learning Team for their support of the programme and for visiting and photographing many of the boys on the job.





# SPC in East Timor

Kristine Smardon - Head of Religious Education

From July 2 – 12 St Patrick's College students travelled to East Timor. The immersion experience was an opportunity for nine students to experience a new and different culture and witness the day to day life style of the people of the youngest and poorest nation in south east Asia, that of the East Timorese people.

The touring party's first stop was at the Dominican Orphanage in Bidau, Dili. The group worked with the boys from the orphanage out at Hera farm, helping to fence an area to be established as a vegetable

garden. This experience increased the St Patrick's College boys' awareness of poverty as, although they were willing to fence the entire area, there was only enough money to buy a few of the materials needed. The fencing would be finished when and if the community received more money.

The boys also visited the Comoro Pre-school, where they were able to assist with the childrens' outdoor playtime, and the Ahisaun Centre for Disabled where they learnt of the difficulties faced by disabled people in East Timor.

With great sadness the boys left the orphanage to travel to Maliana. Here the boys were welcomed as honoured guests as we were the first school group to travel to Maliana and spend time at the boy's college.

While in Maliana the group worked with the students in the subjects of English and computers, competed against them in two games of soccer, participated in and were the audience at a wonderful evening concert and enjoyed a day at the beach with boys from the college.

Through this experience the nine boys began to see the world differently. They were aware of the poverty but also the happiness, and they were welcomed as honoured guest by so many kind, welcoming, affectionate and happy people.

As one student wrote: "So many people constantly just want more and more in their lives. We need to stop for a moment and appreciate what we have in front of us by focusing just on the things that we need in our lives in order to make us happy, and learning to be content with that."

# SPC in Japan

Margaret McIntyre - Head of Language

On June 23 a group of 19 students, accompanied by two teachers flew out on a 15-day tour of Japan. The touring party spent the first four days in the historical cities of Kyoto and Nara visiting temples, shrines and castles. All were impressed by the beautiful Golden temple and the size of Nijo Castle right in the middle of Kyoto. The deer around the Todaiji temple in Nara were also popular. On our last day in Kyoto we enjoyed a visit to a theme park based on ninja and samurai. Some students passed a terrifying few minutes in the Horror House and were very glad to emerge.

On Saturday we arrived in Tokyo where we experienced the crowded subway system, the brightly lit shopping areas and shopping for

high tech goods in Akihabara. Our last day in Tokyo was spent at Disneyland. Space Mountain, an indoor rollercoaster, was a very popular ride.

Our next stop was Miyajima, a beautiful island near Hiroshima. The vermilion Tori gate at the Itsukushima Shrine is one of the most well-known images of Japan. On the first morning in Miyajima we took the cable car to the top station on Mount Misen. After our second night it was time to leave Miyajima and we boarded the ferry to go to Hiroshima. It was pouring, and so exploring the peace Park in Hiroshima was difficult. But we did manage to see the Genbaku dome, the Eternal flame and Sadako's statue with the thousands of cranes



sent each year from around the world. The students spent some time in the Museum where the exhibits brought home to everyone the stark reality and horror of the dropping of the atomic bomb.

It was then just a short shinkansen trip to Okayama where the students met the host families with whom they were to spend the final five days of the tour experiencing

everyday family life. During this time the students visited a school where they practiced Japanese and English with the students, played Japanese drums and learned about the tea ceremony.

Everyone enjoyed the trip learning much about Japan, its language and its people and many students have resolved to return to study or work in Japan.





# Give us Five!

By Xavier Carey - Year 11



St Patrick's College has once again created history by becoming the first school to win five consecutive Herald Sun Shield premierships in the history of the competition.

**Left:** Vice captain Dan Butler flies high for a mark at the MCG.

**Top left:** Players celebrate five premierships in a row.

**Top right:** Tom Templeton dominated off a half back flank and was a worthy winner of the Kevin Sheedy Medal for best afield in the winning team.

**Below:** Captain Liam Duggan soars over the pack.



The boys in the green, white and blue knocked off a valiant Box Hill Secondary College side by 49 points under lights at the MCG on Friday, August 8.

It was apparent from the beginning that both sides were a little shaky - after all, it isn't that often you play in a Grand Final at 'The G'.

However SPC student Nick Weightman was awarded a 50m penalty to bring him within 20 metres of the goals. He took his opportunity to get his team going in what would be a dominant quarter for St Pat's.

The favourites went on to kick another four goals for the quarter while keeping Box Hill to just two behinds.

Box Hill, the undoubted underdogs, had nothing to lose as they tried to beat St Pat's in a rough and physical contest. However, as the Paddy boys were told by former SPC student and AFL great Barry Richardson, your courage will be shown by your attack on the footy.

Signs of frustration were beginning to show in the second quarter for Box Hill as undisciplined acts were keeping them out of the game.

A blunder from usually very reliable defender Mitch Walsh handed Box Hill their first goal of the game. As Box Hill players got in Walsh's face, many players from both sides got in to the fly the flag for their side. The umpires were having none of it though, and a free kick was awarded to Box Hill in the centre and they immediately went forward to kick another.

All of a sudden the margin was cut back to 32 points with momentum on Box Hill's side.

A special quarter of football was needed for the underdogs if they were to pull off an upset victory. SPC though, led by captain Liam Duggan, came out firing after half time but once again inaccuracy was giving Box Hill a sniff.

A tough and torrid third quarter ended with St Pat's leading by 33 points at the last change.

At the final break coach Howard Clark once again emphasised the team motto the players had taken on this season: one school, one goal, one chance.

Ryley Stuhldreier nailed one home early in the last to give his side an insurmountable lead of 43 points.

As the final siren sounded, a sense of relief and happiness filled the ground as players and coaches hugged with jubilation.

Tom Templeton was awarded the Kevin Sheedy Medal as the player who was judged best on ground for the winning side. His run off half back combined with his lethal left foot crated havoc to the opposition all game. The champion midfield of Liam Duggan, Dan Butler, Jacob Hopper and Matt Geary worked well together once again, and Leigh Spiteri whose work without the ball is unbelievable, provided the spectators with goal of the day.

St Patrick's College Captain Liam Duggan spoke after the game about the fantastic win.

"It is such a huge thing for us, the excitement levels are going off, just the feeling around the group at the moment is ecstatic, it's just great," Liam said.

"I suppose Year 12 is obviously going to be the one that you really remember, and I have been really lucky to be a part of three of them now and by far this one is going to go down as the greatest. Being the fifth in a row and being in Year 12, I couldn't ask for anything else at the moment. It's an awesome feeling."

"I will remember this forever... forever," Duggan said post match.

The win capped off another historic and successful season for the boys in the green, white and blue as they also won the BAS Grand Final in late July with a comfortable victory over Ballarat Clarendon College.

Whatever happens in the coming years, St Patrick's College will go down in history as one of, if not the greatest football school in Australia.

**Final Score**  
**St Patrick's College 12. 12 (84)**  
**defeated**  
**Box Hill Secondary College 5. 5 (35)**

**Goal Kickers:** Jesse Palmer, Jacob Weelahan, Dan Butler, Jacob Hopper 2, Nick Weightman, Leigh Spiteri, Ben Simpson, Ryley Stuhldreier

**Best Players:** Tom Templeton, Liam Duggan, Jacob Hopper, Leigh Spiteri, Dan Butler, Brenton Payne, Ben Simpson



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# Scholarships

Scholarships are now available for current and prospective students entering 2015 in Years 10 and 11.

Scholarships on offer include Academic, Music, Performing Arts, Sport, Art and General Excellence.

Testing will be conducted on Friday September 26 at 9am at the College.

To register please logon to the College website at [www.stpats.vic.edu.au](http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au) or follow this link: [www.stpats.vic.edu.au/scholarships.php](http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/scholarships.php)

For all enquiries please contact the College Registrar Caitlin Bennett at [cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au)

The registration fee is \$95 and is payable at the time of application.





# Athletics and Cross Country



## BAS Athletics Championships

A spirited St Patrick's College Athletics Team was narrowly defeated in the BAS Athletics Championships held on Tuesday May 6.

The championships began well with St Pat's recording strong performances in the 3000m and the hurdles and in a number of the field events, including both Clay Bilney and Dallas Martin in the U16 High Jump.

Young distance running superstar Sam Williams blitzed the field in the U14 800m winning by almost 50 metres! He was well supported by Matt Catterson, Justin Bleicher and Isaac Pertzel in the other U13/14 800m races, while Harry Lamb, Aiden Domic, Josh Taylor and Barton Phillips also dominated the intermediate 800m races.

Ballarat Grammar gained the ascendancy in the Championships

during the 100m and 200m sprint events where months of training and racing came to the fore. Year 10 student Nick Donghi proved the exception however, producing a fantastic 100m race and then a gutsy 200m run to have the crowd awestruck with his scintillating speed. Nick's performances inspired our senior athletes Will Austin and Dan Butler to also produce classy runs.

Our field athletes continued to plug away recording solid performances to close the gap.

Aiden Domic and Josh Duggan recorded excellent performances in the high jump, while Nick Donghi back up with an enormous leap in the U16 long jump. Ryan Shaw was ably supported by Ben Hurley in the U17 high jump. Ryan has a fantastic history in the BAS high jump event and showed just how good he is by claiming victory again at this year's Championships.

The 400m races saw Grammar establish a strong lead, and St Pat's needed to win every relay race to clench the Championships. We started well with both our U13 and U14 teams recording solid victories and our U15 and U16 teams running well too. Our U17 were dramatically, and questionably disqualified in their race. However the Open boys showed true sportsmanship to retain their focus and emphatically smash their Grammar opponents in the last race of the day!

While history books will list the day as a loss, those present will smile as they recall the grit and determination of the St Pat's boys throughout the day.

## BAS Road Relays

A small but determined team of runners took part in the 2014 Road Relays on June 17 at Lake Wendouree. With the temperature hovering around 4° the boys were motivated to run quickly simply to keep warm!

Our Junior Division B boys started the day well for St Pat's by recording a resounding victory. Liam Phillips, Sam McDougall, Bailey O'Keefe and Jarrod Curran ran consistent times over the 1500m course to win by almost 30 seconds.

Sam Williams led the Junior Division A team in a dominant performance to win their division. Sam, a Year 8 student recorded one of the fastest times for the day in all age groups to illustrate his strength. He was well supported by Tom Clark, Matt Catterson and Justin Bleitcher.

The Intermediate boys were very consistent across all legs of their race. The boys fought doggedly throughout the race being narrowly defeated by Ballarat Grammar.

Our Senior boys put in a solid performance in the first race of the season. Cross Country Captain, Josh Leviston ran an inspiring race to handover in second position. Ben Martin and Bart Phillips chased their Ballarat Grammar opponents determinedly and going into the final changeover the St Pat's team were only 12 seconds down. Josh Taylor produced a scintillating run but was unable to pass his Grammar opponent and the boys had to be content with a valiant second.



Mr Shane Hayes  
Director of Athletics



Top left: Year 12 student and College Captain Ben Martin competes in the BAS Road Relay Championships at Lake Wendouree in June.

Top right: Year 8 student Sam Williams continues to excel at distance running and has represented the College with distinction at state and national level.

Left: Year 10 student Nicholas Donghi was a star sprinter for St Patrick's College at the BAS Athletics Championships.



# Soccer stars shine again

Mr Tony Beggs  
1st XI Team Manager

## BAS Grand Final Report

On the Morshead Park synthetic pitch St Patrick's College Blue defeated Ballarat Grammar to claim its seventh BAS title in a row - ninth if shared premierships results are counted. This topped a great year where the playing list was practically new to last year's with new coach James Robinson taking the reins for the first time.

The first five minutes of the game began with disappointment as Leighton Parkinson suffered an injury to join Tom Whitburn (last year's Best on Ground who couldn't play due to a hamstring strain) on the sidelines. However, Andrew Milroy would prove an able replacement.

Grammar, with their bigger bodies, threw themselves into heavy

tackles but the Paddy boys resisted and the first foray forward was from captain Sam Wines sending a long ball into our forward line that resulted in them desperately conceding a corner.

Josh de Voogel again showed daring and skill deep against the line against two defenders before a further foray saw him perform a beautiful pull back and delivery to the near side of our goals where Chris Milroy was able to size up and put it into the right bottom of the net to defeat their desperate keeper's lunge.

Our good work had been rewarded but, seconds before half time, Grammar received a penalty against Sam Wines and they duly converted the penalty to tie the score at one all at the break.

Coach James Robinson recognised the strong effort of the boys in the first half but also asked them to make a choice to go that extra bit.

In the first 30 seconds of the second half Miles Baker played a ball forward to James King. He sighted Hamish Clydesdale on the right wing who ran it deep through pressure and crossed to danger in the attacking area in the shape of new replacement Ben Hutchins. Ben made no mistake with the delivery into the goals and we were suddenly 2-1 up.

The game quietened down somewhat during the next 10 minutes as our centre players James King and Miles Baker started to dominate play. Brandon Lauton also was playing tough despite his youthfulness and light frame and was inspiring with his endeavour.

Grammar had shifted their star player Will Mills to centre forward and he got off a fabulous shot that thudded into the cross bar. Kyle Schorback won an important one-on-one free against their striker Mills and Brayden Baker

showed a cool head again in defending a shot on goal.

Our greatest escape though was after their centre player was given a little too much sight on goals and his shot from 25 metres brought Henry Wines' desperate punch to clear. The ball went high and towards their goals before a desperate clean-up by Jacob Selby averted disaster.

The whistle signalled an outstanding win 2-1 against a very credible Grammar opposition and we were presented with our ninth pennant and shield - a tribute to all boys involved this year.

**Final Score:**  
**St Patrick's College Blue 2**  
**defeated**  
**Ballarat Grammar 1**

**Goals:** Chris Milroy, Ben Hutchins

**Best on Ground:** Josh deVoogel

# Rugby heartache

The St Patrick's College 1st XV rugby team fell at the final hurdle in its quest to win consecutive premierships in the Victorian School's Rugby Union Division 2, losing to a powerful Marcellin side in the premiership decider.

Marcellin had entered the game at Geelong Grammar as a warm favourite having gone through the season undefeated and was able to comfortably hold off the boys in the green, white and blue to record a victory.

The result brought some sense of revenge for the Marcellin team which lost last year's grand final to SPC in a heart-stopping grand final which featured a stunning come-from-behind win by the Paddy boys.

However, the heroics of 2013 were not to be repeated this year as Marcellin controlled the contest for much of its duration, storming away to a comprehensive 48-12 victory.

The VSRU competition is undergoing a restructure ahead of the 2015 season and, as a result, SPC will now be fielding its team in the higher grade meaning we will be able to test our mettle against all the very best rugby schools in Victoria, including St Kevin's College and Scotch College.

It is a challenge all our players and coaches are already relishing as we seek to promote the sport in Ballarat.





# New home for gymnastics

St Patrick's College has opened a new home for gymnastics and has named it in honour of one of the greatest supporters of the sport in the College's history.

The Br B J Scott Gymsports Centre was officially opened at 14 Stonepark Rd, Delacombe in late July in a 580 square-metre facility which is fully equipped with more than \$250,000 in gymnastics equipment.

SPC Gymsports head coach Mr Don Pennell said the support of the College and the many hours of tireless volunteer work contributed by members of the gymnastics programme had ensured the venue would provide a quality facility for the entire community.

Already external groups such as a cheerleading group from Loreto College and a Frisbee team from Federation University are making use of the facility along with the regular gymnastics clubs.

"On the opening day we even had an Old Boy who is involved with a model aircraft club come in and say the venue could be ideal for their activities which is another example of how this building can be of great use to the wider community," Mr Pennell said.

The Br B J Scott Gymsports Centre is open from 10am-9pm on weekdays. Anyone interested in further details about the activities on offer at the centre is encouraged to contact Mr Pennell at [gymsport@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:gymsport@stpats.vic.edu.au)



# SPC bound for USA

Ms Tamara Westwood  
Director of Basketball

St Patrick's College is continually building the profile and reputation of its basketball programme through the enthusiastic participation of players, coaches, parents and other supporters.

The College has a proud history of involvement and on-court success within the BAS competition, and more recently, the National Schools Basketball Tournament. St Patrick's College is currently fielding 14 teams across all year levels in the 2014 BAS competition

The SPC Basketball programme prides itself on offering all players a unique basketball experience while at St Patrick's College. These experiences work on a three year rotation, with tours to America, New Zealand and Melbourne. The basketball programme is consistent with the ethos of the College and is founded upon sound education and coaching principles. In particular, the programme seeks to provide opportunities for boys to reach their full potential in the sport, as well as providing experiences and learnings that will enable our boys to grow as individuals, and make a worthwhile

contribution to their local community, whether it is through playing, administration, refereeing or other volunteer roles.

The first SPC tour of the United States of America was in 2009 and has continued to grow in popularity with 28 students getting ready to leave on December 8 for the 2014 tour. The tour provides invaluable playing opportunities for the students, as well as a chance to learn more about America, its culture and experience the sport of basketball the way only America does.

The USA tour includes visits to a number of American Colleges and High Schools, as well as tours of two of the biggest basketball Universities in America – the University of North Carolina and Duke University. Along with these amazing opportunities, the tour party will attend an NBA game, a NCAA game and days at both Universal Studios and Disneyland. Players will also stay some nights with American families and attend High School with their host students.



# Legends Aplenty

The St Patrick's College Old Collegians Association was delighted to induct two new Legends at its Annual May Legends Dinner and now looks forward to inducting three further fine men in August at the Melbourne Legends Dinner.

Prominent Ballarat lawyer Peter Wilson (SPC 1959-65) was honoured as a Legend of the College in May, in recognition of his decades of incredible community work in and around Ballarat and in honour of his fine career achievements.

A posthumous induction was also offered on the night to Ted Long OAM (SPC 1935-38), honouring his outstanding community work over many decades, most notably his role as the co-founder and long-serving chief executive officer of the YCW Co-operative Society.

The OCA was delighted to have many representatives of both the Wilson and Long families in attendance at the function.

An inaugural Young Achiever Award was presented, in absentia, to saxophonist Joshua Hyde (SPC 1999-2004) while the annual Facere et Docere Award for Excellence in Teaching was presented to former College Headmaster Br Bill Wilding.

The OCA also hosted its bi-annual Melbourne Legends Dinner at Il Gambero Restaurant, in Lygon St, on Friday, August 15.

Three new Legends were inducted on this night.

Former Geelong Football Club premiership player and coach John Devine (SPC 1952-55), a member of the Greatest SPC Football Team of 120 Years, travelled across from his home in Tasmania to be inducted.

He was be joined by two men who have forged fantastic careers in education. John Mooney PSM (SPC 1960-66) was recognised for his nearly five decades of work in special education, including the last 16 years as principal of Victoria's largest specialist school, Emerson Specialist School. John was presented with a Public Service Medal in the 2014 Australia Day Honours list.



David Gallagher (SPC 1962-68) was also honoured for his four decades of excellence in education culminating in his current role as the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) Manager with the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority.

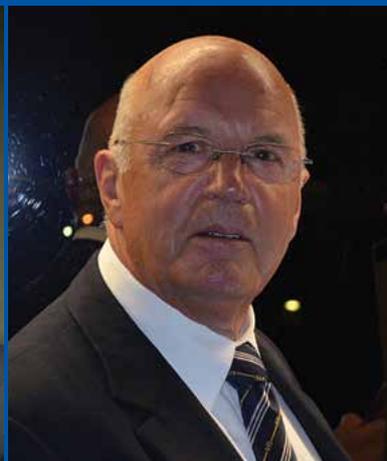
The OCA encourages anyone wishing to nominate someone as a Legend of the College to complete the nomination forms which can be found at [www.stpats.vic.edu.au/old\\_collegians\\_1.php](http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/old_collegians_1.php)

**Top:** Ted Long's widow Norine (centre) was thrilled to attend the Legends Dinner along with six of the couple's eight children.

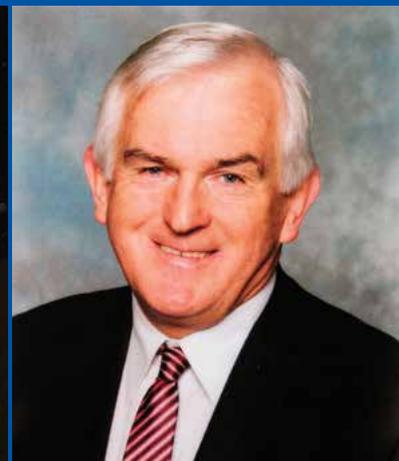
**Above right:** MC Ralph Barba (SPC 1975-80), left, formally inducts Peter Wilson as a Legend of the College.



Mr David Gallagher (SPC 1962-68)



Mr John Devine (SPC 1952-55)



John Mooney PSM (SPC 1960-66)

# President's Column

At the recent Annual General Meeting of SPCOCA I was elected as the new President of our Association.

I am honoured to be elected and excited to work for you all in this prestigious position. Your OCA has undergone some big changes in enlarging our committee members and developing a new strategic plan as a means of more structural governance.

Some personal details about me:

- I attended SPC from 1962-67 and during that time I represented the College in the FIRST XVIII, FIRST XI, FIRST IV (tennis) and in my final year I was thrilled to be a prefect.
- I am a CPA Accountant and had my own practice in partnership with a fellow Old Collegian Brian Crowe for over 30 years.
- I now work part time as a business consultant for a national accounting practice, the purchaser of my former practice.

- My wife Christine and I have four adult children and four grand children.

- My sons Tim and Simon attended SPC during the 1990's

- I have been on various SPC committees as an Old Collegian on and off for about 40 years and love the involvement especially meeting up with fellow Old Collegians.

As you can sense, the College and its community have held a special place for me from 1962 and I thank my parents for allowing me that great opportunity all those years ago.

My personal goals for the Association include creating and maintaining close links with our members. Functions like Milestone Reunions, Regional Dinners, Melbourne Lunches, St Patrick's Day gatherings and of course our Legends Dinners are a sample of linking up with our members. I have yet to be disappointed when attending any Old

Boy's function regardless of where it is. I have always met someone who was in my era and have enjoyed rekindling old flames.

Therein lies the importance of a strong OCA to provide the opportunities and resources to keep communication channels alive. Our committee and its executives are merely custodians of important positions for other Old Boys in the future.

Therefore I look forward to meeting up with as many of you as possible at the various functions in the next 12 months at least.

Your support is critical to achieve our goals. Of course, a visit to the College to inspect the many new physical changes should be on your list of to do's. You won't be disappointed.

All the best to you and your family.



Mr Michael Kearney  
OCA President

## Golf day looming... Sunday November 9... register now!

The annual SPC-OCA Golf Day will again be held at the Midlands Golf Club in 2014 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 9 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 adjacent form 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 October 31, 2014.**  
or email [rbryant@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:rbryant@stpats.vic.edu.au)

**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: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

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# Old Boys in the News

- Francis Denton (SPC 1994-99) was ordained to the Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Melbourne on June 28 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. The College was then delighted to host Francis and his family for a morning tea in July to celebrate this milestone. The prayers of the College and the OCA are with Francis as he continues on the path towards ordination as a priest in 2015.
- Congratulations to one of our most famous Old Boys Steve Moneghetti (SPC 1975-80) who was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia Medal (AM) in yesterday's Queen's Birthday Honours. The marathon man was acknowledged for "significant service to athletics as a marathon runner, administrator and mentor to young athletes". Steve

continues to serve Australian sport and was chef de mission for the Australian Commonwealth Games team which competed in Glasgow.

- The other Old Collegian in action at the Commonwealth Games was lawn bowler Tim Slater (SPC 2004-09) who competed for Australia in the Para-Sports Open Triples event in preliminary matches against South Africa and New Zealand.
- Our continued prayers and well wishes remain with Cameron Dunne (SPC 2006-11) who continues on the long path towards rehabilitation and recovery following a horrible spinal injury incurred while playing a game of football for Dunnstown in May. Cameron feared he would never walk again

after the on-field incident left him with severe spinal injuries. The wider Dunnstown, St Patrick's College and Central Highlands Football League communities have rallied around Cameron and his family by organising and supporting fundraisers to assist in his long recovery. It was particularly great to see Cameron show the strength and will to attend the 1st XVIII BAS Grand Final at the College in July.

- We were also very proud to see Callum Linnane (SPC 2008) return to Ballarat in late July with the Australian Ballet School in a performance at Her Majesty's Theatre. Callum left SPC at quite a young age to pursue his dream of forging a career in ballet and we are delighted to see him performing as one of Australia's

most promising dancers. He will graduate from the Australian Ballet School at the end of the year.

- Dom Barry (SPC 2009-12) became the 106th Old Boy to play senior VFL-AFL football when he made his debut for Melbourne against the Western Bulldogs at Etihad Stadium on Sunday, June 29. Dom and fellow Old Boy Tom McDonald (SPC 2010) also both signed two year contract extensions with the Demons. The full list of Old Boys to play at the highest level can be found at this link: <http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/Public/ViewPage.aspx?id=176>
- Congratulations to Jake Muscat (SPC 2008-2013) who has been awarded an Australian Vocational Student Prize for his excellent work completing his



**Opposite:** Headmaster Dr Peter Casey presents a gift to Francis Denton congratulating him on his ordination to the Diaconate.

**Far left:** All at the College were delighted to see Cameron Dunne on the road to recovery when he visited the school to cheer on the 1st XVIII

**Left top:** Tim Slater attended his Class of 2009 Five-Year Reunion in May before heading off to compete in the Glasgow Commonwealth Games

**Left middle:** Shaun Grigg was delighted to announce the arrival of his first child Sonny Peter Grigg.

**Left bottom:** Jake Muscat has been honoured at a national level for his excellence in VET studies.

**Below:** Maurice Sheahan has celebrated 60 years as a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society.



school studies last year while also undertaking Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETiS). For his efforts, Jake has been rewarded with a certificate and a prize of \$2000.

- Former student and current parent Allan McKinnon (SPC 1966-69) has been elected as the new president of the Rotary Club of Ballarat South. Allan is also on the board of Centacare Ballarat and a member of the Ballarat Cornerstone community.
- Congratulations to Shaun Grigg (SPC 2000-05) on the arrival of his first child. The current Richmond player announced his joy to the world on Twitter on June 24 that he and partner Sarah had welcomed Sonny Peter Grigg into the world.

- Sometimes it is the small things that our Old Collegians do that make us the most proud. We were delighted to read in June about Old Boys Paul Ballinger (SPC 1977-83) and Glenn Sharp (SPC 1986-91) who, with another of their mates Andrew Rowan, used some good luck they had at the races to make someone else's life better. Rather than bask in their good fortune after winning a quaddie, the trio sought to bring a smile to a young child's face who had recently had his bike stolen. The men bought eight-year-old Alex Tolliday a replacement bike and then found themselves on the front page of The Courier in recognition of their great community spirit.

- Congratulations to Matthew Rosa (SPC 2004) who played his 150th AFL game for the West

Coast Eagles on June 29 and then signed a new two-year contract with the club.

- Another Old Boy making his mark in the sporting world is Peter Buckle (SPC 1985-90) who is coaching the Great Britain Women's Basketball Team. In June, Buckle led the team through the qualification stages of the Eurobasket Women 2015 competition and will now compete against other European powerhouses next year.
- Congratulations to four Old Boys who are making waves in the music industry. Pat Murphy (SPC 2007-12), Lachlan Murphy (2008-13), 2013 College Captain Peter Oakley (2008-13) and Jack Gunn (2008-13) have joined forces to form the band, Junipers. In May the band competed in and

won an Industry Music Showcase competition in Melbourne. The prize: an opportunity to record an EP, a management consultancy and a headline gig at The Corner Hotel in Richmond! Junipers have already been playing in live music venues all around Victoria, and following this success, we hope to see, and hear, a lot more of them. Well done boys!

- We are also very proud to hear about Maurice Sheahan's (SPC 1951-55) achievement in celebrating 60 years as an active member of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Maurice joined the Society when he was in leaving (Year 11) at SPC and was recently honoured by his home parish on the Gold Coast where he has retired.

# Reunions

The months of May and June were a hectic time for the Old Collegians Association following the implementation of a new, compacted schedule for the hosting of all reunions.

Attendances at most reunions were slightly up on previous years, indicating the move to host the events in mid to late May was appreciated by many Old Collegians.

The reunion season kicked off on May 16 when the Class of 2009 regathered at the Lake View Hotel for drinks and finger food to mark their fifth anniversary of leaving the College.

The following weekend, the OCA hosted the Class of 1994 20-Year Reunion on the Saturday night and a luncheon for Old Boys from Pre-1970 on the Sunday. Attendees at the luncheon were provided a special treat as they were able to enjoy their three-course meal in the magnificent room which was formerly the Brothers' library in what is now known as Kennedy House.

On May 30 and 31, the OCA hosted the Class of 1974 40-Year Reunion and the Class of 2004 Ten Year Reunion before the reunion season was drawn to a close on June 13 when the class of 1984 reassembled for a fun night of festivities.

The OCA will plan another busy schedule of reunions for 2015 and dates for these events will be published in the next edition of The Shamrock.

From top (L-R) Old Boys from years prior to 1970 were treated to a luncheon in the former Brothers' Library on May 25.

Shane Burke and Tim Scarce had a great night at the Class of 1984 30-Year Reunion which was held on Friday, June 13.

2004 College Captain Cameron Brown addresses his former classmates at the 10-Year Reunion.

Members of the Class of 2009 gathered at the Lake View Hotel for their Five-Year Reunion in mid-May.

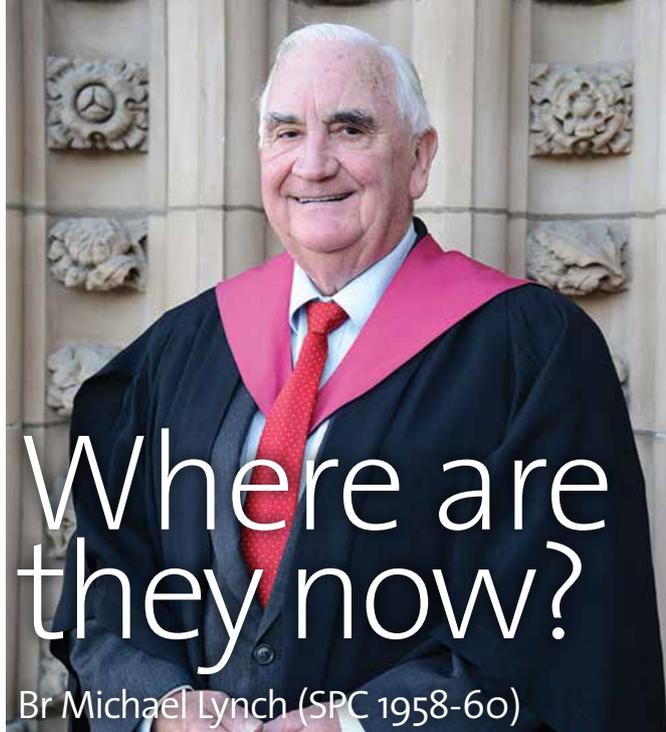
Class of 1974 members Paul Armstrong and Mark Bromley caught up for a drink at their 40-Year Reunion.



Below: Members of the Class of 1994 took time out for a group photo at their 20-Year Reunion.



# Obituaries



## Where are they now?

Br Michael Lynch (SPC 1958-60)

Old Boy Br Michael Lynch (SPC 1958-60) was the keynote speaker at Monash University's 50th graduation ceremony for its Faculty of Business and Economics. Photo courtesy of Fiona Basile, Kairos Catholic Journal.

Monash University is known around Australia as one of the nation's leading universities and this year celebrated its 50th anniversary.

In that time the university has accumulated an enviable list of alumni who have graduated to lead Australia in diverse fields. Luminaries such as former treasurer Peter Costello, broadcaster Jon Faine, Victorian Opposition Leader Daniel Andrews, cartoonist Michael Leunig, Cardinal George Pell (SPC 1949-59), and AFL coach Alistair Clarkson have graced its halls and lecture theatres.

However, one intake of students led them all and comprised the first ever graduates of Monash University in 1964. Old Boy Br Michael Lynch (SPC 1958-60) was among this group and this year was invited back as the guest speaker at Monash University's graduation ceremony for its Faculty of Business and Economics.

"I had the privilege of being the first graduate (of Monash University)," he told the audience.

"How did that happen? There were 67 to graduate from three faculties: Arts, Economics and Science.

"There was a ballot to determine which faculty would be presented first, that was won by Economics. When a further ballot was held to determine who would be the 'first', my name came out."

Br Michael is now a member of the Salesians and Director of the Overseas Mission Office working with poor and marginalised youth.

Along with his Bachelor of Economics, Br Lynch also completed a Bachelor of Education at the university in 1973. He then became a teacher and principal at Salesian schools for 16 years before completing a Master of Education at Harvard University in 1983. He continued as a teacher and principal in Australia, including five years as principal of John Fisher College, a tertiary residential College at the University of Tasmania.

In 1997 Br Lynch was appointed Director of the Salesian Mission Overseas Aid Fund (a position he still holds) which supports development programmes in Salesian schools and centres, mainly across Asia-Pacific.

He has travelled extensively to countries including East Timor, Solomon Islands, Cambodia, Myanmar, India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, South Sudan, Sudan and Ethiopia.

"A key concern in these nations is the appointment of personnel to positions for which they have had inadequate preparation and training," Br Lynch said.

"During overseas visits I assist with leadership training programmes and improving systems of accountability and transparency."

Br Lynch said he was delighted and honoured to be welcomed back to Monash University for such an important occasion and used his speech to implore the 2014 crop of graduates to devote their lives "for the benefit of the whole community".

The St Patrick's College community was shocked and terribly saddened in early April to hear of the tragic death of Old Boy Ambrose Crittenden (SPC 2006-08). According to the Albury Border Mail, Ambrose died from injuries sustained on April 6 in a single vehicle crash near his home town of Jerilderie. Ambrose was a 1st XV Rugby player at the College and was elected as captain of Kenny House in 2008. Our thoughts and prayers go out to every member of the Crittenden family, particularly Ambrose's twin Ignatius and father John who were both called to the scene of the accident in their roles as volunteer firefighters. A news story on the tragedy can be found at this link: <http://www.dailyadvertiser.com.au/story/2201625/firefighter-dies-after-jerilderie-crash/?cs=147>



Ambrose Crittenden

Leo Walsh (SPC 1947-1950) of Shepparton passed away peacefully on Sunday April 27. Leo was a passionate supporter of St Patrick's College and a regular attendee at the annual OCA Shepparton Regional Dinner. He was the dearly loved husband of Maree, and the loving father of Brendan, Karen, Diane, Angela, Mark and Greg. Leo was also the loved and respected father-in-law of Melissa, Marc, Jim, Mike & Gayani, the dearest poppy of Callum, Alex, Lucy and Andrew, Nick, Maddy, Jack, Ethan & Shelton, and the precious great poppy of Ava. Leo Walsh came to St Patrick's in 1947 from Swanwater (via St Arnaud). He was the holder of the Junior Government Scholarship and was among the class leaders at the College. He was a Prefect in 1950. He passed his Intermediate and

Leaving Certificates in all subjects. He was a member of the Sodality, St Vincent de Paul Conference, and the Holy Name Society. Leo represented the College in Junior teams – Second XVIII and Second XI. He was also a successful participant in the Alliance Francaise competition in 1950, coming second in the Honourable Mentions. Shortly after his death Leo was honoured at a statewide function for his 60 years of service to the St Vincent de Paul Society.



Leo Walsh

Donald James Hallam (SPC 1943) passed away on April 19. After he left St Patrick's, Don returned to the family farm at Beulah and continued farming up until his recent illness. Don was well known throughout the Wimmera Mallee as a very successful lawn bowler and he enjoyed sport up until his later years. He is survived by wife Betty (nee Morris), sons John and Peter, and daughter Julie, 11 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Timothy David Kelly (SPC 1962-67) passed away on February 26, 2014 aged 63 years.

Maurice William Muirhead (SPC 1936-39) passed away peacefully after a short illness aged 91 years. Maurice was the loving husband of Irene (dec.) and the cherished father to Marg, Bernie, Michael, Paul (dec.) and Tess, and Tash. He was a much loved father-in-law, Grandpa and Great Grandpa.

Daniel Cashin (SPC 196-70), a former cox of the 1st IV rowing crew in his final year at SPC, died on July 22.

# Coming events

The Br W.T. O'Malley Sports Centre will once again be transformed into a massive function centre on Friday, November 21 when it plays host to the 2014 Valedictory Dinner.

## August

### Friday, August 22

St Patrick's College Flanagan Art Prize, August 22-30. Gala launch function on Friday, August 22 at 7.00pm in the OCA Pavilion. Tickets are \$25 and are available by calling Rachel Bryant on (03) 5322 4386. Following the launch the exhibition will be open free of charge on Saturday August 23, Sunday August 24, Saturday August 30 and Sunday August 31 from 11am to 4pm or by appointment.

## September

### Monday, September 1

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 3

Old Collegians' Association Warrnambool Regional Dinner. Further details contact Rachel Bryant. Email: rbryant@stpats.vic.edu.au

### Friday, September 5

Father's Day Mass and Breakfast. Further details contact Rachel Bryant. Email: rbryant@stpats.vic.edu.au

### Monday, September 8

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

### Thursday, September 11

Purton and Breach Oratory Awards and Sire Hugh Devine/Mary Purcell Debating competition

### Monday, September 15

SPC First XV Soccer Presentation Night in the OCA Pavilion. Further details contact Director of Soccer Andrew Agardy. Email: aagardy@stpats.vic.edu.au

### Friday, September 19

Last day of Term 3

### Monday, October 6

First day of Term 4

## October

### Monday, October 13

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

### Wednesday, October 15

Information night for 2016 Year 7 families. Further details contact Caitlin Bennett. Email: cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

### Monday, October 20

Old Collegians' Association Bendigo Regional Dinner. Further details contact Rachel Bryant. Email: rbryant@stpats.vic.edu.au

### Wednesday, October 22

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

### Tuesday, October 28

Old Collegians' Association Geelong Regional Dinner. Further details contact Rachel Bryant. Email: rbryant@stpats.vic.edu.au

## November

### Sunday, November 9

Old Collegians' Association Annual Golf Day at Midlands Golf Club. Further details contact Rachel Bryant. Email: rbryant@stpats.vic.edu.au

### Wednesday, November 19

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

### Thursday, November 20

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

### Friday, November 21

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

## December

### Tuesday, December 2

SPC Community Mass in the College Chapel at 7.30pm.

# Next edition ...

The final months of 2014 will signal a new era for St Patrick's College as we prepare to farewell our outgoing Headmaster Dr Peter Casey.

After 13 transformative years in command of the College, Dr Casey is retiring at the end of 2014. A New Headmaster will lead the College in 2015.

The next edition of The Shamrock will form part of the final chapter in Dr Casey's tenure and will aim to provide a fitting tribute to his leadership.

Yet, Dr Casey is far from the only important figure departing SPC at the end of the year. Of course we will also have farewells for the nearly 200 Year 12 students who

will graduate and for the other students and staff who will venture on to new and exciting challenges. The next edition of The Shamrock will provide full coverage of the 2014 Valedictory Dinner, Speech Night and the farewell Mass.

We'll also be announcing our incoming student leaders for 2015 and celebrating many of the

successes of our students across various disciplines throughout 2014.

Should you have any contributions you wish to make towards the next edition of The Shamrock please don't hesitate to make contact by emailing pnolan@stpats.vic.edu.au



# St Patrick's College Foundation

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

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

St Patrick's College remains committed to providing Ballarat's best for boys. As we move further into 2014, 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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# Give us Five!

The First XVIII gathered for the formal photo ahead of the Herald Sun Shield Grand Final. Details middle pages.