



## 2013 Off to a Great Start

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### UPCOMING COLLEGE & FOUNDATION EVENTS 2013:

6 JUNE  
TURF OFFICIALY OPENS

22 JUNE  
BENEFIT DINNER & AUCTION

30 JUNE  
COLLEGE OPEN DAY

4 JULY  
MOTHER & SON DINNER

### NEWS IN BRIEF

MCEVEDY SHIELD 2013  
SPC ARE CHAMPIONS AGAIN

O'SHEA SHIELD 2013  
SPC SHARES FIRST PLACE WITH  
ST CATHERINE'S, THIS YEAR THE  
COMPETITION WAS HOSTED BY  
SILVERSTREAM



### Finding nearly a million dollars to help pay for the new artificial turf at St Patrick's College requires some innovative ideas and a strong determination to succeed.

These factors were very much present when the school organised a fun/run walk to raise funds to pay for the turf which will be officially opened by the Deputy Prime Minister, Bill English, and Mayor, Celia Wade-Brown on June 6.

The realisation that the school had to find more than half the \$1.7 million cost of the brilliant new, all weather, floodlit rugby and football facility meant that some urgent thinking was required. Development Manager Loretta Love started preparing her applications for gaming trust money but also started to think of other projects.

Winning support for the fun run/walk from the school leadership and the boys was a challenge because March is a busy month dominated by McEvedy Shield, First XI cricket traditionals, Maadi Cup rowing and other distractions, never mind an absorbing cricket test at the Basin Reserve.

Despite this 160 boys, as well as many parents, teachers and old boys turned up on the day to complete as many laps of the school neighbourhood as possible. The result – nearly \$20,000 raised –was encouraging, never mind that it is just the first step in a long journey.

Rector Father Paul Martin led the way, organising loads of sponsorship for his numerous completed laps of the course of nearly three kilometres. House teams vied to raise the most money and one lucky student who participated, Joseph Quirke, received the added bonus of an iPad.

Over the summer months the old sports field, memorable for its bare patches and muddy areas in mid-winter, was transformed into a first-class, full-length ground that will be used for games and training by the College, Marist St Pat's Rugby Club and others 10–15 hours a day.

Work raced ahead of schedule, thanks to the dry weather, and the fun run/walk was held under cloudy skies ahead of much-needed rain (perhaps prayed for in the pre-run Sunday Mass in the chapel!).

The Wellington City Council has provided \$800,000 funding for the ground, following earlier investments in similar schemes elsewhere, and is hopeful that the artificial turf will mean fewer cancellations of sport.

Loretta and the Foundation fundraising committee are charged with raising the College's share of the turf cost. One avenue being explored is for businesses to pay for sideline signage on the new turf. With 53,000 vehicles passing the ground on Cobham Drive a day there are marketing benefits for anyone paying for one of the signs.

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# The 59'ers Come Home

BY PETER BURKE

**In February 1959 a group of about 100 callow young boys from all around the Wellington area made their way somewhat nervously up Buckle St to what was called the 'Old Grey Mother'- AKA as St Patrick's College Wellington, Cambridge Terrace.**

The first day at College was a mixture of excitement, anticipation and trepidation. A day of official induction and unofficial initiation. Our voices were unbroken - we came as boys and would leave as young men. St Pat's would be our home for the next three to five years.

1959 was an interesting year in New Zealand history. The Chinese gooseberry became the Kiwifruit and was exported overseas for the first time. The Auckland Harbour Bridge was opened and so was the new Wellington Airport to name a few major happenings.

Fast forward to 1pm, Friday April 12, 2013 and thirty eight men of that cohort of 1959 gathered at the 'new' St Pat's at Evans Bay for a reunion of a lifetime. The 59'ers were coming home for a weekend of nostalgia and fun and rebuilding past friendships. They came from as far away as the UK, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Canberra and all parts of New Zealand. Apologies were received from others both within New Zealand and overseas. (Sadly at least fourteen of our cohort are known to have died.)

Some had not seen each other for over 50 years but surprisingly the recognition was pretty good. Yes some of the black hair was grey, the trim figures have developed middle age spread but others looked almost the same as they were half a century ago. Quickly the memories flowed back and it was like we had never been apart for 50 years.

After the informal introductions and welcome, Fr Paul Martin took us on a tour of the new College. Quite different from our day, but it was great to see the big white statue of St Patrick still enjoying pride of place. Then it was time for the official photo and a chance to meet with the senior boys of 2013. A special feature of the day was a Mass of Remembrance in the College Chapel which saw three of our teachers from our era, Frs O'Neill, Pat Dooley and Kevin Mears concelebrate the Mass with Fr Martin. After that more chat and a few drinks in the library – a day to remember. Also present was Fr Brian Wysocki, another of teachers at SPC in 1959.

The team reconvened for lunch at Soi restaurant at Evans Bay on Saturday and again there was more time to reminisce, network and swap business cards with a view to future contact.

The finale of the weekend was dinner at the College on the Saturday night, the feature of which was a debate between the 1959-63 team comprising David Benton, John Moriarty and Graham Taylor and the team of 2013 ( James Berry, Georges Tinawi and James Ramsey). The topic - "that the class of 2013 will achieve more than the class of 1963".

The adjudicator was Justice Denis Clifford and he diplomatically declared the debate a draw which was a fair result. Once again the evening allowed the attendees more time to network and share their favourite memories.

It was a great weekend and congratulations go to Graham Taylor and his organising committee, helped tremendously by Loretta Love from the College for making this possible. Such was the enthusiasm that those present and others have agreed to send their memories of college life back to a member of the group for collation into a book that will preserve some of the history of this era of the College. Already the networking is in full swing, old friendships rekindled and new ones made. The spirit of 1959 is alive and well.



*Staff & students in action ...*

## *Continued from cover ...*

There has been an encouraging response to the Foundation's promotion of "square metre" sponsorship of the turf and this continues to be available.

The turf will also be the focus of the annual St Patrick's College Foundation Dinner and Auction which will be held in the assembly hall on Saturday June 22. Readers of the Cornerstore are urged to diary this date and book a table for their friends and family.



## Bill Jeffries' Toast at St Patrick's College 1959 Reunion Dinner

*Yesterday, at the Mass of Remembrance in the College Chapel, we all prayed for the known past pupils of our time, who have died.*

*You will remember the fine hot sunny day in early February 1959 when we, innocent young boys, walked up the Buckle Street drive way, pass the green ivied concrete castle with St Patrick's statue looking out over the traffic on Kent and Cambridge Terraces - up the northern steps - down the stairs into the gloomy yard by the tuck shop - to start that great pilgrimage - or perhaps we should say - that great battle of life - that has brought us back together this evening some fifty five years later.*

*They walked with us that fine day and we remember them - forever young. and the word "Forever" is significant.*

*The whole point of our parents sending us to St Patrick's College Wellington - they choose the College, not us - was the firm belief that whilst physical life will certainly end - our spiritual life does not. A fully rich education is not only about coping with life; it is additionally about coping with death - our own and others close to us. That is the basis of our faith - our "Fidem" and that is why we should never be afraid.*

*But - let us reflect broadly (and briefly) this evening on our lives and those closest to us.*

*Our parents in 1945 - the year most of us were born - had lived through an awful economic depression in the 1930's and then the Second World War for six years.*

*When we toast "Absent friends", we remember our parents, our first educators - whose fondest wish for each of us - no doubt - was that we would live our lives in a time of peace and prosperity.*

*Therefore, we should recognise with gratitude - whatever the various dangers and difficulties we have each experienced - we have all lived our lives in a time of continual peace and considerable prosperity in New Zealand, Australia and in North America.*

*Our parent's fondest wish therefore, has been achieved and we are grateful as we remember them.*

*And we remember too, our past priests - those young men who choose to join the Society of Mary to pursue a vocation teaching us, coaching us, polishing us and indeed, inspiring us for the great adventure of life.*

*Many people think that the Irish founded the Catholic Church in New Zealand. That is not quite correct: it was the French and in particular, wonderful French citizens of the City of Lyon who brought the faith to New Zealand in the nineteenth century and they touched our lives too.*

*The founder of the Marist Order, Father Claude Colin (whose biography has just been completed by Father Justin Taylor SM) and a Father Peter Chanel, left Lyon to go to Rome to secure recognition for a new religious order, the Society of Mary, the Marists. The Italians at the Curia offered the young men a deal. "We ( the Church ) will recognise your Society of Mary on condition that your Society takes responsibility of bringing the teachings of Christ - to Oceania ... that vast area of the South Western Pacific Ocean including Polynesia, Melanesia, Australia and New Zealand."*

*The young priests in the spirit of their Patroness, Mary, said "Yes".*

*So off they went back to Lyon, organised for a tall, aristocratic ex soldier, priest called Jean Baptise Pompallier then aged only thirty five, to be consecrated a Bishop, and then onto a sailing ship, Bishop Pompallier, Father Chanel and a couple of others set off from the Port of Le Havre, down the Atlantic Ocean around the Cape Horn in South America - and onto Tonga and the Wallis Islands, where Father Chanel was dropped off at place called Futuna to start his mission which ended five years later with his bloody martyrdom, aged thirty seven years.*



*Bishop Jean Baptise Pompallier sailed onto Whitianga. He learned Maori, acquired a fine schooner to visit the Eastern settlements of the North and South Islands to bring the Gospels too the tanga ta whenua and settlers. As recorded in that Marist old boy's great History of New Zealand, my friend the late Michael King, Bishop Pompallier was a major presence at Waitangi on the sixth of February 1840, advising Governor Hobson to make sure that the British promise to guarantee religious tolerance in New Zealand by ensuring that*

*the Anglicans did not become the established Church. Governor Hobson duly gave this promise and New Zealand has never had an established Church.*

*Whilst Bishop Pompallier himself was not a member of the Marist Order he was its indispensable patron. The point is this: the French Missionary influence created by the Marists, influenced the very foundations of our nation and we should be proud of that fact.*

*Twenty years later, Bishop Pompallier brought another great citizen of Lyon to New Zealand, Suzanne Aubert. Suzanne Aubert later founded the Sisters of Compassion and you will remember the soup kitchen on the same site as the College in Buckle Street, Wellington. We all knew that whatever happened to us in life we could turn up there for a free meal with no questions asked.*

*The driving dynamic of this great tradition entwining the history of the French Marists in the Pacific, Bishop Pompallier and Mother Aubert with the history of this City and this country was always and continues to be to turn out decent young New Zealand men with a no nonsense approach to life where problems are tackled with courage and a touch of humility.*

*And so, to absent past friends - whose names were read yesterday in the chapel and I think of two in particular; to our absent past parents and to our absent past Marist priests for whom we pray; might I end with the words of a song of the day:*

*" We 'll be seeing you  
In every lovely summer's day  
Where the children are at play  
In the park across the bay  
We will always think of you that way  
We will see you in the morning  
And when the night has moon  
We will be looking at the stars  
But we will be seeing you."  
To all our absent friends.*

## ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE FOUNDATION ANNUAL DINNER & AUCTION – ALWAYS A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

**This special dinner has become a memorable annual event and will be held at the College hall on Saturday, June 22 from 6.30pm.**

Tickets are on sale now from the College Cashier and parents, old boys and friends of the school are invited to organise a table to this great night full of good company and shared memories.

Tickets cost \$75 each and include a three course meal, wine and an outstanding night of entertainment.

The special guest is Peter Biggs, an internationally renowned speaker who is inspiring, motivating and entertaining in what he says and how he says it.

Peter, a Patrician, is managing director of international advertising agency Clemenger BBDO based in Melbourne. He is a former chairman of the Arts Council of New Zealand and holds many other honorary positions in business and the arts. In 1997 he was awarded the title NZ Speaker of the Decade.

The dinner is a chance to catch up with friends and help the St Patrick's College Foundation raise funds for the new artificial sports turf & cricket nets, a \$1.7 million project. All students are going to have access to these facilities, not just limited to top teams of the sporting codes. Additionally the cricket nets are now taking shape and will be a huge training asset for that group of students. As the turf is the College's sole playing field for 800 young men, this project represents a huge milestone for our College community.

Other entertainment for the evening includes performances from Con Anima and exciting prizes will be auctioned off both in a live and silent auction. And of course we have yet another iPad up for grabs during the night.

To reserve your place at this wonderful function please act now and start organising a table of ten. Or if you want to be placed on a table please email Development Manager Loretta Love – [development@stpats.school.nz](mailto:development@stpats.school.nz).



*22 May 2013: 1st XI SPC v's St John's – using the turf to 'bed' down the surface before the official opening in June*

### 'SPONSOR A SQUARE METRE' – SHARING IN THAT CONNECTED MEMORY

Have you ever wanted to share in the sports memories of St Pat's and also be a part of its sporting future?

We invite you and/or your family to become a part of St Pat's sporting future by sponsoring one square metre of the turf through a donation of \$1000 for each square metre sponsored. Payment options include you making part payments over 12 months.

A living donor board is being unveiled at the turf's official opening to commemorate donor support and which will include donors' family names or old boys' names. This will be a great way of showing your support and remembering past on field battles. And as it is a 'living' board we will continue to add names as more square metre gifts are sent.

To sponsor your square metre just phone or email Development Manager Loretta Love to process your details and make that connection – 04 9395416, email: [development@stpats.school.nz](mailto:development@stpats.school.nz)

## GIFTING AND ADVICE OPTIONS

PLEASE TICK BOXES WHERE APPROPRIATE & SEND TO:

St Patrick's College Wellington Foundation, PO Box 14022, Wellington 6241  
Tel: 04 939-5416 Email: [development@stpats.school.nz](mailto:development@stpats.school.nz)

### THOMAS O'SHEA BEQUEST SOCIETY

Please send me further information on making a bequest in my will

### GIFTING

My/our gift to the Foundation is \$.....

I/We would like to make a gift of \$..... annually over a period of ..... years, commencing ..... (month/year)

I/We would like to visit the College and discuss our support of the Foundation

I/We request a Foundation representative phone to discuss our support

### HOW WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR GIFT TO THE FOUNDATION APPLIED?

For the Foundation Board of Trustees to determine per Foundation Deed

Foundation Property Redevelopment Fund

Foundation Education Fund

Should you not wish your name to be published in any Foundation or College media please indicate below.

I/We wish my/our gift to remain anonymous.

### HOW TO MAKE YOUR GIFT AND/OR PLEDGE

Cheque (payable to the St Patrick's College Wellington Foundation)

Internet Banking (please provide full reference details in the transaction)

Automatic payment (via your bank with full reference details)

Credit card (please fill in details below)

### FOUNDATION BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

Account number: 06 0574 0236995 00

Account name: The St Patrick's College Wellington Foundation

### YOUR DETAILS:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:  POSTCODE:

EMAIL:

PHONE:  MOBILE:

FAMILY  STAFF  FRIEND  OLD BOY – YEARS ATTENDED:

### CREDIT CARD DETAILS:

VISA  MASTERCARD

CARDHOLDER NAME:

CARD NO:

EXPIRES:  /  S/N (LAST 3 OR 4 DIGITS ON SIGNATURE PANEL):

SIGNATURE:

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## In Memoriam



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS OLD BOYS  
WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY....

ANDREWS Stephen, 1980–83



Above Kevin Black in 2011

BLACK Kevin, 1956–59

Prominent broadcaster and radio legend.

FROST Alan, 1958–62

LANE Harry, 1929–31

ORANGE John, 1958–63

*Please contact this office if you know of others who have passed away, even if some months ago, so we can add them in the next issue.*

## BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE SPC ARTIFICIAL TURF

**The St Pat's Artificial Turf sits in a prime spot along Cobham Drive with over 50,000 cars passing by each day.**

The College has been delighted with Wellington City Council being its partner in this joint venture development. Consequently the turf will be used by the wider eastern suburbs community for football and rugby and, with the lights provided, will be used throughout the day till late at night.

Another turf fundraising initiative is with selling signage/ sponsorship around the turf's perimeter. One way your business could assist is by agreeing to buy a sign on the fence on the perimeter of the ground. This would showcase your business's support for an exciting new development in the area and underscore your business's commitment and assistance to the wider community.

### SIGNAGE OPTIONS:

- 2.4m x 1m sign on perimeter of the turf, fixed to the 1.2m high wire fence
- 2m x 2m canvas sign on fence facing east along Cobham Drive

### NAMING RIGHTS FOR 10 YEARS

We invite our readers to consider taking part in this initiative or if this opportunity is not applicable to your business pass on this information. It's a chance to do something tangible that creates positive ripples for the whole college.

Visit [www.stpats.school.nz](http://www.stpats.school.nz) or contact Development Manager Loretta Love direct.

# FOUNDATION DONATIONS MAKING AN IMPACT ON THE EDUCATION FRONT AT SPC

LET'S SHARE WHERE YOUR FOUNDATION DONATION (AS PART OF STUDENT SCHOOL FEES TO SPC) GOES AND WORKS HARD TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO AN INCREASING NUMBER OF OUR STUDENTS.

## Has your son benefited from the Old Boys' Tuition programme in the past two years?

Students are identified who may gain with some one on one tuition and are invited to attend tutorials after school one afternoon a week. There is no charge to the parents and no charge to the student, the cost is for paying the tutors – mostly university student Old Boys.

## Banding of Year 9's and 10's in Mathematics and English since 2010

Through donations this programme has been financially supported by the Foundation. Each and every student, with the exception of Year 13's, has benefited from being banded in these two core subjects from the time they started at St Pat's.

Banding was introduced at Year 9 for Maths and English in 2010 and for both Years 9 and 10 in 2011. This means that the students who did Level 1 NCEA in 2012 were the first group of students who had benefitted from having been in the banded programme for both years. In view of this it is interesting to compare the Level 1 NCEA results over that time to see if banding has had one of its desired intentions namely to improve our NCEA results at Level 1.

YEAR:	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	72%	80%	69%	80%	75%	72%	76%	88%

As can be seen from the above figures the Year 11 results are our best ever and significantly up on the 2011 results. They also exceeded our target of 75%.

Obviously not all of the improvement can be attributed to banding as there have been some other initiatives occurring in the College as well, but it does suggest very strongly that the more targeted teaching and smaller classes are having results.

## Scholarship – Year 13's

The Foundation has issued \$25,000 to the College to continue the Scholarship programme for our year 13 students.

The 2012 Scholarship programme included scheduling of one class per week from Term 2 for various Scholarship classes, due to confirmed donations the 2013 programme has been substantially increased.

YEAR:	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
No:	3	8	10	14	13	8	9	10	18

## 2013 target – to gain 24 subject Scholarships

This is an ambitious goal given that 15 x Year 12 students gained NCEA Level 2 with Excellence in 2012. However the success from changes made last year, together with the additional changes outlined below, mean that the College feels this target is a real possibility.

The additional changes for 2013 for the Scholarship Programme are:

- For the first time the College is running stand-alone Scholarship classes. These are in English and Statistics with about 10 to 12 students in each class. This means the boys will do a full Scholarship course with 5 timetabled hours per week for the whole year.
- The remaining subjects will continue to have a similar arrangement as last year where students are timetabled for a Scholarship class once per week. The difference being that this is running from Term 1.

For parents, perhaps talk to your son about these opportunities. For all donors to the Foundation, sincere gratitude for your generosity of not only your pocket but spirit for getting behind these programmes.

*Right: iPad 'Cows' transforming class learning in the library*



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