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The Principal Moves On

The College Principal, Br Clem Barrett was recently appointed to the Leadership Team of the Christian Brothers of St Patrick's Province (Victoria, Tasmania and East Africa). This appointment means that Br Barrett will leave the College at the end of the year.

Br Barrett has had a long association with St Patrick's, first arriving to teach in 1976 then becoming Headmaster in 1978. In 1984 Marian and St Patrick's amalgamated to form a co-educational school with Br Barrett appointed as its Principal. He continued in this position, at what we now know as St Patrick's College, until 1986.

After a change of scenery during 1987, which included studies in Rome and Boston, Br Barrett returned to Australia as Principal of Trinity College in Colac, Victoria, a position he held for 10 years. During 1998 the College Principal's position was advertised nationally and as the successful applicant, Br Barrett once again returned to St Patrick's College in 1999.

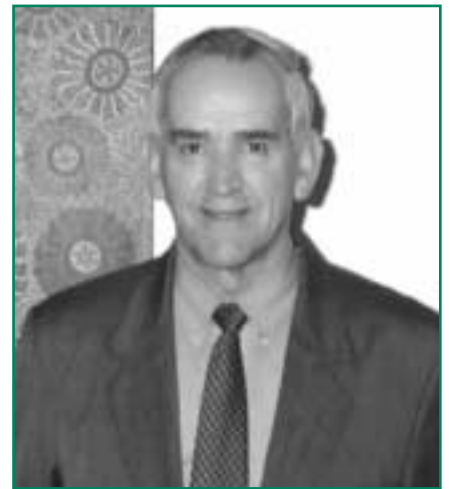
The College community congratulates Br Clem on his appointment to this new and challenging role and wishes him success in the future.



Fr J. V. Howe

Fr Howe became Parish Priest at the Church of Apostles in late 1955. It was Fr Howe's vision and drive that saw the current site at Prospect purchased in 1956 for the construction of a senior school. This site was considered far from being suitable by many at the time for a number of reasons, one being it was well out of the City, 'virtually in the bush'. Looking at the size of today's campus, Fr Howe's choice has proven to have been wise. In recognition of Fr Howe's contribution the original College library was named in his honour almost 30 years ago. Fr Howe

returned on Grandparents' Day 2002, to again visit the College and view the building which, although still bearing his name, has been completely refurbished to become the J. V. Howe Information Technology Centre.



Br Barrett has already taken up some of his duties as Province Councillor and will move to Victoria in 2003.



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Personal



Morgan Sydney Jane Carr born 30th April, 2002, weighing 3.125kg (6lb 14oz) with mother, **Amanda** ('95).



Emma Hollingsworth ('91) married James Baldock at Couran Cove, Gold Coast on Easter Saturday. Family and friends travelled from around the country to attend.

School

Grandparents' Day

This annual event continues to grow in popularity with Year 9 students' Grandparents taking the opportunity to visit the College and view the facilities. This year broke all records with almost 190 Grandparents enjoying morning tea, a musical performance and a tour of the Campus.

The College continues to change maintaining modern facilities and an expansive curriculum. Many Grandparents are 'repeat visitors' and are always amazed at the changes since their last visit.

This year saw the attendance of an 'extraordinary repeat visitor', **Ron Bishop** attending his 11th Grandparents' Day – some record!



Enjoying the day were Patrick Garnham with his Grandfather Ron Bishop and Jacob Sluis with Maarten and Kieta Sluis.

Year 7 Luncheon

Once again the annual lunch for Grade 7 parents was a well attended event with over 50 enjoying the fine fare prepared by the students.



Amongst those enjoying lunch were: L-R Janine Nuccitelli, Maxine Eade, Gaye Bellchambers, Filomena Brown, Margaret and Peter van Est.

The Member for Franklin – Neville Oliver ('62)



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Neville Oliver took over the seat of Franklin recently from retiring member Fran Bladel.

Neville remembers St Patrick's when it was "only half a dozen classrooms and a handball court" at York St and the Prospect "Matriculation class had 4 or 5 students". The days when there were only two lay teachers Des King and Jim Brophy and the Brothers driving up from York St in a Volkswagen Minibus.

Neville left school to work for accounting firm Garrott & Garrott, where Mr Garrott informed a young Mr Oliver "we have never employed a Catholic before.... have we taken a risk?". The confident reponse was "no I don't think so". Neville moved around a little early on ending up back at Garrott's as their Tax Manager before joining the ABC in 1974.

The ABC proved to be a good move for 'Big Red', as his school mates dubbed him. He moved on to become Sports Editor in 1984 then Head of Sport in 1990. It would appear that 'Aunty' certainly was good to Neville with cricket tours to England (3 Ashes tours), South Africa, India, Pakistan, New Zealand and the West Indies. He was in South Africa during the historic 1994 election and fortunate enough to get the opportunity to "spend half an hour with F. W. De Clerk and Nelson

Mandela.... amazing people". Combined with this he commentated at 5 Olympic and 5 Commonwealth Games - some achievement.

But travel takes its toll and by early 1998 "after 15 years travelling without a break" Neville decided to "sort of retire" and he left the ABC.

However, soon getting bored with playing golf 3 times a week and community work Neville stood for Labor in the House of Assembly seat of Franklin in late 1998. "I think I ran 7th or 8th"..... "I guess it has always been an ambition... to enter politics". Recently he achieved this ambition and is "thoroughly enjoying it".

"The Scuttling of the Lloyd and Parton"

Black Tie Dinner

Saturday, 31st August 7.00p.m. for 7.30p.m. in the College Gym

Past students, past rowers and friends come along and enjoy a 3 course meal, music and a novelty

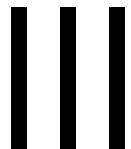
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On campaign – Jane McGee, Kathryn Hay and Megan Nicholas

School Mates to Politics

Who said politics and friends don't mix ? - Kathryn Hay ('93), Jane McGee ('93) and Megan Nicholas ('92) are on the campaign trail.

Most readers would remember Kathryn Hay as either Miss Tasmania 1998 or Miss Australia 1999. In 2002 she is Labor's candidate for the House of Assembly in Bass. Joining forces with her are her old school mates Jane and Megan.

The three have got together to launch a campaign for a "seat in the house" for Kathryn. Megan is no novice to the political scene having worked in Senator Murphy's office after leaving school as well as holding positions on the National Executive for Young Labour and representing the State for Australian Young Labor. Megan is currently the Executive Assistant to the Director of Student Support at the Australian Maritime College.

Jane a finance advisor with McGee Finance and Wizard Home Loans 'Kate rang and asked for some help... it just sort of happened'

All three have had interesting careers since leaving school from back packing around Europe, University studies and Miss Australia quests. Jane holds a BA in the Classics and History, Megan a B Com in Management and Marketing with Kathryn a B Ed – a strange mix! Although "we seem to complement each other" Megan commented and combined with the rest of their campaign team appear to be a formidable group embarking on a political career.



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Internationally Recognised – Peter Crocker ('75)

Peter has been playing badminton since his school days in Launceston only recently retiring from competition some three years ago. His love for the game has taken him to many places around Australia and overseas. In 1998 he gained 1st level accreditation as and IBF umpire whilst officiating at an international competition in Manila. The IBF “like you to stay at that level for at least 2 years” before progressing.

Whilst officiating at the Asia-Oceania semi-finals of the Thomas and Uber Cups in Melbourne late last year Peter was watched by a group of international assessors. Following this he gained certification as an IBF umpire at the highest level attainable. He joins an elite group of only 40 worldwide, with only two Australians.

Peter will join the other 2 Australian umpires at Manchester in July to officiate in the Commonwealth Games. After a hectic 2½ weeks in the UK Peter will meet his wife in Bangkok for a well-earned holiday.



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National Institute of Dramatic Art – Danny Gibson ('01)

Danny was selected to study musical theatre at NIDA in Sydney for a week during January this year. The National Institute is the premier organisation in Australia where Danny not only learnt a lot but also “rubbed shoulders with” some world renowned people. People such as John O’Connell, choreographer for Moulen Rouge and Strictly Ballroom as well as Gale Edwards who directed the Australian production of Cats, Phantom of the Opera and Les Miserables for Andrew Lloyd Webber.

The Institute was impressed enough to invite Danny back in January 2003 at their expense.

Back in Launceston for the time being with an exciting project coming up in August. The project is the production of Col Porter’s Anything Goes for the Launceston Musical Society. “It’s an American musical comedy with a cast of 70 performers...set on a cruise ship with quite a lot of interesting and funny characters”. Danny’s budget for the show is \$50,000 not insignificant by Tasmanian standards.

After next year’s study at NIDA where to ? “I would like to stay and work in Tasmania....but who knows”

King and Amy O’Mally Scholarship – Alison McGee ('96)

After leaving school Alison took ‘a year off’ with part-time work and a number of community activities. In 1997 she studied an Advanced Diploma in Hospitality at TAFE. On completing her Diploma she decided on a career in teaching so the next step was a Bachelor of Teaching (with a Technology major).

Late last year, in her final year, Alison was awarded a \$5,000 national scholarship. Financially this “is a big help” as she is currently studying her Honours year before “hopefully” taking up teaching.



The Batchler Girls

Lisa ('87) and Melanie ('89) both entered the Navy immediately after leaving school. Melanie completed her BA before sea posting as a Seaman Officer aboard HMAS's Canberra, Jervis Bay, Darwin, Adelaide, Gladstone, Derwent and Geraldton. As Executive Officer on HMAS Geraldton she was involved in patrolling for illegal immigration and fishing along the north west coast of Western Australia and Ashmore Reef. Melanie is now based in Darwin at Headquarters Northern Command as Patrol Boat Co-ordinator for Northern Australia.

Lisa completed a BSc before her sea postings to HMAS's Adelaide, Canberra and Sydney. Aboard HMAS Canberra, Lisa spent some eight months in the Persian Gulf during the 1992 conflict. Other stints overseas have included deployment to Hawaii aboard the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson and as Supply Officer and Helicopter Control Officer aboard the HMAS Sydney, in the Arabian Gulf Blockade. Lisa is currently based in Canberra.



Melanie holding the Gloucester Cup presented to the best ship in the fleet.



Lisa on dry land.



THE new Commanding Officer of the Pilbara Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Craig Johnston.

New officer takes post

THE Pilbara Regiment has a new commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Craig Johnston, who describes himself as an 'infantry officer by trade'.

Lt-Col Johnston joined the Australian Army in 1980 and has served in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Townsville, with his most recent posting being as the Canberra-based public affairs coordinator for the Australian Army.

He officially took up his position as the regiment's commanding officer in late 2001, arriving in Karatha with his wife Catherine and children Duncan, 16, and Caitlin, 15, who are now settling into boarding school in Melbourne.

In his 20 years with the Royal Australian Infantry Corps, Lt-Col Johnston has travelled the world, spending seven months on secondment with the Royal Marines in the UK, which included a NATO exercise in Norway.

He has also participated in various overseas exchanges with the US Marine Corps, plus spent one month in 1998 attached to the UN Special Commission in Iraq, as one of the

operations officers for a Special Inspection Team inspecting 'sensitive' sites, including eight Republican palaces.

Before being posted to Canberra, he spent two years in New Zealand as the Australian Exchange Officer at the New Zealand Army Headquarters, based in Wellington.

Lt-Col Johnston will be the commanding officer of the Pilbara Regiment for two years, and this year his focus will be on 'regional engagement'.

"At a regimental level, this means we'll be renewing relationships within the Pilbara/Gascoyne region," he said.

"That's everything from emergency services through to major industry and local community representatives.

"This is important because the Pilbara Regiment exists to look after the North-West, and we'd find it extremely difficult to find out what's going on in our own back yard if we didn't maintain all our relationships with the community.

"Our whole reason for being centres around the Pilbara and Gascoyne.

"That's our area of operation, so we simply can't exist without that interaction."

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Craig joined the Army in 1980 after leaving St Patrick's in 1979. Amongst his school achievements he was a cricketer of note. Wearing the "Baggy Green" of the College 1st XI and last year being named in the College's cricket "Team of the Nineties". Craig and his wife Catherine are settling into Northern Territory life with their children Duncan and Caitlin.

School



The Student Executive has expanded this year with the school moving to 8 Houses to cater for increased student numbers. Members of this year's Student Executive with the Principal and His Grace the Archbishop are:

Back: Scott Mitchell, Josh Coull (School Captain), Matthew Barwick, Kris Philpott, Sam Gowans and Luke Davey. **Middle:** Annelies Crowe (School Captain), Amelia Board, Bart Taylor, Emma Talbot, Alice Colman and Annah Yard. **Front:** Anita Smith, Natasha Vavrek, Sarah Moore and Vanessa Johnston.

News

World Youth Day – Toronto

Nine students fly out on July 14th to Toronto to attend World Youth Day 2002. They will be in Canada for 17 days also visiting Vancouver and Quebec. Those attending are: Prue Leslie, Stella Wilson, Emily Symon, Anna Gill, Francis Parkes, Ashley Youd, Tom Garnham, Joe Tidey and Amanda Walker.

A fundraiser organised by St Vincent De Paul to assist with the trip was held at Mary Dwyer's house recently, raising more than \$500.



Tom Gardham accepting the cheque on behalf of the group from Mary Dwyer and Peter Lyall from St Vincent De Paul.

Around The Traps



New Recruit

Damien Powell '98 joined the Navy in June 2001. After getting through recruit training he is now studying to be an Electronics Technician at HMAS Cerberus, Victoria. On completion of his training he will be rated, then posted in 2003.



Senior 1st and 2nd Boys

Tim Margetts, Johnathon Schade, James Gibson, Mitchell Hills, Jackson Hills, Thomas Kenny, James Bolzonello, Robert McRae and David Hale.



Senior 1st and 2nd Girls

Rebecca Le Fevre, Anita Smith, Reagan Heathcote, Sophie McCarthy, Chloe Tripp, Emma Statham, Jessica Dobber and Samantha Tripp.

Our Swimmers Dominate Again

St Patrick's swimmers again dominated most carnivals this season. The College swimming carnival was probably a good indication of what was to come with 14 school records broken, some of which had stood for 20 years.

The Northern Carnival at Burnie was somewhat of a whitewash by SPC, 6 of the 7 shields on offer now hanging in the College corridors. Of the 100 events on the day SPC swimmers won 57 ending the day with an aggregate score of 547, 100 points clear of the next school.

Hobart Aquatic Centre was the venue for this year's State Carnival with 16 schools participating. St Patrick's team of 54 swimmers brought home 3 shields, Junior Co-ed, College Co-ed and Aggregate Co-ed and was the only Northern school to win a shield.

There were many good performances with **Bridget van Tiernen** breaking the Open 50m breaststroke record and **Leigh Cuthbertson** breaking the U/13 50m breaststroke. **Thomas Bruchkes-Domanski** was unlucky finishing second by just 0.4s in the U/14 50m breaststroke while also breaking the State record.

Tennis – History Repeated but Better

For the first time since 1964 every Senior Tennis Team played off in the State finals. A significant historical difference is that in 1964 the only tennis team (4 boys) of the College won a State Final, in 2002 the 4 Senior Teams, of the many now at the College, played. The 1st and 2nd boys teams played Hutchins at St Patrick's while the 1st and 2nd girls' teams played Collegiate at Grammar.

The boys 1st team dominated from the beginning defeating Hutchins 5 rubbers to 1. **Jackson Hills, Mitchell Hills, Jonathon Schade, James Gibson** and **James Bolzonello** were too good for their opponents throughout the morning.

The boys 2nd team was a little tougher but **Chris Schade, Tim Margetts, Robert McRae, Thomas Kenny, Dave Hale** and **Richard Swierc** dug deep to eventually win 4 rubbers to 2.

The girls 1st team were pipped at the post by Collegiate. Having won both doubles matches and needing to win only two of the singles, Collegiate snuck in, winning 3 of the 4 singles. **Reagan Heathcote, Sophie McCarthy, Chloe Tripp** and **Emma Statham** all played well but the opposition was too good on the day.

The 2nd girls' team had a convincing win with 5 rubbers to 1 for the second year running. It was a good solid performance from **Rebecca LeFevre, Anita Smith, Jessica Dobber** and **Samantha Tripp**.



L-R: Tobias Brucksch-Domanski and Tahnee Karas (Captains of the Juniors) with Bridget Van Tienen and Robert Jetson (Captains of the Seniors).



From the Archives – Athletics Oval under construction, mid 1970's.



2nd XI State Final Winners

Back: T. Long (Coach), Ben de Jong, Sam Claessens, Adam O'Hallorin, Brett Williams, Adam House and Daniel Crowe.
Front: Simon McGee, Michael Hay, Steven Butler, Bart Taylor (Captain) and David Pfundt.

Rowing – On The Up!

The College was represented by 55 rowers in the Finals of the Tasmanian Schools, Rowing Competition at Barrington recently. Following the Saturday heats where the eight fastest placegetters went through to the Sunday finals St Patrick's found itself in 27 of the 31 Finals on offer. An excellent effort against the best of Tasmania's junior rowers.

The U14 boys' quad of **Andrew Hadley** (stroke), **Shaun Reece**, **William Rafferty**, **Ben Phillips** and **Danica Reeves** (cox) have been unbeaten over the last two seasons and continued their success, again back-to-back champions. The U16 boys' Eight, which included three of the U14 boys, provided spectators with the most thrilling race of the day. They fought neck-to-neck with the Hutchins crew throughout the 1500 metre race to be pipped on the line by a meagre 0.36 of a second.

James Ryan, individually, had a big weekend making the finals of all 5 events he entered bringing home three 2nd placings and a 3rd.

Cricket

The Closest on Record – A Nail Biter

The 1st XI State Final was also played at home on a perfect batting strip. Day 1 saw SPC winning the toss and batting. After an early wicket **Alistair Biffin** and **Matthew Page** steadied the ship with a 107 run partnership. The Captain, **Sam Gowans** lifted the score and the rate with 88 of 75 balls to put SPC in a commanding position of 5/235 at the 60 over mark. In the final overs **Adam Bosworth** 48 and **Sam Graham** 33 chipped in to post a final target of 337. Hutchins survived 8 overs on day one to be 0/20 at the close of play.

Day 2 saw the visitors crawl to 4/70 off 30 overs then the game swung Hutchins way with a quick partnership of 171 for the 5th wicket. Hutchins quickly moved to 5/227 with 33 overs left to play. SPC rallied and some tight bowling set up an amazing game of cricket.

It came down to the last 3 balls in the 104th over. Three runs to win and the last batsman at the crease, a fortunate flick through square leg and Hutchins over the line in the closest final ever.

No side has ever made 337 in a State Final let alone lose it setting such a target. There were good performances from all players with **Sam Gowans** 88, **Alistair Biffin** 71, **Adam Bosworth** 48 and **Sam Graham** 33no. The bowling was evenly distributed given it was a good batting strip, **Sam Gowans** 2/21, **Sam Graham** 2/49, **Patrick Doherty** 2/64 and **Luke Powell** 2/74

3 on the trot for the 2's

The 2nd XI easily accounted for Hutchins in the State Final on the bottom oval making it 3 in a row. Hutchins won the toss and batted providing some early action. The first ball of the game bowled by Captain **Bart Taylor** was hit high and landed in the hands of **David Pfundt**, Hutchins 1/0. Three balls later Bart struck again, Hutchins 2/5 after just the first over.

The saga continued with Hutchins bowled out after only 22 overs for 102. **Bart Taylor's** 5/18 was backed up by **Adam O'Halloran** with 2 wickets and **Steven Butler**, **Sam Claessens** and **Will Campbell** chipping in with one each.

With not a lot to chase in 45 overs **Adam House** and **Michael Hay** started sensibly. Adam scoring 23 with Michael carrying his bat not out 39. The day ended early with **Daniel Crowe** winding the game up with a useful 11 no.

Sailing - A New Sport Option

St Patrick's offered Sailing as a co-curricular activity for the first time this year and has already competed in an event.

The Tasmanian Schools' Team Racing event held at the Port Dalrymple Yacht Club was the first introduction to competitive sailing for **Amanda Walker (C)**, **Jason Walker**, **Jo Tidey**, **Jessica Meddings**, **Josh Smith** and **Michael Walker**. The novices sailed in four races in a round-robin competition. After some early nervous moments (2 capsizes) the crews settled down improving considerably towards the end of the event.

Team racing is a new concept in the North of the State and looks to become a popular activity at St Patrick's.

Sport – Excellence Again

Equestrian – Success first up!

With St Patrick's saddle blankets and brow bands our immaculately presented horses and riders showed that the College may be a newcomer to the sport, but is more than up to it. For first time fifteen students from the College made up four teams in this year's inter-schools horse trials held at Gravelly Beach.

At the completion of the first phase (Dressage) the College led the field in the C and Composite divisions with the C grade team eventually taking out the cup. The composite team, although announced as the victors, were relegated to second following a rule change.

The trials involved dressage, cross country and show jumping events.

Composite Team - **Shauna Von Stieglitz, Claire Pyke, Rachel Lattin and Stacey French-Wilhurst**

C Grade – **Hannah Thompson, Melany Thompson, Tarn Sherwin and Natasha Eels**

D Grade – **Fran Moore, Abbey Bessell, Lacey Thompson, Melissa Jaggard, Angela Lattin, Danielle Oates and Laurie Badeveh**



Shauna Von Stieglitz in action.

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