



# the SHAMROCK

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ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE  
BALLARAT



Welcome to the final edition of *The Shamrock* for 2007. It has been another action packed term filled with events, celebrations and outstanding student achievements, many of which were on show at the 2007 Speech Night at Her Majesty's Theatre.

Much is happening on the building front with students moving into the Br RM Miller Science and Technology Wing at the commencement of Term 4. The state of the art teaching and learning facilities have been given the stamp of approval by all students and staff and have greatly impressed the many students who have visited in recent times as part of the College's Transition Programme. The Pavilion is coming along at a steady pace and all things going according to plan should be at 'lock up' stage by Christmas.

St Patrick's College continues to grow in all facets in line with the 2006-2010 Strategic Plan and will have over 1150 students on day one of 2008. These are exciting times under the visionary leadership of Headmaster Dr Peter Casey and the College Board, and it is timely to recognise many of these developments in the final edition of *The Shamrock* for 2007.

This edition of *The Shamrock* featuring the OCA's Green, White and Blue also features news from old boys around the globe as well as some wonderful photos from OCA Reunion Dinners and the OCA Golf Day. Details for a range of exciting events in 2008 are contained on the Mail Flyer included with this edition of *The Shamrock*.

## FROM THE HEADMASTER

The Headmaster's annual address to the College Speech Night once again highlighted the outstanding achievements of students and staff in 2007 and the rapid rate of change sweeping through educational institutions such as St Patrick's. An abbreviated version of the Headmaster's address is presented below - a full report on the activities of the College will be available in the 2007 College Annual.

### Headmaster's Address, Speech Night 2007

My Lord Bishop, Peter Connors, Patron of the College, Students, parents, staff, and friends of the College: Good evening and welcome.

Onstage I have been joined by:

- Bishop Peter Connors, Patron of the College
- Ms Catherine King, Member for Ballarat
- Mr Larry Burn, Director of the Catholic Education Office
- Br Kevin Buckley, representing Edmund Rice Education Australia and the Christian Brothers of Oceania Province
- Mr Frank Nolan, Chair of the College Board
- Mr John Richards, President of the Old Collegians Association & Head of Junior School
- Mr Dennis Foley, Chair of the College Foundation
- Mr Bernard Wilson, President of the Parents and Friends Association
- Mr Steven O'Connor, Deputy Headmaster
- Mr Stephen Hill, College Dean

- Mr Hamish McCrum, Head of Senior School
- Mr Terry Blizzard, Head of Middle School
- Mr David Ranger, College Captain

On behalf of the College I welcome all of our guests and thank them for their support this year.

I begin tonight by acknowledging the traditional custodians of this beautiful country, the Wutherong people and I pay my respects to them.

Last year at Speech Night I reflected on the end of the beginning as that night marked the graduation of the last students through the College who had known other leadership of the College. In the normal course of events, the 225 Grade Six students we have recently enrolled for 2008 will be graduating when my second contract at St Patrick's College expires, 2013. So has this year marked the beginning of the end? I would contest that notion.

1. IYLP Scholars Calvin Anzac and Tylah Saunders with former Essendon Coach Kevin Sheedy at the 2007 IYLP Student Leadership Gathering
2. 2008 Year 12 Leadership Camp
3. Students at Edmund Rice Sinon Secondary College, Arusha, Tanzania
4. 2007 Graduation Mass

As we close on 2007, I reflect on a year in which we were exhorted to strengthen the Pillars of our traditions of faith, excellence and joy. Our College Review of 2006 set the scene for consolidation after a period of rapid and deep change. I have taken this as a licence to concentrate on our core business of teaching and learning while maintaining and nurturing all aspects of this very complex enterprise.

## Teaching and Learning

The appointments of Mr Steven O'Connor as Deputy Headmaster and Mr Stephen Hill as the College Dean have been timely in this focussing on the heart of a school. They have enthusiastically researched, gathered data locally and from afar, synthesised their learnings about the teaching and learning culture of St Patrick's College and consulted with our College community. Some of the findings might appear self-evident such as the need to honour our commitment to our regular class time while others are not, for instance the need for regular gatherings of the College to recognise achievements in academic pursuits. We now look to implementing the agreed outcomes of this research in our 2008 calendar.

## Student Programmes

Across Years 7 to 10 much energy has gone into the consolidation of courses with the full implementation of the Victorian Essential Learning Standards. This has been evidenced in our compliance in reporting and assessment. A review of all of our evaluation tools and reporting mechanisms will see these simplified and unified across Years 7 to 12 in 2008.

The Middle School Programme, now in its fifth year, was reviewed and the draft report arrived on my desk this week. The report concludes that in general the programme has a very sound pedagogical base and has been received extremely positively by Year 9 students and their parents. Words such as engaging, enjoyable, rigorous highlight the success

of the work led by Mr Terry Blizzard, Head of the Middle School, Mr Damian McKee, Year 9 Coordinator, and the two Teaching and Learning Team Leaders, Mrs Ros Rajki and Mr Art Nicholls. The report goes on to offer ways to enhance this evolving programme.

## Student Population

The College continues to prosper numerically. This year we commenced with 1081 students including 29 boarders with 200 students in Years 7, 8 and 9. We will commence 2008 with more than 1140 students, including over 40 boarders.

## Boarding

Boarding, always at the heart of the spirit of the College, has continued to flourish under the leadership of Mr Mark Waddington. The house model built on a relatively small number of boys living with a resident housemaster and tutor has been enormously successful. In the face of continued drought conditions amongst the rural community, we have defied the odds and next year we are opening a third house, the Kenny House which will cater for 12 boarders in twin-share accommodation.

## Indigenous Youth Leadership programme

As a member school of the Indigenous Youth Leadership Programme, we at St Patrick's are in a privileged position to extend a welcome to young indigenous males as potential leaders in their communities. As a Catholic school in Ballarat we are privileged to work closely with the local Indigenous Cooperative led by one of our parents, Mr Wayne Muir. We are fortunate to be well assisted by Mrs Jeanette Morris of the CEO Ballarat as liaison person for the many programmes in which we participate. We are recognised for the welcome we offer to local indigenous boys.

## Student Leadership

I have appreciated the support of our Year 12 Council led by College Captain David Ranger, and Student Congress led by Vice Captain Denis McKinnon. The development of the House System progressed this year with the Captains and Vice Captains of the four colour houses joining the College Captain and Vice Captains to constitute the Year 12 Council and Executive of the Student Congress. Each house has accepted responsibility for one of the Congress Committees: Music & Liturgy, Social Justice & Fundraising, Grounds & Facilities, and Student Activities.

## AHERSA College Captains' Conference

On January 25 we welcomed 35 school leaders from Edmund Rice schools around Australia: from Townsville to Perth and everywhere in between. As host school we were privileged to organise the four days which included inputs from a number of our recent old Collegians. Overall it was a marvellous experience and a pleasure to work with this group of fine young men (and one young woman).

## Edmund Rice Network Gathering

On the first weekend of the Term 3 holidays, approximately 100 people gathered from across the country to join with the Congregation Leader of the Christian Brothers, Br Philip Pinto, for the inaugural Edmund Rice Network Gathering. Our guests enjoyed good hospitality, great company and inspirational inputs and discussions.

## Christian Brothers & EREA

On October 1 a most significant change in the workings of Christian Brothers schools across Australia took place. The Province of Oceania was born, embracing the Brothers of Australia, New Zealand, New Guinea and the Philippines. This will be coordinated from Brisbane. At the same, the governance of the Brothers' 36 schools in Australia passed to Edmund Rice Education Australia, comprising a Council appointed by the Province Leadership of the Congregation and including lay and religious members, a lay-led Board which includes lay and religious members, and a Directorate led by Dr Wayne Tinsey and based in Melbourne. Br Kevin Buckley's role has changed from Executive Officer of the Christian Brothers Education Commission to being the regional presence of EREA.

## Sporting

15 sports, 54 teams, 29 premierships winners, 12 runners up. Our senior victories included:

- Boys Aggregate in Athletics;
- Swimming for the 28th year in a row;
- First IV Winners of the Head of the Lake;
- The Head of the Lake Regatta Championship;
- First XI Cricket;
- First XVIII in Australian Rules Football; and
- First XI Soccer.

## Finances

Under the scrupulous eye of our Business Manager, Mrs Shirley Walters, and the Finance Committee, the College is well placed to move forward with growth in student numbers, programmes and facilities. Last year we recorded a surplus of \$60,720 and anticipate a modest surplus for 2007.

The improvement of processes and outcomes under Mrs Walters' leadership is quite tangible and a welcome relief to me as Headmaster. I believe that my sentiments are echoed by the Finance Committee.

## Buildings

The Br R.M. Miller Wing has been successfully refurbished for Technology and the Sciences at a cost of approximately \$4million. The Fire Services were replaced at a cost of \$360,000. The Old Collegians Pavilion is underway with Mr Tony McMaster as Project Manager. The frame is up and work is progressing steadily.

Over the Christmas break we will recommission Kenny House for Boarding. Plans are being drawn up for the new change rooms to accompany the Pavilion, as well as plans for the refurbishment of the O'Malley Wing in 2009.

## Old Collegians Association and the College Foundation

The major news here has been the inclusion of the SPC Foundation under the OCA umbrella with the Chair of the Foundation an ex officio member of the OCA Executive. I thank Mr Dennis Foley for his continuing in the role of Chair and I congratulate Mr John Richards on his election as President of the Old Collegians. I pay tribute to the work of Dr Andrew Watson as President of the OCA for the last four years. He has supported the many initiatives of the Association as it has sought to build the spirit of the Old Collegians.

## Board

Under the continuing leadership of Mr Frank Nolan and executive membership of Mr Dennis Foley and Mr Stephen Elder, the College Board has flourished in its role of safeguarding the direction and overall operation of the College. As have the Parents & Friends, The Friends of Music and the SPC Rowing Club.

## Thanks

On behalf of the College, the students, parents and staff, I thank all those who have supported us during 2007. On my own behalf I thank particularly the members of the Leadership Team. I congratulate Mr Steven O'Connor and Mr Stephen Hill on the way they have added to our strengths. I single out Mr John Christie, our Director of Administration for the last five years and who is leaving us to take up the Deputy Principalship of Highview College in Maryborough. John has very patiently and effectively operated out of the limelight to ensure that our plans have worked. He will be missed and I ask for your recognition of his work.

A personal highlight of the Year for me was the Tour of Ireland with fifty of our Senior School boys. The adventure of a lifetime! To read about that you will have to wait for the Annual magazine or for me to publish my memoirs. My thanks and may God bless us all.

**Kind Regards**  
**Peter M Casey**

# SPEECH NIGHT AND VALEDICTORY DINNER 2007

Mr Hamish McCrum, Head of Senior School

The Class of 2007 formally farewelled the College, staff and their peers at two moving events; the annual College Speech Night at Her Majesty's Theatre and the Valedictory Dinner, a formal dinner for graduates and their families, held this year at the Ballarat Lodge. Both events provided a number of forums for boys to display their talents and guests were spellbound by the high calibre of orators, musicians and singers.

Under the leadership of Deputy Headmaster Mr Steven O'Connor the format of Speech Night was changed to place a great emphasis upon academic achievement and artistic endeavour. The talented Phunk PSI and the individual musical performances of Bernard Kuek and Christopher Burke were captivating and highlighted the diversity of talent within the College. Well done also to Denis McKinnon and James Spencer who were very polished and professional in their role as Masters of Ceremony; entertaining the audience and keeping the night on track is always a tough task!

The Valedictory Dinner was a very warm and positive conclusion to our 'Valedictorians' time as students. The 'Geoff's - Brodie and Crawford, almost stole the show with humorous speeches, only to be usurped by the highly talented Matthew Doolan who blew everyone away with his prowess on the bass guitar. Well done to our newest 'Old Boys' - the College is grateful and proud of the rich contribution that you have all made to the ever evolving story of St Patrick's College.

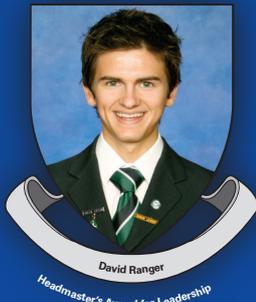
1. College Vice Captain Denis McKinnon with parents Bernadette and Des McKinnon at the Valedictory Dinner
2. Trudy O'Connor, Bernie and Tracey Wilson enjoying the Year 12 Valedictory Dinner
3. Matthew Doolan displaying his amazing musical talent at the Valedictory Dinner
- 4-7. Year 12 2007 Valedictory Dinner
8. The Board Committees' Dinner was held on Tuesday December 5. The Dinner recognises the support of Committee members in providing strategic and operational advice to the College Board.

## Photo Gallery



## Awards 2007

At Speech Night Headmaster Dr Peter Casey and Bishop Peter Connors presented the following awards to senior students. These awards are prestigious awards, keenly contested and each with a long and distinguished tradition.



### Headmaster's Award for Leadership *David Ranger*

Traditionally, the College Headmaster presents this award for Leadership to the College Captain in recognition of his leadership of the College community



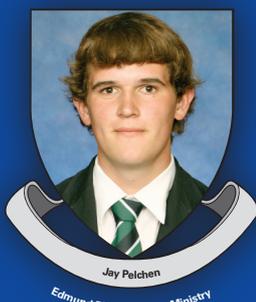
### Howard Award for Excellence *James Spencer*

First presented in 1955, this award is the gift of the Howard Family in gratitude for all that St Patrick's College did for the four sons who attended SPC from 1923 through to 1937. It is given for All Round Excellence, Character, Leadership, Participation, Academic Pursuits and Culture or Sports.



### Little Family Award for School Spirit *Kyle Foley*

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



### Edmund Rice Award for Ministry *Jay Pelchen*

This award recognises a student who has embodied the spirit of Edmund Rice through his involvement in justice, action and reflective practice within the College, the community and the Edmund Rice Network.



### De Coubertin Award for Sportsmanship *John Dwyer*

The award recognises a student who demonstrates consistent participation and commendable sporting behaviour in line with the Olympic ideals of participation



### Dorothy Irene Ellis-Thomas Scholarship *Denis McKinnon*

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

## Academic Awards

### Michael Keem

Year 11 Dux

### Seamus Herrick

Year 11 Religious Education Prize

### Daniel Ferguson

Year 10 Dux – University of Ballarat Prize

### Julian Atwood

Year 10 Religious Education Prize

### Daniel Ferguson

Dr Frank McArdle Prize Year 10 Science

### Ben O'Shea

Middle School Award for All Round Excellence

### Ben O'Shea

Year 9 Dux

### Diarmaid Driscoll

Year 9 Religious Education Prize

### Tyler Brandenburg

Junior School Award for All Round Excellence

### Jonathan Willey

Year 8 Dux

### Timothy McOwan

Year 8 Religious Education Prize

### Alex Eva

Year 7 Dux

### James Fahey

Year 7 Religious Education Prize

## Cultural Awards

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

#### Denis McKinnon

Purton Oratory

#### Paul King

Sir Hugh Devine Impromptu Speech

#### Richard Keys

W.T. Doyle Debating

#### Paul King

W.T. Doyle Debating

#### Finlay Gustus

W.T. Doyle Debating

#### Ben O'Shea

Breach Oratory

#### Stephen Kirby

Mary Purcell Debating

#### Liam O'Riley

Mary Purcell Debating

### Thomas McKinnon

Mary Purcell Debating

### BAND

#### Christopher Burke

Performer of the Year

#### Eamon Coughlan

Bandsman of the Year

#### Ben O'Shea

Band Executive Award for Dedication and Commitment

#### Matthew Doolan

Sir Bernard Heinze Award for Overall Outstanding Musical Achievement

#### Joseph Zreikat

Junior Music Award

## Sporting Awards

#### Daniel Ross-Smith

Stephen Moneghetti Award for Outstanding Athlete at the BAS Carnival

#### Brayden Allan

Award for A Grade Badminton

#### Linton Chillingsworth

Peter Farley Award for 1st V Basketball

#### Grant Bell

Leo O'Brien Award for 1st XI Cricket

#### Ryan Berg

Award for Senior Cross Country

#### Nicholas Suban & Benjamin Hayes

Br W.T. O'Malley Award for 1st XVIII Football

#### Joshua Caldwell

John James Medal for Best on Ground BAS Grand Final

#### Aaron Peters

Br H.T. Breach Award for 1st XI Hockey

#### Michael Treppo

Brian Vear Award for Senior Rowing

#### Benjamin Jenkins

Award for 1st XV Rugby

#### Simon Murphy

Award for 1st XI Soccer

#### Ben Couch

Award for Senior Squash

#### James Edmonds

Award for Senior Racquetball

#### Timothy Rodger

Br B.B. Davis Award for Commitment to SPC Swimming

#### Andrew Green

Award for A Grade Table Tennis

### James Spencer & Shaun Lyle

Award for 1st IV Tennis

### John Dwyer

Award for 1st VI Volleyball

# ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE HOUSE COMPETITIONS 2007

Competition for the re-vamped House system has been intense in 2007 with students becoming more engaged in House activities aligned to the College's model for pastoral care. The initiation of students into House groups in Year 7 is integral to the development of a strong culture of House participation at the College and is reinforced by vertical House Pastoral Groups within the Senior School.

In 2007 inaugural presentations were also made to one student in each House who displayed outstanding House spirit and leadership.

The College presents four individual shields representing the four identified areas for student participation in the College and one overall shield which is determined by combining the results of the four individual shields. The four individual shields are:

- Community Frank Doolan (SPC 1908): One of the founders of Legacy. Frank introduced Legacy's work for the widows and children of deceased servicemen.
- Academic Fr Michael F Quinn (SPC 1893-1894), foundation student of the College, dux of the College 1893, matriculated 1894, ordained 1900 for the Diocese of Ballarat, first parish priest of Charlton, died October 11 1932.
- Arts Sir Bernard Heinze (SPC 1906-11). Conductor of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, Knight of the Realm 1946, Australian of the Year 1975.

- Sport David Bourke, OBE (SPC 1944-48): College Captain (1948), Captain of 1st XI Cricket (1948), Vice-Captain of 1st XVIII Football (1948), Chairman of the VRC (1991-97), Asian Racing Conference (1991-98), Victorian Country Racing Council (1969-91), Secretary of the Pakenham Racing Club (1961-82), awarded the Order of the British Empire in 1981.

- Overall Champion House – Br William Mark McCarthy Shield: The Shield is named in honour of Br William Mark McCarthy, Headmaster of St Patrick's College 1899-1904, 1909, 1919. Br McCarthy will ever be regarded as one of the great pioneers for the Christian Brothers at St Patrick's College. He bought most of the land we now have for ovals, built the Pell Wing which served as the main teaching block from 1902 until 1964, and the McCarthy Wing named in his honour in 1919 which now houses the Kelty Resource Centre and Mackey ICT labs and much of the Kelty Resource Centre.

## Results of Competitions

### Professor Sir Bernard Heinz Cultural Shield

|            | Shield Points | McCarthy Points |
|------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1st Galvin | 61            | 10              |
| 2nd Ryan   | 52            | 7               |
| 3rd Nunan  | 43            | 5               |
| 4th Keniry | 36            | 3               |

### Father Michael Quinn Academic Shield

|            | Shield Points | McCarthy Points |
|------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1st Keniry | 97407         | 10              |
| 2nd Ryan   | 97107         | 7               |
| 3rd Galvin | 93222         | 5               |
| 4th Nunan  | 91493         | 3               |

### Frank Doolan Community Shield

|            | Shield Points | McCarthy Points |
|------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1st Galvin | 702           | 10              |
| 2nd Keniry | 697           | 7               |
| 3rd Nunan  | 692           | 5               |
| 4th Ryan   | 673           | 3               |

### David Bourke Sports Shield

|            | Shield Points | McCarthy Points |
|------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1st Nunan  | 72            | 10              |
| 2nd Keniry | 68            | 7               |
| 3rd Galvin | 60            | 5               |
| 4th Ryan   | 50            | 3               |

## Br William Mark McCarthy House Shield

1st Galvin - 30 pts



2nd Keniry - 27 pts



3rd Nunan - 23 pts



4th Ryan - 20 pts



## House Award

Recognition of a senior student who has displayed an outstanding attitude towards and has made a significant contribution to academic, sporting and social justice activities.

### Callum Bigarelli

The Br J.B. Galvin Award

### Jay Pelchen

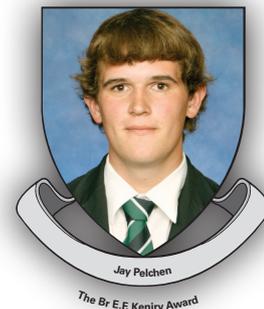
The Br E.F. Keniry Award

### Alexander Blizzard

The Br M.P. Nunan Award

### Timothy Milroy

The Br J.L. Ryan Award



# KARIBU 2007

## An African Experience

Director of Mission, Mr Mark Walsh

During July, I took part in an intensive cross-cultural immersion program run by the Congregational Renewal Team of the Christian Brothers in Nairobi, Kenya. 35 women and men from the Edmund Rice Networks in Canada, Ghana, India, Ireland, Sierra Leone, South Africa, the United Kingdom, the United States, Zambia and Australia gathered to learn more about the cultures of Kenya and Tanzania as well as those of the group. This group was comprised of teachers, Edmund Rice campers, Christian Brothers and others connected to the work of the Edmund Rice Network.

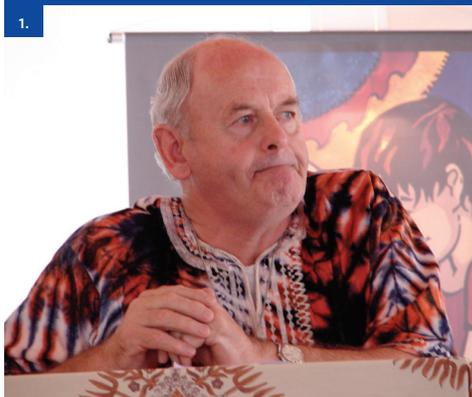
During the course of the month, we listened to African presenters sharing their experience of African cultures, spirituality and religion. We were encouraged to read about African issues and engage in regular reflection, prayer, sharing of our experiences and journaling. We also shared a little of our own culture and took opportunities to soak up the urban culture of Nairobi and the more rural culture of Arusha. We visited a number of Edmund Rice ministries including the newly opened Mary Ward Centre for the intellectually and physically challenged, which also serves as a gathering place for Edmund Rice Network youth programmes.

By far the most moving experience of the programme for each of the participants was an immersion experience with people living on the margins, where each of us was confronted with the great suffering experienced by the poor of Nairobi. The Edmund Rice Network has responded to this suffering in a variety of ways. It provides direct philanthropy and social reform, creating and supporting organisations that care for those on the margins. More importantly though, it works towards social transformation, changing society so that the structures do not privilege some and cause suffering for others.

The rewards of cross-cultural living can be significant, but to reap these rewards

1. Brother Tom Kearney
2. Local members of teh Edmund Rice Network at opening liturgy for Karibu programme
3. Grade 5 students at Tunza Children's centre enjoying a game of football as part of their PE classes
4. Children performing at tradition African dance at the Reuben Primary School Nairobi run by the Christian Brothers
5. College Captain David Ranger addresses guests at the 2007 Valedictory Dinner
6. Year 12 2007 Valedictory Dinner
- 7-8. 2008 Year 12 Leadership Camp

## Photo Gallery



each one of us must open our hearts to the other. We must not only accept that the world is a diverse place where a myriad of differences exist side by side, but we must also accept those whose cultures are different from our own. In doing so we may learn more about the dignity and worth of the other and we may also learn more about ourselves.

During the Easter school holidays next year we will be coordinating an African Immersion experience based at the Br Beausang Catholic Education Centre Embul-bul, Kenya from March 22 to April 4. Participants have opportunities to engage with those on the margins, support the work of the primary and secondary schools and experience the landscape, wildlife and cultures of Kenya. If you are interested in taking part in this experience, please feel free to contact me at [markdavidwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:markdavidwalsh@gmail.com)

## YEAR 12 2008 STUDENT COUNCIL LEADERSHIP CAMP

On the weekend of December 1 and 2, Headmaster Dr Peter Casey, Deputy Headmaster Mr Steven O'Connor, Development Manager Mr Mark Waddington and Mr Jamie Bobrowski had the pleasure of spending time with next year's student leaders at Apollo Bay for the annual Leadership Camp. Jamie Bobrowski is joining the staff in 2008 as the College Student Leadership and Standards Officer and brings with him a wealth of leadership training and experience having previously worked for the Victorian Police Force as well as operated his own Leadership Development business. The boys were inspired by his enthusiasm and practical approach to leadership and fully appreciate that leadership is a skill that

needs to be developed and that the Council must work together to share their vision for leading the College in 2008.

Leaving Friday and returning Sunday students and staff were able to spend the three days working through sessions on leadership, goal setting, the practicalities of running the student council, problem solving activities and some challenging physical activities, all made more difficult by 'The rope'! The aim of each of the sessions was to better equip the College's leaders with the skills to assist them through the challenges in store for them next year. Perhaps more importantly this is another step in the boys ongoing leadership development journey. The boys were a credit to themselves and the College as they demonstrated leadership, initiative and general good manners over the weekend. A highlight of the weekend was sharing in the celebration of Mass with members of the Apollo Bay community on Sunday morning. After the weekend it is readily apparent that student leadership is in good hands in 2008!

## YEAR 9 GRAMPIANS EXPERIENCE

Congratulations to all involved in the Grampians camps. Organising and running any camp for 200 students presents some challenges, and appreciation is extended to all staff, parents and students involved. Mr Terry Blizzard and his Middle School team worked tirelessly to provide all students with a challenging, engaging and enjoyable learning experience that certainly tested boys physical and mental capabilities. All staff were extremely impressed with the attitude of the boys and their willingness to take up the physical and mental challenges presented to them. The efforts of many individuals was nothing less than inspiring. Below is one student reflection that illustrates the value of the experience.

## YEAR 9 GRAMPIANS CAMP

By Michael Xuereb

The Year 9 Grampians camp was presented to us as a challenging event to test ourselves and possibly even prove something to ourselves. The camp pushed each and every one of us to our limits and, and from my point of view, brought classmates who would have never have interacted within the classroom together, temporarily, possibly long term friendships were formed and the class as a whole were brought together as they shared the struggles between one another.

On a less emotional note the camp allowed all of us to conquer our fears and gave, I would say, most of us a strong sense of achievement. It was definitely a success from my perspective but I imagine not everyone shares my views as it was an extremely challenging camp where hardships were presented.

Overall however I believe there was none among the year level who could say that they did not enjoy any part of the camp whatsoever. The influences of the camp and the achievements that took place there will stay with each and every one of us for the rest of our days.

## YEAR 8 MEDIIEVAL DAY

Year 8 boys one again participated enthusiastically in the annual Medieval Day organised by Mr Fred Spittle and Mr Peter Brady. The day was the culmination of a term's work in Studies of Society and the Environment (SOSE) and brought a real life dimension to the learning that had taken place in the classroom. It was pleasing to see the boys and staff enter into the spirit of the day by dressing in costumes relevant to the medieval period and participate so fully in the activities.

During the day the boys were involved in a number of activities including:

- Medieval Arms and Armour
- Medieval Music and Dance
- Medieval Costume and Lifestyle
- Medieval Games
- Archery
- Heraldry and Shield making

Some of the Year 8 boys are keen to see some of these activities added to the roster of House competitions in 2008!

## PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING

### 2007 Purton Oratory and Br HT Breach Oratory

On Tuesday, October 16 at 4.00 pm the Boardroom was alive with nervous tension. This was the day of the 2007 Breach Oratory and Mary Purcell Debating Competition. These competitions originated in 2003 and are named in honour of Mary Purcell and Brother Breach.

The Purcell Debate which is named in honour Mrs Mary Purcell, a celebrated former Head of English and enthusiastic educator of young men in the oral of public speaking and debating was argued well from both sides. Connor Bourke, Nicholas Wilson and Ben O'Shea argued valiantly against Thomas McKinnon, Liam O'Riley, and Stephen Kirby, who triumphed in the end.

This was followed directly by the annual Breach Oratory. The students were required to present a five-minute speech on a topic of their choice, followed by an impromptu speech of two minute's length. With the confidence of students much older and experienced, the students orated at a very high standard. Joseph Baxter, (Year 8), Connor Bourke and Tyler Murphy (both in Year 9) set a very high standard for Ben O'Shea, also in Year 9, to become the eventual winner for the title of Breach Orator 2007.

1. Speech Night – Masters of Ceremony, College Vice Captains James Spencer and Denis McKinnon
2. Speech Night – 2007 College Captain David Ranger, Valedictory Address
- 3-4. Speech Night – Senior Band
5. Speech Night – 2005 College Dux David Hall
6. Speech Night – Dr Peter Casey delivering the Headmaster's Annual Report
7. Speech Night – The Class of 2007 Choir in full voice!
8. Dr Peter Casey and Purton Orator Denis McKinnon

## Photo Gallery



On Wednesday October 17, students, staff and parents again packed the Boardroom to hear our young men compete for the title of Doyle Debaters 2007 in the WT Doyle Debate, named after a noted Old Collegian. The topic was strongly debated between Finlay Gustus (Year 11), Paul King (Year 10), and Richard Keys (Year 11) – affirmative - Denis McKinnon (Year 12), Jack Ferguson (Year 11) and Andrew McNiece (Year 11) in the negative; with the eventual winners being the affirmative team.

After a short break, students competed for the title of Purton Orator. The Purton Oratory was established in 1940 after Br D.G. Purton, past staff member and Headmaster of St Patrick's College. Jack Ferguson, Liam O'Riley, Denis McKinnon, Paul King, Stephen Kirby, Thomas McKinnon and Michael Keem spoke with passion and strength on their chosen topics. The adjudicating was challenging with the decision coming down to two points between the eventual winner and the next place. It was announced that Denis McKinnon was a deserving winner, ensuring his place in the history of St Patrick's College as a Purton Orator. Paul King was awarded the Sir Hugh Devine Impromptu Award, named in honour of a past student and a world leading authority in surgical techniques.

Sincere appreciation to all staff and friends of the College who assisted with this important annual event, in particular thanks to Brother Breach and Dr Casey for your words of wisdom, Mr John Richards who chaired the Breach, Purcell, Doyle and Purton competitions and to Mrs Karina Dunne and Denis McKinnon who adjudicated the Breach and Purcell Competitions. Thank you also to Thomas McKinnon and Jake Clough and Richard Keys for your timing skills.

Mrs Sara Taylor and Mr Steven O'Connor had the unenviable task of adjudicating the senior competitions - thank you for giving your time and wisdom. We also thank the parents of the students involved and to all who came to listen to our young men in their hour of glory.

Congratulations to all students. May we long continue with this fine tradition of oration.

## MINDSHOP EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME

Six Year 10 boys were selected to represent St Patrick's College in the second Mindshop Excellence Programme for 2007. They were trained on Monday October 22, by Chris and Julie Mason, founders of the programme, in the use of 'the Mindshop Tools' for solving problems. The boys were then placed at Steelframe Solutions, where they worked together as consultants to solve a real workplace problem. As the Mindshop Excellence Programme was organised to be part of the Ballarat Regional Occupational Safety and Health Week, the problem was required to be a 'safety-related' issue.

The boys were given the task of solving the problem of the safe storage of the company's raw metal coils. Throughout the week they worked independently to assess the problem and present a solution. This involved using many skills and techniques. On Friday October 26 the boys presented their findings and solution to the management of the company with a PowerPoint presentation and speeches. The team leader, Stephen Kirby, then presented a summary of the week's experience, at a reception at the Town Hall.

The management of Steelframe Solutions were very impressed with the boys. The solution presented is viable and the company are prepared to look into it further. Congratulations boys on representing your families and St Patrick's College in an outstanding manner.

## GROUNDNS

On October 20 over 25 willing workers assisted with the annual Spring Working Bee. A great deal of work was done to prepare the College's gardens and grounds for the ravages of another long, hot and dry summer. Mulch was placed on numerous garden beds and around many trees and additional garden beds were completed Nangle House. A feature of the working bee was the installation of additional seating for students in Chapel Court. The seats were paid for by the Parents and Friends Association (\$14,000) and the Year 12 Council (\$5,000). They were chosen by the Student Congress Committee for Grounds from Keniry House, particularly Jason Lyle and Jay Pelchen.

The seating will greatly enhance the Courtyard and will be very serviceable. The seating made by the Year 9s in 2003 will now retire to Collegians Court for the use of the Year 9s.

## STAFF FAREWELLS

At the conclusion of 2007 we will say farewell to a number of staff who are moving on to pursue other vocational and lifestyle opportunities.

- Mr John Christie is taking up the position of Deputy Headmaster at Highview College, Maryborough.
- Miss Ria Coffey is having 12 months leave of absence to travel the globe!
- Geoff Crawford has taken up a position at arch football rival Assumption College, Kilmore as Head of Teaching and Learning.
- Mr Gary Henderson will be slowing up a little and enjoying a well earned retirement.
- Trevor Hunt is also 'pulling up stumps' to enjoy more time at his home in Daylesford and fitting in some travelling and fervent support for his beloved Bombers.

- Mr Hugh McKelvey the College's Director of Music has taken up a music teaching position at Mt Clear Secondary College.
- Ros Rajki is taking 12 months leave to teach in Melbourne due to her husband's move to Xavier College.
- Mark Walsh College's Director of Mission is taking up an appointment with Edmund Rice Education Australia and will be based in Melbourne.
- Tina Williamson is moving interstate due to a change in her husband's work situation.

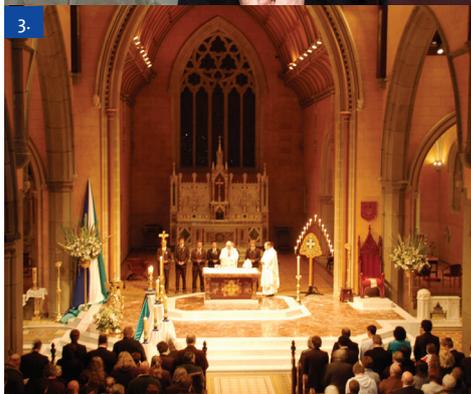
Director of Sport Mrs Nicole Hexter and Mrs Trish O'Connor are commencing maternity leave in 2008. We look forward to the exciting news. Mrs Debbie Jordan is commencing sick leave and we ask that all members of the College community keep Debbie in their prayers. After five years of exceptional service to the College as a boarding team member, HaPE Trainee and integration aide Jarrod Waight is leaving the College to take up his first teaching position at the Kardinia International College in Geelong.

We would also like to sincerely thank Ms Pauline Elliot and Ms Susanne Sandow who are completing one year contracts as well as 2007 Trainees James Petrie, Ryan Luke, Andrew Schuyler, Tom Considine and Ryan Hobbs who have provided great support to staff who manage programmes in areas such as sport, outdoor education, learning enhancement, music, the arts and grounds.

We thank all these staff members for their contribution to the education of boys at St Patrick's and wish them well with their future endeavours. Profiles of new staff will be included in the first edition of *The Shamrock* in 2008.

1. Mind Shop Excellence: From Left to Right: Joseph Ford, Stephen Kirby, James Edmonds, Chris Antony, Ben McOwan and Brodie Leishman
2. Mind Excellence: Stephen Kirby with his parents Brian and Kathleen
3. 2007 Graduation Mass
4. Dominic Vogels and Head of Keniry House, Mr Matthew Taylor
5. Tim, Gerard and Loreta FitzGerald
- 6-8. Year 12 Graduation Mass

## Photo Gallery





2008 College Captain Thomas Kavanagh (centre) with Vice Captains Seamus Herrick and Jack Ferguson

## COLLEGE LEADERSHIP 2008

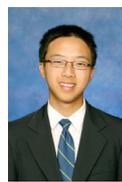
The Headmaster has announced the appointment of Thomas Kavanagh as College Captain for 2008.

Thomas has great support from students and staff alike, borne of his whole-hearted participation in study, sport and other aspects of College life over the past five years. Thomas will be supported by Seamus Herrick and Jack Ferguson as Vice Captains. Seamus and Jack share Thomas' enthusiasm for all that is valued in the College. The College thanks the boys for their acceptance of the responsibility of leadership.

Following elections conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission the following Student Leadership appointments were also made for 2008.



Student Congress President  
Michael Keem (Keniry)



Congress Secretary  
Bernard Kuek (Ryan)



Congress Treasurer  
Timothy Milroy (Ryan)

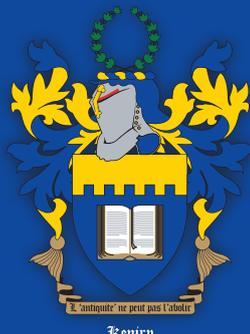
Thank you to Mr Steven O'Connor who has managed the leadership appointment process in a comprehensive and timely manner.

MEMBERS OF THE 2008 STUDENT COUNCIL



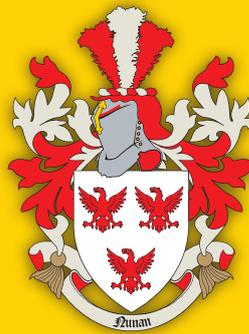
**Captain**  
Kieran McDowell

**Vice Captains**  
Glenn Kirby  
Luke Jones



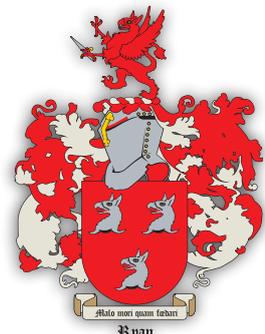
**Captain**  
Daniel Ross-Smith

**Vice Captains**  
Ignatius Crittenden  
Andrew McNiece



**Captain**  
Matthew Gillett

**Vice Captains**  
Liam Russell  
Richard Bauer



**Captain**  
Liam Toohey

**Vice Captains**  
Hugh Spencer  
Damien Farrell

MEMBERS OF THE  
2008 STUDENT CONGRESS

**Year 11**  
Lachlan Barker  
Dominic Godfrey

**Year 10**  
Gerald Toohey  
Matthew Lyle

**Year 9**  
Thomas Nankivell  
Reece Nunn

**Year 8**  
Mitchell Jantzen  
Zachary Weightman

**Year 11**  
Julian Atwood  
Brendan Wilcox

**Year 10**  
Mathew James  
Benjamin Watson

**Year 9**  
Harrison Bardwell  
Jacob Perkins

**Year 8**  
Matthew Lewis  
Luke Polmear

**Year 11**  
Patrick Adeney  
Benjamin McOwan

**Year 10**  
Samuel Morrissey  
Daniel McDonald

**Year 9**  
Nick O'Brien  
Adam Spencer

**Year 8**  
Alexander Eva  
Jacob Reinders

**Year 11**  
Tom Campbell  
Stephen Kirby

**Year 10**  
Andrew Clifton  
Joshua Harris

**Year 9**  
Regan Boyce  
Thomas Stapleton

**Year 8**  
Jordan Atkinson  
James Gilbert

After an extensive selection process that involved feedback from students and staff the College's Leaders for 2008 have been announced.

## Music

|                      |                            |
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| <b>Captain</b>       | Mark Torpy                 |
| <b>Vice Captains</b> | Finlay Gustus<br>Paul King |
| <b>Band Leader</b>   | James Seery                |

## Boarding House Leaders

### McCann House

|                     |                  |
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| <b>Captain</b>      | Dermott Sullivan |
| <b>Vice Captain</b> | Jarred Hall      |

### Nangle House

|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| <b>Captain</b>      | Calvin Anzac     |
| <b>Vice Captain</b> | Christopher Munn |

### Kenny House

|                     |                    |
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| <b>Captain</b>      | Ambrose Crittenden |
| <b>Vice Captain</b> | Dominic Bushell    |

## St Vincent de Paul Conference

|                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| <b>President</b>      | Tim Milroy     |
| <b>Vice President</b> | Jake Gordon    |
| <b>Secretary</b>      | Jack Ferguson  |
| <b>Treasurer</b>      | Andrew McNiece |

## Sports Captains

### Cricket

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Captain</b>      | Bradley Whittaker |
| <b>Vice Captain</b> | Bradley Hallam    |

### Swimming

|                      |                            |
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| <b>Captain</b>       | Timothy Rodger             |
| <b>Vice Captains</b> | Rhys Allan<br>Michael Keem |

Congratulations to all boys who have been elected to positions of leadership for 2008. The College community looks forward to these boys displaying leadership through words and deed in an honest, compassionate and just manner.

## TERM 4 SPORTS RESULTS

### Junior Volleyball – A Tasmanian Adventure

Mrs Fiona Carroll

From October 12 to 14 the Year 9 Volleyball team competed in the State Cup Volleyball Tournament in the Under 16, Division 1. The team have made huge improvements as a result of their training camp in Tasmania in August which provided some additional coaching advice. The boys were very competitive all weekend, with extremely effective serving, blocking and spiking. Their accuracy with passing the ball enabled our setter, Lachlan Clydesdale to consistently place the ball so that the spikers could attack.

The team finished second after the round robin competition, having been defeated only once. In the Gold Medal play off on Sunday October 14, the boys narrowly lost in a very skilful match by only two points in the third and final set. The team has now confidently set its sights on the National Cup in December.

## BAS GOLF

Mr Jeremy Daniel

The SPC (1) Team won the inaugural BAS Golf Title remaining undefeated during the three round Senior Boys competition. The boys played consistent golf and highlighted the depth of talent within the College.

### SPC (1) 4 defeated Ballarat Grammar School 0

**Game 1:** Stephen Bongiorno 37 defeated Ben Booth 38

**Game 2:** Shaun Lyle 36 defeated Alex Gubbins 50

**Game 3:** Luke Drake 39 defeated Angus Tonkin 43

**Game 4:** Ash Haase 39 defeated Nick Bishop 47

Other members of SPC 1 during the season included Luke Hickman and Jason Lyle.

## FIRST XI CRICKET

### Br H.T. Breach Cup

On Monday December 3 the First XI squad departed Ballarat to travel to Launceston in Tasmania to play three matches, with the focus being to re-claim the highly prized Br HT Breach Trophy from traditional foe St Patrick's College Launceston. Whilst Br Breach claims to be impartial as a Ballarat resident he must lament the fact that it has been six long years since we have had the renowned trophy in our display cabinet!

The squad that toured consisted of: Brad Whittaker (Captain), Brad Hallam (Vice-Captain), Ben Hayes, Nick O'Brien, Justin O'Brien, Ben Nankervis, Peter Colbourne, Liam Young, Matthew Begbie, Dominic Bushell, Scott Spriggs, Dylan Prozzo, Daniel Nicholson and Brad Crouch. The team took mixed form into the tour being 'two and two' at the half way mark of the BAS 1st XI competition. The stand out performer for the season to date has been Year 8 keeper-batsman Matthew Begbie who made an unbeaten century against Ballarat High School and has handled the gloves with great polish and poise.

The inconsistent form of the first month of the season was again evident in Tasmania – the team were outplayed in the first two games by Launceston Grammar and Scotch Oakburn Grammar but came together when it mattered to re-claim the coveted Br HT Breach Trophy. Batting first SPC Ballarat made 206 thanks largely to a stylish 61 from Matthew Begbie and a patient 49 from Peter Colbourne. Defending this achievable total with great determination all bowlers applied themselves well, bowling tight lines to have SPC Launceston struggling at 8-108, before finally dismissing the last batsman with the total on 168. Ben Hayes, Brad Crouch and Brad Hallam were the stars with the ball all week whilst Matthew Begbie continued his solid batting form ably supported by Peter Colbourne and Daniel Nicholson.

The tour was a great learning

experience for all players and will hopefully provide the impetus for an improvement in BAS games in 2008 at the 'business end' of the season. The boys were fine ambassadors for the College and as a positive sign for the future most will be available for selection for the return match in Ballarat in 2008.

## A NETBALL STAR

Middle School staff member Casey Frame has been featured several times this year in *The Courier* for her exploits on netball courts around Ballarat. Casey is regarded as one of the leading players in the region and has won the Best and Fairest Award in the Ballarat Football League competition and *The Courier* Most Valuable Player in the Ballarat Athlete's Foot A Grade Competition. Casey is considering playing for Ballarat Pride in the Victorian Sate League in season 2008. Casey came to Ballarat from Swan Hill to study Physical Education at the University of Ballarat as was foremost a basketballer upon her arrival in Ballarat, where she played some games for the Ballarat Lady Miners. Casey is a highly regarded member of the Middle School teaching and Learning Team and is renowned for her no fuss approach to teaching and the excellent relationships she forges with students and the positive results that stem from the respect and friendship she develops with the boys in her care. Casey is a wonderful role model for the boys and the College community is very proud of her educational and sporting achievements – well done Casey!

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION RAFFLE 2007

The annual P&F major raffle was drawn on Thursday November 29 at the 2007 Junior School Awards Night . Proceeds from the raffle are used to purchase equipment that benefits all students at the College. Thank you to the following businesses for their support of the annual raffle: Mrs Leonie Spencer, Lifestyle Travel, Ballarat, Mr Lucas Reid, Victoria Hotel, Port Fairy and Mr John Davis, Harvey Norman Electrical, Ballarat.

### Results of the 2007 Raffle:

#### First Prize

Kath Murphy - \$3000 Travel Voucher

#### Second prize

Don Rodger - Weekend at Victoria Hotel, Port Fairy

#### Third prize

Tony McVeigh - \$300 Harvey Norman Voucher

The book sellers' prize was won by Nick O'Keefe – Play Station 2.

## LUKE JONES: Cycling Star of the Future

On Saturday November 24 Luke Jones (Year 11) competed in the heavily promoted Revolution Cycling event at Melbourne's Vodafone Arena. Competing against some of the nation's finest cyclists Luke finished 5th in the Under 18 Points Race. Luke competed hard and was given much valuable experience against future world and Olympic stars in the invitation only event. His performance underlines his enormous potential in the sport, particularly given the challenge of preparing for elite track cycle racing whilst residing within the College's boarding community. Well done Luke!

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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

- During the September term break, a number of boys represented Victoria at the Vikings Australasian 2007 School Futsal Championships in Dandenong. Teams came from all around Australia and New Zealand. Kael and Tom Wylie-O'Brien competed in the Under 13 Victorian Country Squad and made it into the Grand Final where they were narrowly defeated by the Victorian Metro Squad. Michael Trigger and Alex Antonelli were victorious in the Under 14 Victoria Metro Squad winning Championship trophies. Josh Antonelli, Anthony Cocomazzo and Marcus Lynch represented Victoria Country in the Championships.
- The gremlins have crept into the Development Office and denied Mitchell Robertson from 7D the recognition he should have received for his fine achievement of being selected as a Ball Boy for the upcoming Australian Open. The previous edition of *The Shamrock* had Mitch down as Mitchell Robinson from 7B. His selection comes following a rigorous selection process whereby boys needed to demonstrate excellent coordination and ball skills as well as an excellent working knowledge of the game of tennis. Sincere apologies and good luck for the Open Mitchell.
- Matthew Doolan (SPC 2002-2007) along with five other talented students had the opportunity recently to workshop their own chosen pieces in a master class which was conducted by internationally acclaimed pianist Ian Munro. Following the workshop, the students performed at the Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts. Peter Toohey (SPC 2003-2006) was also a member of the elite group of performers.
- Nick Suban (Year 11) won the prestigious Best First Year Player at the North Ballarat Rebels presentation Night. Year 12 student and 1st XVIII Captain Joshua Caldwell won the Coach's Award for the season.

# 2008 TERM DATES

## Term 1

Thursday, January 31  
Students Commence Term 1

Thursday, March 20  
Holy Thursday, End of Term 1

## Term 2

Monday, April 7  
Classes commence for all students

Friday, June 20  
End of Term 2 classes for students

## Term 3

Tuesday, July 15  
Classes commence for all students

Friday, September 19  
End of Term 3

## Term 4

Tuesday, October 7  
Classes commence for all students

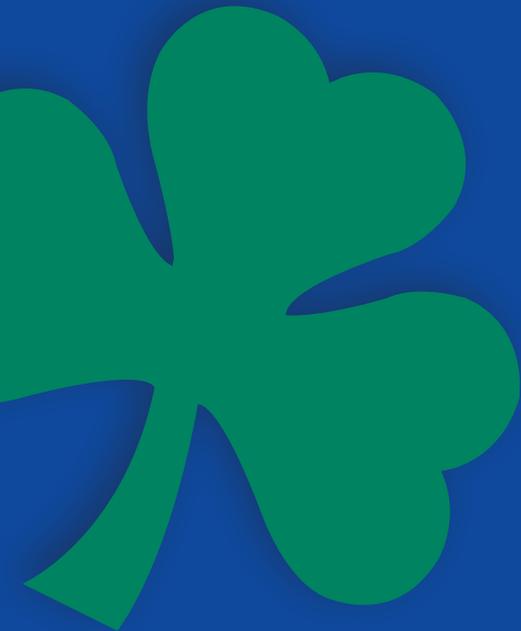
Friday, December 5  
Last day of classes for Year 7-9 students

Friday, 19 December  
College Office closes

1. 2007 Volleyball Team  
Back Row: Nicholas Johnston, Samuel Morrissey, Liam Hunter, Thomas Lamb, Jake Belsar.  
Front Row: Benjamin Maher, Lachlan Clydesdale  
Absent: Josh Casey
2. Aaron Mullane carefully lines up his shot
3. St Patrick's staff member Casey Frame
4. Player of the Week Matthew Begbie prepares to go out to bat. Matt scored 134 runs from the three matches and did not concede one bye whilst he was keeping
5. First XI Captain Brad Whittaker turns a ball around the corner against Scotch Oakburn
6. The two teams gather for our traditional photo prior to the Br. H. T. Breach Cup
7. SPC Team (!) number one player Stephen Bongiorno

## Photo Gallery





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ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE OLD COLLEGIANS ASSOCIATION INC.



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE  
BALLARAT

## FAREWELL ANDREW WATSON

Changes to the OCA  
Committee for 2008



At the AGM in November, President of the OCA Andrew Watson stood down from the post that he has discharged with distinction for the past four years. Andrew has been the driving force behind the Old Boys during the period that has witnessed significant developments for the OCA including the Pavilion Appeal, the birth of the NOB-SPC Football Club, the 1st XVIII Reunion Dinner, the re-structure of the OCA and SPC Foundation and improved communications with old boys via *The Shamrock*, the College website, email and SMS. The meeting formally recorded a vote of appreciation which would surely be endorsed by all old boys of St Patrick's.

The AGM heralded some significant changes to the OCA Executive Committee which augurs well for some exciting and rewarding times ahead. The OCA Executive for 2008 is:

**President**

John Richards (SPC 1983-88)

**Vice President**

Rick Blanchfield (SPC 1966-71)

**Secretary**

Don Flynn (SPC 1975-77)

**Treasurer**

Michael Kearney (SPC 1962-67)

**Committee**

Dennis Foley (SPC 1966-72) as Foundation Chair is an Ex-Officio member of Executive  
 Peter Blanchfield (SPC 1998-2003)  
 David McMahon (SPC 1989- 94)

During 2007 the OCA and Foundation have been working closely to streamline their roles in best serving the College community. The OCA will focus on reunions, social and networking functions and will hence take over responsibility for functions such as the Golf Day and Halls of History Dinner. The SPC Foundation will focus on fundraising and the management of donated funds in line with their status as a donor gift recipient for projects such as the Pavilion Appeal and Scholarship and Bursary Fund.



**NORTH OLD BOYS**  
 St Patrick's College Ballarat afc

**NOB-SPC  
 AMATEUR  
 FOOTBALL  
 CLUB NEWS**  
 Season 2008 – Don't Book Your Holidays in September!

This is the theme for next season with expectations raised by the appointment of the enigmatic Terry Scanlon as Club Coach for 2008. Terry is the last premierships coach of the club and is highly respected and much loved by past and current players. He has a passion for

1. Br Kevin Woodruff and Kevin Leitch at the 2007 OCA Geelong Dinner at Dromoland House
2. Dr John Steklenberg and Pat Arundell – Geelong OCA Dinner
3. Pat and Iris Arundell – Geelong OCA Dinner
4. SPC staff members Scott Kruger, Nicole Hexter (with son William) and Jeremy Daniel
5. 2007 Old Collegians Golf Day - Daryl Smeaton, David Stalker and Joe Stalker
6. 2007 Old Collegians Golf Day - David McMahon, Paul Speechley, Chris Torpy and Jason Squire
7. Terry Austin with triple Olympian Anthony Edwards (SPC 1985-90)
8. Two members of the Australian Four and Coach Chris O'Brien (SPC 1978-83) (right)

**Photo Gallery**



the game, a passion for the club and a strong track record of success in business and sport.

Training has already commenced at a variety of venues with a number of old boys committing to the cause including former school boy stars Simon Harwood and Matthew Doyle.

The club has a star studded coaching panel for the season including:

**Senior Coach**

Terry Scanlon  
3 Years of coaching at North Old Boys never missed the finals.  
An A Grade Premiership Coach 1982.

**Assistant Playing Coach**

Matt Keown  
25 years of age. Key player in Sandhurst's premiership team of 2004.  
Played with Bendigo Pioneers in TAC Cup (1998 - 2000). Played with Bendigo Diggers in VFL (2000 - 2002) and Bendigo Bombers VFL (2003).

**Specialist Coaches for 2008 season.**

**Defence**

Mark Hannebery  
Played over 100 games with Collingwood and Essendon.  
A North Old Boy's Premiership player in 1976. ( A-Grade)

**Forward**

Paul Kearney  
Played over 200 games for North Old Boy's all A-Grade

**Ruck**

John Noonan  
Played over 200 games for Old Xavierian's Premiership Captain, (Old Xavierian)

**Fitness Adviser**

Ben Fletcher  
Currently running fitness programs for Coburg VFL

Anthony and Alex McDonald will provide mid week support for Terry and other coaches. Both played over 100 games of AFL football and a still part of

the AFL system, Anthony being a runner for Melbourne in 2006 and Alex working as a Player Manager for Stride Sports Management.

The Club is based at the AC Gillon Reserve in Brunswick, an excellent meeting place for Melbourne based old boys. Full training details can be found on the Clubs website [www.nobspc.org.au](http://www.nobspc.org.au) which is updated regularly. A reunion of past students of St Joseph's and all those associated with the North Old Boys St Patrick's Amateur Football Club will be held at Flemington racecourse on December 15, 2007 – all details on the website.

Green, White and Blue will again feature a NOB-St Patrick's College AFC column and we hope that old boys will follow the club with great interest. The AC Gillon Reserve boasts great social facilities and so it should be a great opportunity for old boys to gather, support the club and enjoy a few beers after the final siren has sounded.

For all details about membership, sponsorship, team or training details please visit the website or contact Mark Waddington - [mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au)

## PAVILION PROJECT UPDATE

Building is proceeding at a measured pace under the watchful eye of Project Manager Mr Tony McMaster. It is hoped that the pavilion will be at 'lock up' by Christmas with all internal works completed in February for the official blessing on Friday March 14 – St Patrick's Day. Yes, St Patrick's Day – in 2008 St Patrick's Day will be celebrated by the Church on March 14 to remove it from Holy Week, Good Friday falling on March 21, 2008.



Cardinal Pell will bless the Pavilion at a gala ceremony on Friday March 14 from 6.30 pm. All donors to the Pavilion Project will receive an invitation to the blessing which promises to be a very special night – particularly for Project Chairman Mr Peter Howley and his Committee who have worked diligently on this community project for over three years. The results will be spectacular and quite significant – through the hard work of the Committee the Old Boys will 'gift' the College a million dollar facility, without the College having to use any of its reserves for the project.

All members of the OCA eagerly await the day where we can gather in a purpose built facility that is due recognition of the rich contribution that all past students have made to the amazing story of St Patrick's College, Ballarat.

## OCA GOLF DAY 2007

On Sunday November 11, 120 players teed off in the annual OCA Golf Day. The event is a four person ambrose event and was played in great spirit with the course being presented in excellent condition. In perfect conditions scoring on the day was particularly impressive in both the handicap and non-handicap sections.

### Results

#### Handicap Section

1st - 50.25 net. Chris Mansour, Michael Mansour, John Bourke, Connor Bourke

#### Non Handicap Section

1st - 62. Ben Mucenieks, Paul Ryan, Terry Ryan, Steve Cartledge

Other prize winners on the day were: Shaun Lyle, Kelly Lyle, Stephen Bongiorno and Chris Delaland who won the Foundation Student Trophy and Nearest the Pin winners Ron Jennings, Luke Drake, Damian Sullivan and Brett Huxtable. Longest drive winner was Russell Stubbs.

The OCA Golf Day is always a great day primarily due to the broad range of players from the College community. The Jubb/Grinter clan had three generations of family distributed between two teams – the link will continue with James joining the Boarding community in 2008. Others boasted old boys from all parts of the State as well as a number of genuine stayers who backed up from a big night on Saturday at the Class of 1967 Reunion Dinner!

The day was particularly successful from a logistics and fundraising perspective due to the tireless efforts of OCA Golf Day Chairman Mr Rick Keen who did an enormous job in recruiting sponsors and players. Please try to support the sponsors who support the OCA in who are contributing to the exciting OCA Pavilion Project.

2007 event sponsors were: Mr Ron Jennings, Barker and Jennings Accountants, Mr Noel Ronan, Molloy, Orr and Ronan, Mr Charlie Flynn, Newington Physiotherapy, Mr Andrew Maher, Pipecon, Danny and Nicky Quinlan, Oscar's Hotel, Mr Steve Young, Forty Winks, Mr Robert Gayton, City Oval Hotel, Mrs Leonie Spencer, Lifestyle Travel, Mr Damian Franzman, Anglesea Golf Club, Mr David Canny, Red Lion Bar and Bistro, Laurie and Helen Gillett, Men Only, Craig Haase, Ballarat Pro Shop, Rod Stott, Dulcinea Winery, Mr Lyle Dean, Wes Davidson Real Estate, Prime Television, Mr Mark Patterson, North Ballarat Sports Club, Mr Terry Scanlon from the NOB/SPC Football Club and Mr Dennis Foley, Ballarat and District Trotting Club.

The OCA Golf Day will be held on Sunday November 9, 2008 on the re-designed Ballarat Golf Club. Please mark this date in your diaries.

## REUNION DINNERS

Over the past months members of the OCA Executive have been busy staging reunion and regional dinners in Geelong and Bendigo. Good numbers of old boys from the Class of 1987, 1997 and 1967 greatly enjoyed returning to the College to catch up with their peers and some current and former members of staff. The Class of 1967 were the hardest to shift with some reminiscing into the wee small hours - only to surface at 8 am for the OCA Golf Day! The following note from Terry Ryan (SPC 1964-68) summarises the sentiments of his peers: 'it was fantastic to revisit the College after 40 years and to be briefed about the major developments that have taken place over the intervening years. I am sure that everyone attending enjoyed the great food, wine and company'. The Golf Day the following day was also a great success with Terry and son Paul (SPC 1982-86) taking out the Non-Handicap section of the Golf Day – it pays to support the OCA!

Dates for the 2008 reunions and dinners are listed on the reverse side of the Mail Flyer included with this edition of *The Shamrock*.

Photos from all reunions can be found in the Green, White and Blue Photo Gallery.

## OCA 'HALLS OF HISTORY - DINNER WITH THE LEGENDS' 2008

The seventh annual 'Halls of History Dinner with the Legends' will be held on Saturday February 23, 2008. 'Legends for the night will include Graham Duff (SPC 1955-59), former Chair of the North Melbourne Football Club and Racing Victoria, Hotondo Homes founder Kevin Renwick, OAM (SPC 1946-47) and legend of St Patrick's rowing Chris O'Brien (SPC 1978-83), who is currently a National and Olympic rowing coach.

With all the news emanating from Arden Street in recent months plus the 'EI Epidemic' Graham is sure to have some remarkable stories to tell! The Legend's Dinner is always a fantastic night and greatly enjoyed by all in attendance. Ticket information is contained in this edition of *The Shamrock*, so please start to round up your friends and make this a night to remember.

## PAKENHAM RACES 2008

The traditional OCA Race Day is again being organised by Gavan Bourke and will be held at Pakenham on Sunday January 20, 2008. The day features the prestigious Br O'Malley Welter and a race in memory of the late, great David Bourke OAM.

Tickets for Admission and Luncheon can be obtained from Gavan Bourke. Please send cheques or money order to: PO Box 203, Pakenham 3810

Or please phone 5941 1146. Cost for admission and luncheon is \$35.00 per head. Reservations for the luncheon are essential.

The day is a great opportunity to catch up with former SPC students and staff as well as enjoying fine food, wine and the odd flutter. Please put the date in your diary now, start getting your mates together to make the 2008 Race Day a huge success.

## ROWING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: MUNICH 2008

At the 2007 World Rowing Championships in Munich St Patrick's College were well represented with a number of old boys present in a variety of roles. Current 1st IV Coach Terry Austin greatly enjoyed rubbing shoulders with some of the 'greats' of SPC Rowing including:

- Anthony Edwards - Lightweight four
- James Marburg - Heavyweight eights
- Chris O'Brien - Coach of Drew Ginn and Duncan Free (World Pair Oared Champions)
- Paul Reedy - Olympian and current coach of Great Britain Lightweight Pair

- Troy Kooloos, Dan Fahy, Kevin O'Brien, all of whom have made significant contributions to St Patrick's Rowing were also in attendance for the regatta.

## ST PATRICK'S DAY 2007 Melbourne Drinks

At the 1st XVIII Reunion Dinner long time OCA member and supporter John Borell mentioned to many in attendance the importance of not letting the tradition of St Patrick's Day drinks at Billy Bell's pub in South Melbourne die out. The tradition of gathering at Billy's Hotel on the closest Friday to St Patrick's Day each year has been going on for several decades. In recent years numbers have dwindled according to John and with the success of the Football Reunion and Melbourne Dinner it is timely to once again rally your mates for a few green ales in the name of St Patrick. In 2008 the date will be Friday March 14 from 5.30 pm onwards.

## AFL DRAFT 2007 Congratulations Matt Austin

The College community are celebrating the news that 2005 MCC Herald Sun Premiership player Matt Austin was taken by the Brisbane Lions with pick 56 in the recent AFL National Draft. Matt follows in the footsteps on Matthew Tyler who was picked at number 54 in the 2006 draft by the Brisbane Lions.

Matt had an exceptional year with the North Ballarat Rebels as Co-Captain, also playing for Vic Country in the Under 18 National Championships. Matt is a highly skilled player with exceptional kicking skills who can be relied upon to hit targets under pressure. He was unlucky to be overlooked in 2006 but has benefited from an extra year in the TAC Cup system.

Matt has benefited immensely from his days as a boarder at the College and from working closely with 1st XVIII Coach Mr Howard Clark. In 2006 he was also fortunate enough to be coached by current VFL coach Gerard FitzGerald (SPC 1973) who greatly assisted Matt with his sporting and personal development. Matt continues a great run for the all conquering team of 2005 with four other premiership players currently on AFL lists – Mitch Brown (West Coast), Nathan Brown (Collingwood), Shaun Grigg (Carlton) and Matthew Tyler (Brisbane).

Well done to the boys. The College community is very proud of Matt and looks forward to following his progress in years to come.

## FROM THE ARCHIVIST

Br Brian Davis

An interesting advertisement found in the SPC Chronicle for March 1939. It illustrates that branding is nothing new and the lengths that retailers and suppliers will go to to attract the interest of our boys! If anyone has a St Patrick's College Racket – in College colours Archives would love to photograph it and discuss the possibility of placing it on display at the College.

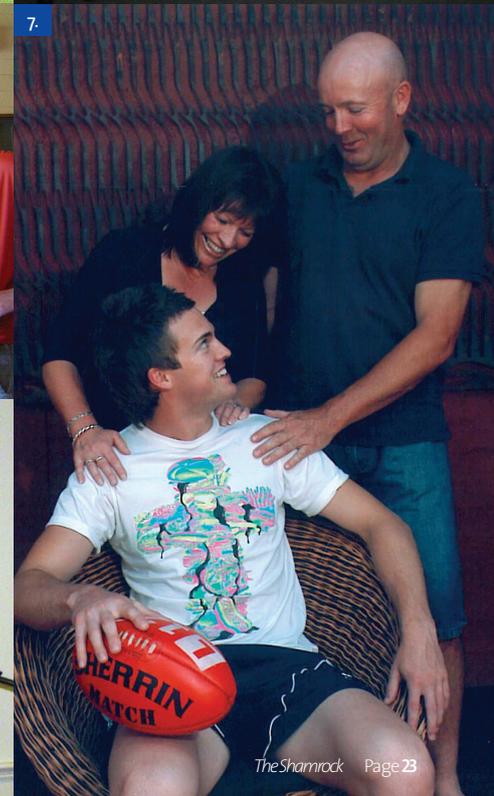


# OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

- In July this year, Father Pat Bohan (SPC 1936-1939) celebrated the sixtieth Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. Fr Pat was ordained by the late Bishop James O’Collins in the St Patrick’s Cathedral, Ballarat on July 27, 1947. Pat is now retired, however is still assisting with daily Sunday masses in the Ballarat area.
- Some of the biggest names amongst the Old Boys community have stepped out of the limelight in recent times – earlier in the year Victorian Premier Steve Bracks (SPC 1967-71) resigned from parliament to spend more time with family and to pursue other interests. In the cut throat arena of politics popular Labor member for Geelong Gavan O’Connor (SPC 1965) was not afforded such a luxury when his pre-selection was usurped by a nominated Union official. On October 17 Graham Duff (SPC 1955-59) announced to the Board of the North Melbourne Football Club that he would not be seeking an extension of his current one-year appointment as club chairman. A director for the past three years, the last two as chairman, Graham said the position needed more commitment than he could give over the coming months. “To be chairman of the North Melbourne Football Club requires total time and attention,” Duff said. “My other activities, particularly in recent times, have stretched my resources to the point that prioritising has become more difficult. The success of the team on the field last season and the stronger administrative performance has been most pleasing. However the requirements of the coming year in relation to the club’s future will require undivided attention of all directors.” Less than a month later Graham announced that he would also be stepping down from the Chair of Racing Victoria – having successfully overseen the Equine Influenza scare and worked with many agencies to save the coveted Spring Racing Carnival he is probably in need of a long rest! Knowing Graham’s enthusiasm for a challenge he will no doubt bob up soon in another high profile role. With the departure of these three great achievers it would surprise nobody if other St Patrick’s old boys quickly step up to the limelight in a range of areas in the near future.

- 1-2. OCA Golf Day 2007
3. SPC Foundation Student Trophy Winners Chris Delaland, Kelly Lyle, Stephen Bongiorno and Shaun Lyle with OCA Treasurer Michael Kearney
4. 1967 Reunion
5. David Ryan addressing his peers at the 1967 Reunion Dinner
6. 1967 Reunion Dinner
7. Matt Austin – drafted to the Brisbane Lions - with Parents Amanda and Darren

## Photo Gallery





- Tristan Cartledge (SPC 1998-2003) was named in the VFL Team of the Year announced at the VFL Best and Fairest vote count. Tristan enjoyed an excellent first season with the Roosters and is hopeful of coming under consideration at the 2007 AFL Rookie Draft in December.
- Nicholas Danaher (SPC 1994-97) recently wrote to the Development Office to regretfully advise that he could not attend the Class of 1997 Reunion Dinner. 'Unfortunately I will be unable to attend as I am working in New York as an Investment Banker with Goldman Sachs. It would have been great to catch up on old times and see people I haven't seen in a long time. Please pass on my regards to Mr John Cosgriff and Mrs Margaret Leahy. I am sure Mr Cosgriff would be keen to find out how one of his most dedicated Specialist Maths students was doing and to know that I am actually using some of the information he taught me!
- The 1st XVIII Reunion Dinner was well and truly covered in the last edition of Green, White and Blue, however Leon Doyle (SPC 1974-79) in writing to thank the organising committee offered the following insights into the highly successful event - I found it interesting that a number of themes came through during the evening: the pride in wearing the hallowed St Patrick's jumper and playing on the Main Oval, valuing the traditions of the College and a good all round education, the emphasis on teamwork above individual brilliance and, above all, as was evidenced that evening, the value of friendships which were forged at St Pat's and have endured for years hence. Most of us present played at SPC when, according to Br O'Malley's edict, none of us had numbers on our jumpers. So, it was a fine touch to allocate us all a playing number. With thanks - Leon Doyle (Player number 1284)
- Regular correspondent Norm Houghton (SPC 1963-65) has been keeping himself busy and proffered a very plausible apology for not attending the recent Geelong Dinner. 'Just a brief catch up note. I could not get to the Geelong dinner as I am still working in Brisbane. The work I do is mostly records and legal compliance related and, strange to relate, all of it is based on the fact that computers are not the be all and end all of information management. I specialise in cleaning up messes that computers cannot do because the information

architecture was flawed in the first place. I go back to square one with hard copy files and build a proper electronic framework from the ground up. There are not many that can do that as current archivists are trained differently to my day when archivists were also historians. I was in Victoria briefly on the weekend for the launch of my 25th and latest book a history of Beech Forest, at the Beech Forest Hotel. 53,000 words of text, so it is sure to be answer all those late night questions that come up at the bar of the pub! This book is the latest in a series on the small communities in the area that I have published over the past couple of years dealing with Forrest, Barramunga, Barongarook, Gellibrand, Banool and Carlisle River. Next year to mark the end of hardwood logging in the Otways, I will bring out a blockbuster history of sawmilling in the East Otways, detailing operations from 1849 to 2008. 80,000 words! The book is currently with my designer. Closer to Ballarat I am currently finishing a re-write of Timber and Gold (originally published 1985), a sawmilling history of the Wombat Forest from 1854 to 2008. The Daylesford Historical Society is assisting with the design and GPS mapping. This should be out late next year. I have not been idle in Qld either and have just completed the text for a history of the 1917 war boom copper railways and tramways at Cloncurry in North West Queensland. Next year is the centenary of the railway from Townsville to Cloncurry so I will have the book ready for that, not that I had that in mind when I started though. It is certainly a long way to go to write a book, some 1500 kms from Brisbane, but I have been able to do most of the research in Brisbane and only went up there to scour the local libraries and museums at the Cloncurry and Mt Isa plus visit the sites - lots of industrial junk lying around at the abandoned smelters and railways. All in all an exciting, albeit busy year, but I look forward to getting back to the College in the not too distant future to catch up with some old friends!

- After becoming somewhat synonymous with the retail industry in the South West of Victoria, Peter Lee (SPC 1978-81) and his family are moving to Queensland to enable Peter to take up the exciting role of State Manager for Ritchies Supermarkets. Peter, wife Julie Anne and their five children Daniel, Bridget, Isabel, Ailish and Elliott are moving from the Western District up to sunny Queensland to take on the new challenge. The move is

quite a step for Peter and a challenge that he has embraced. After leaving school he moved straight into the family business and has other than his boarding years, effectively lived and worked in Camperdown for 44 years. Peter ran his parents three supermarkets in Camperdown, Cobden and Timboon with spectacular success, until the business was sold to the Melbourne based company, Ritchies, five years ago. Peter took up a senior management position with Ritchies and has been delighted to be involved with them as their business has continued to grow at a rapid rate, opening stores in NSW and now Queensland. Peter and his family are looking forward to a new stage of their lives in Queensland and hope that all family and friends will come to visit as often as possible Peter has been a great supporter of the College and the OCA's Terang dinner and will be greatly missed - however as Julie Anne is a member of the Place family, a celebrated SPC boarding family, they are sure to be regular visitors to the region. Hopefully one of these visits will coincide with an OCA event! We look forward to hearing more news from 'up North' in the near future.

- The last edition of Green, White and Blue contained football news from Canada, courtesy of John Barlow (SPC 1995-97). Not to be outdone, Damien Stewart (SPC 1991-96) and Xavier McKinnon (SPC 1994-96) were Co-Captains of the all conquering West London team who won the 2007 Australian Rules Premiership in London this year. The team have won the past four flags, during which time they have always boasted players from SPC. Xavier and Damien replaced Sam Heffernan (SPC 1988-93) as Captain leading the team to a convincing 15 goal victory on Grand Final day.
- James McNamee (SPC 2004) will next year coach Rokewood-Corindhap in the Lexton Plains Football League after turning down the opportunity to continue coaching Natte-Bealiba in 2008. James stated 'travel reasons' as the motive for his decision. James is looking forward to the move; 'it will be interesting to go and earn respect and prove myself to another club, he told The Courier. James commenced his football career playing junior football with North Ballarat, spent two years with Maryborough and a further three years at Natte-Bealiba, coaching the club to the Grand Final in 2006 - an amazing effort

at the tender age of 21! James won the League goal kicking in 2006 and will be looking forward to taking the next step with the Grasshoppers.

- Father Frank Monaghan (SPC 1942-46) was recently featured in an article titled 'The Priest who loves a chat..... and his cherished Blues'. Fr Frank arrived in Mildura in 1955. He was born in Stawell 78 years ago and considers himself somewhat of a St Pat's failure in that he was no good at footy! He entered the seminary at Werribee in 1948. Since 1955 he has worked at a number of parishes including Swan Hill, Maryborough, Colac, Ballarat and Edenhope. Ill health in 2004 has slowed him down a little but he still does a small amount of pastoral work, including hospital visits. Frank still gets out and about regularly and enjoys meeting up with friends in Mildura, particularly those who provide him with an opportunity to talk about his beloved Carlton Football Club. He believes that he has the same values as he had as a young Priest; 'I would like to be remembered as having helped people link up with God and also that I was able to help people discover their potential and the gifts they had to aid society'. Friends would certainly contend that he has well and truly exceeded all his hopes as a young Priest!
- Joel Parnis (SPC 2004-2006) received the Inaugural Ballarat Arts Foundation (BAF) Encouragement Award for his excellent performance in the Junior Vocal and Under 19 at the Royal South Street Society Competitions in September.
- Tony Raunic (SPC 1982-87) enjoyed a wonderful night at the Class of 1987 reunion and has forged an impressive career since leaving the College. He is currently CEO of the Consolidated Adviser Group. Tony is admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria and has extensive experience in providing legal advice to individuals and companies. He is a member of the Law Institute of Victoria Property Law Section and Planning and Environmental Law sections. Tony also has degrees in Commerce and in Law from Melbourne University and a Masters in Business Administration from LaTrobe University. He has also studied international finance at the Ecolè Superior du Commerce in Dijon, France. Tony has received the Melbourne University Prize for Regional and Urban Development and the Deans

Commendation from La Trobe University. In addition to this Tony has also spent over six years as an elected Municipal Councillor and Mayor in a metropolitan Melbourne municipality. He lives with his wife and four daughters in Diamond Creek.

## WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS, BIRTHS, BEREAVEMENTS

### SPC Weddings and Engagements

Tell us your news!!

### SPC Births

- Speechley – Paul (SPC 1989-94) and Angela were delighted to announce the arrival of their first child, a beautiful baby girl Keira Margaret born 6lb 6oz on November 14, 2007. Keira will hence share a birthday with Prince Charles and Adam Gilchrist!

### SPC Deaths

- Anthony Bissinella (SPC 1986-90) passed away suddenly in November 2007. Anthony's mother Brenda was a long serving Principal of St Columba's School in Ballarat North and brothers Paul (SPC 1986) and John (SPC 1993-98) also attended the College.
- Gerald Collins (SPC 1933), a regular attendee at the OCA Bendigo dinner passed away on September 8, 2007. His service was held at the Bethlehem Chapel, Bendigo. Gerald was a proud and passionate old boy and according to family was buried wearing his old boy tie.
- James (Jim) Finn (SPC 1952-54) passed away on November 16, 2007. James from Terang was a devoted and determined family man who overcame great obstacles to forge a successful professional career.

He was one of the first blind people to complete a law degree, toiling away with brail texts to complete his degree at Monash University. Jim was a leader within the Terang community and was noted for his work with the Church and the Apex Club. He is survived by wife Anita and children Kevin (SPC 1993-98), Claire, Veronica and Norah. Kevin was Dux of the College in 1998.

- The last edition of Green, White and Blue contained details of the sad passing of noted Old Collegian Bill Foley (SPC 1950-52) on September 22, 2007. Following the article a more detailed obituary appeared in the Herald Sun and the Development Office was contacted by his son Martin who provided a number of moving eulogies that were given at his funeral by family and friends which highlight the magnitude of his achievements. Martin in providing the information noted that his father also spoke of St Pat's in glowing terms and was a proud and passionate old boy. The following excerpts are from the eulogy given by fellow old boy Ric Marsella (SPC 1954-57):  
Many years ago the bard wrote –'we have come to bury Caesar, not to praise him .... Well here we have come to bury another Caesar and definitely to praise him.  
Caesar was an emperor and in his own way so was Bill. He was a man, who over a long period of time ran so many activities, was head of so many organisations that one has to think very hard to recall them all. I met Bill, a civil engineer, when he came from the City of Caulfield to Jack Watson's survey and engineering company in 1962. Bill was married to Marie and at that time had Paul and Vivienne in tow. There was a group at Watsons, me included, which played cricket for Moorooduc. We soon found out Bill was a keen cricketer and asked him to join the Club. Over the next few years Bill began to make himself known in the area through his work and his sport. He moved from a house in Phillip St to Moomba Street in 1963 and has been there ever since. Bill and I struck up a friendship in those years and I often found myself around there on a Saturday evening to keep him company whilst Marie was off on night nurse duties at Mornington hospital. Bill and I had both attended St Patrick's College in Ballarat, though not at the same time. We went together to many old boy's reunions and functions over the years. Every visit included inspecting the



rogue's gallery of class and sporting team photos -just to make sure we hadn't been air brushed out!

Bill was larger than life way back then. He didn't tolerate mistakes and as part of his job, inspecting road construction work, often came across shoddy work. Woe betide that contractor. Who can forget Bill storming back to the office, face crimson and ready to explode. It was amusing to us in the survey department but frightening to the "back room lot". Actually Bill was an extremely shy man. He kept his life and his dealings and his inner feelings much to himself. It was very hard to extract information from Bill. You had to listen carefully to him for a clue. In the early sixties the Mornington Peninsula Cricketers Club was formed. Many hundreds of local cricketers joined, including Bill and I. We were both proud of the fact that 40 years on we were the only two founding members still paid up. Bill became President of the Club at the same time he became President of the Mornington Peninsula Cricket Association, positions which he held for over 17 years.

In September 1970 a tragedy struck Bill and his family which profoundly altered his life. Marie died suddenly from leukemia. Bill was totally devastated. He had five small children to bring up and a huge promise to fulfil that he made to his dying wife - to become a qualified engineer. With enormous help from Marie's mother Pauline and many late nights at Uni and hard study this promise was realised. As the next few years passed his children did not let him down. A very proud period for Bill was as he put it, we managed the trifecta - for three years in a row a Foley was Dux at Mornington High School. All five children achieved tertiary qualification and are successful in their chosen careers. Bill would not have allowed for any less. His attitude was always, if you were good enough, had the talent and were given the opportunity, then it was up to you to achieve. That attitude he held in all aspects of life - school, work and sport. During all this time he was very heavily engaged in being chief of engineering activities at Watsons - and being a single father entailing cooking, washing, cleaning and all those ordinary activities. I am sure it was a great relief when Gen finally finished her Uni course and got a job - all five were now off his hands. Retirement allowed Bill to finally indulge in a life long passion - travel. Bill was erudite and extremely well read. He

has a huge eclectic library. His first mission was to go to Ireland; that was also his second mission, although he did manage cricket in England and a trip to the West Indies in that one.

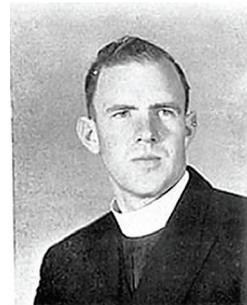
In between all of this, cricket once again took the limelight. After many years of lobbying, the newly formed Frankston Peninsula Cricket team was able to join the District competition. Bill became President soon after and remained in that post until his death. Many years ago my brother in law asked him why he had not remarried. Bill's answer was simple but summed up his life- "who would be interested in a man with five young children". Well I didn't really believe him - I don't think he was ever remotely interested in anyone but Marie. Well Bill, your job is complete and you can now join her in peace. Vale Bill Foley - an inspiring family man loved by all.

- Leo Hanley (SPC 1942-45) passed away in September 2007. Leo was a regular attendee at the Bendigo OCA Dinner. Attendees at the dinner took time to give thanks for the lives of Leo and Gerald Collins, two fine men from SPC.
- Bernard Lourey (SPC 1948) passed away on June 30 this year after a long illness. Bernie always spoke fondly of his time at St Patrick's College and is survived by his wife Frances and five children.
- Dora Ludbrook, a former staff member of the College passed away on October 13, 2007. Dora and her sister Dulcie both worked at the College. Dora is survived by Jack and children Jennifer and Graeme.
- Former staff member Colleen Martin passed away in November 2007. Colleen taught RE at the College in 2001 and also had teaching stints at Highview College, Maryborough, Loreto College and Damascus College. Colleen was a great supporter of Catholic education and a regular volunteer at St Vincent de Paul's and will be sadly missed by family and friends.
- Monsignor Henry Nolan (SPC 1938-1948), a noted past student and supporter of the College, passed away on Tuesday October 30 at the Queen Elizabeth Centre. Henry matriculated in 1948 (5th place) and was ordained in 1956. Henry was greatly loved by friends, family and parishioners from across Victoria. He was renowned for his great mind, his caring and compassionate nature and a quick wit and was a fine

exemplar of the rich traditions of the College. Henry made a rich contribution to Ballarat and to the College as a student, old boy and dedicated priest. The following summary provides a moving insight into the man his friends referred to as 'Hank' -

### FOND ADIEU TO THE "MONS"

by Marcus Power



Monsignor Henry Nolan (SPC 1938-1948)

No heroics, no melodrama - a keen sense of justice and a depth of compassion. Catholic priest Monsignor Henry Nolan was remembered in these terms at his funeral at St Patrick's Cathedral. Family, friends and former parishioners joined 50 priests and Bishops from around Australia to mourn the man they knew as "Mons", "Hank" or "Henry." A former Vicar-General of the Ballarat Catholic Diocese, who last year celebrated 50 years as priest, Monsignor Nolan died after a battle with cancer. He was 77.

His cousin, Cardinal George Pell (SPC 1949-59), presided at the Requiem Mass, describing the Monsignor as a man's man, utterly dependable, and someone who "lived the Beatitudes in a gruff, unsentimental fashion". 'Underneath that sometimes formidable exterior there was a depth of compassion,' Cardinal Pell told the packed church. "He helped many who were mourning and in trouble."

Cardinal Pell said the Monsignor belonged to a long tradition of clergy who had strong faith, and were loyal to their church, country, people and brother priests. He had a considerable gift for understatement, which found expression amid a crowd of tens of thousands at his cousin's installation as a Cardinal at Rome's St Peter's Basilica, the Cardinal recalled. "Hank turned to me and said,

‘This is a really big show.’ Cardinal Pell thanked the Monsignor’s nurses and fellow priests for the care of his cousin in his illness.

Born on October 5, 1930, Monsignor Nolan was ordained as a priest on July 22, 1956 at St Patrick’s Cathedral. He served in parishes throughout Western Victoria including Bungaree, Sebastopol and Beaufort, as well as a stint with the Military Vicariate in Vietnam, from 1968 to 1973. Many ex-service personnel were among the mourners, with the last post sounded before his coffin was led out of the Cathedral.

The College and Old Collegians Association extend its deepest sympathies to all family and friends of departed Old Boys and friends of the College. We ask that you remember them and their families in your prayers.

## NEXT EDITION

The deadline for the next edition of *The Shamrock* is Friday March 21, 2008. All contributions from members of the SPC community are gratefully received. Contributions can be mailed, faxed or emailed to the Editor - Mark Waddington, [mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au)

- 1-4. First XVIII OCA Ballarat reunion Drinks at the Golden City Hotel
- 5. Matt Austin (SPC 2005-06) in action
- 6. Vale Bill Foley

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ranks of 'Old Boys' – 'Stick with the  
Green, White and Blue'!

