



# the SHAMROCK

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ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE  
BALLARAT

Welcome to the first edition of *The Shamrock* for 2008. This edition is mailed to every old boy for whom we have an address. Editions 2, 3 and 4 will only be mailed to financial OCA members and current families. OCA membership is just \$10 per annum or \$110 for a life time of Shamrocks, so please get on board and take out a membership if you have not already done so. The reverse of the mailer has all the details.

What a short, action packed term it has been! We have managed to fit a huge amount into eight weeks including the blessing of the Miller Wing and Old Boys Pavilion, a highly successful trip to Darwin and the staging of a number of successful Masses and assemblies. St Patrick's Day Mass was a particularly moving and significant event, concelebrated by College Patron Bishop Peter Connors and His Eminence George Cardinal Pell (SPC 1949-59). The College has also had a number of specific academic assemblies, implemented in 2008 to recognise academic excellence and endeavour.

Our sportsman have been particularly active, and successful, making a clean sweep of the BAS Head of the Lake Regatta and winning premierships in 1st XI Cricket and 1st IV Tennis. The rowers also won a bronze medal at the National Championships in Sydney.

This edition of *The Shamrock* featuring the OCAs Green, White and Blue is dedicated to the life of one of the College's finest sons, Archbishop Sir Frank Little (SPC 1938-42) who passed away in his sleep on April 8, 2008. Sir Frank was an exemplar of the pillars of the College and embodied the spirit and rich traditions of the College.



East Timor President Jose Ramos Horta following Easter Sunday Mass in Darwin with Student Council members Seamus Herrick and Glenn Kirby

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1. Headmaster Dr Peter Casey with the late Archbishop Sir Frank Little (SPC 1938-42)
2. Mr Gavin Webb and friends on the Tiwi Islands
3. Cardinal George Pell (SPC 1949-59) at the Blessing of the Br RM Miller Wing
4. The victorious Head of the Lake crew

## FROM THE HEADMASTER

### Sorry Day 2008

In anticipation of the 2008 Sorry Day on February 13, I wrote the following to our community:

"Tomorrow, celebrated as our national Sorry Day, brings a day of national significance and an apology of more than symbolic gesturing. I believe that we have a responsibility to honour our Indigenous Australians, and to offer them the respect we Christians believe is owed to all men and women.

'Pope John Paul II's 2001 address to the Catholic Bishops of Australia was very strong on the point of recognising the past and moving forward together:

*"The Church will support the cause of all indigenous peoples who seek a just and equitable recognition of their identity and their rights... Whenever the truth has been suppressed by governments and their agencies or even by Christian communities, the wrongs done to the indigenous peoples need to be honestly acknowledged... The past cannot be undone, but honest recognition of past injustices can lead to measures and attitudes which will help to rectify the damaging effects for both the indigenous community and the wider society. The Church expresses deep regret and asks forgiveness where her children have been or still are party to these wrongs. Aware of the shameful injustices done to indigenous peoples in Oceania, the Synod Fathers (Australian Church) apologised unreservedly for the part played in these by members of the Church, especially where children were forcibly separated from their families... Governments are encouraged to pursue with still greater energy programmes to improve the conditions and the standard of living of indigenous groups in the vital areas of health, education, employment and housing."*

#### Apostolic Exhortation to the Church in Oceania



Indigenous Students Calvin Anzac, Dwayne Hector, Shaun Jones, Kurt Hector and Joshua Phillips in front of the College's Reconciliation Mural after watching the telecast of the Prime Minister's Sorry Day address.

'As a College community we have welcomed indigenous boys and young men. We have committed to this path. We seriously need to make them welcome as we would welcome all members of our diverse but rich community.

'Pope John Paul II said to Australia's Indigenous in Alice Springs in 1986: "You are part of Australia and Australia is part of you. And the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others."

#### Pope John Paul II's Address to Indigenous Australians

In response to the Prime Minister's apology on behalf of the nation, I wrote to our local Federal Member, Ms Catherine King to voice my appreciation of the speech:

'Dear Catherine  
Thank you, Kevin Rudd and the parliament for such a moving day. I was driving to Melbourne for a 10.00am meeting and so was able to hear the Prime Minister in full, as well as the supporting speech of Dr Nelson. I hope that you are proud to have been our elected representative on such an energising and humbling day. We focussed on this Sorry Day at our Assembly yesterday as part of our commitment to the Indigenous Youth

Leadership Programme as well as our basic Christian tenet of respect for each individual created in the image of God. Welcoming the stranger is a sign of an Edmund Rice school!'

I pray that we as a nation can now move forward. Our recent visits to Darwin, the Tiwi Islands and Timber Creek have energised our staff and students to work for a just solution in a land where I firmly believe, 'I am, you are, we are Australian'.

## St Patrick's Day

This was scheduled on the Roman Calendar for the irregular date of March 14 2008 because of the early date for Easter!

On the hottest St Patrick's Day imaginable, 1800 of us gathered in the O'Malley Sports Centre to celebrate Eucharist on our patronal feast and invest our student leaders. Students and staff were joined by parents, many Old Collegians and various dignitaries. 125 Old Collegians then had their Annual St Patrick's Day Luncheon.

The day started with the Blessing of the Br R.M. Miller Wing by George Cardinal Pell, Archbishop of Sydney, in the company of Bishop Peter Connors, Bishop of Ballarat and Patron of the College.

## 2008 St Patrick's College Board Members

Standing (L-R): Professor Lawrie Angus, Mr Mark Waddington, Mrs Leonie Spencer, Mrs Tracey Wilson, Mrs Marg Watkins, Mr Noel Ronan and Mr Andrew Byrne

Seated: Mr Stephen Elder, Mr Dennis Foley, Mr Frank Nolan (Chairman), Dr Peter Casey, Mr Steven O'Connor and Mr Stephen Hill



The Opening was carried out by Mr Stephen Elder, accompanied by College Captain, Thomas Kavanagh, and former Headmaster, Br Bill Wilding. Mr Elder is Chair of the College Board's Buildings Committee, Director of Catholic Education for the Archdiocese of Melbourne and Secretary of the Catholic Capital Grants Company of Victoria. We were delighted that Ms Catherine King, Member for Ballarat and great supporter of the College, was able to join us because of the late cancellation of the Federal Parliament sitting on Fridays.

The day concluded with the Blessing of the Old Collegians Pavilion which is all but complete. More than 100 Old Collegians joined with Cardinal George and Bishop Peter, Board members, staff, the Student Council and the College Senior Concert Band in a very convivial gathering. Special tribute was paid by Mr John Richards, current President of the Old Collegians Association to the work of Fundraising Committee led by Mr Peter Howley, the Old Collegians Association who were led by Dr Andrew Watson during the fundraising period, Mr Dennis Foley, Chair of the College Foundation which had underwritten the project, Mr Mark Waddington for his coordination of the fundraising and building phases, and to Mr Tony McMaster of McMaster Homes, for his undertaking the huge task of Project Manager.

The support of the entire College community to bring this day and these works to fruition must be acknowledged - humbly and sincerely.

Kind Regards  
Peter M Casey

## EDMUND RICE EDUCATION AUSTRALIA (EREA)

As most will be aware a new governance structure has been put in place to manage Christian Brothers schools across Australia. EREA came into being on October 1, 2007, with its existence being formally recognised and celebrated by schools at a series of national and regional events in February 2008. The following speech was made by the Executive Director of EREA, Dr Wayne Tinsey and expresses succinctly the aspirations held for the entity charged with the responsibility of ensuring that schools remain faithful to the teachings of Jesus of the Gospel and the charism of founder Blessed Edmund Rice.

### Friends of Edmund Rice Education

Dr Wayne Tinsey

I begin by acknowledging the living culture of the traditional custodians of the land we stand on today and pay tribute to the unique role they play in the life of this region. I do this at a very significant time in the history of our nation. The Federal Government has formally apologised to the Indigenous people of this land and recognised the displacement of a generation of Aboriginal people and the hardship that resulted. Reconciliation, justice and right relationships are values at the heart of Edmund Rice Education.

As someone who has received most of my education from the Christian Brothers, I am very proud to be standing here today on this momentous occasion. Today we should acknowledge that we stand on the 'shoulders of giants'! On this day when we formally launch Edmund Rice Education Australia, we should acknowledge the dedication and commitment of the Christian Brothers, the vowed custodians of the charism of Edmund Rice. We acknowledge their contribution to Catholic education in this land and the great gift they are to the Australian Church. Edmund Rice would surely be pleased at the bravery and trust you have shown in the future by establishing Edmund Rice Education Australia, a new expression of this charism. We are indeed privileged to have many Christian Brothers here with us today. On behalf of past, present and future generations of young Australians, I thank you Brothers.

I also acknowledge and thank the leaders of our Australian Church, some of whom are with us today. Edmund Rice Education is a work of and for our Church; a generous and inclusive Church that shows deep love for the poor and marginalised; a Church which strives to usher in the Kingdom of God- the promise of fullness of life and true freedom for all in our troubled world. The Charter for Edmund Rice Education and the foundations upon which we stand clearly direct us to the 'margins', to the disadvantaged, to those who lack hope. The Church we serve promotes service and compassionate engagement with the world as indispensable to the way Christians worship a loving and expansive God.

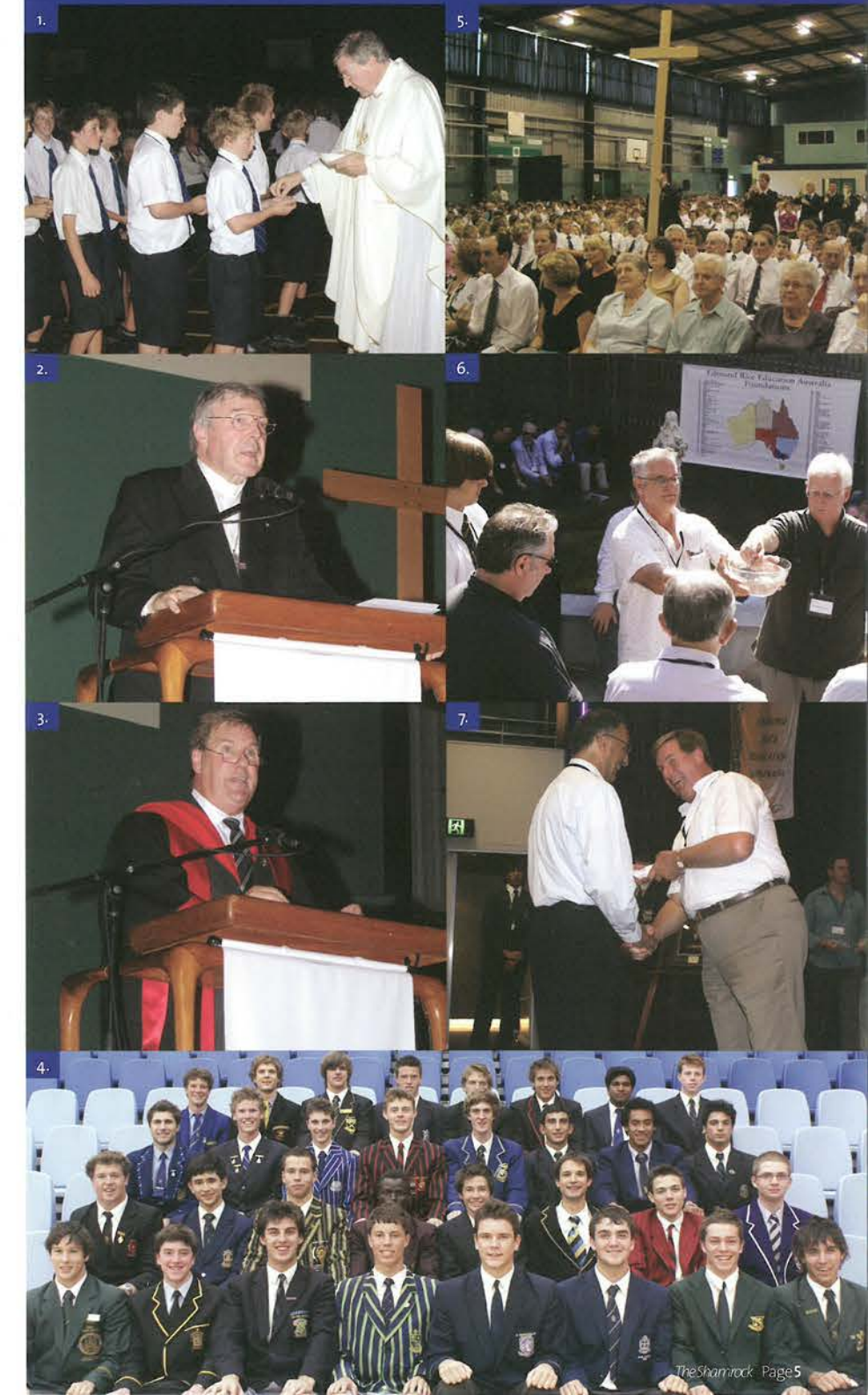
Edmund Rice schools are called to be places of evangelisation, places where the priorities of the Christian Gospel are brought to bear on every facet of life. They are places where individuals form relationships with Christ, and hearts and minds are forever changed. The Jesus we proclaim described his mission as bringing life in its fullness to the whole of humankind. Our schools need to be places where students and teachers - all of the community - can experience Christ and the power of that presence to make deep meaning of life. Yeats once said that: "Education is not filling a bucket but lighting a fire!" Surely this fire should translate into a passion for life, meaning and purpose!

The Gospel must also come to bear on our school culture and structures. Edmund Rice schools must be places where who we are and what we try to do is permeable to the priorities of the Christian gospel. Our policies, our relationships, our inclusivity, what we see as being important, what we celebrate, who we serve, what we challenge, all need to be guided by the priorities of the Gospel. We must challenge versions of the world which define success solely in terms of money, accumulation of things and over-emphasis on status and security. Our aim is to equip young people to critique our consumer culture and its version of the good, the well-lived, the important and the meaningful life. How well we do these things should become our guide to authenticity, our measure of success.

It is a reality that many of our schools have become comfortable and attractive to those who may primarily seek our 'fruits but not our roots'. Edmund Rice Education must resist in a society that increasingly sees education as a commodity which can be bought. We must resist the temptation to have our schools being used principally as vehicles for socio-differentiation and creeping elitism. At times even the parents of our students need to be reminded that we are on about more than strong academic results, 'good discipline' and providing a 'caring environment', as important as these qualities are for any school community.

- 1-3. St Patrick's Day Mass
4. Captains from the forty EREA Schools gathered at Parade College to formally launch EREA
5. St Patrick's Day Mass
6. EREA launch at Parade College
7. Dr Peter Casey with Br Philip Pinto, Congregation Leader of the Christian Brothers

## Photo Gallery



To set our priorities and define our success solely by league tables and sporting achievements betrays the foundations upon which we stand. Edmund Rice Education in this land can model a family of schools where those who can look after those who can't; where co-responsibility becomes the norm; where the strong accept responsibility for those on the margins.

Regrettably, some voices in the Church say that Catholic education has past its 'golden era', and that Catholic schools increasingly lack relevance in the Church's mission. There may be some validity in these claims if Catholic schools are being driven by agendas that cannot be linked to the Gospel, by economic rationalist thinking and by the 'Gods of the HSC, TEE and VCE'. If the thing that we can boast most proudly about to the world is our ability to get good tertiary entrance rankings out of the students, then perhaps our schools should be closed or at least re-named to more honestly reflect our paramount aims and aspirations. This is not an attack on the pursuit of academic excellence, but rather it is a call for honesty and authenticity. Let us always be guided by the words of Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, who, shortly before he was killed, reminded his people: 'Judge not your success by your numbers or the quality of your buildings... judge your success by the quality of your hearts and your efforts to live the call of the Gospel.'

As great as the past may have been, we have an obligation to forge an even better future. Over reliance on 'tradition' can see the perpetuation old patterns of the past without questioning their relevance. This is 'traditionalism' and it stifles the prophetic. Br Philip Pinto, Congregation Leader of the Christian Brothers, when addressing Brothers in Brisbane last week said: 'We need a new story. The old is exhausted and exhausting'. The Brothers have entrusted a significant part of their story to Edmund Rice Education Australia. We must do our part in the creation of the 'new story'.

Edmund Rice Education Australia has responsibility for the schooling of 40,000 young Australians; I am told that 20% or

one in five of boys in Catholic secondary schools in our nation attend an Edmund Rice school. What an awesome responsibility! But at the same time, what a magnificent opportunity to make sure that that the priorities of the Gospel which so heavily motivated Edmund Rice, contribute to the religious and educational fabric of our nation. This opportunity must not be lost!

I thank all who have had anything to do with the preparation of these launches. They are a true celebration of our past and our future. We vow to do our very best to be faithful to our mission and may the charism of Edmund Rice, inspired by the Gospel, take on a new expression on a national scale so that we can be bearers of hope for our Church and our society.

## 2008 ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY

The Academic Assembly in February is the first time for the year where all students gather as a College community. The Assembly recognises and celebrates the achievements of students from the Class of 2007 and reinforces to all students the College's primary focus upon teaching and learning outcomes for students and the pursuit of personal excellence. All students who achieved an ENTER score over 90 were formally recognised at the Assembly, as were duces in each VCE subject who obtained a study score in excess of 40.

Congratulations to 2007 Dux David Ranger who achieved an ENTER score of 99.7. This was the leading score for a boy in the Ballarat region and was recognised, along with his other curricular and co-curricular endeavours, with him being awarded Ballarat's leading student by the Australian College of Educators. This follows on from David's honour of being recognised with a Premier's Award for Physical Education in 2006, being the Dux of the College in 2007 and Dux of all five of his Year 12 subjects.

This year he will study Science and Engineering at Monash University. David's academic achievements are only one side of his incredible contribution to the College. David was active within social justice, opened the batting in the 1st XI Premiership team and was a highly decorated member of College athletics and cross country teams.

David made an incredible contribution to Edmund Rice Day over six years being the leading fundraiser for the annual walkathon each year during his time at the College. These funds are disbursed to Edmund Rice associated charities, nationally and overseas. David's father Terry noted in discussions with staff that David is a shy boy and got extremely nervous when asking people for donations. This makes the following history of fundraising for Edmund Rice Day even more meritorious:

2002	\$608
2003	\$1216
2004	\$1660
2005	\$2080
2006	\$1330
2007	\$700

This equates to an average of \$1265 and was a result of approximately 50 hours of pounding the pavement and door knocking each year! Thank you and well done David!



College Dux David Ranger with parents Margaret and Terry, and Headmaster Dr Peter Casey

## 2007 ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS AND VCE UNIT 3 AND 4 PRIZES

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE	ENTER SCORE
David Ranger	99.70
Eamon Coughlan	97.05
Dominic Vogels	95.30
James Spencer	94.95
Samuel Donegan	94.55
Christopher Tolhurst	94.45
Stephen D'Arcy	94.05
Matthew Denton	93.60
Patrick Nolan	92.70
Clancy Homewood	92.10
Mark Carey	91.80
Jed Andrews	91.55
Denis McKinnon	90.40
Jay Pelchen	90.30

Duces are awarded when the top score is 40 or above, either pre or post scaling.

SUBJECT DUCES	STUDY SCORE (Scaled Study Score)	SUBJECT
Michael Keem	49 (49.7)	Biology
Michael Keem	46 (45.4)	Business Management
David Ranger	45 (47.8)	Chemistry
Kyle Foley	46 (43.1)	Design and Technology
Denis McKinnon	42 (41.8)	English
Patrick Nolan	44 (44.3)	Australian History
Jed Andrews	42 (43.8)	History: Revolutions
Michael Clark	41 (37.9)	Information Technology: Applications
Stephen D'Arcy	43 (40.9)	Information Technology: Software Development
David Ranger	46 (46.9)	Literature
Eamon Coughlan	35 (45.7)	LOTE: French
Clancy Homewood	38 (46.6)	LOTE: Japanese
Samuel Harrison	45 (45.4)	Legal Studies
Samuel Harrison	49 (48.7)	Further Mathematics
Dominic Vogels	36 (42.1)	Mathematical Methods
David Ranger	44 (47.9)	Mathematical Methods: CAS
David Ranger	38 (47.6)	Specialist Mathematics
Jed Andrews	43 (40.8)	Media
Liam Toohey	47 (46.4)	Physical Education
David Ranger	48 (49.2)	Physics
Bernard Kuek	40 (40.1)	Religion and Society
Samuel Donegan	40 (36.4)	Studio Arts
Kyle Foley	42 (39.2)	Visual Communication and Design

The award of Dux of an individual subject is given for a study score of 40 or more, before or after VTAC scaling. Outcomes for 2007 with unscaled score (out of 50):

The students of 2007 can be proud of their efforts. Whilst acknowledging the performances of these students it is also timely to reflect on the outstanding success of our students from Years 10, 11 and 12 in accessing apprenticeships, traineeships, pre-apprenticeship courses and other TAFE Courses. The College has a long tradition of providing the region with some of its leading tradesman, an achievement that will take on added significance in the future as projected skills shortages in the trades are realised.

## ENHANCING OUR ACADEMIC CULTURE

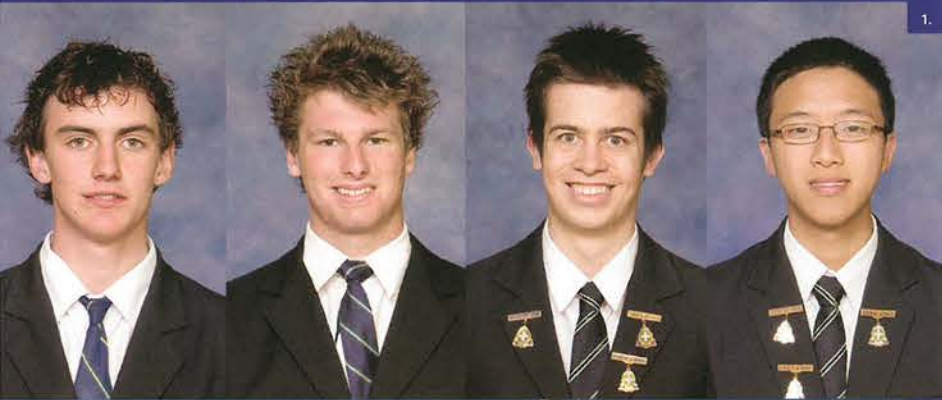
Mr Stephen Hill - College Dean

### The Introduction of Academic Awards and Certificates

The 2008 Academic Assembly acknowledged and celebrated the academic success of those Year 12 and 11 students who excelled in VCE Units 3 and 4 studies in 2007. The assembly served as a timely reminder to all students that a sustained effort in the pursuit of excellence has its rewards. To ensure that the excellence and endeavour displayed by so many of the students is acknowledged and recognised in a timely and regular way, the College has this year introduced several academic awards and certificates.

1. Kwong Lee Dow Scholars: (L-R) Ashley Jan, Oliver Whiteley, Michael Keem, Bernard Kuek
2. World Youth Day Ambassadors – Lucy Ranger (sister of 2007 College Captain David), Ben McOwan and Rhys Sizeland
3. 2007 VCE Academic Achievers  
Back (L-R): Clancy Homewood, Jay Pelchen, Dominic Vogels  
Middle: Denis McKinnon, Patrick Nolan, Chris Tolhurst, Samuel Donegan, Stephen D'Arcy, Mark Carey  
Front: Mr Steven O'Connor, David Ranger, James Spencer, Matthew Denton, Jed Andrews, Eamon Coughlan, Dr Peter Casey

Photo Gallery



The first of these is the Headmaster's Excellence Award to acknowledge work of an exceptionally high standard. Teachers will nominate student work (which could be written work, a performance or an item that the student has produced) and the College Dean will meet with the nominated student to discuss his work. If the work meets the criteria for excellence, then the student will be presented with the Headmaster's Excellence Award at a College Assembly.

The second of the new awards is an Academic Endeavour Award. This award will acknowledge students who have completed a piece of work to the very best of their ability regardless of how this work compares with other students' work. Students will be nominated by their subject teacher and each nominated student and his item of work will be verified by the respective Head of School and then recommended to the College Dean for the Award. This award will be presented at either a College or School Assembly.

The third of the awards to be introduced in 2008 will be an end of semester award which will be known as The Chris Nolan Award. Chris graduated from St Patrick's in 1985 and was the College Captain that year. He then completed his Law Degree at Monash University and went on to practice law in Vietnam. Chris was highly respected by all for his commitment and enthusiasm to all aspects of College life and demonstrated his intelligence and ingenuity shortly after leaving St Patrick's as one of the co-founders of the highly acclaimed Meredith Music Festival. After several years in Vietnam, Chris tragically acquired severe brain injuries from a viral infection leading to total organ failure.

Although Chris is now profoundly disabled physically, he has continued to fight against his disability. Chris is the face of people promoting awareness and fighting for the provision of specific nursing homes for young people with acquired brain injuries – currently people such as Chris are housed in elderly nursing facilities.

As a student at the College Chris exemplified the pursuit of excellence, regularly achieving strong academic results and in his final year he was awarded:

- the Headmaster's Award for Leadership;
- the History Prize;
- the Sir Hugh Devine Prize for Impromptu Speech;
- the W.T. Doyle Prize for Debating; and
- the 1st XI Cricket Bowling Award.

The Chris Nolan Award will be presented to the top 15% of students in each year level at the end of each semester. Each student's performance on the assessment tasks reported on at the end of each semester will be tallied and the top 15% from each year level will receive the Award. Calculating this has been simplified as the result of a change to assessment procedures that will see all work submitted for assessment being marked as percentage. Semester One certificates will be presented at the beginning of Term Three and certificates for Semester Two results will be presented at the beginning of the following year.

Students who receive this award for both semesters will also be presented with a College Academic Excellence Certificate to acknowledge their consistency in their academic pursuits.

We look forward to publishing details of the inaugural recipients of The Chris Nolan Award in the next edition of *The Shamrock*.

1. New staff members Mrs Kathleen Plastow, Mrs Elizabeth Ryan, Mr Joe Doolan and Miss Bernadette Hogan
- 2-4. 2008 Year 7 Camp
- 5-7. Year 7 2009 Information Night

Photo Gallery



# WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'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.

New Teaching Staff	Area of responsibility	Qualifications	Recently
Neal Arthurson	RE, English, SOSE	Dip.T., B.Ed., M.Ed.	Moving to permanent staff
Ursula Bridges	Maths, Science	B.Sc., M.Ed.	Returning from Maternity Leave
Rohan Bryan	Maths, Science	B.App.Sc., Grad.Dip.Ed., Cert III Automotive	Bacchus Marsh Grammar
Masako Chikushi	Japanese	B.A., Dip.Ed.	Ballarat High School
Luke Corden	Maths, Science	B.Ed.	University of Ballarat
Joe Doolan	Director of Mission	B.A., B.Theol., M.A., Grad.Dip.Ed.	Thomas Carr College, Tarneit
Chris Gleeson	Director of Sport	B.Ed. (P.E.) Grad.Dip.Sport & Rec. Management	Manager, Calder Cannons FC
Michael Goss	RE English Arts	B.Ed., M.Ed.	Mercy Regional College
Kara Hart	Science, Maths	B.Sc., Dip.Ed.	La Trobe University, University of Ballarat
Bernadette Hogan	Head of RE Faculty	B.Psych., Grad.Dip.Ed., M.Ed. (R.E.)	Santa Maria College, Northcote
Marianne Kambouridis	Maths, Science	Dip.Childrens Services, Cert. III Special Ed., Cert.IV Workplace Training & Assessment, B.Ed.	University of Ballarat
Belinda Lees	English, Drama	B.A., Dip.Ed., Grad.Cert.R.E., Fellowship Trinity College (Speech & Drama), Grad.Dip.Stud.Welfare	Damascus College
Kathy Oliphant	Maths, Science	B.Sc., Dip.Ed., Grad.Dip.Soc.Sc., Grad.Cert. Maths, M.Ed.	Wesley College (Clunes)
Mark O'Loughlan	Maths, Science	B.Sc., Grad.Dip.Ed.	Monash University
Jo-anne Patching	SOSE, RE (0.7)	B.A., Grad.Dip.Ed., Grad.Dip.R.E., Grad.Dip.Soc.Sc., Cert IV Workplace Training	St Michael's School, Daylesford
Kathleen Plastow	Director of Performing Arts	B.Ed., M.Ed., Grad.Dip.Ed., Grad.Cert.Music, Cert. III in Systematic Theol.	Ballarat & Clarendon College
Elizabeth Ryan	RE, English	Dip.T., B.Ed., Grad.Dip.Ed., LL.B., M.B.A.	St John's College, Dubbo
Virginia Ryan	SOSE, RE	B.Comm., Dip.Ed.	Moving to permanent staff
Phillip Sherry	English	Dip.T., B.Ed., Grad.Dip.R.E., Grad.Dip. Adolescent Health and Welfare	Catholic College Bendigo
Elizabeth Till	Director of Administration and Professional Learning	B.Ed., M.Ed., Grad.Dip. Residential Boarding	Lauriston Girls School
<b>Non-Teaching Staff</b>			
Jamie Bobrowski	Student Leadership & Standards Officer	Cert III Fitness; Diploma in Front Line Management	McCallum Disability Services
Sue Edwards	Library Technician	Dip. Lib.	Waubra Primary School
<b>Trainees</b>			
Nathan Barnes	HaPE Trainee		SPC Year 12 2007
Ryan Berg	Sports Trainee		SPC Year 12 2007
Tom Murphy	Arts Trainee		SPC 2006 – Deferred Latrobe Uni.
Bridie Rantall	Learning Enhancement Trainee		Retail Industry
Bryn Weadon	Grounds Trainee		Ballarat Grammar Year 12 2007

# A NEW PROCESSIONAL BOOK

Mr Joe Doolan - Director of Mission

The new processional book arrived at St Patrick's this year and we look forward to using it at forthcoming College functions. It has been placed in the Chapel and it comprises the Sunday readings for the Eucharist and special feast days. This new volume is an esteemed art piece in its own right with some beautifully coloured iconography incorporated into the pages. However our processional book has our own distinctive features. The cover of this book has beautifully woven and crafted images of the four evangelists on the front cover. The College crest has been woven on to the back and the service badges have been placed along the spine. We are indeed thankful for the handiwork of Maria Hehir who diligently created the cover. Bishop Connors and Cardinal Pell processed into the Gym for our St Patrick's Day Mass following our College leaders holding high the new processional book.

It is encouraging to think that people in the St Patrick's community can take initiative for ventures, ideas and additions to the College life and that these are supported and encouraged.

We are blessed to have a new processional book at the College which has some unique artistic representations of the classic symbols of the evangelists. We pray that as this book enters the worship space a certain reverence will descend upon the College community mindful of the word of hope that the Gospel offers.

1. The College's new Processional Book, expertly and lovingly woven by parent Maria Hehir.
2. Next Generation Art Exhibition: Sam Donegan
3. Next Generation Art Exhibition: Josh Kennedy
4. Next Generation Art Exhibition: Paul Madigan
5. Next Generation Art Exhibition: Chris Burke
6. Dr Peter Casey and his favourite Delacroix
7. Dr Peter Casey in Roma, as part of his well earned long service leave

## Photo Gallery





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

## STUDENT RECOGNITION

At the St Patrick's Day Mass and Assembly the Headmaster recognised student leaders for 2008. Leadership badges were blessed by College Patron Bishop Peter Connors and His Eminence George Cardinal Pell. Student leaders for 2008 are:



Student Congress President Michael Keem (Keniry)



Congress Secretary Bernard Kuek (Ryan)



Congress Treasurer Timothy Milroy (Ryan)

## 2008 LEADERS

**Athletics**  
 Captain Daniel Ross-Smith  
 Vice Captains Glenn Kirby  
 Christopher Munn

**Badminton**  
 Captain Mark Torpy  
 Vice Captain Jake Gordon

**Debating**  
 Captain Thomas McKinnon

**Football**  
 Captain Nicholas Suban  
 Vice Captains Benjamin Hayes  
 Daniel Ross-Smith

**Public Speaking**  
 Captain Stephen Kirby

**Rugby**  
 Captain Jacob Hughes  
 Vice Captains Benjamin Jenkins  
 Digby Gram

**Soccer**  
 Captain Kieran McDowell  
 Vice Captain Timothy Beggs

**Volleyball**  
 Captain Matthew O'Sullivan  
 Vice Captain Patrick Craig

**Tennis**  
 Captain Thomas Young  
 Vice Captain Cody Stewart

**Lawn Bowls**  
 Captain Patrick Styles  
 Vice Captain Alistair Lambert

**Music**  
 Captain Mark Torpy  
 Vice Captains Finlay Gustus  
 Paul King  
 Band Leader James Seery

**St Vincent de Paul**  
 President Timothy Milroy  
 Vice President Jake Gordon  
 Secretary Jack Ferguson  
 Treasurer Andrew McNiece

**Swimming**  
 Captain Timothy Rodger  
 Vice Captains Rhys Allan  
 Michael Keem

## AN AFRICAN IMMERSION

Mrs Sara Taylor

During the Easter break, two St Patrick's College teachers, Mrs Helen McLennan and Mrs Sara Taylor participated in an Immersion programme at the Brother Beausang Catholic Education Centre in Embulbul, Kenya. The school of 740 students is set in a slum area on the outskirts of Nairobi, the capital in which some of the violence, in response to the December elections, took place in January this year.

The primary school has no electricity or running water and the secondary school has no library or computer labs. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to interact with the teaching and support staff and the students of both the primary and secondary schools. We exchanged ideas about teaching and learning and were able to contribute to the future planning of the school. We worked with teachers in the classrooms and discussed topics such as special education, literacy, the development of research skills, teaching strategies, and types of learners and how to develop effective classroom strategies.

Helen was particularly involved with the new Bridging Class (a group who required an extra year to prepare them for secondary school). The willingness of the teachers to engage in professional dialogue was humbling. We too learned so much about the challenges of making education accessible and engaging without access to so much that we in Australia take for granted – books, libraries, computers, internet access, audio-visual resources, well equipped science laboratories, the list goes on.

We were also overwhelmed by the children's willingness to be taught by mzungus (foreigners) who spoke with very strange accents. It is interesting to note that all the children spoke at least three languages – their tribal language, Kiswahili and English in which they were taught. The children's affection and genuine warmth towards us were so touching. While the structure of the classrooms, the size of classes, the buildings and the curriculum were

necessarily very different to those in Australia, the common thread was the belief that education can transform, that it is the only way that these children will find a future in a modern and rapidly changing Kenya.

The recent political events and the fallout have only served to increase the desire to see the education of Kenya's young as a priority. Perhaps one of the most salutary experiences for us was the home visits to a variety of communities around the school. The reality that many students walk up to ten or more kilometres to school each day often in the dark, was as eye opening as the conditions in which some lived. Despite often rising at 4 am to study before school, arriving at school at 7 am to do more homework and often not arriving home until after 6 pm at night the thirst for education was undiminished.

The parents we met were adamant that their children finish secondary school despite finding the minimal fees, by our standards, often impossible to pay. We really appreciate now how important the sponsorship programme is and many families rely upon it. It was also a privilege for me to be part of the discussions about the new school buildings and the library in particular. The Principal, Br Laurie Collin's determination to ensure that the students have access to current educational resources and facilities is inspiring.

It is easy to list the challenges that lay ahead for the school, for example the primary school has no play equipment, the school relies on volunteers, and there are often 40 children in a class, but there was an overwhelming sense that the staff, both Brothers and lay teachers, will not be diminished by the challenges they collectively face and that with professional and financial support the sky is the limit for the students and the school.

One of the St Patrick's College initiatives already set in place to support the school is the collection of unwanted story books from our boys which can then be shipped over to create a primary school library. The \$2000 that our boys raised with the casual clothes day last term was very gratefully received and will also go towards the new library. It was a salutary and wonderful experience.

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Adam Spencer  
**Year 8**  
Alexander Eva  
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Joshua Harris  
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Thomas Stapleton  
**Year 8**  
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## JAPANESE STUDENTS VISIT

In early March, 25 students from Shibuya Junior High School visited the College for a 12 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 Kireet Burrit Aboriginal Gallery and the opportunity to attend classes with their host student. This is the sixth group from Shibuya that have visited the College.

The boys loved any opportunity to get outside and play games, regularly showing off their immense talents in soccer and baseball. The continued fine weather over the stay enabled many families to head to the coast with visiting boys greatly enjoying surfing and swimming experiences. One of our Japanese students sent staff into a mild panic when he decided to navigate his own way back to Waubra after his first day of school. He managed a couple of bus changes to arrive dutifully at home much to the surprise of his host family who had arranged to collect him after sports practice. The Shibuya students are used to the Tokyo subway, so a bus trip through the rolling plains to Waubra is barely a challenge!

Thank you very much to our host families who have opened their hearts and homes to our visitors. The time spent with families is the highlight for all of our visitors. Partaking in simple activities such as shopping, visiting friends or a trip to a farm are captivating experiences for our visitors. Thank you also to ESL teachers Mrs Sue Anne Garcian and Mrs Jacinta Waddington who organised a many additional experiences for the boys, including an informative session with Year 12 student Calvin Anzac who spoke to the boys about Indigenous culture and his experiences of life at Timber Creek in the Northern Territory. The Japanese students were spellbound by his talk and could not fully comprehend his strong connection to the land and the isolation of his community.

Many wonderful friendships have been formed and the horizons of our students greatly expanded from spending time with boys from another culture.

## LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Ms Victoria Moore

Lions Youth of the Year is a quest run by the Lions Club International. Its main aim is to find and recognise students who have taken part and excelled in various areas of school and community life. Participants are assessed in two ways: eighty percent of their final score is derived from an interview, with the remaining twenty percent from two gruelling impromptu speeches and a prepared speech. Local clubs in the Ballarat region held the first round over two weeks.

Liam O'Riley, Jack Ferguson, Thomas McKinnon and Stephen Kirby chose to represent both themselves and the College. All four students competed in a fine manner, doing themselves and the College very proud.

Jack Ferguson, who spoke on Poverty, and Liam O'Riley, on Chile 1973 were awarded the public speaking award. Thomas McKinnon spoke on whether the sporting world has gone soft, and received a high commendation, being awarded runner-up for his efforts. Stephen Kirby spoke on a topic close to his heart, that being the inequality of pay for teachers. He was successful in all aspects, gaining the overall award and will now move onto the next round of the competition.

## INDIGENOUS EDUCATION AT ST PATRICK'S

As featured in recent editions of *The Shamrock*, the College is committed to providing educational opportunities for Indigenous students to redress some of the highly publicised inequities in access and outcomes for students and to assist students who are referred to the College and deemed to be 'at risk' if they remain in their current community. The College is auspiced as an Indigenous Youth Leadership Programme

(IYLP) provider and currently has thirteen Indigenous students enrolled at the College. Seven boys live within the boarding school, four coming from Timber Creek in the Northern Territory, with one each from the communities of Framlingham, Bathurst Island and Shepparton.

In February *The Courier* featured an article on IYLP scholar Calvin Anzac and his response to Prime Minister Rudd's apology to the 'Stolen Generation'. A few days later Calvin received a letter from legendary St Patrick's College teacher Peter Farley detailing the College's long history of support for Indigenous affairs, in particular the establishment of the 'Aboriginal Advancement Group' in 1967. The Group was an initiative of five students, supported by Br G. V. Frances. The boys from the Leaving Class of 1967/68 were Frank Tierney, Leo Borelli, John Cleary, Pat Short and Robert Allan. Peter pays tribute to the courage and perseverance of the boys who were able to raise funds for scholarships for Indigenous students. They also had the good fortune to meet the legendary Pastor Sir Doug Nicholls, a Governor of South Australia and VFL footballer with Fitzroy.

Peter noted that whilst the boys received great encouragement from the College, and in particular Br Frances, this was not always the case in their home towns and business communities. The achievement of being able to raise enough funds for a full boarding scholarship to support Daryl Cronin (SPC 1970-72) from Adelaide River was an inspiring achievement of the group.

The aim of the group was to ultimately sponsor an aboriginal boy to attend St Patrick's College and in so doing 'assist the aborigines in their own endeavours to improve their position'. It is perhaps an indictment on many of the well intentioned programmes staged by many agencies and by all governments that this is a topic that will be debated with great vigour at the upcoming '2020 Summit'. The closing remark from Group Secretary John Cleary in the 1968 Annual SPC AAG article, provides a poignant and chilling prediction about the challenges, failures and direction of Indigenous education initiatives post 1967, 'the task of Aboriginal Advancement is difficult, but rewarding'. As we strive for equity in access to educational opportunities

in 2008 and beyond the College can take great inspiration and encouragement from the work of members of this group, who supported by staff, recognised that such endeavours, difficult as they may be, were consistent with the ethos and example of Blessed Edmund Rice.

## 2007 KOKODA TRIP

### Follow Up

In 2007 staff member Mr Michael Weadon led a party of students, staff, old boys and parents on a trek along the renowned Kokoda Trail. One of the places they visited was the village of Saga. Whilst there they conducted AFL and cricket clinics with local children and were blessed by clergy before embarking upon the next stage of their journey. The group donated funds to the village and have subsequently had a guest house named in recognition of the College – the 'St Patrick's College Guest House'.

In all the SPC Kokoda expedition stayed for two nights in this village and have donated money raised in Australia towards the education of the local children. The group were touched by the generosity and spontaneity of the welcome afforded to the party and the hosts' hospitality. We also realised quickly the disparity in wealth between ourselves and our hosts. We had more in our backpacks than whole families owned and we only had to rough it for two weeks, was the feeling of all in the party.

2008 College Vice Captain Jack Ferguson has been diligently raising funds to send to the village to help them recover from Cyclone Guba. Cyclone Guba devastated the province late in 2007. The village Priest's cousin was drowned and some houses were washed away. Most importantly the village's main food source, the numerous vegetable gardens were washed away. Currently the community is existing on they donated food flown into the nearby Kokoda airstrip. If you would like to support Jack in his fundraising efforts please contact him at 19296@stpats.vic.edu.au

1. IYLP Scholar Calvin Anzac
- 2-8. Africa and the Brother Beausang Catholic Education Centre, Embulbul, Kenya

## Photo Gallery

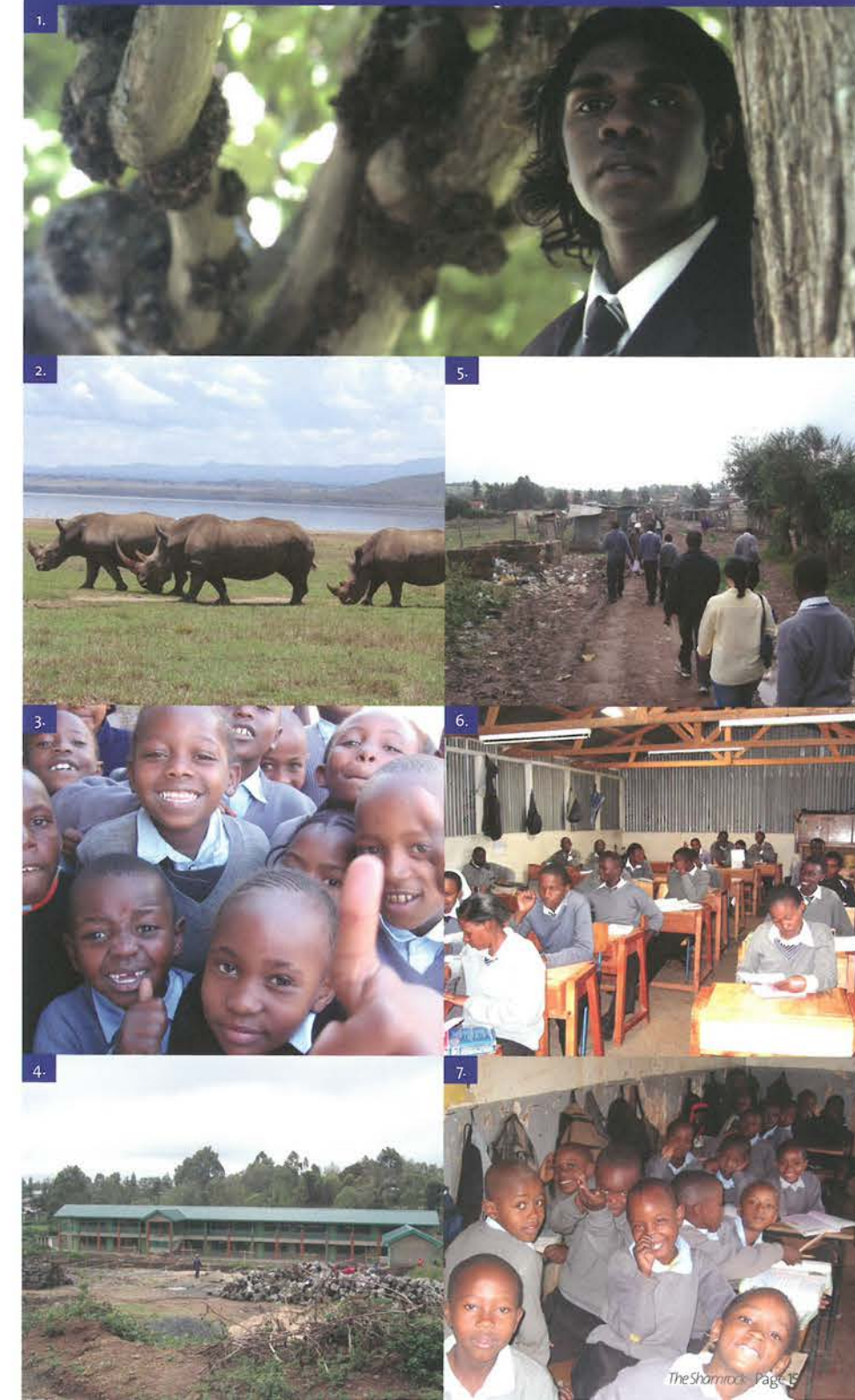




Photo Gallery

- 1-2. The children and village of Saga
- 3-8. The Blessing Ceremony for the Br RM Miller Wing, March 14, 2008



# SPORT 2008

## A Top End Adventure

During the March holiday break a group of 80 students, staff and parents visited Darwin and the top end as part of the College's 1st XVIII football programme. The trip was organised by Director of Football Mr Howard Clark and provided students with a range of football development opportunities as well as a diverse range of educational experiences.

Highlights of the tour from a football perspective were games against the Northern Territory Under 18 Northern Squad played at the TIO Stadium (the ground used for AFL matches), a game against a Tiwi Island representative team and an inspiring address from AFL Legend Michael Long.

The boys were able to take in a range of educational experiences including visits to Kakadu National Park, Litchfield National Park, Katherine Gorge, East Point Military Museum, Adelaide River crocodile spectacular as well as conducting school football clinics at Malac Primary School. The boys attended Mass on Easter Sunday with a number of boys meeting East Timor President Jose Ramos - Horta who is recuperating in Darwin after a recent assassination attempt.

In game one of the tour, the SPC 1st XVIII were outplayed by a highly talented NT squad which featured relatives of AFL names such as Michael Long, Shannon Motlop (Steven Motlop kicked 5 goals), Maurice Rioli and Xavier Clarke. Playing with a squad of 40 in hot and humid conditions St Pat's made a strong start but were outplayed as their rivals from the top end started to improve their team work and the boys from Ballarat tired in the oppressive conditions. It is the off season for the NT boys and they greatly appreciated a game in preparation for the upcoming Under 18 Championships. Final scores were NT 14.17. 101 to SPC 4.4.28.

On Saturday March 29 SPC 1st XVIII played a Tiwi Island representative squad. The Tiwi Islands are the home of current AFL star Cyril Rioli. The trip was an eye opening experience for the boys with a large crowd of passionate islanders turning out to see the game. As the ball was bounced a fierce storm hit the ground with the game being played in torrential rain and howling winds. After four quarters the game was declared a tie with some exceptional skills on show despite the conditions.

The day before the game the squad met with AFL Legend and Indigenous spokesman Michael Long who delivered a salient and inspiring message to the group; 'make your mark, learn to shut your mouth, listen and learn. See education as a life long process and make the most of opportunities that are presented to you. Be proud, have a plan and set goals in line with your plan. Hard work is the secret to success'. These messages were particularly relevant to the boys as they spent time with indigenous students in schools and community.

The trip was a memorable educational and sporting experience for boys, thanks primarily to the vision and leadership of Director of Football Mr Howard Clark supported by Director of Sport Mr Chris Gleeson, Mr Peter Brady and Board Member Mrs Leonie Spencer who ensured all travel arrangements went like clock work. The trip is part of a three year experiential programme which incorporates a trip to Ireland and the UK, a tour of Darwin and an intensive AFL clubs' experience over a three year cycle. The Melbourne experience will be held for the first time in 2009.

Photo Gallery

- 1. Players from the St Patrick's College v Tiwi Islands clash
- 2. SPC v NT Under 18 Team at the TIO Stadium, Darwin
- 3. Mr Howard Clark meets the locals during the visit to the Tiwi Islands
- 4. SPC v NT Under 18 Team at the TIO Stadium, Darwin
- 5. A recovery session at Litchfield National Park
- 6. The 2008 Darwin Experience Touring Party

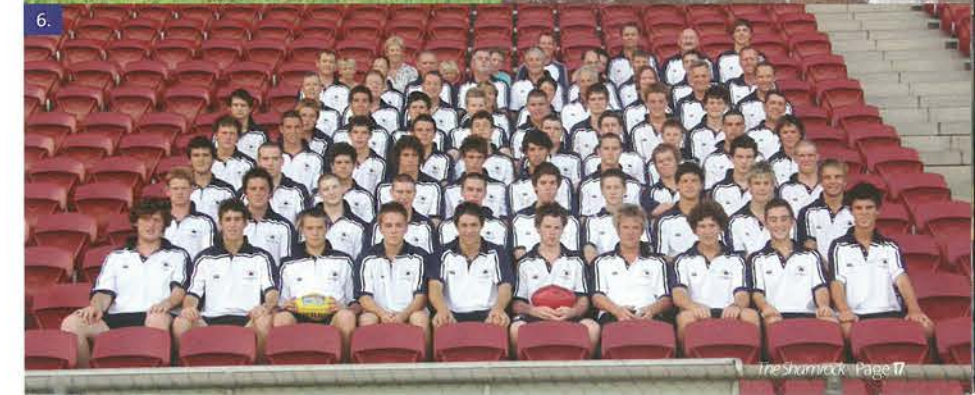


Photo Gallery

1. The victorious 1st IV celebrating their 2008 Head of the Lake victory
- 2-4. Scenes from 2008 Head of the Lake on the Barwon River
5. Captain of Boats Thomas Kavanagh accepting the 2008 BAS Boys' Premiership Trophy



# ROWING: A SEASON TO REMEMBER!

The St Patrick's College Rowing Programme has perhaps enjoyed its most successful season on record despite the adversity of a dry Lake and limited preparation time. The management of the squad by Director of Rowing Mr Jamie Lynn, complemented by Boat House Manager Mr Peter Blanchfield and coaches led by Terry Austin has been superb and has ensured that the spirit of the rowing programme has been sustained and the skills of the next generation of rowers developed.

The seeds for success for the 2008 season were planted at the annual rowing camp and were well and truly harvested at the Head of the Lake Regatta, held for the first time on the Barwon River in Geelong, with St Patrick's winning all races contested in the boys programme.

## Rowing Camp 2008

On Sunday, January 20 sixty four of our rowers departed for Sale to undertake a six day intensive rowing camp. With the lack of water in Lake Wendouree this camp is vital to the success of the rowing programme in 2008. Rowers completed on average six hours of on water training and one hour of land training a day. During the camp rowers also experienced a fitness session on the 90 mile beach and had to face some exciting waves and also completed a biathlon in Lake Wellington.

Fathers in attendance catered for the boys during the camp and the food was exceptional and greatly appreciated after a hard day of training. The camp itself is a huge logistical operation and credit must go to College Boat House Manager Mr Peter Blanchfield for all of the work put in during the holiday break to enable the camp to be such a success.

At the completion of the camp our Year 9 and 10 rowers returned to Ballarat for some well deserved rest whilst the senior rowers travelled directly to Nagambie from Sale to compete in the Ballarat regatta incorporating the Xavier Challenge. At the Ballarat regatta we had some great performances from our crews with the fourths crew taking out C grade four and our first crew defeating Xavier and regaining the Anthony Edwards trophy after it was lost to Xavier for the first time last year.

## Head of the Lake 2008

Rowed in excellent conditions on the Barwon let the results speak for themselves!

- Year 9 Boys Div 5**  
medals and pennant SPC Blue
- Year 9 Boys Div 4**  
medals and pennant SPC White
- Year 9 Boys Div 3**  
medals and pennant SPC Green
- Year 9 Boys Div 2\***  
medals and pennant SPC (4m07s), BG, BHS, BCC
- Year 9 Boys Div 1\***  
medals and pennant SPC (3m57s), BHS, BG, BCC
- Year 10 Boys Div 4**  
medals and pennant SPC Green
- Year 10 Boys Div 3\***  
medals and pennant SPC Blue (3m59s), BG, BCC
- Year 10 Boys Div 2\***  
medals and pennant SPC (3m53s), BG, BCC, BHS
- Year 10 Boys Div 1\***  
medals and pennant SPC (3m39s), BHS, BG, BCC
- Open Boys Div 5**  
medals and pennant SPC Blue

Photo Gallery

1. 2008 Rowing Nationals
2. 1st IV - Matthew Gillett, Daniel Ross-Smith, Michael Treppo, Thomas Kavanagh and Samuel Morrissey.
3. 2008 Rowing Nationals
4. 2008 1st XI Cricket Grand Final



**Open Boys Div 4\***  
medals and pennant SPC Green (3m45s),  
BCC

**Open Boys Div 3\***  
medals and banner SPC (3m36s),  
BG, BHS, BCC

**Open Boys Div 2\***  
medals and banner SPC (5m22s),  
BG, BHS, BCC

**Open Boys Div 1\***  
medals and banner SPC (5m13s),  
BG, BCC, BHS

**Dowling Challenge Cup for  
Head of the Lake**  
St Patrick's College

**Harold Deveson Cup  
for Boys Premiership**  
St Patrick's College

**Points for premiership**  
SPC 45, BG 21, BHS 15, BCC 14

Nine races (\*) are considered for  
Premiership points for the Regatta. St  
Patrick's College won every one of these  
nine races, totalling the regatta maximum  
of 45 points.

History will judge the significance of this  
win for our shed!

## CRICKET

Mr Damian McKee - Director of Cricket

### First XI Cricket: BAS Grand Final

**BAS Grand Final: St Patrick's 10/164  
defeated Ballarat Grammar 10/109**

The First XI completed back to back  
premierships with a resounding 55 run  
victory over Grammar on our Main Oval.  
This was an outstanding effort given that  
our Captain Brad Whittaker was injured  
prior to the match and was unable to play,  
and our highest wicket taker for the  
season, Vice-Captain, Brad Hallam

withdrew from the team on the eve of the  
match. This left Peter Colbourne with the  
task of leading the team for the first time  
this year in the Grand Final.

Peter did everything right from the  
beginning, winning the toss and batting.  
Unfortunately we were in immediate trouble  
losing Daniel Nicholson, caught on the first  
ball of the match and Ben Nankervis (our  
run machine over the previous two matches)  
dismissed for four. At 2/6 Grammar were off  
to a flying start and must have been happy to  
have our highest run scorer for the season,  
Mathew Begbie in so early to face the  
challenge of the new ball. Mathew  
combined with Peter Colbourne to begin to  
change the momentum of the match with a  
small, but time consuming partnership of  
twenty runs. Peter made 10 before nicking  
one behind.

Robert Ryan then joined Begbie and the  
two then started to turn the match our way  
before Robert cut a ball straight to point for  
9 with the score on 52. At 4/52 things again  
started to look grim and once again the  
Grammar bowlers must have been confident  
with a fresh batsmen at the wicket.

Tom Frawley joined Mathew Begbie and  
their task was to see the evening session  
out without a wicket falling, and that they  
did! At 4/89 the stumps score placed the  
result in the balance and with only 18  
overs to bowl on Saturday, Grammar must  
have fancied their chances of drawing false  
shots for Tom and Matt early the next day.

Much to their surprise Begbie and  
Frawley went on the front foot from the  
first ball on Saturday. Matthew's attitude  
was 'dare to win' and he hit three fours in  
the first two overs and this changed the  
whole course of the match. Even when  
Matthew holed out on the boundary for 60  
(with the score at 5/132) we were well and  
truly in the driving seat with a score on the  
board for Grammar to chase.

Tom Frawley batted magnificently and  
ran quickly between the wickets to compile  
a composed 56 not out. We were bowled  
out in the second last over for 164.

The tally certainly gave our bowlers  
plenty of heart as the wicket was keeping  
low as the day went on. Josh Brown and  
Nick O'Brien opened the bowling and  
Josh was bowling with the wind at his back  
and with plenty of pace. Josh and Nick  
ripped through Grammar's top order,  
including the prize scalp of Ross Cresswell  
for 2. At 5/18 the match looked over.  
However Tate and Morcom 'dug in' for a  
partnership of 25 and then Tate and Batch  
combined for a 28 run partnership. At tea  
Grammar were back in the match at 6/65  
with Tate batting beautifully.

The match took another turn straight  
after tea when Robert Ryan flighted a ball  
that tempted Tate to hit over the off side  
field. The ball looked to have cleared Ben  
Nankervis at mid off but in a last ditch  
effort, whilst running with the flight of the  
ball, Ben threw out his right hand and  
took a magnificent catch. Apart from some  
stoic resistance from the lower order the  
match ended with Ben Hayes fittingly  
taking the final two wickets of the match  
and thus became the highest wicket taker  
for the year.

**Best Players:** Matthew Begbie 60, Tom  
Frawley 56 not out, Josh Brown 4/29,  
Robert Ryan 2/20, Ben Hayes 2/21, Nick  
O'Brien 2/21.

I am very proud of this young team and  
I would like to thank all of the players who  
represented the First XI this season for  
their commitment.

### Nicholas O'Brien

During the Term 1 break Mathew  
Begbie and Nicholas O'Brien represented  
Victoria in the Under 15 National  
Schoolboys Cricket tournament held in  
Maroochydhore. Both boys performed very  
well with Mathew scoring a century at the  
Championships and Nicholas taking 12  
wickets. At the end of the tournament,  
Nicholas was selected in the National  
Under 15 schoolboys' side which will tour  
the West Indies in November and  
December of this year. Well done Nick!

## Second XI 25/25 BAS Grand Final

**St Patrick's 4/215 defeated Damascus  
College 10/99**

It was a thrilling end to an undefeated  
season for the St Patrick's College 2nd XI  
cricket side when the team successfully  
defended their title against Damascus  
College. Led by Captain Jason McNiff, St  
Patrick's won the toss, elected to bat, and  
after the loss of an early wicket, soon began  
to assert their authority on the game with  
both Scott Spriggs and Josh Brown both  
scoring 70's to set up a season high score of  
4 for 215 from 22 overs.

Facing such an ominous total the  
Damascus batsmen battled hard however  
some good spells of tight bowling  
(particularly Dylan Prozzo 4 wickets, 3  
maidens, 3 runs from 5 overs) and sharp  
fielding soon took it's toll on the  
Damascus attack, all out for 99 runs in the  
19th over. Congratulations to all the  
players and supporters on a fantastic  
season - back-to-back titles!

## TENNIS

**1st IV - Premiers  
2nd IV - Runners Up**

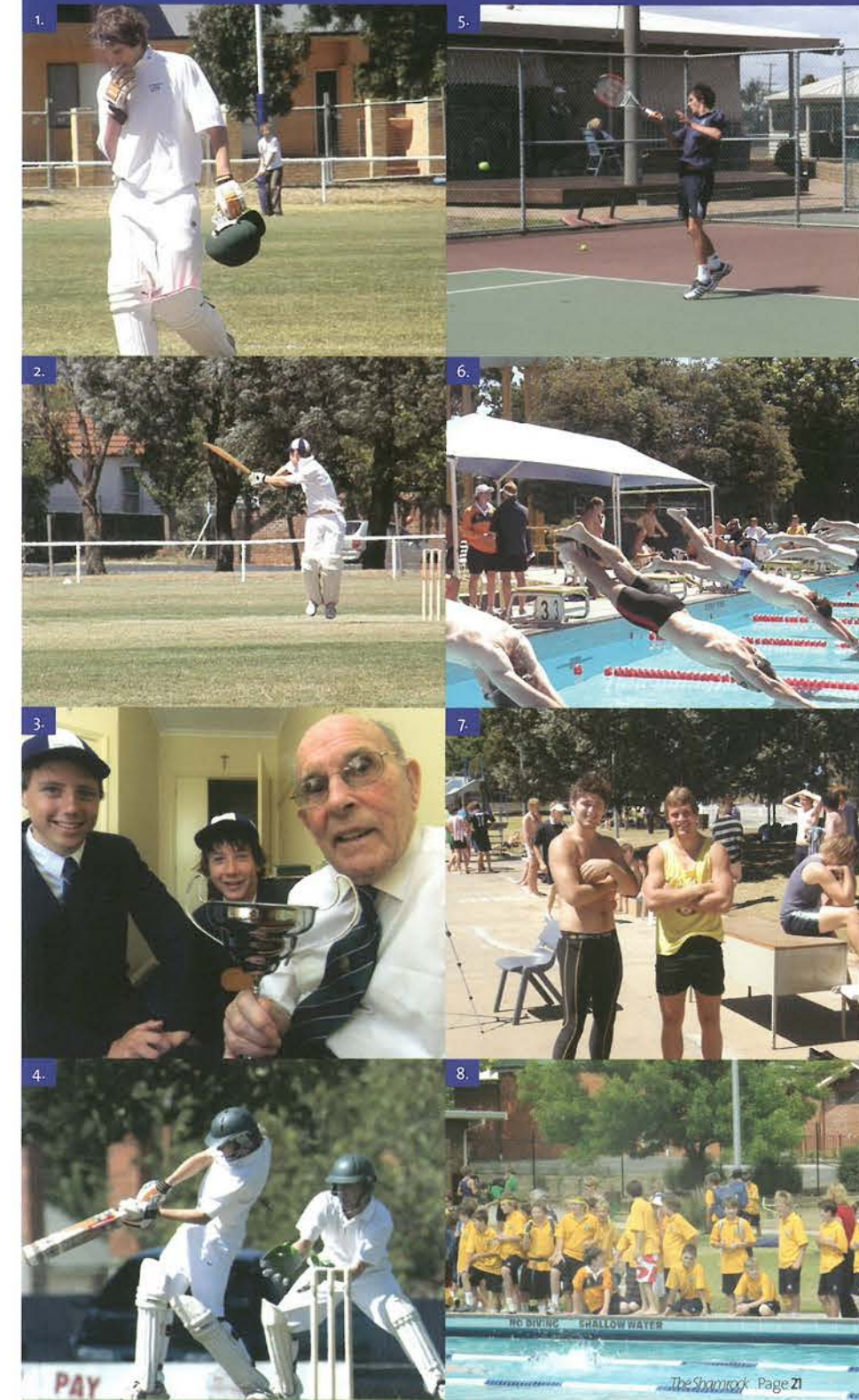
Well done to members of the Senior  
Tennis Teams on their performances in  
respective sections of the BAS Senior  
Tennis Competition. The 1st IV were  
Premiers, remaining undefeated  
throughout the season and the 2nd IV  
were runners up. The best player awards  
for the season were awarded to Shaun Lyle  
for the 1st IV and Stephen Bongiorno for  
the 2nd IV. Well done to all boys on a  
successful season.

### McNeil Cup

The McNeil Cup and Junior Tennis Cup  
are the major individual BAS tennis  
competition conducted each year. The  
College was represented in the senior  
competition by Shaun Lyle and Tom  
Young and in the juniors by Mitchell  
Phelps and Mitchell Taylor. After the

1. Daniel Nicholson following his dismissal in the 1st XI Grand Final
2. Nick O'Brien turns a ball stylishly to leg during the BAS Grand Final
3. Mathew Begbie, Nick O'Brien and Br Breach with the Br HT Breach Cup
4. Mathew Begbie behind the stumps at the National Championships
5. 2008 McNeil Cup winner Shaun Lyle
- 6-8. 2008 House Swimming Championships at the Eureka Pool

## Photo Gallery



preliminary rounds on Monday, Shaun, and the two Mitchells progressed through to the finals on Thursday.

In extremely blustery and difficult conditions for tennis Shaun Lyle became the first SPC student since 2003 to win the coveted McNeil Cup defeating Sam McDonald from Ballarat and Clarendon College in two sets 6/2, 6/4. The juniors played an all St Pat's final with Mitchell Phelps turning the tables on Mitchell Taylor from their 2007 encounter winning 6/2, 6/2. There was some high spirited competition on the day, especially in the junior final. Both matches were of a very high standard considering the conditions. Congratulations to all three boys in making the finals and to Shaun and Mitchell on their respective wins.

## SWIMMING 2008... ANOTHER STELLAR SEASON!

St Patrick's College continued its unbeaten run with its 29th win in the Ballarat Associated Schools Boys Swimming Championship at Eureka Swimming Pool. The win capped off another memorable swimming season which featured a number of impressive performances. Well done to Director of Swimming Br Brian Davis.

### Midland Secondary Schools Swimming

On Sunday, February 24, at the Midlands Secondary School Swimming, Matthew Norman won the Under 15 100m Freestyle and with Patrick Thorpe won the Courier Shield for the 100m Pair's Relay.

The team of Tim Rodger, Dylan Rodger, Matthew Norman and Jake Clark-Ballis won the Phil Harris Shield for the Open 4 x 50m Relay.

### Ballarat Associated Schools' Swimming

St Patrick's College continued its unbeaten run with its 29th consecutive win in the Ballarat Associated Schools Boys Swimming Championship at Eureka Swimming Pool on March 12, 2008. In another magnificent effort, individual team members sacrificed personal glory for team success in a thirty one point win.

Captain Tim Rodger displayed fine leadership with a strong swim in the Senior breaststroke. He was ably supported by Vice Captains, Rhys Allan in the freestyle and Michael Keem in the breaststroke and by Thomas Kavanagh, Nathan Sobey, Clayton Zanella, Tom Nolan, Chris Munn and by Julian Atwood's fine butterfly swim.

Once again Jake Clark-Ballis and Dylan Rodger bolstered the Senior Age Group in winning the backstroke and coming second in the 100m freestyle and only

losing two points in the Under Sixteen division, where they were ably supported by Dylan Prozzo, Patrick Thorpe, Thomas Smardon, Willem Naber and Aaron Mullane. A strong performance by the Under Fifteen swimmers, James Elford, Matthew Norman, Nicholas Thomas, Patrick Thorpe and Aaron Lewicki in losing just eight points enabled the two age groups to win the Intermediate Pennant by 34 points.

The Under Fourteen swimmers, Mitchell Randall, Marcus Simpson, Liam Jordan, Ben Rodger, Alex Thompson, Blake Prozzo, Sam Hines and Elliott Leviston improved significantly on last year, which augurs well for next year – our attempt at 30 in a row!

The Under Thirteen swimmers, led very well by Jack Gunn, who was well supported by Jeremy Seymour Quest, Josh Benfield and Jordan Atkinson performed above expectations.

### St Patrick's College Swimming Championships 2008

The highlight of the St Patrick's College Swimming Championships held at Eureka Pool on Monday February 25 was the breaking of Julian Murphy's 1989 Under 16 Butterfly record of 30.37 seconds by Dylan Rodger with a swim of 29.66 sec.

AGE GROUP	NAME	POINTS
Under 12 Champion	Harry Murphy	49 points
	Nic Richardson	42 points
Under 13 Champion	Jack Gunn	76 points
	Jeremy Seymour-Quest	68 points
Under 14 Champions	Marcus Simpson	74 points
	Mitchell Randall	69 points
Under 15 Champion	James Elford	73 points
	Matthew Norman	64 points
Under 16 Champion	Jake Clark-Ballis	77 points
	Dylan Rodger	71 points
Under 17 Champion	Julian Atwood	80 points
	Clayton Zanella	46 points
Open Champion	Nathan Sobey	74 points
	Timothy Rodger	64 points

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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

- Ashley Jan, Oliver Whiteley, Michael Keem and Bernard Kuek have been selected as Kwong Lee Dow Scholars by the University of Melbourne. The boys were selected from over 2,600 applicants and will participate in a tailored programme of events and activities that will enhance recipients secondary studies and will provide an excellent transition experience for boys wishing to access tertiary education.
- Ethan Stewart (Automotive) has been selected as one of three students from the Highlands LLEN VET Cluster to compete in the National WorldSkills Competition to be held in Sydney in July.
- Mathew Begbie, Nicholas O'Brien and Ben Hayes were selected in the BAS First XI Cricket team to play the AGSV schools at Penleigh and Essendon Grammar on March 17.
- Charles Martin obtained first place in the Bendigo International Madison Under 17 event.
- Aaron Preddy performed extremely well in the State Championship's held in Bendigo on March 15 and 16 in very hot conditions. Aaron won gold in the 800m event in a time of 2 min and 6 secs, and also placed 3rd in the 1500m event.
- Jack Bennett, Patrick Foley and James McMaster were members of the victorious Ballarat team that won the Under 16 Boys title at the Victorian Country Titles in Shepparton in February.
- Damien Farrell and Sean Mundy have been selected in the Victorian Under 18 Rugby Union squad to contest the National Titles in 2008.

## ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE ART EXHIBITION September 12-14, 2008

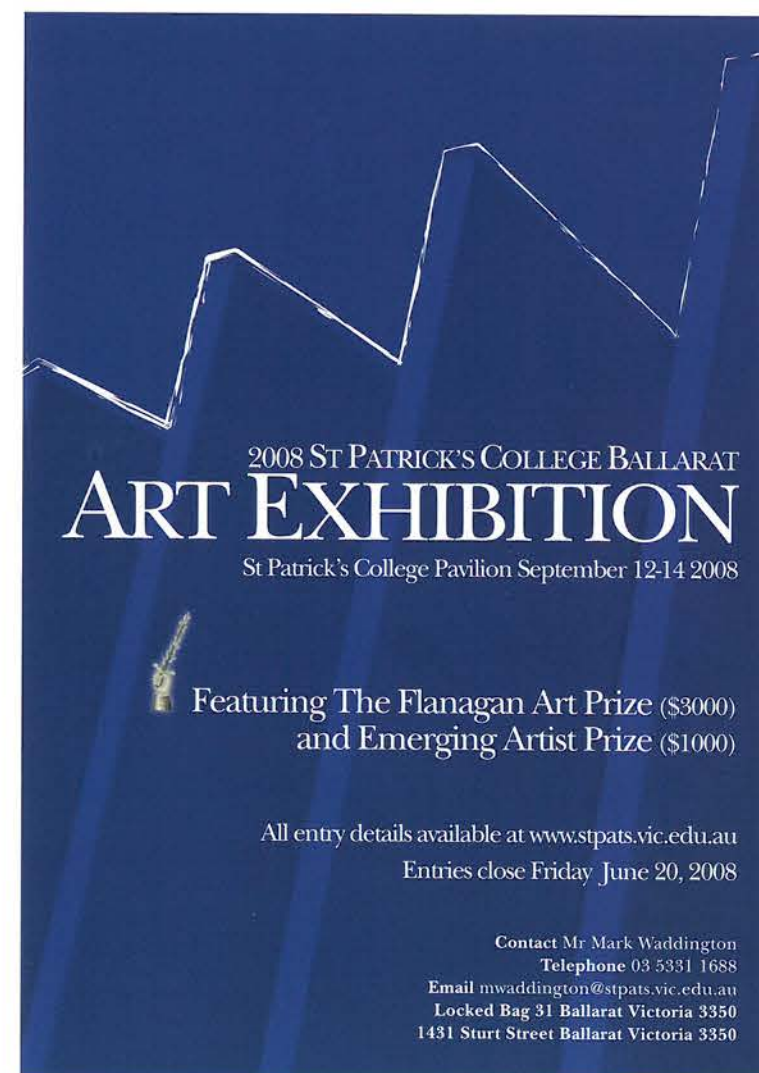
St Patrick's College has a long association with the arts and will in September 2008 conduct the inaugural St Patrick's College Art Exhibition in the Old Boys Pavilion. The College has a long and proud association with the arts, as reflected in the mission statement for the inaugural art exhibition:

*The St Patrick's College Art Exhibition shall nurture, support and celebrate the work of local, regional and national artists from a variety of genres to reinforce the esteemed place of the arts in the educational offering and life of the College and its community.*


*The St Patrick's College Art Exhibition will be synonymous with the celebration of life, diverse mediums of expression and creativity, dreams and challenges, innovation, excellence, stimulation and excitement!*

The exhibition will be an event open to eligible artists and will feature two significant awards - The Flanagan Prize, named in recognition of esteemed scholar and former Curator of the Australian War Memorial Noel Flanagan, AO (SPC 1932-36) and the St Patrick's Prize for Emerging Artists. These prizes and the talent across the region will ensure a high standard of work on display which will attract a significant and spectacular level of entries to the exhibition and will make it a 'not to be missed' event.

Full entry, volunteer and gala launch details can be found at [www.stpats.vic.edu.au](http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au) - events



2008 ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE BALLARAT  
**ART EXHIBITION**  
St Patrick's College Pavilion September 12-14 2008

 Featuring The Flanagan Art Prize (\$3000) and Emerging Artist Prize (\$1000)

All entry details available at [www.stpats.vic.edu.au](http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au)  
Entries close Friday June 20, 2008

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BALLARAT

## PAVILION APPEAL BLESSING

On an extremely busy St Patrick's Day in Ballarat, the Old Boys Pavilion was blessed by His Eminence George Cardinal Pell in a moving and emotional ceremony. Attended by close to 100 old boys and members of the College community, the blessing ceremony paid tribute to many of the driving forces behind the project including Appeal Chair Mr Peter Howley, OCA President Dr Andrew Watson, Foundation Chair Mr Dennis Foley and Project Manager Mr Tony McMaster who have all played immense roles in bringing the project to fruition.

It was particularly pleasing to welcome major donor John Fitzgerald (SPC 1974-79) down from Queensland. The John L. Fitzgerald Room has been dedicated in his honour. John has challenged the Student Council to design suitable art work to assist with the naming and dedication of features within the Pavilion and has kindly offered to fund initiatives developed by the Student Council. The results should be spectacular and will add to the finished appearance of the Pavilion.

With final works being currently completed it is hoped that the Pavilion will be ready for functions, events and school use from May 2008. It will be an outstanding multi purpose facility for the College and will add considerably to the educational opportunities available to students at St Patrick's – as well as providing a real home for all old boys!

As with all projects the OCA could still do with a few more dollars to add the finishing touches to the Pavilion. Therefore if you 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 90 980 or [mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au)

## 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 Shepparton, Bendigo, Geelong and Warrnambool in 2008. The OCA will also conduct 5, 10, 20, 30 40 and 50 year reunion functions from May to November.

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.

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

On Saturday February 23, over 100 people gathered for the OCA's seventh annual Halls of History Dinner. The night is a significant night on the College's calendar as it recognises the rich contributions that many of our past students have made to the College and to the wider community. Whilst some of the inductees to the status of 'Legend' of St Patrick's are household names; namely Cardinal Pell, Steve Bracks, John James, Steve Moneghetti and Paul Bongiorno, the

1. The nearly completed OCA 'Old Boys' Pavilion
2. Headmaster Dr Peter Casey presented Appeal Chairman Mr Peter Howley (SPC 1963-66) with a plaque expressing the College's gratitude for his outstanding leadership of the Appeal Team.
3. Prominent old boy John Fitzgerald (SPC 1974-79) spoke to guests in attendance on behalf of all old boy contributors to the project.
4. Dr Peter Casey
5. Appeal Patron George Cardinal Pell (SPC 1949-59) accepted a gift from OCA President Mr John Richards (SPC 1982-87) in recognition for his support of the College and the OCA Pavilion Appeal.

### Photo Gallery



1. Inducted College 'Legend' Kevin Renwick (SPC 1946-47) with members of his family at the 2008 OCA 'Legend's Dinner'
2. Guests at the 2008 OCA Legend's Dinner
3. Graham Duff (SPC 1955-59) addressing guests at the 2008 'Legend's Dinner'.
4. Guests at 2008 'Legend's Dinner'
5. Rick Blanchfield (SPC 1966-71)(right) interviewing Chris O'Brien (SPC 1979-84)
6. Inducted College 'Legend's' Kevin Renwick (SPC 1946-47), Chris O'Brien (SPC 1979-84) and Graham Duff (SPC 1955-59)
7. Peter Blanchfield (SPC 1998-2003), Rick Blanchfield (SPC 1966-71), Mark Nolan (SPC 1966-71), Peter Farley and John McKinnon.
8. Kevin and Noel Renwick, Chris O'Brien and Graham and Bonnie Duff.

## Photo Gallery



night also provides an opportunity to recognise the achievements of some others who have forged outstanding careers whilst staying largely out of the public spotlight.

In 2008 the OCA Legend's Dinner was a very uplifting affair, celebrating the achievements of Construction Industry Magnate, Graham Duff (SPC 1955-59), the Founder of Hotondo Homes, Kevin Renwick OAM (SPC 1946-49) and Olympic rowing coach, Chris O'Brien (SPC 1979-84). The messages these old boys put before our past and present students and their partners were simple but formidable.

Graham was simply inspiring and moved all his attendance with the story of his rise from running his father's panel beating business to holding prominent positions in the business and sporting worlds. As Chair of Racing Victoria in particular he has headed an organisation that has transformed the Melbourne Cup into one of the leading events on the world's racing calendar.

Kevin Renwick was equally inspirational in outlining his journey from local builder to CEO of nationally renowned building giant, Hotondo Homes. His commitment to quality, the development of people and community was inspiring and explains the regard with which he is held within the building industry and in his home town of Deniliquin.

Chris O'Brien captivated attendees with his 'rags to riches' story. From humble beginnings as a school rowing coach he has risen to the level of a national coach, along the way coaching some of the nation's finest rowers at international level. He will again be heavily involved in preparing crews for racing at this year's World Championships and the Beijing Olympic Games. The secret to his success was evident to all on the night – enthusiasm, perseverance and outstanding interpersonal and communication skills. His hallmark at St Patrick's was his commitment to rowing and his care and understanding for boys in the rowing programme – these traits have stood him in good stead to achieve excellence in coaching at the highest level.

## ST PATRICK'S DAY 1920-60S REUNION LUNCHEON

Over 140 old boys and partners gathered for the St Patrick's Day Reunion Luncheon on Friday March 14, 2008. With the timing of Easter the date of St Patrick's Day was moved to March 14, so that it would not fall within Holy Week. This is the last time this will occur for 100 or more years so it is not a contingency the OCA will need to plan for in the immediate future!

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 Patrick's boys united in prayer and appreciative of the opportunities presented to them by the College. Current students greatly enjoy sharing time with old boys and the realisation that they are part of something much bigger than themselves; the 115 year story of St Patrick's College.

The St Patrick's Day address was delivered by His Eminence George Cardinal Pell (SPC 1949-59) who reminisced about days at St Patrick's as well as telling attendees about some of the details involved in the selection process to appoint Pope Benedict. As ever His Eminence was in fine form and greatly enjoyed being in the company of his contemporaries.

It was also wonderful to welcome back Jim Peters (SPC 1926-30) and his wife Moira for their first visit in a number of years. Jim was a great academic and noted goal kicker in the College's 1st XVIII. Legend has it that large crowds would gather at the Main Oval for Sunday fixtures to see Jim display his aerial and goal kicking talents. Jim later went on to enjoy an outstanding career as a surgeon and at the tender age of 94 still maintains good health. He wrote to the College

following the luncheon to express his appreciation and noted, 'that he and Moira were taken by the courtesy and kindness of the prefects who greeted us and showed us around on the day and the general happy atmosphere of the school'.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

In January 2007 the College received confirmation that it had been granted Designated 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

As noted with changes to taxation legislation all donations to the Scholarship and Bursaries Fund are tax deductible. In 2008 the focus of the College's Scholarship and Bursary Programme will be on assisting students from the Ngaliwurra Indigenous Community in Timber Creek, Northern Territory and financially disadvantaged students in the Ballarat region.

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.

## PAKENHAM RACES 2008



Pakenham Races 2008

Dr Michael Bourke (SPC 1950-54) and Gavan Bourke (SPC 1951-54) reported a very good attendance at the fourteenth annual celebration of the running of the Br WT O'Malley Handicap, held at the Pakenham Racing Club on January 14, 2008. Forty four old boys and their partners attended the day and greatly enjoyed a sumptuous sit down luncheon and the great day that followed. Presentation of the trophy for the Br W.T. O'Malley Stakes was made by Dr John Bourke (SPC 1945-49). John, Dr Michael Grogan (SPC 1942-46), Brian Malady (SPC 1945-47) and Brian Hogan (SPC 1944-49) were some of the elder statesman present!

The photo above shows old boys in the mounting enclosure following the presentation of the trophy. Old boys were very appreciative of the efforts of Gavan in organising the day and the hospitality provided by the Pakenham Racing Club, the club which owes much of its success to the work of the much loved and greatly missed College legend David Bourke (SPC 1944-48).

# NOB-SPC AMATEUR FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

The COBS (Christian Brothers' Old Boys) are ready to take on their third season as a new entity and in 2008 will commence their climb from D Grade of the VAFA under the guidance of former President and Club 'Legend' Terry Scanlon. Terry was the last premierships Coach of the Club, leading them to glory in 1982.

In 2008 the Club has embarked upon considerable change under the leadership of new President Trevor Ludeman and is confident of a highly successful year.

From the post 2007 season review of the operations and functions of the Club, a number of initiatives were identified namely:

- To develop a long term strategic plan;
- To provide direction and focus for recruitment – this has already paid off with the recruitment of Assistant Coach Matthew Keown (Ex-VFL with Bendigo) and former SPC star Simon Harwood from East Burwood FC;
- Improve School involvement;
- Improve function of Committee;
- New positions; and
- New initiatives – for example the development of a junior football club

One of the major issues was that for the club to operate on a successful basis, then the conduct of all operations, be it playing, training, social, it should be conducted in a professional manner. It was acknowledged that we needed to get serious about how a football club is to operate. Amateur in name only, NOT operation!



**NORTH OLD BOYS**  
St Patrick's College Ballarat<sup>afc</sup>

## NEWS FLASH

NOB-SPC undefeated after five rounds; visit [www.nobspc.org.au](http://www.nobspc.org.au) for more details

### 2008 Draw

RD	DATE	OPPONENT	VENUE	HOME/AWAY
1	Saturday, Apr 12	Fitzroy Reds	Alec Gillon Oval	Home
2	Saturday, Apr 19	Aquinas	Aquinas College	Away
3	Saturday, Apr 26	Old Mentonians	Alec Gillon Oval	Home
4	Saturday, May 03	Old Geelong	Como Park	Away
5	Saturday, May 10	Prahran	Alec Gillon Oval	Home
6	Saturday, May 17	Bulleen Templestowe	Alec Gillon Oval	Home
7	Saturday, May 24	South Melbourne Districts	Lindsay Hassett Oval	Away
8	Saturday, May 31	Peninsula OB	Alec Gillon Oval	Home
9	Saturday, Jun 14	Yarra Valley OB	Domeney Reserve	Away
10	Saturday, Jun 21	Aquinas	Alec Gillon Oval	Home
11	Saturday, Jun 28	Old Mentonians	Mentone Playing Fields	Away
12	Saturday, Jul 05	Prahran	Toorak Park	Away
13	Saturday, Jul 12	Old Geelong	Alec Gillon Oval	Home
14	Saturday, Jul 19	Fitzroy Reds	W.T. Peterson Oval	Away
15	Saturday, Jul 26	Yarra Valley OB	Alec Gillon Oval	Home
16	Saturday, Aug 02	Bulleen Templestowe	Ted Ajani Reserve	Away
17	Saturday, Aug 09	South Melbourne Districts	Alec Gillon Oval	Home
18	Saturday, Aug 16	Peninsula OB	Peninsula School	Away

The club has a fantastic website – [www.nobspc.org.au](http://www.nobspc.org.au) which has all the details of upcoming events plus a weekly match review service. Please get along and support our new team and make the club your base for catching up with old mates in Melbourne.

## OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

• Blair Brown (SPC 2000-2004), a member of the victorious 2004 Head of the Lake crew has been selected to represent Australia in the Men's Eight at the 2008 World Rowing Championships. Blair is an AIS scholarship holder and will be hoping that a strong performance can secure him a seat for the Beijing Olympic Games in August.

• Jidah Clark (SPC 2004-2005) was featured in the February edition of the Law Institute Journal. Jidah has been employed by Law Institute Victoria President Tony Burke as a summer clerk. Mr Burke's decision to appoint Jidah is in part due to Jidah's excellent application to study, but also in part to the professions growing recognition that it had largely failed Indigenous lawyers. Jidah is from the Framlingham community and was the Dux of the College's Boarding School in 2005. His work experience will expose him to a wide range of legal areas, not just the criminal justice system which is the usual destination for Indigenous lawyers according to Mr Burke. Jidah, currently in his third year of study was awarded with the University of Melbourne Alastair Nicholson Law Scholarship which recognises significant academic achievement by an Indigenous undergraduate law student. Jidah is also Vice President of the Tarwirri, the Indigenous Law Students and Lawyers Association of Victoria. Jidah is determined to make an impact in the law, in particular to represent other Indigenous people and to encourage Indigenous secondary students to study law.

• Eamon Coughlan (SPC 2002-2007) has been awarded an Excellence and Equity Scholarship to Monash for the duration of his studies in recognition of his academic performance in 2007 and his resilience in achieving academic excellence despite enduring considerable hardship due to ill health within his family during his VCE years. Well done Eamon!

• John Croft (SPC 1940-47) visited the family of the late John Boland who passed away in November 2005. John taught at St Patrick's in the 1940s as Br John, leaving the Christian Brothers several years later to marry wife Connie and father of six loving children. He went on to work in the newspaper industry and lived in Turranura. John took the time to visit the grave of John Boland and pay his respects to an educator he greatly admired.

• Matthew De Jong (SPC 1979-84) has been appointed to the position of Head of Senior School at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College in Alice Springs. He is responsible for the operation of the senior campus, Years 9 to 12 which houses over 320 students. The appointment is due recognition of Matt's excellent work as Deputy Principal at St John's College in Katherine.

• The Development Office received a lovely, and encouraging letter from Br Athanasius McGlade from the Christian Brothers Community in Strathfield. In passing on his warmest regards to two fine educators, Br Breach and Br Doolan, he also added; 'when I go home to Melbourne I pick up *The Shamrock* and read with interest news from St Patrick's. I find it a well produced newsletter with very good photography. I attended St Kevin's in 1928 when it was in East Melbourne so I am always keen to catch up on the result of the games between the two schools'. St Patrick's had had the upper hand in the past few years but 2008 promises to be a titanic battle with both schools boasting strong football, basketball and soccer squads. Results will feature in the next edition of *The Shamrock*.

• Michael Every (SPC 1987-92) contacted the Development Office from his sunny lifestyle in Queensland. Mick is married to Jill, (Jill's father Michael Martin attended St Patricks from 1955 to 1964) and will proudly celebrate his tenth wedding anniversary this year with Jill and their two girls, Bailey (3) and Milana (11 months). Upon leaving St Patrick's Mick spent 10 years in the Army completing an apprenticeship as a plumber. During his time in the army he completed two tours to East Timor, once with INTERFET and the second as a peace keeper with the UN. He was also involved in high risk searching for the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games. Having left the army he is running a successful plumbing business in Brisbane.



John Croft

• Michael Ferguson (SPC 2001-2006) is currently studying at Monash University in the Dean's Scholar's Science Programme. In 2007, Michael finished with a minor in Astronomy/Astrophysics and is now completing a Chemistry minor in his second year. Michael plans to major in Physics and Maths and has obtained an Excellence and Equity Scholarship. Michael is currently living on residence at Mannix College and is enjoying all aspects of University life. Michael is maintaining a balance between study and play, maintaining a High Distinction average in his first year at Monash University.

• Brendan Harding (SPC 2001-2006) is studying PhB Science at ANU and has received a PhB Scholarship. Brendan's subjects include Maths, Physics and Science Communications in 2008. Brendan is also completing some advanced research courses as part his degree. Brendan resides at Bruce Hall and has also achieved the required High Distinction Average in the first year and hopes to repeat this in his second year at ANU.

• Due to his continued international pursuits and philanthropic work George Helon (SPC 1980-82) has been further decorated by a number of Royal Houses. His full title and honours make compelling reading: George, Marquis de Helon, GODA, RCST, GCMZ, JP. Grand Officer of the Vietnamese Imperial Order of the Dragon of Annam, Member of Great Honor and Official Delegate [Dai Bieu], Grand Cross of Justice of the Royal, Confraternity of Sao Teotonio and Australian Delegate, Grand Cross of the Imperial Ethiopian Order of Saint Mary of Zion. George will hopefully be visiting the College later this year to share some of his wisdom and learnings with senior students.



George Helon

- Josh Hyde (SPC 1999-2004) was featured in The Herald Sun in February to promote the 50th Anniversary Concerts by the Australian Youth Orchestra (AYO). Josh a highly decorated and talented saxophonist was a feature performer in the concert held at the Melbourne Town Hall. The article asked readers to spare a thought for the difficult life of performers – Josh does part time tax consulting, performing in a piano bar and works nights in telemarketing to support his study. Josh played alongside AYO alumni Lin Jiang, recognised as the finest horn player of his generation.
- Tristan Lambert (SPC 2001-2006) is currently studying Science/Chemical Engineering Degree at Monash University. As well as attending university, Tristan is involved in the 'Engineering Leadership in Technology' programme, where the aspects of leadership in the workplace are reviewed. Being a part of the programme has enabled Tristan to meet with Senior Engineers, Heads of Staff of the Engineering Faculty and Heads of the Monash University. Tristan has been living on residence at Mannix College where he has met a lot of interesting people and has been able to lead an active College and University life.
- James McDonald's (SPC 1989-94) AFL football career continues to reach even greater heights, as he sets the standard for other players at the Melbourne Football Club. He has won the past two Best and Fairest Trophies at the Club (The Keith 'Bluey' Truscott Memorial Trophy) and in Round three this season played his 200th AFL game. Showing what a talented and well balanced person he is, James graduated from a Bachelor of Business degree in 2007, a qualification earned over seven years of study, sandwiched in between the huge demands of playing football at the highest level. 'Junior' as he is affectionately known at the club is a study in persistence, determination and leadership and is an exemplar of the values enshrined within a St Patrick's College education.
- Daniel Pay (SPC 1994-99) completed a Bachelor of Commerce from Monash University after leaving the College. He is now a qualified Chartered Accountant and has moved to the United States to live and work with wife Janine. Daniel is Manager of Commercial Finance for Foster's Wine Estates with his office being located in the Nappa Valley.

- Matt Pay (1997-2002) completed a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering at Monash University after leaving the College. He commenced his working life with Oil and Gas Co. at Karratha in Western Australia. He spends a great deal of time on oil rigs as well as time on-shore. Matt celebrated Christmas in 2007 on an oil rig 300 kilometres off-shore from Broome!
- Leo Rawlings (SPC 1954-59) in apologising for non-attendance at the St Patrick's Day luncheon was kind enough to send through an article from the Brisbane Catholic Leader regarding Br Con Moloney who taught at the College from 1950 to 1956. Br Con is 83 and resides at St Joseph's College, Nudgee in Brisbane's north west. He keeps busy visiting residents of the St Vincent de Paul nursing home in New Farm and being a member of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal programme. Br Con enjoyed a 46 year teaching career and taught at schools across the country. He has fond memories of teaching George Pell, remembering a 'gentle boy in school .... but that not always being the case on the football field!' He also worked in Zimbabwe at the Embakwe Mission. Leo recalls that Br Con was responsible for Form 2A, Captain of the Cadet Corps and a great exemplar of faith.

## WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS, BIRTHS, BEREAVEMENTS

### SPC Weddings

- Cooper - Damian (SPC 1984-89) wed Kylie Horwill at St James Catholic Church Sebastopol on February 2, 2008. Damian and Kylie are both employed as part of Ballarat Health Services.
- Howley - John (SPC 1993-98) to Lauren Halliburton on Saturday March 1 at Lorne. This is a union of two great families of St Patrick's, John being the son of Pavilion Appeal Chairman Peter (SPC 1963-66) and Lauren the daughter of Dr Kiernan Halliburton (SPC 1958-70).
- Loader - Michael (SPC 1991-96) married Nicole Turkenburg in the College Chapel on March 15, 2008.

- Taylor - Matthew (SPC Staff) married Lauren during the Christmas break.
- O' Loughlan - Mark (Staff 2008) to Courtney during the Christmas break.
- Sullivan - Gerald (SPC 1991-92) married Corrie Warburton on December 29, 2007 at St Peter's Church, Daylesford.

### SPC Engagements

- Hall - Jo (SPC Staff) to David Marriot during the Christmas break.
- Watson - Joel (SPC 1993-98) to Natalie Burns of Horsham on November 27, 2007. Joel and Natalie will be married on October 4, 2008 in the College Chapel.

### SPC Births

- Hexter (SPC Staff) - Nicole and Peter welcomed the arrival of Jack Michael Hexter on Wednesday January 16. Jack, a brother for William, weighed in at 7lb12oz and was 54cm long.
- Hynes - Michael (SPC 1984-89) and Belinda welcomed Seth William on February 19, 2008. Michael has returned to Ballarat in the past six months and has wasted no time in getting involved again in the local football scene taking over the reigns of East Point in the Ballarat Football League.
- O'Connor - Trish (Staff) welcomed Shaeli Renae on February 15, 2008.

### SPC Deaths

- The St Patrick's College community was deeply saddened to learn of the passing on April 8 of one of its most famous and celebrated sons, Archbishop Sir Frank Little (SPC 1938-42). Headmaster Dr Peter Casey, Deputy Headmaster Mr Steven O'Connor and six members of the Student Council attended the funeral service and were warmly greeted by many old boys, including His Eminence George Cardinal Pell who spent ten minutes after the service talking to the College's student leaders. Archbishop Sir Frank Little attended St Patrick's from 1938 to 1942 and characterised 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 possessed a wonderful



His Eminence George Cardinal Pell (SPC 1949-59) joined with other Priests in celebrating the funeral Mass for the much loved Archbishop Sir Frank Little (SPC 1938-42). Photo courtesy of the Herald Sun.



Members of the Little Family following the Mass celebrating the life of Archbishop Sir Frank Little (SPC 1938-42). Photo courtesy of the Herald Sun.

sense of humour and was an integral part of the Melbourne community he served. This was evident in his status for many years as the number one ticket holder of his beloved Essendon Football Club. Sir Frank was a regular visitor to the College and upon the occasion of the opening of the Little Wing named in his honour in 2004, 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 and extending to the two QC's, a surgeon and a VFL player! The Little Family Award is one of 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 commenced studies in Ballarat. Archbishop Little was a gifted scholar and sportsman universally admired by his peers. He was Captain and Dux of the College in 1942 before entering the seminary. He was popular at school and maintained contact with his peers from SPC up to the time of his passing being a regular at the 'Harp of Erin' monthly lunches organised by old boys from the 1930s and 1940s. 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 Patrick'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. He was recognised as a man of great compassion, a humble, engaging man who went out of his way to talk to people, whatever their circumstance. He will be greatly missed. During his life the Archbishop managed to balance academic success, sporting prowess, spiritual fervour and leadership while maintaining a sense of humour and good relationships with people. Throughout his life he has reflected on life's offerings and said yes to opportunity. Archbishop Sir Frank Little is an exemplar of St Patrick's College's pillars of faith, tradition, excellence and joy and the College community deeply mourns his passing, whilst also celebrating the extraordinary contribution he made to the culture of the College and its rich history. The following tribute was written by the College's Director of Mission Mr Joe Doolan who enjoyed a long association with the Archbishop.

#### Football and Frank Little.

In the early nineteen sixties at the Essendon football ground the opening game saw Geoff Leek, the local ruckman, going for the knockout at the opening bounce. He was infringed upon and ten seconds into the match was awarded a free kick. Fr Noel Coghlan, a strident Bomber supporter with a stentorian voice, bellowed from the member standing area, 'And about time too!' Not given to such demonstrative outburst, Father and later Archbishop Thomas Francis Little would often stand in the outer under cover in the W.R Crichton Stand. One Saturday morning in 1974 this old boy of the College received the phone call to inform him that he was to become the sixth leader of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. He knelt down, prayed and that afternoon strolled up to Windy Hill, probably relishing this last vestige of relative anonymity. The announcement of his accession was not publicised until the following Monday.

Of the many qualities we may list for T. F. Little one of the most universally recognised was his joy. In Frank Little we saw a person who exuded God's delight in human kind. Any parish gathering saw him modelling for all a warmth and

genuine interest in all God's people. He would do the rounds of every table at a debutant ball, chatting to all. If the topic was the football, all the better, but if the question was serious his countenance would change and he would address the concerns. With the newly baptized adults celebrating their entry into the Catholic Church he would be the last to leave the Cathedral, offering all his encouragement and support.

Many obituaries will cite his many achievements: College Captain, College Dux, Knighthood, Vatican Career and the gentle shepherding one of the largest Archdioceses in the world. The achievement is remarkable for a shy young seminarian who learned magic as a means of developing some confidence and improvement of his rhetorical skills. Not seen in the College athletic or football photos in 1952 but agile enough to ride a bike to Sydney during the war to attend the Final Vows ceremony of some Christian Brothers. Though a brilliant scholar he did not become a world renowned theologian, scripture scholar or philosopher, for we know the eclectic nature of Archdiocesan management spreads one's knowledge field wide.

Archbishop Thomas Francis Little seemed to live out the old spiritual adage: If we let the Word of God, the Seed of God, take root in our lives and allow it to grow in our freedom, we can become the love of God. Our harvest would be his Glory and our joy. He was a person of great joy. We at St Patrick's are proud of the things God achieved through him. He was one of our best!

- Carroll - Rev Fr Jack Carroll (SPC 1934-36), passed away at St Joseph's Home, Little Sisters of the Poor, Northcote on February 20, 2008.
- Brian Darrigan, husband of Melchorita and father of Norton Darrigan (Year 8 2008), died tragically in a work place accident.
- Father Meredith Delahenty (SPC 1928-32), an Old Collegian and priest of the Diocese passed away on April 1. His funeral Mass was celebrated at the St Patrick's Cathedral on Monday April 7 by the Bishop of Ballarat and many of his peers from around the State. Fr Delahenty was ordained a Priest in 1940 and was parish priest at Apollo Bay, Cressy, Penshurst and Creswick.



- Goss – Terry (Terence), (SPC 1950- 54) passed away in February 2008.
- The College community was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Stephen Haintz (SPC 1973-78), a former staff member of SPC, son of an old boy Chris Haintz, father of SPC's Christopher and Patrick (Year 10 2008) and Sebastian (Year 6 at St Francis Xavier PS), husband of Kate Lawry (teacher at St Francis Xavier PS). Stephen was a gifted and committed educator and had spent time as Principal of St Thomas More Primary School and at Catholic primary schools in Maryborough and Daylesford. He also taught at St Francis Xavier Primary School and Ballarat Grammar School. Stephen was a highly talented athlete and was a fitness fanatic. He umpired several Ballarat Football League Grand Finals and was respected by all players for his skills and decision making prowess. He was also a talented musician and a great host and was universally respected and admired by people from all sections of the Ballarat community. The funeral which had St Patrick's Cathedral overflowing was a testament to the regard in which Stephen and his family are held in the community.
- Alison Kane, mother of Alistair (Year 8 2008) lost her battle with cancer after an inspirational battle over the past decade. Alistair is now in the legal guardianship of Selwyn Cooper and Elisabeth Cooper-Holmes in line with Alison's wishes. Elisabeth is the mother of Johnno Holmes (Year 11 2008) and James (SPC 1999-2004).
- Leo Rabl (SPC 1933-35) passed away on August 10, 2007. Leo lived in Murtoa and led a wonderful, faith filled life and according to wife Mary won several academic awards in 1934 and 1935.
- Mrs Maree Rantall, wife of Rod, mother of Matthew (SPC 2001-06) and Bridie (SPC staff 2008) died on March 9 after a long battle with cancer. Maree worked at OHLC School and the funeral was attended by many from the Catholic education community as well as many of Matt's many friends from the College.
- Bryan Ross of Windsor (SPC1949-51) passed away in January 2008. He spoke fondly of his time at St Patrick's. He was living in Nicholson in Gippsland and is survived by his wife Margaret and their seven children.

- Pat Ryan, a former grounds staff member and father of Julian Ryan and uncle of Aileen Loader died in February after a long battle with cancer. His funeral was celebrated at St Peter's in Daylesford where he was a much loved and respected character within the community.
- Brian Vear (SPC 1952-55) passed away on February 19, 2008 after a courageous battle with illness. Brian attended St Patrick's College from 1952 to 1955 as a boarder from Euroa. Brian was destined in his final year of 1955 to be a participant in two stirring and significant sporting contests. In 1955 St Patrick's College won the Head of the Lake, which is the blue ribbon event of the Ballarat Public Schools' rowing for the first time since 1937. Vincent Colbert (stroke) and Charlie Castle (3) occupied the same places as they did the previous year, as did the Cox, Brian Hickey and Mr S.O. Wilton was once again Coach. The two new crew members were Brian Vear and Tom Scarff, who were tall, strong boys, who fitted in perfectly with the others to form a beautifully balanced combination. In the race itself, St Patrick's moved to the front in effortless fashion about a third of the way through the contest and was never headed as it won easily by three lengths from Ballarat Grammar. Later in 1955, Brian represented the College in 1st XVIII Football, with new coach, Br Justin Kelty who had the task of winning back the BPS Premiership which was lost for the first time in the previous year against Ballarat College. In the critical game for the 1955 championship, the backline of Murphy, Vear, Crough and McKinnie saved the day on countless occasions when College were running rampant before half time. When College fought back late in the game they could not penetrate the defence of McKimmie, Vear and Morganti enabling St Patrick's College to regain the coveted BPS Premiership. After graduating from St Patrick's College, Brian represented Australia at the 1960 Rome Olympic Games in the bow seat of the Men's Coxless Four, which was eliminated in the repechage. In doing so, he was the first College Olympian. Four years later, he once again rowed for Australia at the 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games in the bow seat of the men's eight. Brian spent his life giving back to the sport at which he excelled. In the early seventies as St Kevin's College was developing its rowing and did not have its own shed, Brian coached the

Head of the Lake crew in the Associated Public Schools' Rowing. Brian was a stalwart of the Banks Rowing Club and as President in 2006, was awarded Life Membership of Rowing Victoria, for long and sterling service while working for Banks and successfully competing as well. Brian was heavily involved as an organiser and competitor in the Masters Rowing and was Chairman of the Organising Committee for both the 2004 Australian Masters Rowing Championships at the Sydney International Regatta Centre and the 2006 Australian Masters Rowing Championships at Nagambie in Victoria. At the memorial service held for Brian on Wednesday February 27, Gill Brewster from the Victorian Olympic Council presented an Olympic flag to Brian's family. A fitting gesture for an esteemed old boy and respected rowing identity.

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.

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