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WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF THE SHAMROCK FOR 2005

This edition highlights some of the happenings at the College during a busy and successful first term. It has been a short, jam-packed term with events and student and old boy achievements. We competed at Nagambie in the annual Head of the Lake Regatta in February, just one week after a spectacular Legends Dinner featuring Cardinal George Pell, Raimond Gaita and Brian Brown.

The OCA also organised a successful Melbourne Dinner featuring guest speaker Danny Frawley which was well attended by old boys from many eras. Those in attendance at the dinner were testimony to the remarkable traditions of excellence forged by past students and inspired by gifted and dedicated teachers. This legacy, and the challenge inherent within it, was enthusiastically accepted by the Class of 2004 who achieved outstanding academic results whilst also providing many highlights in concert halls and on playing fields around the state. This edition of The Shamrock, featuring the OCAs Green, White and Blue, highlights this tradition of excellence at the College and recognises and celebrates the achievements of past students who have made a rich contribution to the story of St Pat's.

FROM THE HEADMASTER

The first term of 2005 commenced smoothly with more than 1,000 students enrolled including 200 Year 7s in eight classes of 25. Our two Boarding Houses, McCann and Nangle are full with 29 boarders in residence. Many students from Years 10, 11 & 12 last year have taken up pre-apprenticeship courses, apprenticeships, traineeships and TAFE Courses reflecting our inclusive enrolment and our preparation of these students for the world of work. At the same time the College was buoyed by the VCE results of our 130 graduates with the upward trend in study scores continuing.

The Dux of the College was Josh Kannourakis (99.15). 22 students had a tertiary study entrance score of 90 or better. This was reflected in students accessing the traditional courses of St Pat's scholars: Medicine and Law at the University of Melbourne with residence at Newman College. 44 students received first round offers to study locally at the University of Ballarat. Tom Andrews received a Premier's Award for top mark for Media with a study score of 50. Congratulations to students and staff on these outcomes.

Other notable features of the term included Year 12 student Andrew Carey's selection to represent Australia at the International Young Scientists Forum in London, the winning of the Head of the Lake Regatta, the winning of the Interschool Swimming for the 26th year in a row, the sad death of one of our Year 10 students, Marcus King (RIP), the induction of Cardinal George Pell as a Legend of the College along with philosopher and author Raimond Gaita and sportsman Brian Brown, the investiture of Lt Colonel Les Coleman (SPC 1931-36) in the Legion of Honour by the French Ambassador, the returns of Archbishop Sir Frank Little and Cardinal George Pell to the College, and the continuing development of future structures within Edmund Rice and Christian Brothers circles. The Shamrock will pick up on many of these.

In all we have started the year as we intend to continue: enthusiastically and successfully, reflectively and respectfully, 'growing in wisdom and stature in the eyes of the Lord'.

The Little Family Connection

Archbishop Sir Frank Little, in the company of many family members, blessed the Little Wing. It was good to have him and his brother Gerald back with us after a long break. Their brother Jack died last year in Brisbane. The Archbishop gave two addresses, one centring on the friendships he made at

St Patrick's College that last to this day, the other focusing on the academic pursuits for which this place has been famous. He detailed the incredible influence of the College on his four uncles and his father and their subsequent professional lives, starting with the winning of two Military Crosses in the first World War. Our students listened attentively and respectfully to his words and many enjoyed the opportunity to speak with him as the current custodians of the spirit of SPC.

I introduced the Archbishop to the Academic assembly with the following words:

'It is good to come back to our legends and reflect on the men and boys who have built the spirit of St Patrick's College, the fighting spirit of O'Malley and the learning of Purton, the tenacity of Kelty and the service of Zoch. Today we welcome back another Dux of the College, His Grace Archbishop Sir Frank Little. He was Captain and Dux of the College in 1942 before entering the seminary.'

'The Little Family Award is one of our two premier student awards and is given for contribution to school spirit, a hallmark of the Little Family at St Patrick's College since 1904 when the first of the Archbishop's family started here. His brother Gerald (SPC 1937-40) joins us today, his cousin John son of Leo (SPC1906-10) and they in turn have their sons here.'



Frank Little - 1942 Head Prefect and Dux of the College.

'His Grace, Sir Frank, obtained a Doctorate in Sacred Theology at the

Urban University in Rome and has served as priest, bishop and archbishop in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. His loves include regular meetings with his St Pat's Old Collegian friends and supporting the Essendon Football Club of which he was the Number One Ticket Holder for many years, supplanted by the Treasurer Mr Peter Costello. In his life he has managed to balance academic success, sporting prowess, spiritual fervour and leadership while maintaining a sense of humour and good relationships. In my personal reflections preparing for today I have had the joy of looking at His Grace as a young man in class photos, roll call photos, college activities and sports teams. In all of them he is clearly recognisable as the same person. But who would have pictured the life that has evolved for him when he was sitting as a student with his peers just as you are now. Yet I put it to you that he has lived in the realm of possibility. He has reflected on life's offerings and said yes to opportunity. He has chosen to fly with his face to the sun rather than be contained by looking over the precipice. He is an exemplar of St Patrick's College's pillars of faith, tradition, excellence and joy.'

'Please make him welcome to his educational home and follow his lead of dwelling in possibility. From Year 7 to Year 12, who can contain what you might become?'



Archbishop Sir Frank Little with 2004 students who received an ENTER Score over 90.



The first generation of the Little Family at St Patrick's College: Standing: Tom (SPC 1904-6), Jack (SPC 1909-14), Gerald Little (1904-1907) Seated: Dave (SPC1908-12), Leo (SPC 1906-10).

Evolution or revolution for Edmund Rice schools?

The end of Term One saw all SPC staff engaged in professional learning and personal development activities. The last two days were spent with Professor Denis McLaughlin who is researching the life and spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice on behalf of the Christian Brothers in Australia. Both Professor McLaughlin's research and our staff in-servicing are facets of a national and international process with the Congregation of Christian Brothers, the Edmund Rice Network and the Edmund Rice Schools, preparing for a future which will potentially see no Christian Brothers in Australia.

The reorganisation process aims to be complete in 2008. Elements of the preparation include meetings of the Board Chairs of the 38 Edmund Rice schools in Australia owned by the Congregation, consultations with the Association of Heads of Edmund Rice Schools of Australia, a national gathering of all Christian Brothers in Australia, and the strengthening of ties between the schools including the annual conference of the College Captains which SPC will host in 2007.

From a school perspective, the exercise is aimed at ensuring that the work of Edmund Rice in education will be able to continue and remain distinctively true to his guiding spirit. To this end, the Charter of Edmund Rice Schools of Australia has been adopted by the 38 schools. It

FRONT COVER (Clockwise)

Outdoor education students Simon Ward, Ryan Gurton and Ash Collins in the middle of Port Philip Bay.

Legends Raimond Gaita, Cardinal Pell and Brian Brown at the Halls of History Dinner.

Archbishop Sir Frank Little with the Headmaster and the Kannourakis family at the Academic Assembly.

Bandsmen hard at it.

outlines 11 cultural characteristics of any school which would see itself as following in Edmund's footsteps: holistic education, spirituality, faith in action, community, pastoral care, service of others, being just, at the margins, compassion, stewardship, and reflective practice. These elements have been part of the staff workshoping at our residential inservice for each of the last three years. The Charter will be a major contributor to our Strategic Plan 2006-2010 which is currently being prepared by the College Board.

The Superior General of the Congregation, Br Philip Pinto, is challenging all to renew the relevance of their lives to the spirit of the Founder and their calling to serve. For many this is unwelcome news as it calls for radical re-examination of priorities at personal and institutional level. Br Pinto speaks of the need for followers of Edmund to be subversive in society, challenging its standards and expectations. For us, maintaining our social mix, our accessibility to the least advantaged of society, our educational attractiveness to the most wealthy, our spirit of open-hearted welcome, and our acceptance of our boys for who they are, will make a great start as an Edmund Rice school.

Kind Regards
Peter M Casey



Dr Casey with College dux Josh Kannourakis and West Coast Eagles Drafter Matthew Rosa



Boarding Leaders 2005 – Jihad Clark, Matthew Tyler, Luke Englefield and Jude Cook

Maintenance team: Tony Liston, Gary Wernrdley, Jeffrey Bunn, Daryl Tuddenham & Julian Ryan (Br Zoch absent)

David Ronan, Fin Gustas, Bernard Wilson and Rowing Master Mr Jamie Lynn, with the boys' premiership trophy

William van Keulen participating in the College's Social Justice Programme

The Japanese Wonderbus visited St Pat's as part of its national cultural educational tour

2005 Boat race Assembly



Year 8 camp, Apollo Bay

Year 8 camp, Apollo Bay



2005 House Swimming Carnival



Bishop Peter Connors celebrates St Patrick's Day Mass

2005 ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to 2004 Dux Josh Kannourakis who achieved an ENTER score of 99.15. Josh is studying medicine at the University of Melbourne in 2005 and living at Newman College. He was awarded one of the top scholarships at Newman College at a formal dinner in March.

YEAR 12 RESULTS AND UNIVERSITY PLACEMENTS

Our top 22 students and their first round tertiary offers

Table with 2 columns: Student Name and University Placement. Includes Josh Kannourakis (Medicine/Surgery, University of Melbourne), Michael Tolhurst (Engineering, University of Melbourne), Tom Andrews (Arts, University of Melbourne), Colm Trusler (Law/Commerce, University of Melbourne), Vincent Boon (Commerce/Law, University of Melbourne), Nathan Anderson (Medicine/Surgery, University of Melbourne), Andrew Cook (Engineering, University of Melbourne), James Dickinson (Physiotherapy, La Trobe University), Chris Squire (Commerce, University of Ballarat), Tom Moody (Biomedical Science, University of Melbourne), Josh Hyde (Creative Arts, University of Melbourne), Steven De Natris (Commerce, University of Melbourne).

Table with 3 columns: Student Name, Subject, and University Placement. Includes Tom Madden (Biological & Chemical Science, Deakin University), Eric Parnis (Journalism, Monash University), Alex McMahon (Arts/Management, Monash University), Chris Hinchcliffe (Marine, Freshwater & Antarctic Biology, University of Tasmania), Jason Gradkowski (Media, RMIT University), Stephen Coghlan (Engineering-Mechanical, RMIT University), Philip D'Auvergne (Engineering-Aerospace, RMIT University), Andrew Lamond (Education, La Trobe University).

The students of 2004 can be proud of their efforts. It is timely to reflect on the outstanding success of our high achievers and add to our reflection the number of our students who have left us at the end of 2004 from Years 10, 11 & 12 to take up pre-apprenticeship courses, apprenticeships, traineeships and other TAFE Courses. If we maintain an inclusive enrolment then we must prepare many of our students for employment outside of TAFE and University futures.

LEADING BOYS' EDUCATOR VISITS ST PAT'S

Ian Lillico, well-known advocate of boys' education visited on March 30 as part of the College's Staff Professional Development Week. During the day, Ian worked with staff, looking at how boys learn and what implications this has for our teaching. In the evening, he conducted a parents' forum attended by over 180 people. Ian was an entertaining, insightful and challenging presenter and all who attended his session benefited greatly from his experience and expertise.

Ian is recognised as a leader in the field of boys' education worldwide and provides seminars and professional development

to teachers, parents, parenting and sporting groups and all kinds of organisations throughout Australia and overseas. He was awarded a Churchill Fellowship for the year 2000 to further research boys' education in Europe, the United Kingdom and North America.

In 2003 Ian became a Fellow of the Australian Council of Education Leaders and, in 2004 became a National Fellow of the Australian Council of Education Leaders. The College recognises that the education of boys is a specialist area and is committed to enhancing best practice teaching and learning outcomes for boys and their families.

YEAR 7 IDENTITY ENRICHMENT DAY



Showing the colours.

As a culmination to their first term at the College Year 7 boys celebrated their learning around the concept of 'Identity' with the presentation of class banners and explanations to the other assembled homerooms on what their banner represented. There was a terrific display of colour, symbols and words. Headmaster Dr Casey reinforced to the boys, that their aim must be to ensure the words are translated into meaning by future deeds.

Following assembly the boys had the opportunity to taste and identify foods from different cultures; sushi, profiteroles and croissants. Following lunch all homerooms competed in a series of team based activities including an initiative test, historic search and St Patrick's College quiz. Thanks to the boys for the spirit and enthusiasm with which they entered the day.

JAPANESE STUDENTS VISIT



Visitors from Shibuya Junior High School enjoying Sovereign Hill

In March 24 students from Shibuya Junior High School visited the College for a 10 day family host stay experience. Our visitors from Japan greatly enjoyed their time within the College community. The boys enjoyed a diverse range of experiences whilst in Ballarat, ranging from a footy clinic with the North Ballarat Roosters, a visit to Sovereign Hill and basketball clinic with our own Miner, Boarding House Master Justin Vande Pol. The wonderful weather over the Long Weekend enabled many families to head to the coast with visiting boys greatly enjoying surfing and swimming experiences.

Thank you very much to our host families who have opened their hearts and homes to our visitors. Many wonderful friendships have been formed and the horizons of our students greatly expanded from spending time with boys from another culture.

WELCOME TO ST PAT'S

The College is delighted to welcome the following staff members who have taken up the challenge of inspiring boys to achieve excellence in a diverse range of curricular and co-curricular endeavours.

- Mr Andrew Boatman - Bachelor of Science (University of New South Wales), Graduate Diploma of Management (RMC Duntroon), Master of Business (Victoria University), Graduate Diploma of Education (Australian Catholic University)
Mrs Ursula Bridges - Bachelor of Science, Master of Education (San Diego State University); Middle School: Core.
Mr Joe Carmody - Bachelor of Applied Science (University of Ballarat), Graduate Diploma of Education (ACU); Middle School: Core.
Mr Daniel Casey - Bachelor of Arts (Monash) Graduate Diploma of Education (ACU); Senior School: Head of Language.
Mr Aaron DeBuhr - Bachelor of Science (University of Nebraska), Master of Chemical Engineering (University of Houston), Teacher Certification (Colorado State); Senior School.
Mrs Sarah Dwyer - Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Teaching (University of Melbourne); Junior School Music.
Ms Margery Foster - Bachelor of Arts, Diploma of Education, Bachelor of Education (University of Melbourne), Graduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics (Sorbonne, Paris), Graduate Diploma in Educational Administration (Hawthorn); Senior School English.
Ms Casey Frame - Bachelor of Education (University of Ballarat); Middle School Teaching and Learning Team

- **Mr Michael Geoghegan** - Bachelor of Theology (Melbourne College of Divinity), Graduate Diploma in Education (University of Melbourne); Senior School: English/Religious Education.

- **Mr Shayne Hayes** - Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Teaching (Australian Catholic University); Middle School Teaching and Learning Team.

- **Mr Roger Knight** - Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Technology (University of Ballarat); Senior School Technology.

- **Mrs Christine Matthews** - Diploma of Applied Science (RMIT), Graduate Diploma of Education (Hawthorn); Junior School Food Technology.

- **Mr Hamish McCrum** - Bachelor of Education (Rusden) Graduate Diploma in Religious Education (ACU); Head of Senior School: Mathematics and Religious Education.

- **Mrs Sara Taylor** - Bachelor of Arts (Monash), Diploma of Education (Rusden), Graduate Diploma of Education-Teacher Librarianship (Gippsland), Master of Applied Science-Librarianship (Charles Sturt University); Director of the Kelty Resource Centre and Senior School: English.

- **Mr Mark Walsh** - Bachelor of Arts (Deakin), Bachelor of Theology (Melbourne College of Divinity), Graduate Diploma in Religious Education (ACU), Associate Diploma in Pastoral Ministry (Catholic Pastoral Formation Centre); Senior School: Head of Religious Education.

New Non-Teaching Staff

- **Mr Chris Banwell** - Sports Trainee, SPC 2004 Captain of Cricket & Football.

- **Mr Peter Blanchfield** - Boatman, SPC 2003 Captain of Boats, Athletics & Cross Country, 2003 De Coubertin Award Winner, 2004 Sports trainee.

- **Mrs Helen Bourke** - Boarding House Keeper replacing Pat Lloyd.

- **Mr Justin Vande Pol** - Bachelor of Arts (Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids, Michigan); Housemaster of Nangle House and Director of Basketball. Justin's wife Kayla also joins the boarding community.



Justin and Kayla Vande Pol – from the winter of Michigan to Ballarat! 2005 Ballarat Miners recruit, Nangle House Master and Director of Basketball. Photo courtesy of The Courier.

- **Mr Brennan Walsh** - Sports Trainee and Nangle House Resident Tutor.

SPORT 2005

Swimming

St Patrick's College Swimming team produced one of their finest fighting efforts to withstand a strong challenge from Ballarat Grammar School to extend St Patrick's College's success in the Boys' Aggregate to an amazing 26 years straight!

The team was magnificently led by Captain Jeremy Wirges and Vice-Captains Sam Caldwell and Jarrod King and the other senior swimmers who gained 108 points out of possible 112 and provided a fine example to the rest of the

team. Particular highlights were the individual winning swims by Jeremy Wirges, Leigh Weber, Jarrod King and their Open relay win, where they were joined by Sam Caldwell; the new record set by Will Van Keulen, Charlie Kitchin, Jordan Kissane and Simon Ward in the Open Division Two relay; the fighting win by Luke Wirges in the U/16 100m freestyle; and the effort of the Under 13 team of Dylan Rodger, Jake Clark-Ballis, Justin King and Dylan Prozzo in scoring 101 out of a possible 104 points. Well done boys!

Boys' Aggregate Shield



BAS Swimming Champions for the 26th year in a row!

1. St Patrick's College 474pts
2. Ballarat Grammar School 437pts
3. Bacchus Marsh Grammar School 397pts
4. Ballarat & Clarendon College 371 pts
5. Ballarat High School 265 pts
6. Damascus College 206 pts

Rowing

What a great day was enjoyed by all in attendance for the 2005 Head of the Lake Regatta at Lake Nagambie. With close to 200 supporters, the SPC crews certainly had the backing at the finish line. Although SPC didn't come through in the Boys Head of the Lake 1st crew race, we were able to end Ballarat Grammar's long reign as the premier boys' school by snaring the Harold Deveson Cup (Boys' Aggregate Premiership) for the first time since 1998. This result augurs well for the 2006 season with great depth present amongst Year 9-11 rowers.

The following crews greeted the judges first on the day: Year 9 Division 2, Year 10 Division 2, Open Divisions 5 and 6 and Open Division 3. The boys put a lot of time and effort into training for the Head of the Lake and should be commended for their efforts. Well done to Rowing Master Mr Jamie Lynn and all coaches on their hard work and dedication in season 2005.



Captain of Boats David Ronan with the 2005 Head of the Lake Trophy. Whilst SPC did not win the 1st IV, the College won the Boys' Rowing Premiership for the first time in seven years.

Lawn Bowls

Congratulations to St Patrick's College White, the 2005 BAS Lawn Bowls Champion. The team successfully defended their 2004 title and are keen to go for the 'threepeat' with most players returning in 2006. The team consisted of Jake Belsar, Luke Englefield, Simon Halpin, James Lillie, Abe Montano, Matthew Polmear, Darian Quinlan and Matthew Zvirbulis.

In the final round of the season, the White team were defeated by one shot by Ballarat Grammar. This was their only defeat for the season and they have

rightly earned the Championship Trophy. Runners up were Ballarat High School.

Other Sports Results 2005

Cricket

1st XI – 3rd
2nd XI – 2nd
Intermediate – 4th
Year 8 – 3rd
Year 7 – Premiers

Tennis

1st IV – 3rd
2nd IV – 3rd
Intermediate – Premiers
Year 8 – Premiers
Year 7 – 2nd

Volleyball

1st VI – 3rd

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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

- Andrew Carey won the overall section of the Lions Youth of the Year Quest at Sebastopol Bowling Club on Monday February 21. He went on to represent the College in the Region Final.
- Edmund Denton won the Public Speaking award at the Lions Youth of the Year Quest. His performance was exceptional, especially in the Impromptu Speaking section.
- Alex Grice (Year 8) for being chosen as an actor/extra in the film 'Charlotte's Web'.
- Matthew Tyler (Year 12) and Shaun Grigg (Year 11) have been awarded AFL/AIS scholarships. These scholarships

were awarded as a result of both gaining selection in the Australian Under 16 team at last year's National carnival. They have toured Ireland (playing against their National team in a three test International Rules series, during the Term One holidays.

- Congratulations to Patrick Craig (Year 9) who has been selected to play with the Melbourne Tigers in America at the end of the year.

- Jason Dyer (Year 11) won the bronze medal in the U18 National Selection Championships (Taekwondo) held in Melbourne last Sunday. This event attracted over 100 of Australia's top U18 black belt Taekwondo players, and was the first of a three stage Australian team selection process.

- Daniel Bailey (Year 9) achieved a bronze medal on March 20 in the U15 300 metre hurdles at the Little Athletics Victorian State Championships with a time of 40.42 seconds for the event.



Outdoor Education students exploring Port Phillip Bay

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PAUL PARDOEL (SPC 1982-87)



Paul in the 1987 Rugby 1st XV

Flight Lieutenant Paul Pardoel became the first Australian killed in the current conflict in Iraq. Paul was a popular student from Clunes who was involved in a wide variety of activities during his time at St Pat's including rugby and public speaking. Tributes to Paul were made from the Prime Minister down and were featured in national, state and local media. Perhaps the most salient tribute came from friend Phil Crain (SPC 1982-87) who wrote:

'I just can't find the words to pay a decent enough tribute to our great friend 'Pards'. He was one of a kind. He wasn't just bright, he was brilliant. He wasn't just funny, he was hilarious. And it was always an adventure to be in his company.'

He always appreciated the value of the education he received at St Pat's, and he had a great regard for the Brothers, teachers and his mates at the College. When he joined the RAAF, he had the gift of making the tough times fun, something for which his classmates will always remember him. He was just great to be around.

This tragic event has taken away one of the most original people I've ever known. Our loss is mitigated only by the fact that his spirit will live on in his three beautiful

children. Our thoughts are with them and his lovely wife, Kellie.'

In response to Phil's wonderful words and the tireless efforts of College Archivist Br Brian Davis, who was also Paul's House Master in 1987, and spoke to all sections of the media at the family's request, Adrian Pekin (SPC 1986-89) wrote:

'Thank you Br Davis for the fantastic portrayal of Paul's life on the 7.30 Show. You have remembered him as I have, a strong and courageous man who achieved his goals in life. I am proud to have known Paul as part of the SPC community and was proud to have been a St Patrick's College student after last night's program.'

The St Patrick's College community will celebrate the life of Paul at its ANZAC Day service on April 22, 2005.

PAVILION APPEAL UPDATE

The OCA Pavilion Appeal continues to proceed well with over \$375,000 being raised in cash and pledges. In addition the committee has received approximately \$20,000 of 'in kind' donations for products that will be utilised in the construction of the Pavilion. The Appeal Committee will be personally contacting a large number of prospective donors over the coming months and are very confident of reaching the appeal target of \$500,000 by July. So if you have 'in kind' donations that you would like to contribute or are in a position to make a tax deductible donation prior to the end of the financial year, please contact the Appeal Director Mark Waddington on 0429 990 980 or mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au

An Appeal Donation form and details of all contributors to the appeal are contained with this edition of The Shamrock.

MELBOURNE DINNER 2005

The Melbourne OCA Sub Committee organised a highly successful fundraising dinner at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club on Friday March 4, 2005. Under the leadership of Tony Joyce, John Larkins and David Bourke, the committee did a wonderful job in making contact with a number of old boys from different eras. Over 130 people attended the dinner and some considerable pledges to the appeal were made on the night.

Guest speaker at the dinner was St Kilda Football Club Legend and past Richmond Coach Danny Frawley (SPC 1973-76). Danny spoke eloquently of his days at St Kilda and of the pressures of coaching at the elite level. He also told some entertaining stories of his school days at St Pat's and probably contributed to a few grey hairs that his teachers would have acquired during his time at the College.

It is planned to conduct an annual Melbourne dinner to provide an opportunity for old boys and friends of the College to get together at least once per year. The next Melbourne Dinner will be held in May 2006, with full details to be contained in future editions of The Shamrock. Several people in attendance claimed that they would ensure there were 500 in attendance at the next dinner – so put your friends on notice and let's make this a major annual event for the Melbourne OCA!



Kate Blood and Danny Frawley at the Pavilion Appeal Dinner in Melbourne.

REUNION DINNERS

The OCA annual series of reunion and regional dinners has commenced with the 1920-60s St Patrick's Day Luncheon and the Terang Regional Dinner. The dinner in Terang was a thoroughly enjoyable night attended by past students, partners and current families of boarding parents. Future dinners will be held in Mildura, Shepparton, Bendigo, Geelong, Horsham and Warrnambool in 2005. The OCA will also conduct 10, 20, 30 and 40 year reunion dinners from August to November.



Andrew Watson and Des McKinnon.



Peter and Sharyn Grinter and Bernadette McKinnon at the Terang OCA dinner.



Nikki and Danny Quinlan at the Melbourne OCA dinner.

Full details of reunion functions are contained on the reverse side of The Shamrock mailer. Individual invitations will also be mailed to all old boys involved with each event in the coming months. Please make every effort to attend and round up others from your year or region to attend – as we do not have every old boys current address please do not assume they will receive an invitation.

FOUNDATION 'HALLS OF HISTORY – DINNER WITH THE LEGENDS' 2005.

The fourth annual Foundation 'Halls of History - Dinner with the Legends' was held in the Old Assembly Hall at the College on Saturday February 19, 2005. Over 190 people were in attendance and sat riveted during the induction of College Legends George Cardinal Pell (SPC 1949-59), Raimond Gaita (SPC 1958-62) and Brian Brown (SPC 1970-75). MC Gerard FitzGerald (SPC 1973) did a wonderful job in keeping the night on track.

Cardinal Pell delivered the key note address and was inspirational, entertaining and enlightening, providing some insights into the process that will be used to select the next Pope. During his hour at the lectern it would have been possible to hear a pin drop, such was the power of his delivery and the personal rapport he quickly established with everybody in the room.

Raimond Gaita provided much for everybody to think about, particularly our current Student Council who were in attendance on the night. He talked of the sanctity and respect for the dignity of the individual and instanced it from occasions in his own life and in the Nazi concentration camps. Raimond was the Foundation Professor of Philosophy at Australian Catholic University and Professor of Moral Philosophy at King's College, University of London. He has been a prolific writer releasing a number

of highly acclaimed books including, An Absolute Conception, Romulus My Father, A Common Humanity and The Philosopher's Dog. We now have lots of folk scurrying to read his autobiographical, 'Romulus, My Father'!

Brian Brown perhaps had the most difficult job – following the Cardinal! He spoke passionately about his time as a Boarder at St Pat's and of his ongoing involvement in Catholic education. Brian was Captain of St Patrick's College in 1975. He was Captain of both the 1st XVIII and 1st XI and was recruited by Fitzroy whilst at the College. He went on to play 51 games with Fitzroy and 2 games with Essendon before his career was cut short by knee injuries. With prompting he also briefly mentioned his son Jonathon – a useful footballer up north we are told!

The Foundation Dinner Committee has reviewed the dinner and have commenced planning for 2006. The 'Legend's Dinner is one of the biggest nights on the Old Boys calendar, so please put down Saturday February 25, 2006 and start rounding up old boy mates to make this a fantastic night. The keynote speaker for 2006 will be former College Captain and AFL great Barry Richardson (SPC 1961-64).



Gerard Ryan and former Principal Br Laurie Collins at the 2005 Legends Dinner.

ST PATRICK'S DAY 1920-60s REUNION LUNCHEON

Over 140 old boys and partners gathered for the traditional St Patrick's Day Reunion Luncheon on Thursday March 17.

The luncheon was preceded by Mass with the students of the College.

The St Patrick's Day Mass whilst honouring the Saint after whom the College is named, is also the occasion where College leaders are formally invested. It is always wonderful to see generations of St Pat's boys united in prayer and saliently reinforces the SPC spirit for all in attendance. Current students never fail to comment upon the pride they feel in sharing time with old boys and the realisation that they are part of something much bigger than themselves; the 113 year story of St Patrick's College.

The St Patrick's Day address was delivered by 1952 Purton Orator, Geoff Torney who entertained all with stories of past staff members and students. Nobody in attendance was left in any doubts as to where his interest in the horses and the punt was developed! Following the luncheon many old boys toured the College; whilst some sections remained largely unchanged, all were impressed by the majestic Br W.J Wilding Senior School and the Little Wing. We look forward to St Patrick's Day 2006 to re-new acquaintances and further reinforce the link between our past and current scholars.



John Croft and Fr Leo Donnelly – Two Inter A mates who met up for the first time in 47 years at the 2005 St Patrick's Day reunion Luncheon.

The St Patrick's Day Reunion luncheon provided a long overdue reunion occurred between John Croft (SPC 1940-47) and Fr Leo Donnelly (SPC 1940-50), catching up for the first time in 47 years. Fr Leo has been a Columbian Missionary

in Lima, Peru for over 40 years and was in Australia for two months.

John and his old boy friends backed up on March 29 for a dinner at the Harp of Erin Hotel in Kew. The following old boys were in attendance: Leo Baker, John Croft, Jim Farrell, Brian Feery, Bill Davey, Vin Griffin, George Groutsch, Peter Hyland, David Vaughan, Kevin Radhall, Peter Stafford and Archbishop Sir Frank Little. A good time was had by all we are reliably told!

SERVING OUR NATION



Lt Colonel Mark (Pup) Elliott (SPC 1973-80) with his father Laurie, mother Denise and sister Louise.

The 2005 ANZAC Day Mass will officially pay tribute to all old boys who have served their country in the armed forces during times of war and peace. 88 old boys have made the ultimate sacrifice during times of war.

Currently serving in Iraq is Lt Colonel Mark (Pup) Elliott (SPC 1973-80). Mark recently visited the College and has pledged his support to assisting the College Archivist in updating the military honour boards to be officially blessed by Bishop Peter Connors on Friday April 22, by emailing all current servicemen. Mark has suggested that any old boy who has served in the forces should contact the College by mail, fax or email detailing their service years and any awards conferred.

Updated Honour Boards will be a lasting tribute to all old boys who have served their country and is an important

part of the College's Chapel, which is dedicated to all old boys who served their country in times of conflict.

Mr and Mrs Elliot were stalwarts of the parent bodies for many years. Mark is currently based in Iraq.

MR LES COLEMAN (SPC 1931-36)



Lt Colonel Les Coleman (SPC 1931-36) as a Member of the Legion of Honour with Dr Peter Casey and College Captain Michael Huckstepp.

In February 2005, the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon. Hamlaoui Mekachera visited Australia. Prior to his visit he announced that the French Government would bestow its highest military honour, the Legion of Honour Award to six Australian World War 2 veterans. A ceremony was held on February 22 where awards were presented to five of the six veterans. Due to ill health Les Coleman could not attend the ceremony.

Les was a Captain in the Australian Army and was sent to Europe as an observer – as was noted, he did far more than observe! On June 6, 1944 he went ashore in Normandy and was wounded weeks later in Villers-Bocage when his armoured vehicle was sprayed by schrapnel by a German tank. He was taken to London to recover from these wounds but quickly returned to duty seeing action in France and Belgium.

To accommodate Les' health issues, the French Ambassador to Australia His Excellency Mr Patrick Henault travelled to Les' Nursing Home in Point Lonsdale on

Wednesday March 30 to personally present Les with his medal. The ceremony was attended by the Headmaster, Dr Peter Casey and College Captain, Michael Huckstepp. The ceremony was also attended by members of Les' family and other veterans from his era. Les is justifiably proud of his medal and we wish him the best of health over the years ahead.

The event was covered in both The Age and Herald-Sun newspapers, with Les referred to as 'The Little Napoleon' by French soldiers.

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

Mr Geoff Torney
OAM (SPC 1946 – 1952)



Geoff Torney

From the College Archivist, Br Brian Davis Commitment to principle and involvement in the community are two traits that are evident in the life of Geoff Torney; from his student days right up to the present time. In his final year he was a member of the Holy Name Society and of Our Lady's Sodality. He played a good game of golf and was Captain of the College 2nd XI cricket team and of Galvin House in the Senior Oval competition.

In 1952 Geoff won the Purton Oratory with a speech entitled "How Strong is the British Commonwealth?". There were twenty four Matriculation student entries, necessitating elimination heats to reduce the field to eight contestants for the final, which took place on Sunday September 21 in the College Hall. Dr Frank McArdle was Adjudicator and Br J.D.Healy acted as Chairman. Geoff's winning speech is printed in full in the 1952 College Annual magazine.

It is a source of great pride for Geoff and his wife Janet, that his second son Matthew won the Purton Oratory in 1992. Geoff Torney crowned his seven years of education at St Patrick's College by being appointed a Prefect in 1952. He was an excellent student, evidenced by the fact that he won a Commonwealth Scholarship.

After completing his law degree at the University of Melbourne he returned to Ballarat and joined the prominent law firm, Byrne, Jones and Torney, now known as BJT Legal.

The recognition by his peers of his expertise and wisdom in his chosen profession as a specialist solicitor in litigation is underlined by his appointments as one of two solicitors on the original Legal Practice Board and as a Council Member of the Law Institute of Victoria for three years. This led to important and responsible appointments in the business sector as Foundation Director with the Victorian Securities Corporation and as a member of the appellate body of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

Indeed foundation becomes a key word in Geoff's community involvement as he served as a Founding member of the Board of Aquinas College, Ballarat, later to become a campus of Australian Catholic University and remains a member of the ACU company; Founding Chair of Ballarat Regional Industries; Founding Chair of the Ballarat Special School Council, and has served as Foundation Chair of The Courier Charity Fund since 2001.

It was inevitable that Geoff's love of racing would result in a formal role in the racing industry. He started doing legal work for the Ballarat Turf Club in 1966 and remained a Committee Member, serving two terms as President, until 1988, when he joined the Moonee Valley Racing Club Committee, serving as Chairman from 1997 to 2002. During this time he served as Chairman of the Victorian Country Racing Council and founding director of Racing Victoria Limited.

Geoff's great life involvements with the Church, St Patrick's College, the legal fraternity, business and racing have been matched by the great love and pride that Geoff and Janet have in their family. Anthony (SPC 1976 – 1981), after studying law, is involved with Centro Property Investments while Matthew (SPC 1978 – 1992), after studies in London, is a member of the Strategic Planning branch of the ANZ Bank.

Geoff continues to support the College as a committee member for the OCA Pavilion Appeal Project and hence it should come as no surprise that Geoff Torney was honoured in the 2005 Australia Day Honours with appointment as a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM). On behalf of the St Pat's community and Ballarat, thank you and congratulations Geoff!

Another SPC Old Boy was also recognised in the Australia Day Honours List. John Ryan (SPC 1939-42) also received an OAM for service to the community and his expertise within the building industry. John is a contemporary of Archbishop Sir Frank Little and has been a great friend and professional adviser to him assisting with a number of major building projects in the Melbourne Archdiocese.

SPC ROWING CLUB 50 YEAR REUNION DINNER

The SPC Rowing Club is staging a reunion dinner on Saturday May 21 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the winning 1955 Head of the Lake. Members of the crew, Brian Vear (B), Tom Scarff (2), Charles Castle (3), Vincent Colbert (S) and Brian Hickey (C) will be in attendance. All rowers who have represented the College have been invited to attend this Gala Dinner. The evening will be a great celebration of the rich history of rowing at the College.

Master of Ceremonies will be Chris O'Brien (SPC 1978-83, former staff member and Rowing Master), who is the current Australian Rowing Coach of the Year and coaches Olympic champions James Tomkins and Drew Ginn. The cost of the dinner is \$75 per person which is inclusive of dinner and drinks.

The dinner is a major project of the Rowing Club and it is hoped to purchase a new boat with the proceeds from the night. Tickets can be organised by contacting the College Development Office on 53 311688.

If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation towards the cost of the new boat please send a cheque to the SPC Rowing Club, C- Development Office, Locked Bag 31, Ballarat, 3350.

OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

- Fr Laurie Bissett, MSC (SPC 1950-52) has been a Priest in Queensland for several years and has recently commenced caring for his sick brother. He lives in Murrumba Downs and has previously been Chaplain at the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane.
- Rowan O'Callaghan (SPC 1998-99) is a teacher at St Joseph's, Echuca. He is teaching PE and Maths and is also a star player with the successful Echuca Bombers Football Club. He also coached

the Under 18 team including current SPC Boarder Andrew Schuyler in 2004.

- We received an informative email from Mark Sheehan (SPC 1965-75) in response to the article in the last Green, White and Blue detailing the College's contribution to political life in Australia. Mark's father John (SPC 1922-33) was a successful debater winning the McCarthy Debating Medal in 1931. He then became a student teacher in Linton in 1934 before attending the Melbourne Teachers College from 1936-38. He commenced a BA at the University of Melbourne in 1939 whilst teaching at University High School. In 1942 he enlisted in the AIF and saw action in New Guinea at the battles of Jaba River and Bulin Road. He was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the field in 1944. In 1950 John stood for the State seat of Ballarat against T.T. Holloway, the incumbent Premier of the State. Although he lost the 1950 election, he recorded a substantial swing and when in 1952 Holloway transferred to the seat of Glen Iris, John Sheehan was elected in 1952. His oratory skills were highly recognised in Parliament and he served diligently as Minister for Housing, working closely on the 1956 Olympics Housing Project. After being defeated in 1955 he returned to education and was Principal of Ballarat High School from 1972-75. He then worked as an educational consultant until the time of his death in 1984. John's link to the College continued with sons Robert, Mark and Damien attending St Pat's and his grandson James Cook is a current Year 7 student.
- We also heard from another politician Gavan O'Connor, MP (SPC 1965) who was re-elected as the Member for Corio. He was first elected in 1993 following the retirement of Gordon Scholes. He has held numerous positions including Shadow Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries.
- We received a most welcome letter from Br Jim Paton cfc, from the Edmund House Brothers' Community in

Wembley, West Australia. The Brothers greatly enjoy receiving The Shamrock and look forward to the arrival of each edition. The Community send their best wishes to all at St Pat's for a successful 2005.

- Ashley Morgan (SPC 1995-97) has recently graduated from RMIT with a Bachelor of Business (Business Administration). He is currently working for Airefrig Australia Pty Ltd in Melbourne.
- Rian McKee (SPC 1994-99) has just commenced as a Marketing Assistant at Greyhound Racing Victoria. He is one of two staff members that markets the sport throughout the state.
- News from the Marburg family – Patrick (SPC 1991-96) is now studying Law at Monash University, having previously completed a Bach. Arts (Hons). In 2004 he travelled to Mexico to teach English, a real adventure punctuated by earthquakes, car roll-overs and robbery. James (SPC 1995-2000) has completed a Bach. Arts (PR) at RMIT and is now employed by a PR and Communications firm in Melbourne. He has maintained an interest in rowing and rowed in the King's Cup crew in 2005. Michael (SPC 1999-2002) has moved to Canberra where he attends the Australian Defence Force Academy as an Officer Cadet. Michael hopes to complete his training at Duntroon leading to commission as an Officer in the Australian Army.
- The incredible cricket career of Damien Ryan (SPC 1965-70) was recently featured in the Weekly Times column, 'Legends of the Bush'. Damien played over 400 games of cricket in Melbourne and Ballarat, playing in Footscray's only Premiership in the Premier Cricket Competition. Damien still lives in Bungaree and teaches at Loreto College. He represented Vic Country in games against the West Indies and England and played many games with larger than life character Merv Hughes. Damien has passed his talent on to son

Robert, a Year 8 student who played in the Victorian Under 12 team in 2003.

- Bill Driscoll (SPC 2000-2003) has been selected as Captain of the North Ballarat Rebels in the TAC Cup competition for 2005. Billy is a hard, 'in and under' mid fielder who sets a wonderful example for his team mates. The Rebels are coached in 2005 by former North Ballarat Roosters and VFL Coach Gerard FitzGerald (SPC 1973). Twelve former and current SPC students have made the Rebels final list of 49 players.
- Aaron Noonan (SPC 1994-99) works with Holden Motor Sport as a publicist for the Kmart Racing Team that won the V8 Super car event at Bathurst last year – the closest he will probably ever get to winning the race! After leaving St Pat's, he obtained a cadetship with a motor sport magazine and worked in that role for three years. Following that role he had a Public Relations job with Porsche Carrera racing before taking up his current role. He is living in Hawthorn.
- Anthony Hoffman (SPC 1983-85) worked for the Victoria Police for 15 years, including five years at the Australian Crime Commission. In a major 'sea change' he is now owner of the Elysium Day Spa in Ballarat. Anthony is married to Kizanne Davies and has three children, Winona, Neeve and Xavier.
- The Courier recently featured an article on Tom Meich (SPC 1967-68) upon his retirement as a Court Registrar. Tom was highly regarded and much loved in his role and worked at courts in Melbourne and through South-West Victoria. When he was Convenor of the Childrens' Court it was affectionately referred to as 'Tom's Kindergarten'. Tom was also a noted sportsman, once kicking nine goals for Ballarat against Maryborough.
- David Vanderkley (SPC 1992-95) was featured in an article in The Courier for being recognised as one of 30 Outstanding Restaurant Managers from across Australia in 2005. The prestigious award was presented in Sydney and is

testimony to David's commitment to his role and his skills in managing over 130 people.

- Also featured in The Courier were brothers Michael (SPC 1994-99) and Chris (SPC 1998-2003) Sheedy who were re-united this year in the Carlton 1st XI team in the Premier League competition. Michael has been a regular player whilst Chris was down from the Darwin Cricket Club to play in the National Under 19 Championships.
- Following the cricketing theme, the 2004/2005 E.J. Cleary Medal for the Ballarat Cricket Association's Best Player was an all SPC affair with former winner Peter Cartledge (SPC 1977-81) sharing the award with Robert Delmenico (SPC 1979-84).
- Michael Tehan (SPC 1968- 69) was an enthusiastic attendee at the Melbourne Dinner. Michael was a trade union official for ten years before switching into the law. He is now a partner with Minter Ellison in Melbourne, practising in employment and industrial law. Michael has provided this wonderful summary of the achievements and whereabouts of some of his guests on the night.
- Doug Bell (SPC 1963 - 69) studied Science and Town Planning at the University of Melbourne. He owns a Transport Planning consultancy - Multi-Modal.
- Julian Fitz-Gerald (SPC 1963 - 69) is a Magistrate based at the Melbourne Magistrates' Court.
- Kevin Hughes (SPC 1967 - 69) is an Assistant Commissioner in the Australian Taxation Office, based in Melbourne.
- Gerard Fogarty (SPC 1962 - 68) graduated in Civil Engineering at the University of Melbourne before doing his Dip. Ed. and joining the Education Department. He is now Assistant Principal at Banksia Secondary College.

- Dr Leo Fogarty (SPC 1967 - 68) is an obstetrician and gynaecologist in Wangaratta.
- David Foran (SPC 1967-70) commenced an architecture degree but eventually graduated in Arts and Law. In fact he got a first class honours degree in law. He worked as a solicitor at Minter Ellison and was admitted to practice as a lawyer at the end of April 2004. In March 2005 he transferred to London with his medico wife.
- Greg Cunningham (SPC 1970 - 71) graduated in Physical Education before he turned to physiotherapy. He now has a busy physio practice in Windsor. He has treated many famous sports stars and is presently physiotherapist to the Melbourne Football Club.
- Ron Wilson (SPC 1971 - 76) is Chief of Staff to the Victorian Leader of the Opposition. He was formerly the State Member for Bennettswood; the seat was abolished in 2002.
- Br Geoff Pearson SJ (SPC 1980 - 85 and former staff member) has joined the Jesuits after several years teaching. A trained psychologist, he is now based at Xavier College at Kew where he is Director of Pastoral Care and Director of Rowing.
- Dr Mark McCombe (SPC 1969 - 73) is an Ophthalmologist and is a sub-specialist in 'behind the eye' problems such as detached retinas.
- Basil Tierney (SPC 1933-40) practised as a solicitor for more than 40 years until he bought the Elms Family Hotel in Spring Street, Melbourne which he then ran for approximately 15 years. Now aged 81, he was in fine form with several past pupils from his era at the fundraising dinner in Melbourne in March 2005.
- Peter Tehan (SPC 1968 -71) is the Managing Partner of an advertising agency, Hayes Berry and Tehan Pty Ltd.

• Arthur Mathews (SPC 1959) is a farmer at Werneth, south of Ballarat, where his family has farmed for more than 100 years.

• Terry Mathews (SPC 1971 -73) is an accountant and specialises in local government accounting. His clients are local councils all over Victoria, although he is living in Essendon. He is the proud father of Ruby, who is a bright and bubbly one year old.

• Dr Michael Dowd (SPC 1964 - 69) is a specialist psychiatrist in Melbourne.

• The Honourable John Lloyd (SPC 1961 - 67) had a big year in 2004. He was awarded the Public Service Medal (PSM) for his contribution to public administration, notably in relation to the Royal Commission into the Building and Construction Industry. For most of the last few years, he has been the Deputy Secretary of the Federal Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, although he acted as Secretary of the Department for considerable periods. In September, however, he was appointed as Senior Deputy President of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission.

• Terry Lloyd (SPC 1957-63) is the Deputy Vice Chancellor (TAFE) of the University of Ballarat.

• Father Rupert Bowd (SPC 1963 - 70) is Chaplain at the University of Ballarat.

WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS, BIRTHS, BEREAVEMENTS

SPC Weddings

Beaston – Dom (SPC 1993-98) married Erin on January 8 in the College Chapel.

Bourke – Jason (1986-91) married Shannon Killen on February 19 at St Mary's Church, Hamilton.

Edwards – Anthony (SPC 1985-90) married Felicity Glover on January 2 at

historic Kangaroo Bluff in Hobart. Anthony, a triple Olympian, has retired from competition and now resides in Clarendon.

Heagney – Simon (SPC 1987-92) married Kate Wilson on November 13 at St Peter's, Lorne.

Jacks – Peter (SPC 1986-91) married Ann Gottlieb on Saturday March 5 at St Peter's and Paul's Church in Buninyong and later enjoyed a reception at Pipers on the Parade, Lake Wendouree.

Jeffrey – Luke (SPC 1989-94) married Louise Nolan on December 18, 2004 at the Loreto College Chapel. Luke was attended by brother Shaun (SPC 1987-90) and Nathan Hughes (SPC 1989-94). Louise is the daughter of current Board Chairman Frank and his wife Patrece.

Kinnane – Jamie (SPC 1991-94) married Tanya on February 19, 2005 at St Columba's Church, Ballarat North.

Manley – Jed (SPC 1994-99) married Renee Cleary on March 5, 2005 at St Peter's Church, Ballarat.

McInerney – Luke (SPC 1992-97) married Anna Galasheva at St Patrick's Cathedral on February 12, 2005.

Oddo – Lucas (SPC 1992-97) married Claire Currucan at the Loreto College Chapel on January 8, 2005.

Segrave – Anthony (SPC 1994-95) married Simone Kennedy on January 8, 2005 at St Therese Little Flower.

Taranto (SPC 1984-85) – Thomas married Gwyneth Sinclair on March 12 at Blythwood Grange.

SPC Engagements

Buchanan – James (SPC 1994-99) to Mary Elder on December 22, 2004.

Burke – Andrew (SPC 1984-85) to Cate Moore.

Hynes – Michael (SPC 1984-89) to Belinda Molloy on Christmas Day, 2004.

Magee – Scott (SPC 1993-98) to Kate Liersch.

SPC Births

Alsop – Mick (SPC 1987-92) and Tania welcomed Cooper William John, a precious brother for Jacob on February 19, 2005.

Block – Nigel (SPC 1986-91) and Catherine were delighted with the arrival of Matilda Kate, a sister for Amelia and William on February 9, 2005.

Brodie (SPC staff) and Tess welcomed Lachlan, a brother for John, Lauren, Xavier and Duncan.

Darbin – Stephen (SPC 1984-89) and Jodie welcome with love Joe's little brother Charlie John, born on February 22, 2005.

Liston – Tony (SPC 1987-90 and current staff) and Lorrie were thrilled to announce the arrival of Thomas Joseph on December 22, 2004, a brother for twins James and Chelsea.

Loader – Andrew (SPC 1985-90) and Kim welcomed their first child Ellecia Grace on December 18, 2004. Andrew was College Captain in 1990.

McInerney – Ross (SPC 1984-88) and Shay welcomed Ned Thomas on March 9, 2005.

Mihaljević – Alan (SPC 1988-93) and Brigitte welcomed Luke on February 1, 2005. A brother for Jessica.

Molloy – Steven (SPC 1985-88) and Karen were delighted with the arrival of James Thomas on January 31, 2005.

Molan – Tom (SPC 1982-87) and Andrea were delighted with the safe, albeit early arrival of Alexander Thomas on January 3, brother for Sophie and Charlie.

Nolen – Leon (SPC 1985-87 and current staff) and Jo welcomed a St Patrick's Day baby with the arrival of Lilly Grace on March 17. A sister for Xavier and Isabella.

O'Beirne – Paul (SPC 1984-89 and Past OCA President) and Lucy welcomed Megan Clare on March 28. A sister for Erin, Sean and Patrick.

Odlum – Phil (SPC 1984-89) and Sharon welcomed their first child Lily Grace in March, 2005.

Walter – Justin (SPC 1981-86) and Zinta welcomed their first child Benjamin Justin, born at Frances Perry House, Melbourne on February 15, 2005.

Willowwhite – Michael (SPC 1981-86) and Kim (SPC staff) welcomed Ruby Annie-Rose in January, a little sister for Amy.

SPC Deaths

Mr Wal Anderson who was tragically killed in a car accident. Wal was the father of Robyn Grigg, father-in-law of Peter, grandfather of Mark (SPC 1998-03) and Shaun, Year 11.

Arthurson – Gerard Maxwell (St Kevin's 1945-50), father of Neal and father in law of Vicki (SPC Staff 1998- current) and grandfather of Meghan, Johannah and current SPC students Thomas (Year 12) and Edward (Year 7).

John Costello (SPC 1956-57). The College was saddened to receive a heartfelt letter from John's son Peter, detailing his father's passing on January 26, 2005. John died peacefully, surrounded by his family, all of whom had heard many stories from John about the 'best two years of my life', spent boarding at the College. John loved receiving The Shamrock and hearing news of his mates and of the College.

Fr Phillip Crosbie (SPC 1938-39) died on Holy Thursday, March 24, 2005. His funeral was held at St Vincent de Paul Church, Strathmore.

Brian Edwards, father of Anthony (SPC 1985-90), triple Olympian and supporter of SPC Rowing on April 10, 2005.

Maurice Frawley (SPC 1949-50) – father of Mark (SPC 1970-74), Peter (SPC 1974-77), Bryan (SPC 1975-78) and Kieran (SPC 1977-81) was tragically killed in a motor vehicle accident whilst holidaying in New Zealand. Maurice had just recently retired following a distinguished career in property management. The news of his passing was deeply felt amongst all sections of the College community and particularly so amongst those with links to the community of Bungaree. The College community continues to pray for the full recovery of his wife Eunice severely injured in the accident.

James Gallagher (SPC 1939-41) died on November 24, 2004 after a battle with cancer. He was holidaying in England at the time of his death.

Tony Gutteridge, father of Peter (SPC 1972-77, Staff 1983-2001) who is now Principal of St Brigid's College in Horsham.

John Hanrahan (SPC 1941-45) passed away on December 4, 2004. After leaving the College, John won a scholarship to the University of Melbourne where he studied dentistry. During his career he worked in the UK and ran his own practice in Fawkner, from which he retired in 1996. John is survived by wife Patricia and five children.

John Patrick Hill (SPC 1940) died on September 13, 2004. A detailed obituary was featured in the Devonport Standard in November. A large gathering assembled at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Devenport to farewell John at a Mass celebrated by his brother Leo. John was born in Camperdown and was one of six children. He attended St Pat's as a boarder for one year before serving with the RAAF and studying engineering at the University of Melbourne. He lived at Newman College, where he met his wife Colleen. They married in 1955 and lived in a number of towns in Victoria. John

oversaw many major projects at the port of Devonport and at the airport. He became a Fellow of Engineers Australia in 1976. During his life he also made significant contributions to community organisations such as Rotary and Probus and made a major contribution to his parish community being a Special Minister of the Eucharist for over 20 years. John enjoyed retirement immensely and travelled extensively. He died suddenly and is survived by wife Colleen and children Justin, Michael, Phillip, Catherine, Mary and Gabrielle.

Marcus King (SPC 2002-2005) passed away on February 22, 2005. The St Patrick's College community mourns the loss of Marcus, a fine student and young man in all regards. Deepest sympathy to his parents Ron and Laureen, siblings Jarrod, Justin and Samantha, and to his many friends.

John Henry Murray (SPC 1952-56). Brian Dillon (SPC 1954-57) provided the following information. A Requiem Mass was held on March 3 at St Thomas', Drysdale to celebrate the life of John. Like his brother Michael (dec) he was a proud Carapooee man and boarded at the College for five years. In his 1956 notes on 1st XVIII players Br O'Malley noted, 'John was not afraid to go and meet the ball'. Equally it could be said that John was not afraid to go and meet life as he had several different careers during his working life. In addition he was a great contributor in public life, particularly in his role as a Councillor in Bendigo. John is survived by wife Anne and children John, Tracie, Christine, Andrew and Steven.

Gerard O'Connor (SPC 1965-67) originally of Terang, died in Queensland on March 5, 2005.

Paul Pardoel (SPC 1982-87) – The OCA share the tragic loss of one of its finest sons, the first Australian killed in the Iraq conflict. Paul lived life to the fullest and his unique charm and humour will be greatly missed by his family and peers.

SPC Deaths (cont)

Barry W. Peddler passed away on June 11, 2004, aged 67. He is survived by wife Jessie and three children.

Frank Pekin (SPC 1947-48) passed away on November 21, 2004.

Francis Edward Porter, father of Kelvin (SPC 1968-73 and current staff member) and grandfather of Nathan (SPC 1992-97), Martin (SPC 1994-99) and Julian (SPC 1995-2000) died on February 20 after a long illness.

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 June 24, 2005. 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



Lachlan Keen, Patrick Glenane and Daniel Parry at the 2005 Legends Dinner



College Legend Raimond Gaita



2005 Legends Dinner



College Board 2005

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