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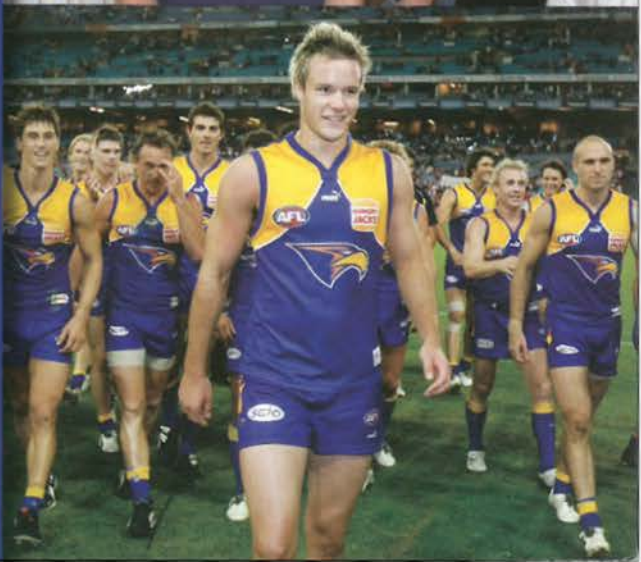
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ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE
BALLARAT



A Trip to the Emerald Isle and so much more...

Welcome to the second edition of *The Shamrock* for 2007. It has been a particularly productive and rewarding time for students and staff with the successful staging of a large range of events including the inaugural 1st XVIII tour to Ireland, Edmund Rice Day Celebrations, Melbourne Camps, Curriculum initiatives, retreats, tours to Japan and Kokoda during the semester break and a wealth of outstanding sporting performances.

Our old boys have also been very busy and there are a range of exciting events planned for the second half of the year including a reunion dinner for members of the College's highly esteemed 1st XVIII football programme. Debate regarding the 'Teams of the Decade' and the College's Top 22 players has been intense and has pundits sending in their lists of best players and best teams on almost a daily basis! The Old Boys also look forward to the 2007 Melbourne Dinner featuring one of the College's finest sons, Archbishop Sir Frank Little. There is a great deal to read about, savour and question in this edition of *The Shamrock*, featuring Green, White and Blue, so find a quiet spot, get comfortable and please enjoy!

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dr Peter Casey

The second term has flown but we have not been idle....

While we as a College choose to determine our own standards, it is immensely gratifying when those standards of discipline and endeavour are rewarded with public success. Win, lose or draw we are proud of those who represent us with their best effort in all aspects of College life. Winning is a welcome bonus to achieving one's personal best. On that note, I congratulate:

- Brendan Harding, Dux of the College 2006, on his being awarded a Lord Florey

Student Prize by the Australian Government Minister for Education, Science and Training, the Hon. Julie Bishop MP. The Australian Government awards the Lord Florey Student Prize to recognise outstanding academic achievement in the final and most demanding years of secondary schooling. 500 prizes are available nationally each year. Brendan received his award from Catherine King MP on June 27.

- Michael Ferguson on his being identified as an outstanding student enrolling in a science degree at Monash University and as such is now in the 'Stars of Science' Gallery at Monash University. Michael was presented with a certificate to acknowledge this achievement by the Dean of Science in April at the Monash University Club.

- Tristan Lambert on his award of an Engineering Excellence Award Scholarship from Monash University valued at \$6000 per annum for the duration of his undergraduate degree.
- David Ranger, our current College Captain, on his Premier's Award for VCE Physical Education for achieving the status of top of the top markers in the state for that subject in 2006. David achieved the perfect subject score of 50 following a year of dedicated study in collaboration with teacher Mr Warrick Bottrall. David's award was publicly recognised during a formal presentation ceremony in Melbourne in May.
- The Health and Physical Education Faculty on its initiative to inaugurate a Physical Health and Wellbeing Dinner to showcase the region's best practice in



Brendan Harding



Michael Ferguson



Tristan Lambert



David Ranger and Mr Warrick Bottrall

this learning area. The Dinner was conducted in the Wilding Wing, a great venue for gathering, and was attended by the region's Physical Education and Health staff, University of Ballarat personnel and students, and was supported by industry representatives. The dinner was the 'brainchild' of Mr Warrick Bottrall who did a tremendous job in engaging other staff and many of our students in this project.

These outcomes emphasise the quality of students and teachers we have, and the joy to be achieved with collaboration, vision, passion and perspiration.



With the Mayor of Waterford, Cr Cha O'Neill, and Principal of Mt Sion CBS, Mr Rob McCarthy

Cultural dimensions included medieval entertainment in Bunratty Castle, West End entertainment at Les Miserables, the icons of Kilmainham Gaol, Buckingham Palace, the Tower and Big Ben, the Rock of Cashel and the beauty of the cliffs of Mohr. (Some had a low tolerance for castles, too!) The boys were not averse to retail therapy in London to balance visits to Croke Park, Wimbledon, the MCC at Lords, and the Chelsea FC.

IRELAND TOUR

'Sport is an excellent means ... of training boys to acquire certain qualities of character - leadership, resource, courage, determination, unselfishness and the spirit of cooperation with others.' So wrote Br McCann in the 1929 Annual Report. The Ireland Tour during the first term break exemplified Br McCann's aspirations. Fifty of our students with five staff and four parents represented the College in a magnificent way, through their activities in sport, in Irish and English culture and in the footsteps of Edmund Rice. The religious aspects of the tour included visits to the birthplace of Blessed Edmund in Callan, the site of his first permanent school at Mt Sion in Waterford, and his first General House in North Richmond Street in Dublin as well as many old churches and monasteries, Sunday Mass at St Mary's Pro-cathedral in Dublin and the Easter Vigil at Galway Cathedral. I have noticed some of the boys have a low tolerance to old churches!



At Westcourt, Callan, the birthplace of Edmund Rice

Because we are who we are, SPC, we naturally played football: three matches of International or Modified Rules against the three provinces of Leinster, Munster and Connacht in Dublin, Cork and Galway respectively. We appreciated the hospitality of the Irish and learnt quickly from them, adapting to the round ball and their relatively hands-off approach to football. The speed is exciting. We decided that the scoreboard was unimportant in such an international first venture, at least during the first match- which we lost. We ended up winning two of the three matches and were calling for a rematch in Dublin but time eluded us! We believe that the work of Kevin Sheehan of the AFL and Pat Daly of the Gaelic Athletic Association to

modify the rules in light of the debacle of Australia versus Ireland in Dublin last year, and the way that we showed those rules to be workable and acceptable in our games, have rekindled interest in the International Test Series between Ireland and Australia.

Overall we did extremely well. I take this opportunity to say how proud I was to be in the company of such ambassadors. Thank you to Mr Howard Clark and Mr Mark Waddington for their initiative in bringing the dream to fruition, and Mr Clark and Mrs Nikki Hexter for the execution of the tour, along with the many other staff and parents who cooperated to make history.

I will let Br McCann have the last word: 'As it is controlled and directed in St Patrick's, sport is a useful but quite subordinate ally of religious training and assiduous study, factors which have regard to the higher and more important interests in life.'

EDMUND RICE DAY

On May 4 our students enjoyed Edmund Rice Day whilst working diligently to raise funds for charities supported by the College. The celebration of Eucharist as a College community was moving. The boys participated enthusiastically in the traditional walkathon, quickly demolished lunch and then threw themselves vigorously into the afternoon's activities, which were spread around different points of the College.

Well done to the organising committee led by Alexander Blizzard who were able to raise in excess of \$25,000 which was presented at the College's annual Social Justice Assembly to charities who have a mission that is congruent with the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice.

Front Cover from top:

1. The wonder of winter - College Front Garden
2. The first St Patrick's College team to play International Rules in Ireland
3. Class of 2002 Reunion - The Clyde Hotel, May 4, 2007
4. Mitchell Brown (SPC 2002-2006) leads the West Coast Eagles from the field after his debut game against the Sydney Swans

PLANNING 2008

We currently are enjoying a very strong demand for places into Year 7. This overall growth in student numbers as our annual intake of 200 into Year 7 moves through the school needs to be matched by the recruitment of outstanding staff. The College is now advertising for staff for 2008. We have found with enrolments that word of mouth is our best advertisement. Perhaps you are aware of an inspirational teacher who would add to our Catholic boys school environment. Feel free to mention that one of the best schools is looking for some of the best teachers. Details of positions can be found on our website under the Employment tab at www.stpats.vic.edu.au/employment.php

Sir Frank tells the tale from the turn of the last century of his Catholic grandmother Little who was married to a protestant and worried about what to do about the education of her five sons. She confided in Archbishop Carr who told her to entrust them to St Patrick's College.



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

From the first generation of the Little Family at St Patrick's College came two Military Crosses, two VFL players, a priest, a doctor, an electrical engineer, a civil engineer and a crown prosecutor. War wounds notwithstanding, they all achieved at a high level within their chosen professions. It was on strong characters like this that our tradition has been founded. It is for this reason that the Little Family Award is one of our premier student awards and is given for contribution to school spirit, a hallmark of the Little Family at St Patrick's College.



Frank Little 1942 Head Prefect and Dux of the College.

Archbishop Frank Little

As I have noted in *The Shamrock* previously, His Grace, Archbishop Sir Frank Little was Captain and Dux of the College in 1942 before entering the

seminary. He subsequently obtained a Doctorate in Sacred Theology at the Urban University in Rome and served as priest, bishop and archbishop in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. 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. He is an exemplar of St Patrick's College's pillars of faith, tradition, excellence and joy, then and now.

The Kooyong Dinners like the Legends Dinners in Ballarat, or our regional dinners, are great nights for connecting with the College, and not just for Old Collegians. I would encourage current and recent parents to join our current Student leaders at these functions as part of spreading the influence of what we value. We tend not to hold too many raffles at these functions!

Kind Regards
Peter M Casey

WALKING WITH REAL PEOPLE: A Reflection on our Engagement with Social Justice and Action at St Patrick's College

Mr Mark Walsh - Director of Mission

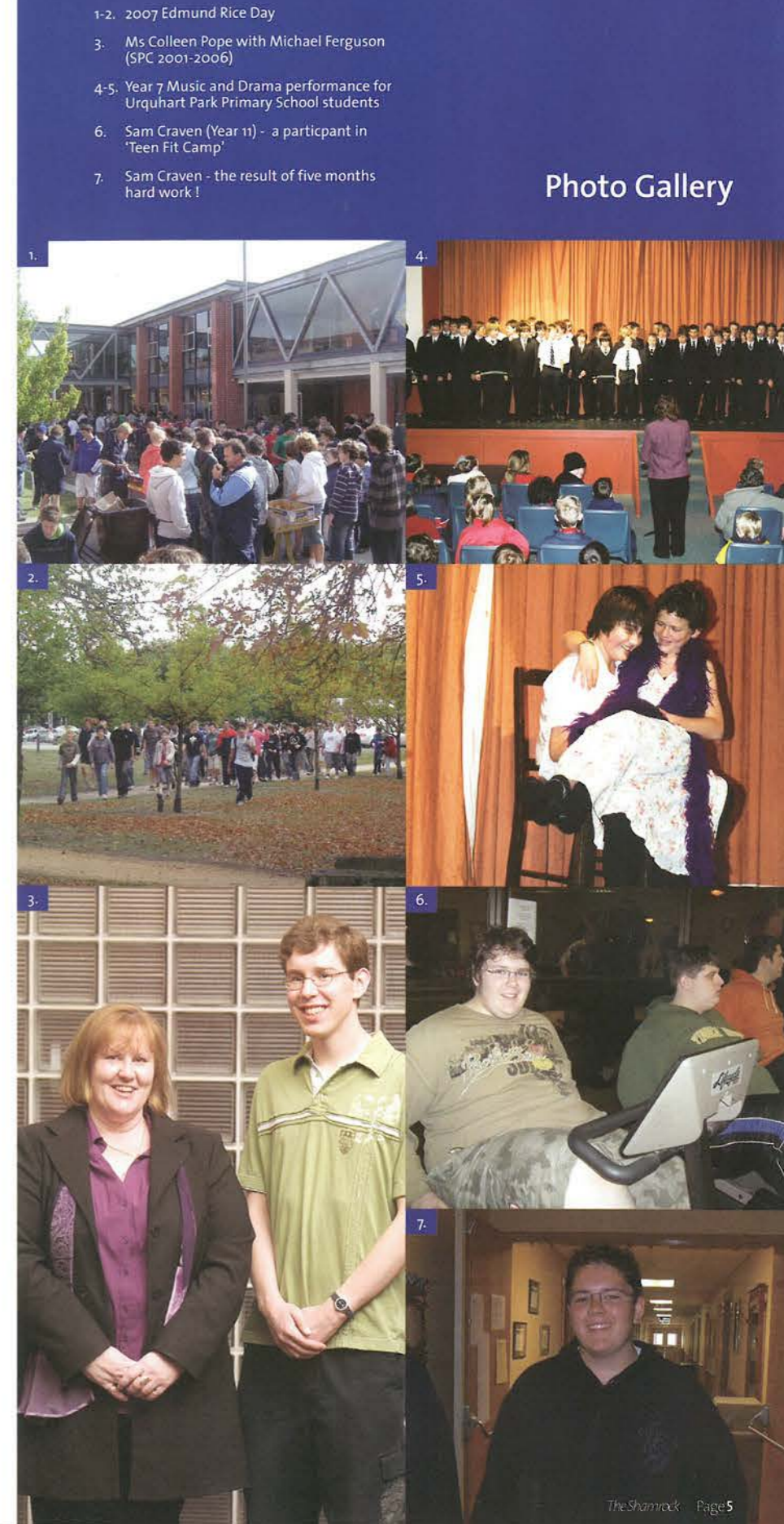
Edmund Rice noted that the Christ he met in the Eucharist was the same Christ he met in the classroom. We too are called to meet Christ in all people, especially the poor and the marginalised. The annual Social Justice Assembly was a wonderful celebration of work done within the College to raise awareness of our call to make God's vision of peace and justice for all creation a reality.

We can talk to our students about justice and peace all we like, but there is no guarantee that this will make any significant difference to the way that they live their lives. It is only through walking with those on the margins that the lives of our students will be truly transformed. Meeting real people on a bread run with St Vincent de Paul or at the Edmund Rice Refugee Centre in St Albans is what truly changes awareness and breaks down stereotypes. Being involved in a Year 12 Ministry Retreat, or taking part in a journey to Wadeye, an indigenous community in the Northern Territory, puts a human face to issues regarding justice and equity.

Be it through visitations to Nazareth House, working with people in Papua New Guinea as part of our Kokoda trek or participating in a backyard blitz, we are giving students opportunities to grow as compassionate young men, willing to make a difference, both locally and globally. In a world that is becoming more and more insular and conservative, we are helping our students to look beyond their own needs. In a world that is often characterised by fear, we are helping to develop the courage to speak out against the injustices that are being committed in the name of security and greed.

It is only when we see those on the margins as real people that change can take place. It is only when we sit with people and talk with them that transformation is possible. It is only when we listen to people's stories that we are truly doing the work of God in making this world a more compassionate and hope filled place. Our annual Social Justice Assembly is a testimony to the work that is being done at St Patrick's College to see all people as made in the image and likeness of God.

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INAUGURAL INDIGENOUS YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME STUDENT GATHERING

The College is one of a number of secondary schools in Australia that have been auspiced to enrol Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander scholars as part of the Indigenous Youth Leadership Programme (IYLP). The programme seeks to provide participants with leadership development opportunities that will assist them in completing their secondary studies and then move into tertiary degree programmes. In time it is hoped that the example they set to other Indigenous students and work they may undertake with their own communities will greatly enhance the quality, and sadly the quantity, of life experienced by the original inhabitants of this great country.

The College feels deeply honoured to have two IYLP scholars in Tylah Saunders (Year 12 from Beachport, SA) and Calvin Anzac (Year 11 from Timber Creek, NT), who have already made a rich contribution to the life of the College. The inaugural Leadership Gathering was held at the Aitken Hill Conference Centre, just outside of Melbourne and was attended by over 120 scholars from all parts of Australia. Visitors from the 'Top End' frequently commented upon the wet and cold weather but all in attendance were warmed, enlightened and inspired by the range of Indigenous leaders who worked intensively with the students over the four day programme. Some of the leaders included:

- Professor MaryAnn Bin-Salik – the first Indigenous woman to receive a Ph.D from Harvard University.

- Sean Choolburra – Australia's leading Indigenous comedian.
- Kutcha Edwards – a highly talented musician and high profile spokesperson for the 'Stolen Generation', having been forcefully removed from his parents as an 18 month old infant.
- Richard Frankland – author and film director – 'Who Killed Malcolm Smith'.
- Dr Kelvin Kong – the first Aboriginal Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.
- Warren Mundine – former President of the Australian Labour Party.
- Natalie Walker – National Manager at KPMG in the National Health and Human Services Practice.
- Dr Mark Wenitong – Chair of the National Reference Group on Indigenous Male Health.

Scholars also attended a dinner at the Hotel Sofitel where keynote speaker, Essendon Coach Kevin Sheedy outlined his experiences with Indigenous players and his appreciation of their talent and rich culture.

Calvin, Tylah and staff member Mr Mark Waddington were greatly moved by the insightful presentation of Dr Mark Wenitong. Dr Wenitong was born in Gladstone in Central Queensland and is a Kabi Kabi man. He initially worked as a pathology technician in Cairns and over eleven years experienced first hand the health issues confronting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This led him to apply for, gain acceptance and complete a medical degree at Newcastle University. Since completing his degree he has worked tirelessly in this field as is currently the Senior Medical Officer at Wuchopperan Health Service.

Dr Wenitong outlined what he believed were the three key ingredients of leadership; a clear and empowering vision, passion for what you are doing and humility. Effective leaders in any sphere know their own identity, empower others to do great things, are not driven by ego or personal agendas and can create an alignment between the objectives of their organisation

and its people. As Dr Mark noted, he could treble his income by crossing the street in Cairns and working in private practice, but his passion for his profession and his people and a sense of doing what is right, keep him motivated to work as a leader within his community.

The Leadership Gathering occurred at a very interesting time – just a week after the Prime Minister's announcements about government policy aimed at reducing the incidence of child abuse within Indigenous communities. Whilst opinions as to the merits of such initiatives were deeply divided at the gathering, one common theme emerged from the gathering – that the provision of education and the development of leaders within the Indigenous population was the key to addressing the complex range of social, health and financial issues currently facing Indigenous communities.

Not surprisingly there were numerous Edmund Rice schools represented at the gathering. The contemporary challenges faced by Indigenous communities are not dissimilar to those faced by Blessed Edmund and as schools who share in his tradition we are fortunate to be able to support boys such as Tylah and Calvin in developing their leadership skills. The boys were outstanding ambassadors for the College during the week and greatly enjoyed meeting and working with other scholars.

VELOCITY MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATION

Cameron Thomas and Brad Brennan 9B

On Friday April 27, all of the Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 students were directed to the O'Malley Sports Centre to watch a multi media presentation. As we walked through the doors, three huge screens dominated our view. We sat and wondered what the presentation was about but this was

answered shortly after, as we were introduced to a movie called "Velocity".

When the movie began the screens came to life and the speakers exploded with music. Whilst a man began to explain about how life can be action packed and fast, most of us didn't know what to think. What was the man trying to tell us? Why? The message became clear as we watched our first interviewee, Tanya, an aboriginal woman who had turned her life around. She told us about not following the group and seeking the best path for herself. She chose not to live a life of crime and subsequently became a successful graduate of university, eventually addressing the Prime Minister himself.

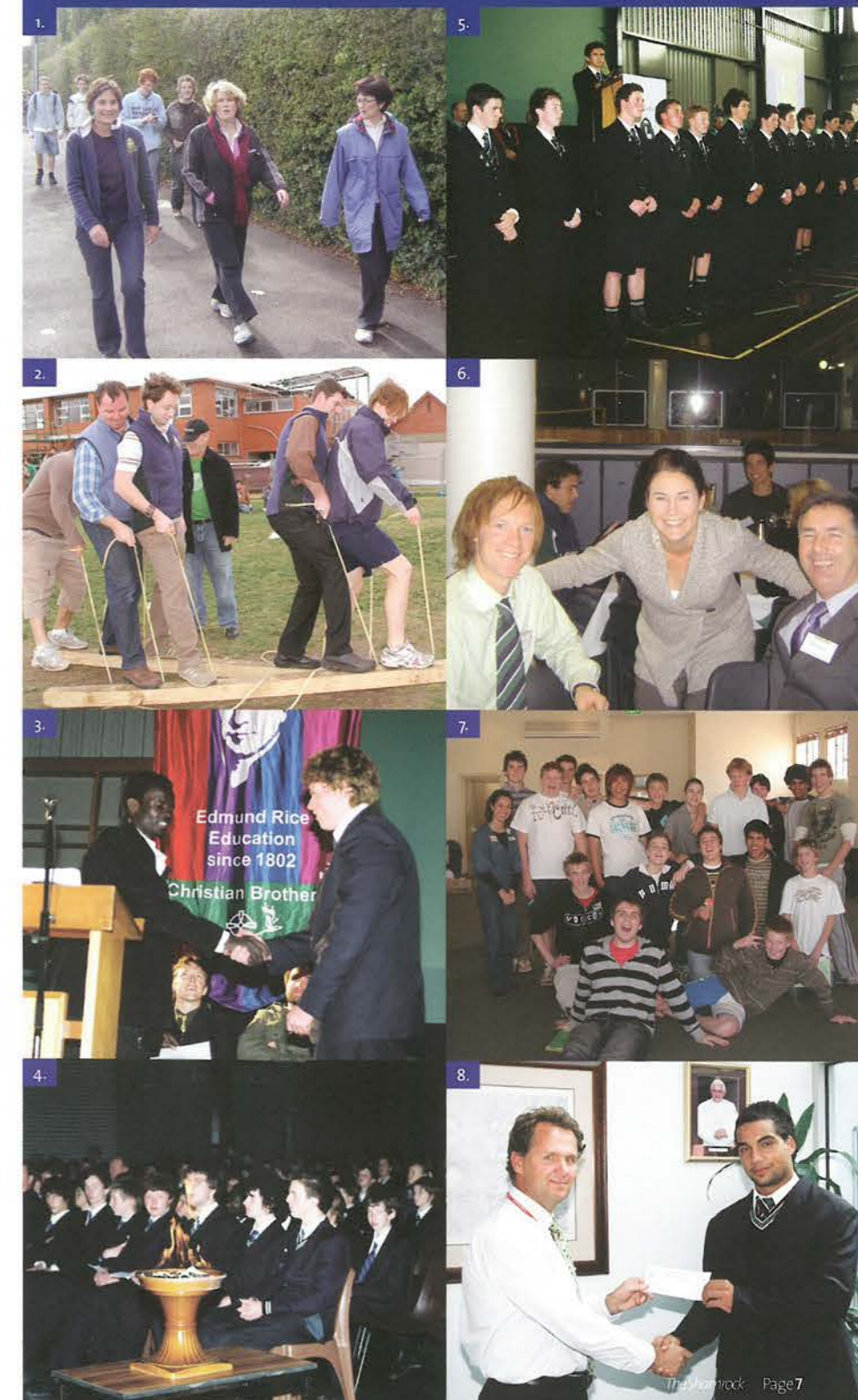
When the interview with Tanya concluded we were dazzled with more music and the next inspiration was revealed to us. He was a man born without arms or legs who didn't let this affect his life. He overcame life's hurdles and is now a qualified accountant and stock broker. He showed us how he could accomplish tasks just as people do with arms and legs.

The next woman was your average every day athlete who, with persistence and determination to strive at the things she loved, had become a team member in the Australian Basketball Squad. She explained the hurdles which she had to overcome and gave us her definition of happiness. The presentation took a twist when we looked at the last chapter of the movie, as a man, under the influence of alcohol, was responsible for a fatal car crash. He told us his heart wrenching story and how he is trying to get his life back under control by influencing teenagers to be responsible. What he is doing is brave and we should look to have his courage.

All in all, the presentation both impressed and inspired us. It got through to most students; whilst some remained sceptical all we can hope is that we can make something of our lives as these people have shown us.

- 1-2. Edmund Rice Day 2007
- 3-5. Social Justice Assembly 2007
6. Mr Jeremy House, Amanda Mooney and Rob Carroll at the inaugural HaPE Physical Activity and Wellbeing Seminar
7. Senior School Peer Skills Programme
8. Mr Howard Clark presents Tylah Saunders with a \$500 cheque from the Wattle Tree Foundation for the Ireland Tour.

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SENIOR SCHOOL

Peer Skills Training

Daniel Sharp and James Edmonds (Year 10)

On Monday May 7 and Tuesday May 8, nineteen Year 10 and 11 students completed two days of Peer Skills Training at YHQ (Youth Headquarters), Ballarat. After various activities to help to get to know each other, we covered many different topics. These included identifying our own strengths and weaknesses and how we can use this knowledge to help both ourselves and others. We learnt how to cope with stress and to think optimistically. We spent much of the time learning how to help solve others' problems particularly by using the POOCH model of problem solving. But, most importantly, we learnt how and when to access other assistance when necessary.

We thank the facilitators Ms Cheryl Vincent, Mrs Shannan Sosinski, Mr Geoff Crawford and Mrs Karina Dunne for providing the group with this opportunity to develop our peer problem solving and leadership skills. The challenge is now to put these newly acquired skills into practice and, hopefully, make a difference.

The following students participated in the training and will now become Peer Skills Leaders and Helpers:

- Lachlan Barker Year 10
- Matthew Kelly Year 10
- Samuel Burgess Year 10
- Dominic Godfrey Year 10
- James Edmonds Year 10
- Brendan Wilcox Year 10
- Daniel Sharp Year 10
- Christopher Antony Year 10
- Rhys Sizeland Year 10
- Thomas McKinnon Year 10
- Stephen Kirby Year 10
- Rex Hickman Year 11
- Seamus Herrick Year 11
- Kieran McDowell Year 11
- Christopher Munn Year 11

- Nathan Antony Year 11
- Timothy Creek Year 11
- Peter Clough Year 11
- Kelvin Shiu Year 11

MIDDLE SCHOOL MELBOURNE EXPERIENCE

Mr Terry Blizzard

The Year 9 Melbourne Experience was again a very positive and enriching experience for boys involved in the College's innovative and challenging Middle School Programme. The week in Melbourne provides the boys with an educational experience outside their normal programme which is both engaging and rewarding for all participants. Boys visit a range of attractions including St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne Museum, IMAX, State Library, Art Gallery and MCG as well as taking on all forms of public transport and culinary delights. The highlight of the week for many of the boys was their immersion in 'multicultural Melbourne'.

MY MELBOURNE EXPERIENCE

Sam Wilson

Over the past fortnight all Year Nine students took part in the Melbourne Experience. Some boys stayed in Ballarat and commuted each day, others stayed in Melbourne. I was one of the boys to stay in

Melbourne for the week and the experience really opened up my eyes to people around me.

Some of the key highlights we enjoyed were catching the transport to and from our host family's house into the city. I thought it was one of the most exciting activities for the week because in Ballarat we do not have trams and trains to take us to places other than Melbourne.

Some of the activities my class participated in were a tour of the MCG where sadly my class and I were not able to go onto the ground because they were laying down more grass after the weekend's game. We really enjoyed this because we got to go places at the ground that you could not go if you were at a footy or cricket match.

Some of the other activities that my class participated in were a Tour of Parliament House, the Museum and IMAX Theatre, going to the school, St Patrick's Cathedral, The Ian Potter Gallery and the Shrine of Remembrance.

Kensington School on Wednesday was the highlight as the students in the school were really interested in us, they were asking questions and asking for help and some of the St Pat's boys were teaching the students how to kick a footy. This was great to see the appreciation of the school students and the St Patrick's College boys helping each other out.

When the final day came for our class we went to the Shrine of Remembrance where everyone paid respect to those who fought and lost their lives for us. Once the Shrine tour had finished we headed up to Victoria Market for lunch and a shop.

My most enjoyable experience was the African Drumming Workshop that my Aunt took me to on the Thursday night after school. This was really enjoyable though I could not keep up with the beat and rhythm.

Overall I thought it was a good experience for all the boys, because it can open your eyes to the future for when you are moving to Melbourne for university or

a job. I would like to thank all the Middle School teachers for putting up with us for the week and all the parents and host families for looking after us.

MY MELBOURNE EXPERIENCE

Matthew Hogbin

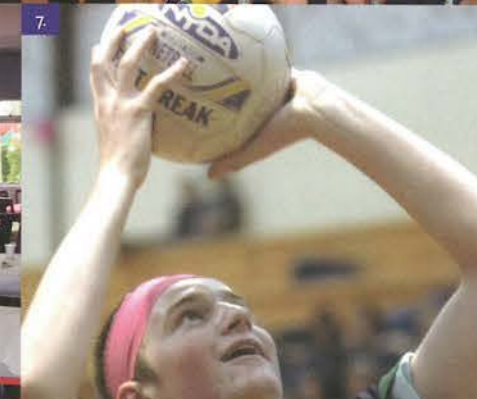
My Melbourne Experience was truly fantastic. I learnt a lot about Melbourne, my class mates and myself. The experience was not only for one week, but two! The week before the experience I had to organise where I was going to stay in Melbourne. I was lucky as I had numerous people I could stay with, however this was not the case for some of my classmates as they had to commute from Ballarat to Melbourne every day.

I stayed with my Auntie, twenty minutes out of Melbourne by train. When my family and I went to my Auntie's house on the Sunday before the experience I was full of excitement. I don't think I slept at all that night! That night we worked out how I was going to get to our first meeting place in the morning, Federation Square. I ended getting to Federation Square by bus and train. Every night my aunt and I would plan how I was going to get to where I was meeting my class each morning. The hardest morning for me was when we had to meet in Lygon Street by 8.30am.

The most enjoyable experience was when we went to Footscray to St Monica's Primary School. We went there to experience a school that was like no other in Ballarat. St Monica's is a school where most of the students are Vietnamese. I was intrigued to find out that the newsletter was written in Vietnamese because English is a second language to most of the parents. When we got to the school we were placed in pairs in the classrooms for

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1. 2007 Boarders at Apollo Bay
- 2-5. Mothers Day Mass 2007
6. Netball for Breast Cancer Team
7. Netball for Breast Cancer - Linton Chillingsworth (Courtesy The Courier)



the afternoon. I went to the Year Two class for PE and they learnt the Chicken Dance. We all joined in and did the dance and a camera recorded our embarrassed faces!

The Melbourne Experience related back to school in two ways. We have been learning about Multiculturalism and going to Melbourne helped me to understand the value of this to our community. The Experience also related to our 'Stepping Stones' philosophy in the Middle School; we should demonstrate Respect to other cultures, be Responsible for ourselves by being punctual to meeting times and have Awareness of great things about multicultural Melbourne. Reflecting on the week, I feel a lot more confident in going to Melbourne and being able to navigate myself around the city. I am really looking forward to going to Melbourne again.

MIDDLE SCHOOL Community Extension Programme

Sean Keem

Every Friday afternoon our class has been involved in a Community Extension programme. In small groups we went to a variety of places, including PINARC, Kelaston and many of the venues of the McCallum Disability Services so we could assist and actively participate with physically and intellectually challenged people. At some places we would talk with them, at others we would have to get more involved, sometimes we even had the chance to dance with them.

Of my experiences throughout the programme none have stood out as much as our first day. Not because anything spectacular happened, but because of how I felt about the task ahead. I was feeling nervous, somewhat anxious and apprehensive. I guess like most people I had pre-conceived ideas.

That afternoon I was aiding those at McCallum. The people at McCallum were of a multitude of ages, from roughly 18 through to 70s. The McCallum services cater for those who are both physically and mentally handicapped or disabled.

Throughout this programme I have learnt to respect these people for what they are. I have been surprised because even though most people I saw were significantly disabled they coped with it, finding new ways to do every day things.

For whatever they seemed to lack, they made up for it by being talented or even advanced at something else. Sometimes they were stubborn, and wouldn't try to do an activity, but putting this aside they have amazing will power, and I have learnt a lot about determination and where it comes from. In some ways, they taught me more than I could ever teach them. An invaluable experience!

JUNIOR SCHOOL

The boys in the Year 8 area have been fortunate to experience the many things on offer at Sovereign Hill in Term Two. Mr Gary Henderson made arrangements for the boys to attend an Educational programme offered by Sovereign Hill focussing on the geological aspects of gold formation, mining and gold extraction processes.

During the excursion the boys were fortunate enough to visit the Red Hill Mine to look at the processes involved in mining gold from underground leads. They also investigated the alluvial gold extraction process, panned for gold and were given the opportunity to inspect a quartz battery. The visit culminated in a gold pour during which gold was heated to melting point and poured into an \$80,000 ingot.

Throughout the day links were made to the classroom science programme and the boys also learnt much about the local geographical landscape. A very worthwhile learning experience for all boys.

BOARDING SCHOOL

Weekend to Apollo Bay

The College's Boarding students enjoyed their first weekend for the year at Apollo Bay on April 28 and 29. Highlights for the weekend included, surf kayaking, watching Australia win the World Cup in the dark and leisurely shopping time in the Main Street. This is one of three visits for the year to 'The Bay' and provides a welcome break in routine as well as opportunity to socialise with boys from other boarding houses.

The focus of the October visit to Apollo Bay is on VCE examinations with specialist tutorial subjects conducted in a number of subjects. Thank you to Br Long for his assistance in enabling the boys to enjoy these special experiences.

MOTHERS DAY MASS

On May 11 over 200 boys and their Mums gathered in the College Chapel for a Mass to remember Mothers Day and the unconditional love that our mothers bless and nurture their children with. It was a lovely Mass celebrated by Br Bill Van de Camp and a poignant reminder of the special bond between mothers and their sons, a bond which sometimes gets tested with the pressure to keep rooms tidy, get to school on time or remember to retrieve notes and food items from school bags! Thank you to Mr Tim Bennett and Ms

Tracey Downes for their work in preparing the liturgy and the breakfast that followed in the College Dining Room. The Mass and Breakfast are always greatly appreciated by mothers and is one of the very special days on the College calendar.

KOKODA TRACK EXPEDITION

Whilst most St Patrick's students and teachers enjoyed a relaxing winter school holidays and a chance to sleep in, stay out of the weather and relax, one group from the College community, including past and present students, parents, teachers and friends were tackling the rigours of the renowned Kokoda Track. The committed group headed off to Port Moresby where they stayed with the Christian Brothers before flying over the Owen Stanley Range to the village of Kokoda. The students will be running AFL and Cricket Victoria clinics and will be involved in other humanitarian work, including making donations to Cheshire Homes and the Korari people, before commencing the Kokoda Track.

The track is expected to take between eight and ten days and is a gruelling test of physical, mental and spiritual endurance. The Kokoda Track holds a significant place in our history and the group from St Patrick's will be paying tribute to our forefathers who fought bravely during World War 2. This amazing opportunity has been supported by the Apex Club of Ballarat, Telstra Countrywide (who generously provided a satellite phone for the group), Cricket Victoria, AFL Victoria, the SPC Community, the De La Salle Brothers and Christian Brothers of Papua New Guinea. A full report will feature in the next edition of *The Shamrock*.

1. Snow on July 17
2. Members of the Kokoda Track tour party in training at Black Hill
Courtesy *The Courier*
3. David Ranger and family after receiving the Premiers Award
4. IYLP scholar Calvin Anzac - Calvin left his home at Timber Creek (NT) on Sunday July 15 and 30 degree days. Day one of school on July 17 - snow and two degrees!

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NETBALL FOR BREAST CANCER

The Year 12 Council played in a highly competitive and enjoyable netball match against their counterparts in leadership from Loreto College to raise awareness of breast cancer and to raise funds for research. The initiative stemmed from the enthusiasm of Council members Dominic Vogels and Alexander Blizzard and was widely supported by students from St Patrick's, Loreto and Ballarat High School who kindly hosted the event. A large crowd supported a very entertaining match with the boys particularly demonstrating their athletic prowess and agility! On such days the score is irrelevant - as long as we win!

DRAMA

Ms Suzanne Sandow

The Crimson Firefly Circus

A Joint Production with Loreto College

This year students from St Patrick's and Loreto College will be working on a production of the play, 'The Crimson Firefly Circus' by Sandra Shotlander. It is a play about a circus that has numerous speaking roles and many non-speaking clowns and other circus folk. Sandra first wrote the play for Penleigh and Essendon Grammar. She describes it as 'a comedy and mystery for all ages'.

The format of the play is engaging and exciting and has the potential for students to develop their own ideas as small clown troupes and to create some sideshow ideas. Production week will be October 15-21 (Week Two in Term 4). Tickets are available by contacting the College on 03 5331 1688.

JUNIOR SCHOOL MUSIC AND DRAMA

Mrs Sarah Dwyer and Ms Suzanne Sandow

Grade 2 students from Urquhart Park Primary School were treated to a feast of Drama and Music on Monday June 25 in the Performing Arts Centre. Students from 7C and 7F presented four adaptations of Roald Dahl stories to the visitors. A choral performance by students in 7D and 7G of the Xavier Rudd song 'Light the Shade' had the Urquhart Park visitors bopping in their seats.

These performances were the outcome of work Year 7 students have completed in Drama and Choir throughout the term, under the direction of Ms Suzanne Sandow (Drama) and Mrs Sarah Dwyer (Choir).

THE COSGRIFF DYNASTY

John Cosgriff

A new era was ushered in this year when long-serving staff member, John Cosgriff, welcomed his grandson, Samuel, into Year 7. John commenced teaching at St Patrick's in 1981 after 20 years at other Edmund Rice schools including Parade College. Samuel's father, Daniel, was one of John and Jan Cosgriff's eight sons educated at St Patrick's College: Michael (1981-83), Brendan (1981-86), Anthony (1982-87), Gregory (1984-89), Daniel (1986-91), Justin (1989-94), Benjamin (1994-99) and Paul (1998-2002).

Anthony was College Dux in 1987 while Gregory was College Captain in 1989. As a Loreto College student Joanna studied Biology at SPC in 1996, and Virginia was in several SPC-Loreto College joint productions including the role of producer. For her efforts, Virginia was made an Old Collegian by Br Laurie Collins so that all ten children

officially belong to St Patrick's College. Jan is employed by the local Christian Brothers Community. The Cosgriff family hold a unique place in the history of the College, a new chapter of which will be written with the arrival of Samuel.

John continues to instil a great love of mathematics in his students with his teaching load of Senior School Maths including Specialist Mathematics and University Equivalent (MUPHAS) Mathematics, all whilst eagerly anticipating the arrival of Samuel's brother Jarrod, in Year 7 2008.

SAM'S U.S. ADVENTURE

Year 11 student Sam Craven has been in the United States throughout Semester 1 as part of the US reality television programme 'Teen Fit Camp'. According to Sam's parents he has undergone a remarkable change over the last few months and is determined to hit 110kg's before he comes home. Sam is greatly enjoying the challenge and is feeling much fitter and healthier and according to his parents has greatly enhanced self confidence.

FAREWELL

At the conclusion of Term Two the College farewelled Ms Bernadette Brouwers, Director of Studies since 2003, who has taken up a position with the highly regarded Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). The College community wishes Bernadette well and thanks her for her contributions to the life St Patrick's, particularly through the Curriculum Review, the Registered Training Organisation status we enjoy, and the introduction of smart-board technology to the College.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION Brisbane Ranges Experience

Mr Warrick Bottrall - Head of HAPE

Unit 1 Outdoor and Environmental Studies students have just successfully completed their first overnight practical experience in the Brisbane Ranges National Park, located east of Meredith. During this experience the boys learnt valuable skills of navigation via road, topographic maps, compass, GPS and also gained some valuable insights into safe outdoor participation. During the experience the students had to undergo 'emergency scenarios' such as dealing with group members who were lost or injured.

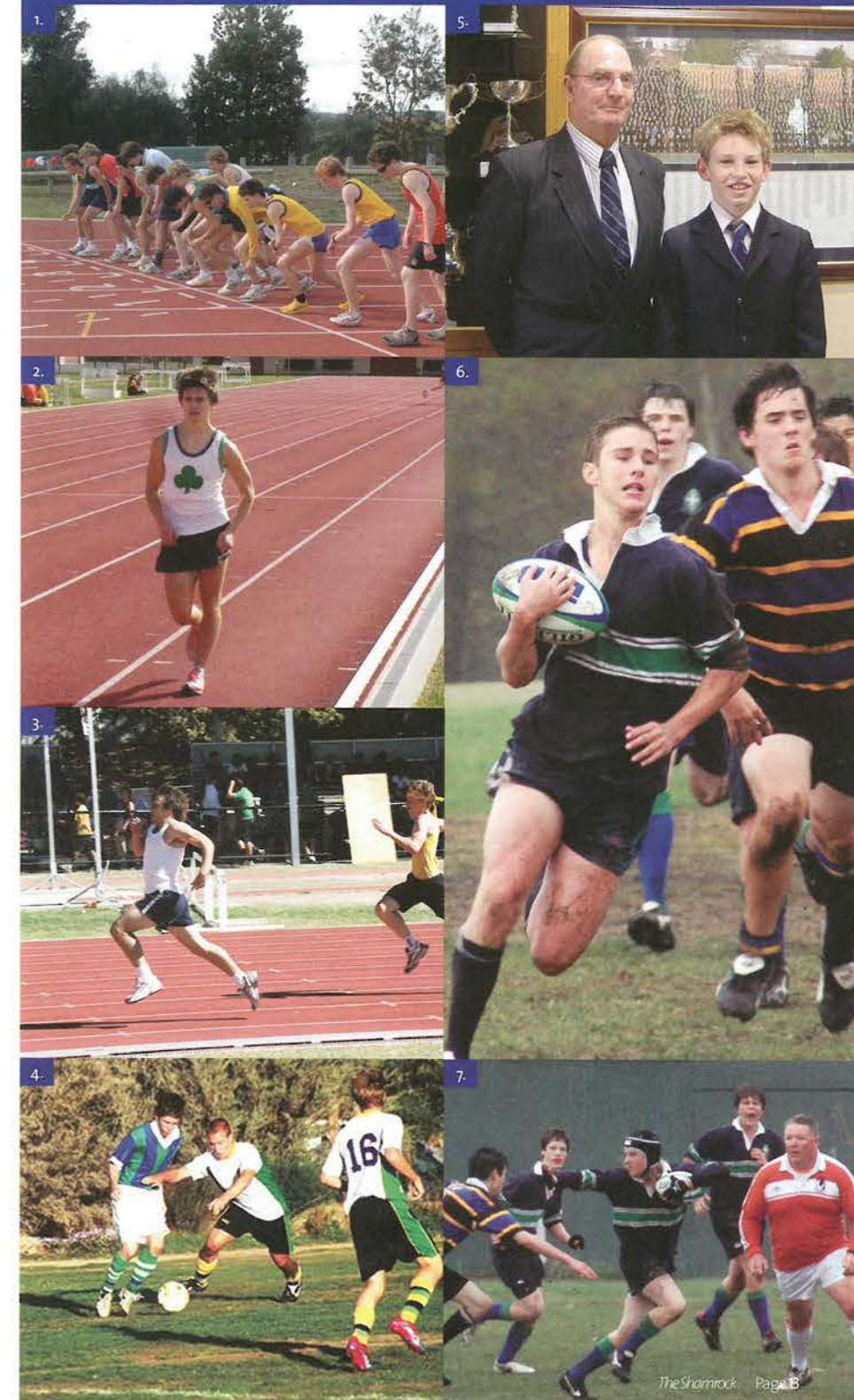
The camp was ran with an 'action consequence approach' meaning that the students made the majority of decisions on the camp and then had to deal with the consequences. This at times led to a few extra kilometres being walked and some very interesting fly sheet constructions! The camp was a bushwalking experience with the focus being on the students developing independence and competence in the outdoors, whilst being environmentally aware. Upon returning to school, students completed an evaluation on their performance during the trip and identified their strengths, weaknesses and areas in which they can improve for their next experience.



Daniel Nicholson in the Brisbane Ranges

1. 2007 BAS Athletics
2. David Ranger contesting the 1500 metre walk at the BAS Athletics
3. John Dwyer at the College's House Athletics
4. 1st XI Soccer v St Kevin's College
5. John Cosgriff (SPC Staff 1981- current) with grandson Samuel
6. Kenneth Briody - Under 16 rugby
7. Intermediate Rugby

Photo Gallery



SPORT 2007

ATHLETICS

SPC House Athletics

The SPC House Athletics were conducted in the last week of Term One. For the first time the sports were held at the Llanberris Reserve Athletics Facility which led to some very impressive times being posted. Results for the day were:

Aggregate Shield

1st Galvin	3874 points
2nd Keniry	3860 points
3rd Ryan	3476 points
4th Nunan	3442 points

Congratulations to Galvin House who won the Shield for the first time since 1997. John Dwyer as Captain and Dom Vogels and Kyle Foley as Vice Captains did an excellent job in leading their team to victory.

2007 Year Level Champions

Year 7	Jesse Farquhar
Year 8	Tom Nankivell
Year 9	Darcy Laffan
Year 10	Paddy Dwyer
Year 11	Daniel Ross-Smith
Year 12	John Dwyer

BAS Athletics

St Patrick's College under the leadership of Director of Athletics Mr Shane Hayes and Athletics Captain Nathan Barnes were successful in winning the 2007 BAS Athletics Sports at Llanberris Reserve. A sound team performance saw the team defeat Ballarat Grammar who have reigned supreme more often than not in this event in recent times.

Congratulations to Daniel Ross-Smith in winning the Senior Boys Division Champion with 54 points. Daniel was placed 1st in the triple jump with a jump of 11.4m, 1st in shot put with 14.16m, 1st in the 200m with a time of 23.55 and 2nd in the 100m with a time of 11.22.

Nathan Barnes was the Open Age Champion with 48 points winning the 100m [11.33sec], 200m [23.05sec] and long jump [5.52m], Thomas Blood was equal U15 age winner on 48 points winning the 1500m [4min. 44sec], 2nd 200m [25.34 sec], 2nd 800m [2min .08sec] and 3rd 100m [12.46 sec].

Well done to all boys who competed with great enthusiasm and skill.

Summary of Results:

Junior Boys

1st SPC	375 points
2nd BG	318
3rd BHS	295

Intermediate Boys

1st BG	380 points
2nd SPC	342
3rd BHS	321

Senior Boys

1st SPC	408 points
2nd BG	367
3rd BCC	361

Boys Aggregate

1st SPC	1125 points
2nd BG	1065
3rd BCC	911

SPC LAP OF THE LAKE

The House Lap of the Lake was run over four different days. The Year 8 students were the first to run on Friday June 1. After a chilly start to the day, the sun came out and the rain clouds disappeared. With 134 competitors, Tom Nankivell was the favourite, having won the Year 7 event in 2006. Over the 4km, Tom didn't break stride, coming across the line in first place with a time of 14:13sec. Tom broke the existing Year 8 record set by Daniel Currie in 2003 by 32 seconds! Tom currently holds both the Year 7 and 8 records.

167 Year 7 students ran on Wednesday June 6. This year, many will have read in *The Shamrock* a number of achievements set by Jack Murch. Jack and his family are new to Ballarat and so far this year, Jack has been a consistent winner in track and field events

since his arrival to Victoria from Queensland. Jack's time of 14:53sec is a great effort for Jack in his first House Lap of the Lake.

The Year 9 students competed on Wednesday June 13. It was great to see the number of Year 9 staff who ran along side the 147 students, offering them a challenge along the way. Clay Jenkins was the winner of the Year 9 event with a time of 23:47. Clay has been involved in the SPC Cross Country squad over the last two years, and was a member of the successful Junior Team who won all their BAS Cross Country events in 2006.

After sitting their English exam on Thursday June 14, the Year 10 students were ready to run. Unfortunately only 59 students made themselves available for the event. This was a disappointing turnout and hopefully next year, the numbers will be a lot higher. Tom Blood had the fastest time of 22:32 over the 6km course. Out of all the other year level winners, Tom was the only winner from Keniry House.

The Year 11 and 12 students ran together on the Thursday afternoon. In total only 28 students competed. Chris Munn (Year 11) and Ryan Berg (Year 12) both recorded the fastest times, 23:39 and 21:42 respectively for their year level and have both been members of the SPC Cross Country Squad in previous years.

	Nunan	Galvin	Ryan	Keniry
Yr 7	298	439	373	290
Yr 8	440	192	357	370
Yr 9	295	312	425	340
Yr 10	315	411	272	286
Yr 11/12	387	280	187	168
Total	1735	1634	1614	1454
Placing	1	2	3	4

ANNUAL FIXTURES

v St Kevin's College, Toorak

Each year the College plays St Kevin's in football, basketball and soccer. In 2006 we were able to win all three events on foreign soil and so entered the day with great anticipation, despite many of the footballers still being jet lagged from their

Ireland experience. As ever competition was intense but played in an excellent spirit. Results were:

Football

SPC 8 : 8 - 56 points def SKC 6 : 13 - 49

Basketball

SPC 54 points defeated SKC 52

Soccer

SKC 2 goals defeated SPC 0

1ST XVIII FOOTBALL

MCC Herald Sun Shield 'The End of an Amazing Run'

Bendigo Secondary College 8 : 10 - 58 def SPC 1st XVIII 3 : 5 - 23

Goals: Grant Bell 3

Best Players: Tylah Saunders, Grant Bell, Nick Suban, Jordan Baker, Ben Hayes, Jordan Harrison, Jake Garvey

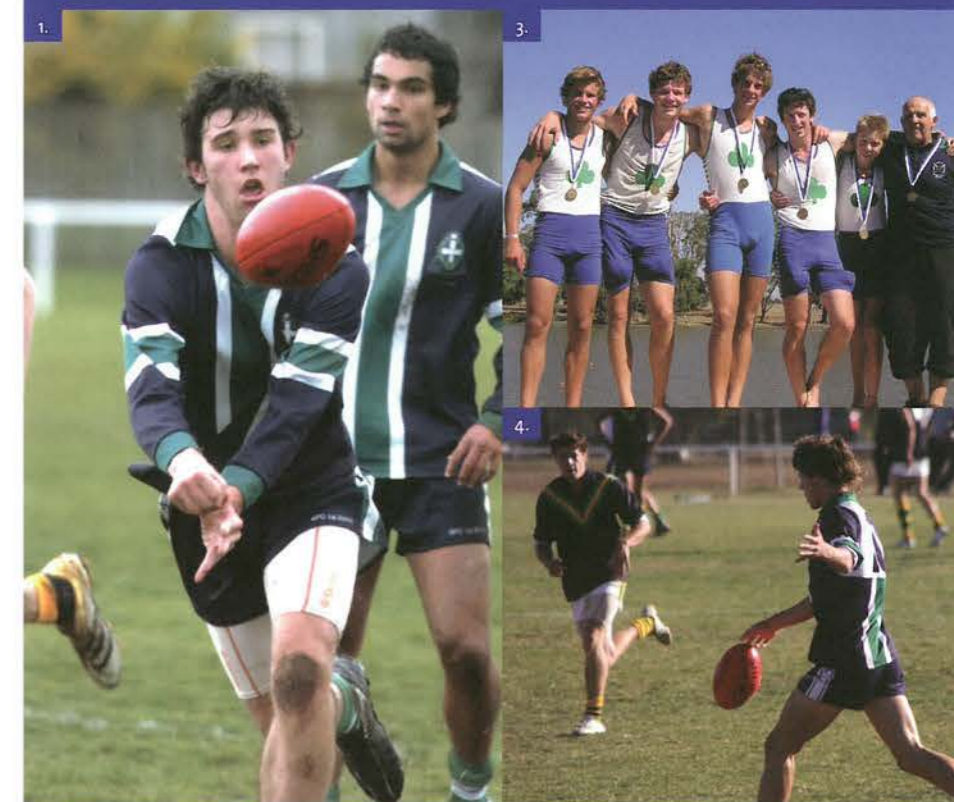
After strong wins against Assumption College, Kilmore and Box Hill Secondary College, the 1st XVIII were keen to make the semi finals of the MCC Herald Sun Shield for the fourth consecutive year, a feat only previously achieved by the mighty Assumption. Played in wet and wild conditions Bendigo Secondary College defeated St Patrick's College 1st XVIII in the third round of the MCC Herald Sun Shield Competition. Bendigo Secondary College kicked with the aide of a three goal wind in the opening quarter and were 17 points up at the first break, a break that appeared to usurp the confidence of the St Patrick's team.

Unfortunately, at the start of the second quarter the heavens opened up and the team didn't adjust to the wet conditions. Often we went short and over used the ball with unnecessary handballs and this resulted in many turnovers. From there as they say it was all 'catch up' football.

The 1st XVIII now turns their attention to the BAS competition. The side is currently undefeated having played each side once and

- 1st XVIII football - Jake Garvey
- Nick Suban in action in Ireland
- Mr Terry Austin with the victorious 1st IV in 2007
- 1st XVIII Football v St Kevin's College Andrew Tyler

Photo Gallery



it is extremely important that the players learn from the Bendigo game and use this as a spur for the remainder of the season.

FOOTBALL 2nd XVIII – Premiers

St Patrick's College 2nd XV111 7 : 15 - 57 defeated Ballarat College 1 : 2 - 8

Best Players: Matt Wheelahan, Rex Hickman, Dom Bushell, Alec Wiltshire, Kieran Sullivan, Rhys Garland

Goal Kickers: Dom Bushell 3, Dom Vogels, Tony Costignamo, Patrick Smith and Alec Wiltshire 1

In an opening quarter typical of a Grand Final both sides started well and were fierce at the ball. The St Pat's players showed real spirit and a sense of determination to gain the ascendancy over the remaining three quarters to run out convincing winners by 49 points.

A fitting victory by an outstanding team who remained undefeated throughout the season. Congratulations to Mr John Cosgriff who coached the team most professionally and passionately throughout the season. His understanding of the game is exceptional and he has the gift to impart his knowledge to his players.

Intermediate - Premiers

St Patrick's (Year 10) 12 : 12 - 84 def Ballarat High School 5 : 10 - 40

Best Players: Sam Howard, Pat Britt, Marc James, Jacob Dalli, Brent Jacobson, Tom Young, Brad Whittaker and every other member of the team

Goals: Sam Howard 5, Brad Whittaker 2

Juniors - Premiers

SPC Blue 9 : 14 - 68 def SPC Green 1 : 2 - 8

Best Players: Nick O'Brien, Matt Begbie, Mick Nolan, Brad Crouch, Chris Lodge, Patrick Blood

Goals: Matthew Begbie 6, Nick O'Brien, Brad Crouch, James Blood

NICK SUBAN All Australian Selection

Year 11 student Nick Suban was selected in the All Australian Team following the recent Under 18 National Championships played during the July holidays. Nick, a classy on-baller has been in excellent form for the St Patrick's College 1st XVIII and the North Ballarat Rebels and carried this form into championship games played in Adelaide and Melbourne. Nick was voted the Most Valuable Player for Victoria Country following three consistent performances against the nation's most talented footballers. The Under 18 Championships are regarded as the AFL's drafting ground highlighting the quality of Nick's performances.

Nick is ineligible to be drafted in 2007 as he is a bottom age Under 18 player. Given his outstanding commitment and dedication to his sport and the guidance of coaches such as Mr Howard Clark he is sure to continue to improve and will come under the watchful eye of all AFL club scouts in 2008. Well done Nick on an outstanding performance.



Nick Suban in action for North Ballarat

MR TERRY AUSTIN

Congratulations to 1st Crew Rowing Coach Mr Terry Austin who was recognised at the Victorian Rowing Awards in Melbourne in May for his contribution to the sport. Terry was also recognised for his efforts this year and was a finalist in the coach of the year award.

AGSV/APS/BAS BOYS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS 2007

St Patrick's College took part in the annual Golf Championships on Friday April 20 at the prestigious Royal Melbourne Golf Club. Some of the College's best golfers took on not only competitors from other schools, but also a very challenging Royal Melbourne lay out. This was the first time many of our team had played the course and favourable conditions made for the closest competition in the event's history.

Congratulations to Jason Lyle (80), Nick Sculley (81), Shaun Lyle (85) and Ash Haase (82); who finished a very credible tenth outright from 21 schools. Haileybury College won the day with a total score of 235, with the team from SPC on 243.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following boys for their outstanding achievements:

- Callum Bigarelli (Year 11) has been awarded an Australian Defence Force Scholarship for 2007. Callum applied for the scholarship in 2006 which is awarded for academic and leadership potential and performance.
- Corey Collier (Year 12) departed the College at the end of Term Two to take up a basketball scholarship. Corey will play High School basketball in 2007/2008 and will hopefully through his efforts on the court and in the classroom be able to obtain a prestigious US College scholarship. Corey has been an excellent basketballer during his time at St Patrick's and the College community wish him well for his exciting journey ahead.

- Grant Bell (Year 12), Nick Suban (Year 11) and Matt Austin (SPC 2005-2006) were selected to play for Victoria Country in the AFL National Under 18 Championships in July. The boys played games in Adelaide and Melbourne and put in some solid performances that will stand them in good stead as they continue their development as elite junior footballers.

- Year 7 student Eddie Neblett and Year 8 student Scott Erkamps were members of the Ballarat 14 Under Boys representative squad who won the Gold Star Classic Tournament in Bendigo in April.

- Michael Trigger (Year 8) was selected in the Victorian State U13 soccer team. Michael is the only child from the entire district to have made this squad, so it is a wonderful achievement and a credit to his dedication to the sport. Michael will be heading to Sydney in July.

- Kieran McDowell (Year 11) has been selected in the Victorian Under 20 Schoolboys side to attend the National Secondary Schools Soccer Championship to be held in Darwin in August.

- Aaron Blomeley (Year 8) and Liman Lee (Year 12) represented Ballarat in the Victorian Table Tennis Open Championships in May.

- Anthony Coccomazzo and Joshua Antonelli have been selected for a position on the Australian Vikings DalPonte Futsal Youth team to tour China in October this year.

- Hayden Walters, Marc James and Jake Dunne have been selected for the Victorian Country side to play in the Under 15 National Schoolboys competition in July.

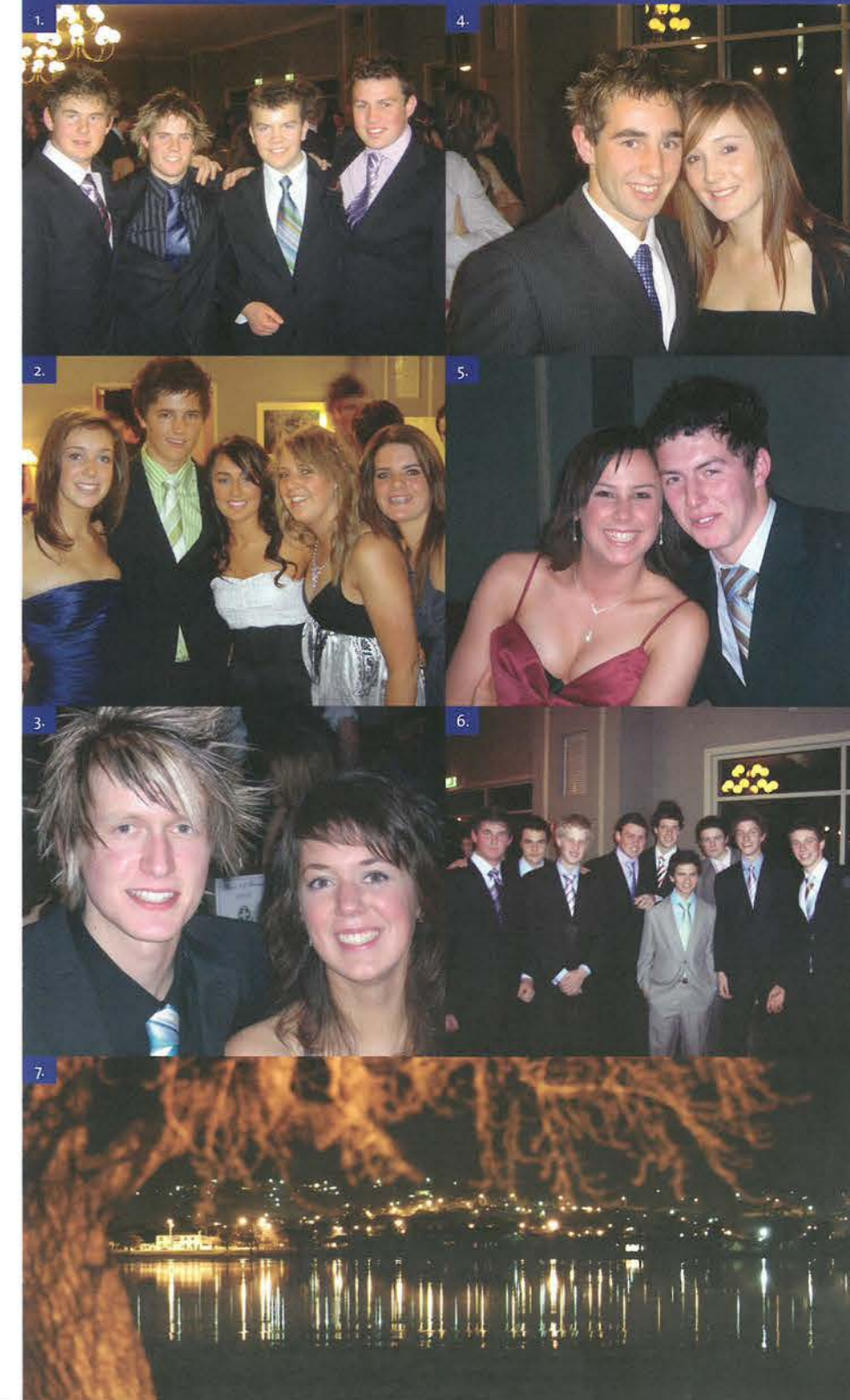
- Congratulations to Chris Delaland for winning the Ballarat and District Regional Junior Golf Championship (Under 15). Chris was also a member of the winning Under 18 Junior Pennant team at the Midlands Golf Club.

- Ethan Clarcken received a 'last minute' call up to play in the Victorian Under 18 Rugby Union Team in June.

1-6. Year 12 Formal 2007 at Ballarat Lodge

7. Water has returned to the Lake! (Photo Courtesy of *The Courier*) With storm water and recycled water solutions in place in 2008 the Head of the Lake could return to a full Lake Wendouree in 2009!

Photo Gallery



PAVILION APPEAL UPDATE



Work has officially begun on the Main Oval Pavilion with site preparation works commenced on Thursday July 12, 2007

Building of the Old Boys Pavilion commenced in July following the City of Ballarat decision to grant a Building Permit for the project. As highlighted in the last edition of *The Shamrock*, the handball courts have been demolished and in July the historic Handball Pavilion will be re-located to the re-developed 'Shed Oval' Soccer pitch - a fine surface indeed!

Through the expertise and drive of Project Manager Mr Tony McMaster the construction phase is set to take place at a rapid rate, with Tony still confident that the Pavilion will be functional for parts of the upcoming cricket season. As noted in previous editions of *The Shamrock* the construction of the Old Boys Pavilion is a College community project and so any support for the project will be greatly appreciated - this can be in the form of cash donations or the provision of 'in kind' donations of materials and labour. These will all greatly assist the project and assist the Old Boys in providing the College with a facility that will be of immense value to students, staff and other members of the College community.

So if you have 'in kind' donations that you would like to contribute or are in a position to make a tax deductible donation please contact the Appeal Director Mark Waddington on 0429 90 980 or mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au

An Appeal Donation form is contained with this edition of *The Shamrock*.



Sketch of OCA Pavilion

MELBOURNE DINNER 2007

Sir Frank Little - The Little Family Connection

The Melbourne OCA Sub Committee are planning the third annual Melbourne Dinner at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club on Friday August 10, 2007. Under the leadership of Tony Joyce, John Larkins, John Sprunt and David Bourke the dinner is coming together and should be a great night with the keynote address being given by Archbishop Sir Frank Little (SPC 1938-42).

The Archbishop characterises so much of what it is to be a St Patrick's boy - a gifted scholar and athlete, a man of great faith and compassion, who possesses a wonderful sense of humour and still maintains great friendships with his school friends, being a regular diner at the Harp of Erin with the St Patrick's luncheon group. John Croft (SPC 1940-47) has been coordinating members of the luncheon group and has already put together a wonderful table of old boys for the night including Fr Leo Baker (SPC 1939-41), Fr Kevin Sweeney (SPC 1940-43), Vin Brennan (SPC 1940-43), Joe Delaney (SPC 1943-44), Jim Farrell (SPC 1941-44), Kevin

Raphael (SPC 1942-44), Peter Stafford (SPC 1942-43), Bill Keating (SPC 1940-44) and Bert Caneva (SPC 1942-47).

It will be a great honour for the OCA and Foundation to recognise one of the College's finest sons at the annual Melbourne Dinner. A flyer for the dinner is included with this edition of *The Shamrock*. Please get busy and round up your friends and make this a night to remember and a fitting tribute to one of the College's finest sons.

DOMINATING THE WORLD OF SCIENCE

Several members of the Class of 2006 have been recognised in recent times for their excellence in the field of science. 2006 College Dux Brendan Harding and fellow high achievers Michael Ferguson and Tristan Lambert have been awarded prestigious awards by their respective tertiary institutions.

Brendan has been awarded a Lord Florey Student Prize by the Australian Government Minister for Education, Science and Training, the Hon. Julie Bishop MP. The Australian Government awards the Lord Florey Student Prize to recognise outstanding academic achievement in the final and most demanding years of secondary schooling. 500 prizes are available nationally each year. Brendan received his award from Catherine King MP on June 27.

Michael has been identified as an outstanding student enrolling in a science degree at Monash University and as such is now in the 'Stars of Science' Gallery at Monash University. Michael was presented with a certificate to acknowledge this achievement by the Dean of Science in April at the Monash University Club.

Tristan has been awarded an Engineering Excellence Award Scholarship from Monash University, valued at \$6000 per annum for the duration of his undergraduate degree.



NORTH OLD BOYS/ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE

Amateur Football Club



NORTH OLD BOYS St Patrick's College Ballarat afc

The season has reached the half way point and the club are struggling to put consistent performances together across all the grades. The 1st XVIII are currently in last place, however are just one game and percentage from the other team's desperately trying to avoid the dreaded relegation zone. The Cobbers played a home game at St Patrick's on June 2 and were outclassed by the rampant team from Rupertswood in Sunbury. The only highlight was the performance of former AFL star John Barker who kicked five of the teams seven goals for the day!

The Under 19 team which boasts a number of old boys is yet to register a win in 2007 but has been competitive in most games. Mitchell Young and Nick Liston have been the stars of the team for most of the year and have been well supported by other regular players including Chris Ford, Jordan Molloy, Andrew Forbes, Anthony Torpy, Dave Treppo, Edward Grinter, Jihad Clark, Hamish Robinson and Nick Manley.

2007 Results		
Round	1st XVIII	Under 19
1	Lost to Old Carey by 32 points	Lost to Rupertswood by 20 points
2	Lost to Old Camberwell by 70 points	Bye
3	Defeated Parkdale Vultures by 21 points	Lost to Fitzroy Reds by 161 points
4	Lost to Mazenod by 19 points	Lost to Old Xaverians by 68 points
5	Lost to Whitefriars by 12 points	Lost to Old Westbourne by 138 points
6	Lost to Rupertswood by 75 points	Lost to St Bernard's by 63 points
7	Lost to Fitzroy Reds by 32 points	Lost to Therry by 62 points
8	Lost to Monash Blues by 7 points	Lost to Emmaus/St Leo's by 87 points
9	Lost to Ormond by 116 points	Lost to De La Salle by 81 points
10	Defeated Fitzroy Reds by 64 points	Lost to Fitzroy Reds by 68 points

The club has a fantastic website – www.nobspc.org.au which has all the details of upcoming events plus a weekly match review service. Scores and ladder updates are usually available within 24 hours of the game being played. Please get along and support our new team and make the club your base for catching up with old mates in Melbourne.

The club also has a 'Club XVIII' for those who like their footy with more of a social flavour – and don't have the same inclination or time for training! The 'Clubbies' play as a curtain raiser to the Under 19s, commencing at 12 noon. Contact the club if you would like to resurrect your footy career and meet some great people in the process.

All club contacts are listed on the website - www.nobspc.org.au

The Major Sponsor for 2007 is The FitzGerald Family Hotels – Royal Oak Hotel in North Fitzroy, and Grand View Hotel in West Brunswick. The hotels are

linked to SPC via Gerard FitzGerald (SPC 1973), coach of the North Ballarat Roosters who is Matt and Paul's Uncle. Both hotels are friendly, family-run hotels, offering meals 7 days a week and are able to host all functions.

Royal Oak Hotel
442 Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy
Matt Fitzgerald 9481 4693

Grand View Hotel
47 Pearson Street, West Brunswick, 3055
Paul Fitzgerald 9380 8060

1ST XVIII FOOTBALL REUNION

Hurry and get your mates together for this historic event as numbers are strictly limited and the response to date has been overwhelming. The night is sure to be a wonderful celebration of St Patrick's College football and a great opportunity to catch up with team mates from your glory days! Features of the night will include the naming of the 'Teams of the Decades' from the 1930s to 2000s, presentation of a numbered certificate to all players who have played in the 1st XVIII, the naming of the College's best ever 22 and an historic countdown from five to one to reveal the College's greatest ever player!

The Selection Committee of Barry Richardson (Chair), Gerard Ryan and Howard Clark have been overwhelmed by nominations for 'Teams of the Decade' including this team from the 1950s – please let us know your feedback for the next edition of *The Shamrock*!

A Possible 1950s Team of the Decade: as provided by a reader of *The Shamrock*:

B J. Cunningham, B. Grogan, B. Molony

HB J. Devine, J. James, J. Deany

C D. McKimmie, G. Crough, R. Dignan

HF A. Joyce, M. Younger, K. Shea

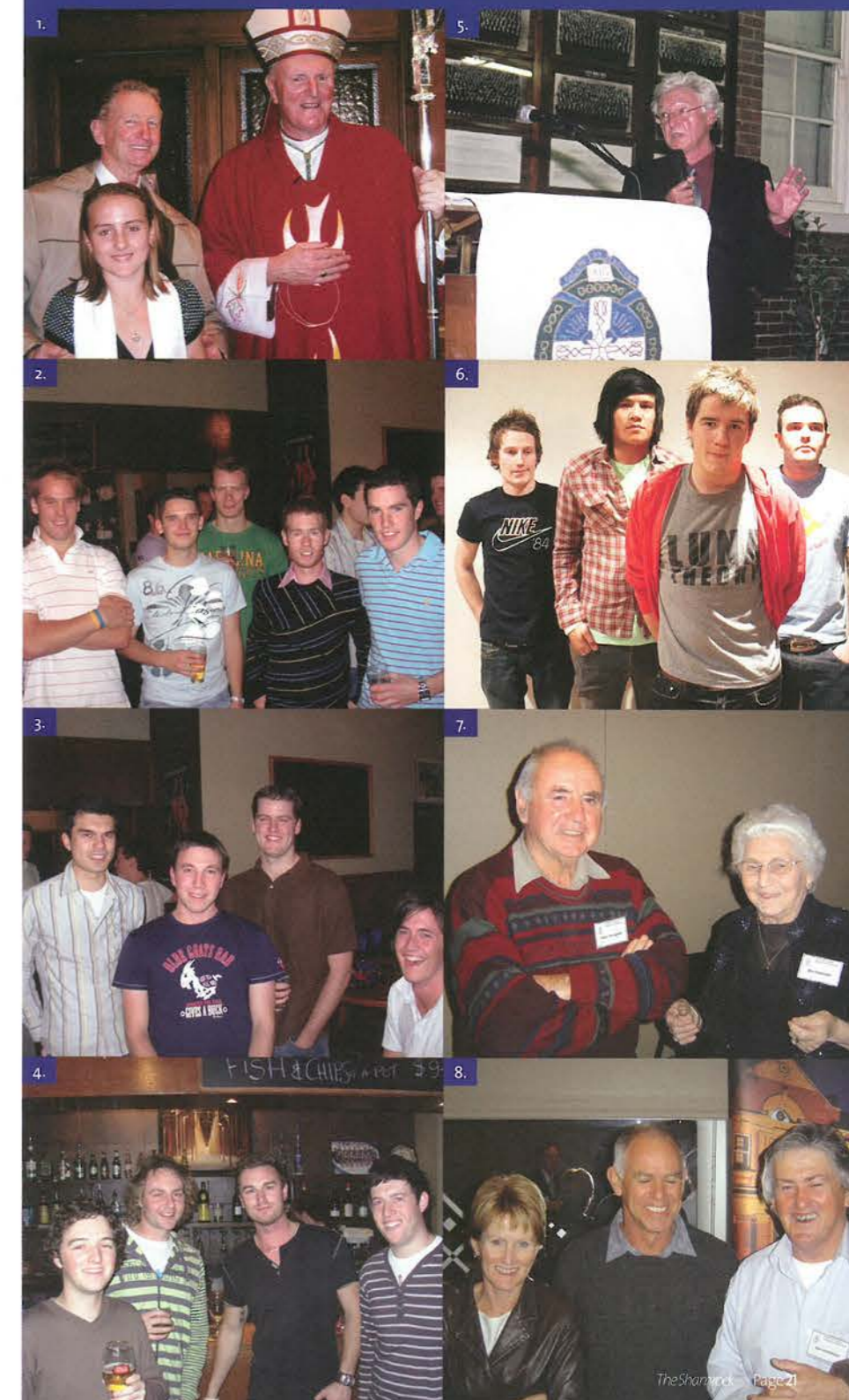
F T. Jess, B. Veal, W. Drake

R B. Gleeson, C. Castle, K. Hogan

It is a pretty impressive team that can have a player who once kicked 35 goals in a game line up at centre half back! Please continue to get your teams in and make sure you RSVP quickly to ensure your seat at this historic event. A reminder that the dinner is open to all past students and friends of the College – it is not just a night for past players, but anyone who supported the famous green, white and blue!

1. John Croft (SPC 1940-47) with his grand daughter Paige Mackintosh and Archbishop Denis Hart
- 2-4. Class of 2002 Reunion Drinks at the Clyde
5. Raimond Gaita (SPC 1958-62)
6. Mark Fuller (SPC 2001-2006) and band I am Spartacus
- 7-8. 2007 OCA Shepparton Dinner

Photo Gallery



REUNION DINNERS

The OCA annual series of reunion and regional dinners continued with successful evenings held in Shepparton and Melbourne. The dinner in Shepparton was a great night and it was wonderful to see a few new faces in attendance. Upon reading of the demise of the 'jerks courts' in the last Shamrock, Patrick Crudden (SPC 1942-46) recounted to guests that during WW2, the US servicemen based in Victoria Park were regular visitors to the College, many having been introduced to the game by the Christian Brothers working in the US. Patrick recalled that they were very skilful players. He also noted that the soon to be moved handball pavilion was referred to by boys as the 'gunya'.

Such tales often emanate from these dinners which are always highly enjoyable evenings. Future dinners will be held in Bendigo, Geelong and Warrnambool in 2007. The OCA will also conduct 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 year reunion dinners from August to November.

On Edmund Rice Day the OCA conducted a five year reunion for the Class of 2002. Over 35 old boys attended Friday drinks at the Clyde Hotel. Many of the boys had not caught up since leaving the College and the stories flowed thick and fast as the night wore on. The likes of David Brady, Mark McKinnon, James Madden, Shaun Finlayson, Aaron Jackson and Damian Hamm did not need too much convincing to lead their peers on an extended reunion tour of some of Melbourne's finer establishments after formalities were completed at the Clyde!

Full details of reunion functions are contained on the reverse side of *The Shamrock* mailer. Individual invites will also be mailed to all old boys involved with each event in the coming months. If you do not receive an invitation please contact the Development Office to check that we

have your correct details on file. 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 invite.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

In January 2007 the College received confirmation that it had been granted Donor Gift Recipient (DGR) Status for its Scholarship and Bursaries Programme. The College is extremely appreciative of the ongoing support provided by members of the St Patrick's community to assist families and students who require some level of financial support to enable boys to enjoy the benefits of a St Patrick's College education. The College has a long and proud tradition of assisting families in need and some of our foremost scholars were the beneficiaries of bursaries provided by the Brothers.

We acknowledge the support of the following groups, families and individuals in making scholarships and bursaries available to the families of students in need:

- St Patrick's College Old Collegians Association
- St Patrick's College Foundation
- The family of Robert (Bob) Connelly
- Dr Brendan Hyland and family

With changes to taxation legislation in 2006 all donations to the Scholarship and Bursaries Fund are tax deductible. If you would like to assist a boy in accessing a St Patrick's education via a donation to the fund please contact the Development Manager, Mark Waddington on 03 53 311 688 or mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au for more information.

ST PATRICK'S BOYS CONTINUE TO SHINE IN THE BIG LEAGUE

Currently the College has eight old boys playing on AFL lists around the country, with all making a significant impression in the nation's premier football competition. The list of current players is: James McDonald (SPC 1989-94) the reigning Melbourne best and fairest trophy winner, Drew Petrie (SPC 1995-2000) at the Kangaroos, Matt Rosa (SPC 2004) and Mitch Brown (SPC 2002-2006) at West Coast, Clinton Young (SPC 2003) at Hawthorn, Nathan Brown (SPC 2002-2006) at Collingwood, Shaun Grigg (SPC 2001-2006) at Carlton and Matthew Tyler (SPC 2004-2005) at Brisbane.

A number of these boys will no doubt compete for positions in the 1st XVIII 'Teams of the Decade' a feature of the upcoming 1st XVIII Reunion Dinner on September 28. Several of our old boys have commenced the season in fine style.

The achievement of Mitch Brown in making his debut for the reigning premiers in Round 1 of the season, just four months after leaving his Year 11 classroom at St Patrick's is quite remarkable. The performance of Drew Petrie in kicking six first quarter goals against the Bulldogs to set up victory in Glenn Archer's 300th game is sure to become part of football folklore. The performance whilst stunning in itself would come as no surprise to followers of SPC football as Drew has always been a 'big game' performer and is a person of such character that he was always going to repay Archer for the years of inspiration and guidance he had provided him with.

Young guns Matt Rosa and Clinton Young continue to turn in consistent

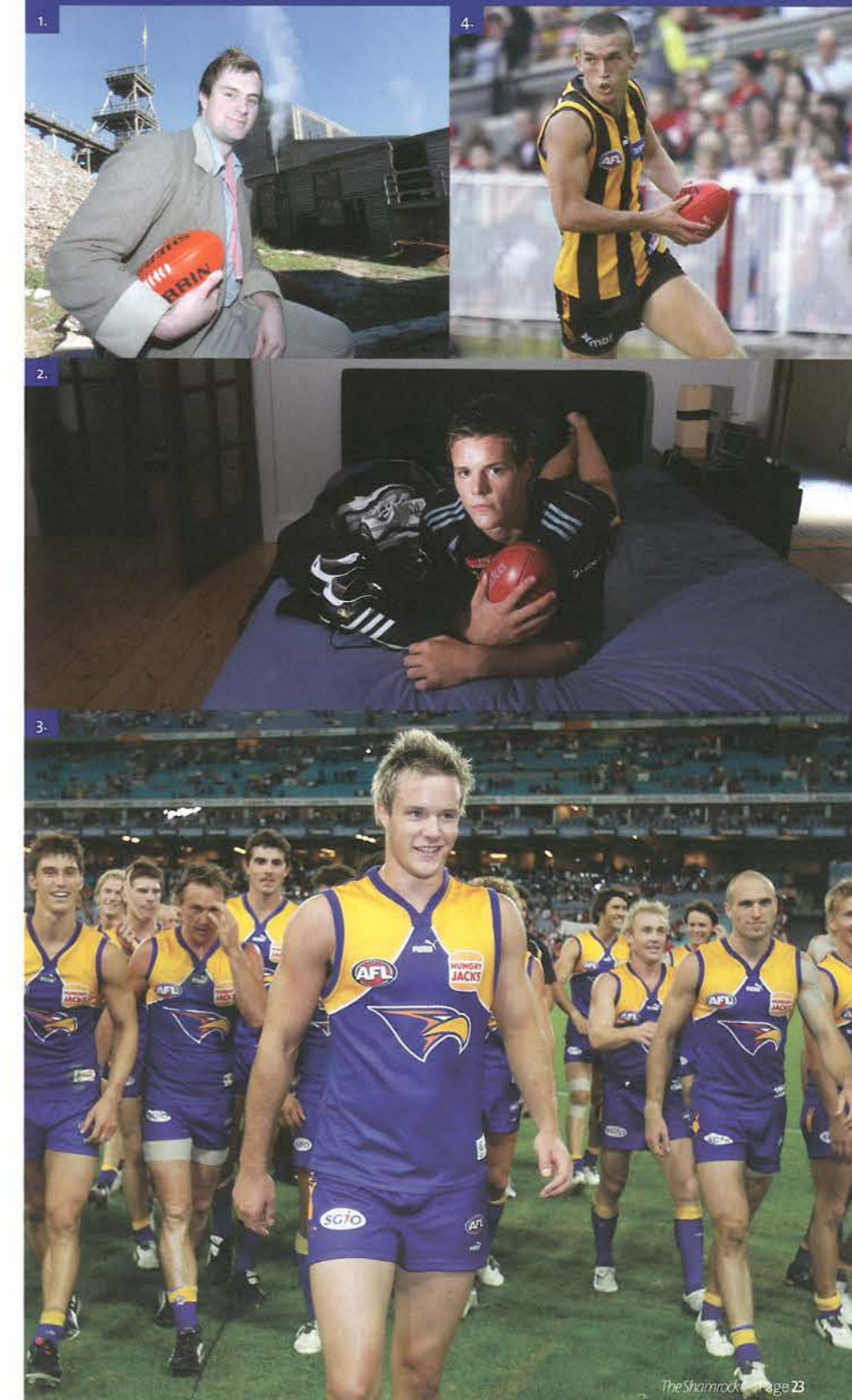
performances with two of the competitions top four teams, Young receiving votes from The Age correspondent in a stellar Round 13 performance against Collingwood, a game played in a pressure cooker atmosphere at the 'Dome'. Both Matt and Clinton are quickly gaining attention for their exquisite skills and poise under pressure. On the subject of pressure James McDonald just keeps applying it, being regarded as one of the hardest and toughest on-ballers in the competition.

The signs have also been pleasing for the rookies and it would not be surprising to see Matthew Tyler, Shaun Grigg and Nathan Brown slip in for a game later in the year. With the NAB Under 18 National Championships currently being played, talent scouts will be watching Matt Austin (SPC 2005-2006) to see if the ranks of St Patrick's boys in the AFL can be swelled in 2008!

OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

- The Ballarat Football League team which played Bendigo in the VCFL Championships under lights at the QEO in Bendigo on June 5 contained a number of SPC old boys including Chris Banwell (SPC 1999-2004), Brendan Gilbert (SPC 1998-2003), Adam Jennings (SPC 1998-2003) and Peter Blanchfield (SPC 1998-2003). The team defeated Bendigo comfortably in front of a big crowd.
- The sons of two noted old boys have taken over the running of one of Ballarat's most prestigious hotels, the Golden City, located opposite St Patrick's Cathedral. Tim Kearney (SPC 1989-94), son of Michael (SPC 1962-67) and Simon Coughlan, son of James (SPC 1964-72), commenced operations in May and have already started to put their own stamp on the historic hotel, having previously

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1. 2004 College Captain Cameron Brown (SPC 1999-2004)
2. Collingwood recruit Nathan Brown (SPC 2002-2006)
3. Mitchell Brown (SPC 2002-2006)
4. Clinton Young (SPC 2003)

worked in successful hospitality ventures locally and in Melbourne over the past decade. The hotel has long been regarded as an industry leader and will continue to be a popular meeting place for members of the College community. Tim and Simon are set to carry on the College's long time connection with the Golden City Hotel, the business having been operated since the early 1980s by Peter O'Donnell whose sons Ryan (SPC 1991-96) and Xavier (SPC 1994-99) attended the College.



Ballarat Rower Blair Brown will compete at the World Under-23 Rowing championships in Scotland in July

• On May 28, Blair Brown (SPC 1999-2004) was named in the Australian Under 23 coxed eight to compete at the World Championships in Scotland in July. Blair was awarded a scholarship at the AIS in 2005 and has spent the past two years training in anticipation of making the Australian team. St Patrick's will also have three other representatives at the Open World Championships to be held in Munich in September: Anthony Edwards (SPC 1985-90) in the Lightweight Four, James Marburg (SPC 1994-1999) in the Men's Coxed Eight and Chris O'Brien (SPC 1978-83) as coach of the Men's Pair. Anthony Edwards is hoping to qualify for the 'Lightweight Coxless Fours' for the Beijing Olympics. Incredibly that would

be his fourth Olympics – an amazing performance for one of the members of the historic 'drought breaker' crew of 1990.

- Cameron Brown (SPC 1999-2004) was recently featured in an article in The Courier previewing a game for his team Skipton; a club which is a second home for SPC Old boys! Cameron, the College Captain in 2004 has enjoyed an excellent season and has regularly featured in the best players. Off the field Cameron is completing a Bachelor of Management at the University of Ballarat, works as a Residential Tutor within the College's Boarding Houses and has been a long time 'extra' on the diggings at Sovereign Hill, dressing up each weekend to entertain the legion of visitors to the iconic tourism destination.
- Proud grandfather John Croft (SPC 1940-47) recently celebrated the sacrament of confirmation with granddaughter Paige Mackintosh at St Joseph's Parish Church in Boronia. The celebration was led by Archbishop of Melbourne Denis Hart and involved 64 children from St Joseph's School.
- Brenton Drummond (SPC 2001-2006) has just completed the first part of his training at HMAS Cerberus Recruit School. He is about to move into the second phase of his training at RAAF Base Wagga Wagga to undertake his Aircraft Engineering Course to become an Aviation Technician in the Royal Australian Navy. Over the past eleven weeks Brenton has faced many challenges, many of which would not exist in a normal job!
- Anthony Dobbyn (SPC 1978-83) is a partner in the accounting firm Dobbyn and Carafa based in St Kilda Road, Melbourne. Anthony's father Neil was an accountant in Ballarat for many years. Anthony spent a weekend camping at Yarragon in April with Year 9 Coordinator Mr Damian McKee as part of the Pathways to Manhood programme for fathers and their sons.

• In 2008 Matthew Dwyer will commence as a student at the College in Year 7. His father Chris attended the College from 1988 to 1993 as did numerous other relatives. Of great pride to Matthew and Chris is the fact that Chris' great, great grandfather Patrick Moran was one of the original students enrolled at the College in 1893!

• Jason Dyer (2001-2006) has been selected to represent Australia in Taekwondo at the World University Games in Thailand. The games are the second largest multi-sport event in the world with over 10,000 athletes from 180 countries participating. Jason departs Australia on August 6 and will fight on August 11. Jason's preparation is going well, he is still training under Russell Trainor in Ballarat, despite the challenges of combining studies in Law at Deakin University and intense Taekwondo training.

• Gerard FitzGerald (SPC 1973) was recently made a life member of the Victorian Football League (VFL) after coaching his 175th game at VFL level against Williamstown. 'Fitzy' is back coaching the Roosters following two successful years with the North Ballarat Rebels where he oversaw the personal and football development of Nathan and Mitchell Brown, Shaun Grigg and Matthew Tyler. He has also coached Springvale and Port Melbourne in the VFL as well as being selected coach of the VFL State team in 2002 and 2004.

• Class of 2006 graduates Mark Fuller, Vinci Andanar and Tom Burgess are rapidly forging an impressive reputation on the local music scene with their band 'I am Spartacus'. They recorded a five track CD earlier this year at Basin Studios in Melbourne and have been playing the songs at a series of gigs around Melbourne and Ballarat including the Atomic Underage Rage at 21 Arms. The band has already supported a number of headline acts including Killing Heidi, Horsell Common and Armageddon Sky. The band is touring NSW in late July as

well as playing in Geelong to promote the CD. For more details about the band visit - www.myspace.com.au/iamspartacusic

• The long awaited release of the film 'Romulus My Father' based on the novel by Raimond Gaita (SPC 1958-62) occurred in June at nearby Maldon where much of the film was shot.

Featuring noted Australian actor Eric Bana and directed by Richard Roxburgh the film received rave reviews from critics across all mediums. Raimond also visited Ballarat to promote the film and to support local social justice groups who used the premier of the film as a fundraising event. The film is a moving portrayal of the life of Raimond's father in post war rural Australia and reinforces Raimond's stature as one of the countries leading philosophers and writer. The College community is justifiably proud of Raimond's achievements as recognised by his induction as a 'Legend' of the College alongside Cardinal George Pell and Brian Brown in 2005.

• David Hunter (SPC 1961-66) worked as a Port Kembla trainee chemist after leaving school and has since gone on to complete studies at the University of Queensland and the University of Wollongong. From 1971 to 2003 he worked in a variety of roles in the field of chemistry including Technologist and Principal Scientific Officer with the Department of Chemistry at the University of Queensland. He retired in 2003 and spends his time pursuing his other passions including trekking, cycling and golf. David is married and has two children and is enjoying life in Daisy Hill in Queensland.

• Matt De Jong (SPC 1979-84) is thankfully back at work at St Joseph's College, Katherine after his near fatal motor accident in December 2006. Matt had to undergo extensive, and often painful, rehabilitation, but did so always with his usual positive nature and a smile on his face – except when he was forced to watch others making runs on the cricket

field! Matt spent some of his recuperation time with his parents in Ballarat and was a welcome visitor with father Martin (SPC 1956-58) at the OCA 2007 St Patrick's Day Reunion luncheon. We all wish Matt well as he soldiers on with getting his body back to full strength and look forward to him taking the field again in the not too distant future for the Leo O'Brien XI team!

• Young Won Lee (SPC 2003-2004) is completing his three years of military service in the Korean Army. He is undergoing training with many Americans and is looking forward to finishing his training, following which he plans to commence a Commerce degree at a University in Korea.

• David Loader (SPC 1982-85) has taken up the running duties for the North Ballarat Rebels in the elite TAC Cup Under 18 competition. 'Deeks' has been a successful coach in recent years coaching the SMW Rovers to a premiership and several Grand Finals. As part of his role he works with some of the College's finest football talent including Grant Bell, Andrew Tyler, Nick Suban and 1st XVIII skipper Josh Caldwell. David is well known to football clubs throughout the region also being the proprietor of 'Loaded Sports' a sports clothing and medical supplies business as well as also working as a sports masseur.

• Daryl McCulloch (SPC 1962-67) wrote to the College recently to tell of a fascinating chance encounter he had with an infamous teacher of the 1960s – Robert (Bob) Green, alias 'Zorro' or 'Zeke' who taught English Literature at the College. Daryl picked him up as a hitch hiker and drove around enthralled as the following tale was recounted. Daryl remembers that he had Brylcreem two inches thick on the back of his neck but was a flamboyant and inspiring teacher. What makes the story so great is that Bob was not a teacher at all! After completing a qualification as a boilermaker in the UK in the early 60s, Bob decided to migrate to Australia. After wandering

around for a while he arrived in Ballarat and saw an advertisement in the paper for an English Literature Teacher at St Patrick's. He visited the Op Shop in Ballarat, bought a suit and tie, and such was his genius, a graduation gown and hat as well! He arrived at the interview, impressed all he spoke to by sprouting some selected verses from Shakespeare and was duly appointed – all without being asked for a copy of his qualifications! He only stayed for a relatively short while, perhaps his charade was unearthed, but he made an impression on the boys who as Daryl observes, 'all knew he was different'! Bob now maintains a room in a boarding house in North Melbourne and regularly hitch hikes in the triangle between Melbourne, Bendigo and Ballarat, camping out whenever he travels to reduce his expenses. More intriguing still is that he maintains a log book of every person that has given him a lift over the years. Daryl was able to view the list and noted that it contained the names of many old boys from the 1960s who had given him a lift. Upon departing he asks all to sign and date the book as a living record of his journeys! Daryl concluded by saying that he still has a moustache, dyed orange hair and talks and thinks in a way that suggests he is still trying to determine the true meaning of life. 'Zorro' a true character in the rich history of SPC!

• Rian McKee (SPC 1994-99) is currently living in England and has found employment with the Bank of Scotland. In between travels to Gallipoli for the Anzac Day service and short jaunts to Europe, he is playing minor county cricket and has already booked his tickets for Oktoberfest!

• Brian McKenna (SPC 1941-49) and his classmate John Grogan (SPC 1942-50) brought up wonderful milestones in 2007, both celebrating Golden Wedding Anniversaries. Brian and wife Noelle celebrated their anniversary on May 18, 2007, just being pipped to the alter in 1957 by John and Diane who celebrated

their big day on January 12. Both John and Brian were members of the SPC Old Boys Football Club from 1951 to 1956.

- An update on motor cycle accident victim Louis Rowe (SPC 1999), from his mother Vivienne, following on from the article in the last edition of *The Shamrock*. 'On Louis' behalf, Trevor and I thank you deeply and humbly for the very kind donation of \$1,000 which you donated through his cousin Isaac Manley. Louis has had a long and difficult time, but he has kept his good humour and good sense of being, which we are so grateful to God for, as this has helped us (his family) through the tough times as well. He had been living at the Royal Talbot Centre of Rehabilitation (an extension of the Austin Hospital) since he returned from Thailand in Mid January. Here they train Spinal Patients to be self sufficient in a wheelchair and now Louis is home, he is able to get himself out of bed, shower and toilet, prepare meals, use public transport, go shopping and even drive a converted car. Louis is leading a normal life, his only difference is it is seated and not standing and like everything takes a little longer to do – even crossing a road, so if you see anyone in a wheelchair take care with them as they need patience from the public. After his accident, the travel insurance company revoked Louis' claim on a technical issue, this has made things quite expensive so we really are extremely grateful to the Old Collegians, students and staff at St Pat's. How lucky he is to have a network of caring, generous people such as the students, staff and old boys at St Patrick's College to support him at this time'. Please continue to keep Louis and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

- Fr Hugh Thomas (SPC 1956) recently wrote to inform us that he was unable to attend the 1957 Reunion. Fr Hugh has led a very busy life since leaving St Patrick's College and laments that he has not had the good fortune to return to the College in the past 50 years. Fr Hugh was ordained as a priest on July 11, 1965 in Ararat by his uncle Bishop F.X. Thomas of Gerladton WA. At the beginning of 1967 Fr Hugh was

appointed to the Philippine Islands where he remained giving missions in the rural barrios (villages) until July 1989. It was at this point when he was then transferred back to Australia and was assigned to Newcastle, NSW, giving missions and retreats throughout NSW and Queensland for the next decade. At the time of the 1957 Reunion Fr Hugh will have arrived back from Perth after two months in South East Asia, giving a month of retreats to clergy and lay persons in Indonesia, two weeks in the Philippines where Hugh is holding a retreat to Redemptorist nuns and two weeks in Singapore where he will be giving priests their annual retreat. A hectic, albeit fulfilling year ahead!

- Nathan Weyers (SPC 2000-2005) has been accepted to WAAPA (Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts) to obtain a Bachelor of Performing Arts (Production and Design). He has designed sets for seven shows over the last three years and his latest design in Ballarat was for BLOC Music Theatre's successful production of 'High School - The Musical'.

WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS, BIRTHS, BEREAVEMENTS

SPC Weddings

- Vallance (SPC 1993-98) Julian married Elizabeth Remington at the Loreto College Chapel on January 13, 2007. Julian was attended by SPC and Redan Football Club mates Justin Simpkin (SPC 1993-98) and Adrian King (SPC 1993-98).
- Watson (SPC 1992-97) Nicholas married Emma Poulton of Ballarat at Tumblers Green in Creswick on March 25, 2007.

SPC Engagements

- Mackay (Staff) – Samantha and Houman Kargaran announced their engagement on Saturday April 28.

SPC Births

- Bottrall (SPC Staff) Warrick and Trish were delighted with the safe arrival of Mika Gray on July 15, 2007. Weighing in at 10 lb 13 oz. he will be a formidable wrestling partner for brother Bailey.
- Bridges – Ursula (staff) and Dale welcomed baby Danica (6lb 7oz) on June 15, 2007. A sister for Jack.
- Edmonston – Jessy (Staff) and Leigh welcomed Henry Donald (7lb 8oz) on June 25. A brother for Eliza and Stellar.
- Molan (SPC 1982-87) Tom and Andrea were thrilled to announce the safe arrival of Fraser Daniel on July 4, 2007. A little brother for Sophie, Charlie and Alex.

SPC Deaths

- Anthony Blane (SPC 1990-1995) passed away on May 15, 2007.
- Hugh Eckel (SPC 1957-1968) died suddenly on April 16 2007 at Darwin. He is survived by wife Mary and two sons Chris (SPC 1987-1992) and Shaun (SPC 1992-1997) and daughter Olivia.
- Edward Flannery (SPC 1934-38) of Kerang passed away on June 4, 2006 aged 84 years.
- Mr Graham Ford passed away after a brave battle with illness. Graham was well known to many at the College, particularly members of the Physical Education staff who completed their training at the University of Ballarat. Current staff members Damian McKee, Mark Waddington, Warrick Bottrall, Damian Kinnersly, Jeremy Daniel and Fiona Carroll to name but a few, were all

heavily influenced in their teaching practice by the man lovingly referred to as 'Fordy'. Graham was an inspirational and innovative teacher who made learning enjoyable and was a firm believer that through well planned and implemented physical activities that just about any of life's lessons could be taught to students in schools. All of Fordy's students will forever remember his whistle drills and 'team places'. In recent times Graham has worked in the College as a Casual Relief Teacher and with his wife Jan, as the chief cook, activities director and bottle washer for Year 8 camps at Apollo Bay. He also tutored Japanese students from Shibuya Junior High School who loved his physical approach to the development of English language skills. Graham's contribution to education will be greatly missed – he was a true pioneer in championing the simple premise that effective teaching and learning was a product of developing positive relationships with students. The high esteem in which he was held by his graduates from the University is a true testament to this. The College extends its sincere condolences to Jan and her family upon the passing of a great friend of St Patrick's.

- David Hallam (SPC 1953-1955) from Bendigo passed away on May 3, 2007 after a long battle with motor neurone disease. David was a regular attendee at the OCA Bendigo Reunion dinner and a regular correspondent to the OCA's Green, White and Blue. David came from Goyura / Hopetoun and was a boarder at St Patrick's between 1953-1955. David was a fine student and was Dux of Intermediate 'B' in 1954. He was also a keen oarsman and stroked the 4ths in 1955 and was awarded a special commendation from Rowing Master Br Wilson that year. After St Patrick's David undertook a Diploma course at Dookie Agricultural College which he completed with distinction and he took these new skills back to Hopetoun to apply in his farming. He was a strong contributor to

the Hopetoun community over the years across the social and economic spectrum of activities in a country town. After selling the farm in 2000, he and his family moved to Golden Square. Recreationally he had a great passion for clay-bird shooting and competed with great success, including being elevated to the highest level in competition, the 'A Grade'. Another pursuit which he enjoyed and shared with his wife Hilma was a love of jazz music. Each year they would make their pilgrimage to the various concerts of Monsalvat, Mildura and Hall's Gap. The year 2006 saw David diagnosed with Motor Neuron disease and its grim prognosis. Yet David fought it with characteristic determination and optimism to the last. His brother Michael (SPC 1956-57) pre-deceased him and David is survived by his wife Hilma and their children Anne and Bernie and to his great delight, his granddaughter Charlotte.

- Kevin Michael Sinnott (SPC 1943-46) died on February 17 2007. Kevin was 77 years old. He is survived by his wife Jan, and children Katrina, David, Timothy and Simon (SPC 1984-85). Kevin was a dedicated Catholic man and loved attending St Patrick's College reunions in Geelong and at the College. Kevin was a successful businessman for many years and did a great deal of community work around the Camperdown and Geelong regions where he lived for the majority of his life.
- Mrs Donna-Lea Wright, mother of Toby Biggs (Year 8) and wife of Robert, died suddenly in May.
- Br Orme Wynne (SPC 1931) died peacefully on June 15, 2007. Br Orme was 90 years old, 75 years a Christian Brother, and a long time contributor to the life of St Patrick's College, especially through his care of the junior dorms. A considerable number of Old Collegians contacted the Headmaster and reflected upon the question of what was best at SPC for them. Many reflected on the role

of Br Wynne in settling them into the College's ways, especially when they were homesick or frightened by the vicissitudes of life. Most recently, in Ireland at Mt Sion in April, the Mayor of Waterford, Cr Cha O'Neill, started talking to Dr Casey about this marvellous old friend his family had in Australia- Br Orme Wynne. Amazing! We thank God for Orme's life and endearing ways, for his contribution to the life of so many of our youngest students. May he rest in peace, in the company of so many of his brothers at Bundoora.

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

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