



# the Cornerstone

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11 DECEMBER

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

2 FEBRUARY

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## Why a Foundation?

Established in September 2009, the first aim of the Foundation was to reconnect or re-engage past families, Old Boys, staff and those with an affinity to the College back to St Pat's. This was the phase prior to the 125<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebrations of which 900 Old Boys and many families attended. And the second aim was to create a vehicle to foster greater philanthropy to benefit the College.

For the past five years the Foundation has made a positive impact with both of those aims.

We have held two class year group reunions. In May we welcomed back our Old Boys for a Decades reunion ranging from 1930 to 1949. The most senior Old Boy who attended started at St Pat's in 1932.

For the past four years we have run the Foundation's Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction – our largest social and fundraising event. The Development Manager, Loretta Love, is well supported by the Foundation Board of Trustees and the Foundation committee making this very much a team effort. This social event brings together Old Boys, past parents and of course our current parents.

Other events include the Grandparents' morning held annually for Year 9's, and for three years a small series of Rector's dinners have been held in the Boardroom, giving parents the opportunity to discuss the College and Foundation over dinner with the Rector.

The Foundation has also organised two Old Boys events in Auckland and two Fun Runs have been held as a family event to raise funds for the Artificial turf.

Additionally each year 3 or 4 issues of the Cornerstone newsletter are sent out to all Old Boys and past families on our database, and of course our current families.

And underpinning all of these initiatives is the core aim of providing support to the College, that is its pupils and staff.

The Foundation financially supports four education programmes by providing financial grants to the College's Board of Trustees. These programmes include the Yr 9 & 10 banding of English and Maths, the Year 13 Scholarship programme which includes dedicated timetabled English and Statistics classes, the Old Boys' Tuition programme where students have been identified as eligible for free one on one tuition after school and finally the Teacher Scholarship awarded annually to 1-2 staff members to visit other colleges to explore better options and methods for St Pat's.

The Foundation financially supports property projects by providing financial grants to the College's Board of Proprietors. The Foundation initially started with plans to transform the Todd Theatre into a Performing Arts Centre and revamping the Quad. In 2012 the project had to be put on hold due to the Board of Proprietors seismic issues. So the time tabling of property projects had to change and the focus switched to raising funds

for the Artificial turf project – now a fantastic resource.

Since September 2009 the Foundation has received income of over \$2m from donations and investments. The College Board of Trustees has received Foundation grants for education purposes of \$215,000 and the Board of Proprietors has received \$569,000 for property projects – none of this would have been possible without the cornerstone donation from the Society of Mary and the continued generosity of our donors.

Therefore it is with much appreciation and thanks to our loyal band of donors that the Foundation will continue to provide tangible support in 2015 to ensure that St Pat's College remains at the forefront of providing excellent education to its students.



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE  
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Past Present Future

# A PIECE OF THE 'OLD GREY MOTHER' NOW RESTORED & INSTALLED

BY MATT AMITRANO 1973-77



PICTURED CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

1902 front door; 2014 view from the Quad;  
2014 'in situ' in the Watter's entrance; 1909 front  
door with the new window.



## WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THIS WINDOW SO FAR

*When the College opened in 1885, visible above its main double front door was a curved two panel window.*

*From photos found in past issues of the 'Blue & White' (our College annual magazine up until 1931 when it became 'The Patrician') we now know that somewhere between 1902 and 1908 funds were raised from either a benefactor or fundraising efforts for the production and installation of this stained glass window to replace the plain two panelled window.*

*For our young Patricians this is another tangible reminder of the College's 129 year history.*

**THE LONG ESTABLISHED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE AND MARIST ST PAT'S RUGBY CLUB HAS PROVIDED MANY A FINE SPORTSMAN FOR THE WELLINGTON REGION.**

In late 2010 it provided an unexpected bonus that none would have foreseen.

An 'invitation' from John Duignan (MSP) was extended to the Amitrano brothers (Peter 1976-79 Custodian at SPC for 25 years and Matt 1973-77 his assistant) to assist in cleaning out a disused upstairs area in the nearby MSP gym.

Good natured banter and bravado were replaced by stunned silence when a beautifully simple, but slightly damaged, stained glass window was found behind piles of rubbish.

The find, with white SPC initials central, immediately spoke of earlier times of the College when situated at Cambridge Tce. With a sensitivity not afforded the rest of the cleanup the window was carefully carried downstairs and across to the College where similar expressions of interest and surprise were common.

The restoration process was undertaken by Neil Chater of Main Glassworks in Newtown, Wellington. Due to the ongoing seismic strengthening programme the repaired window had to undergo a further period of time in storage.

Last month the window was installed at the entrance to the re-strengthened Watter's Block and is now visible to all who enter the Quad.

# SCIENCE – STRETCHING OUR HORIZONS

BY JACK WYNNE YEAR 13 SPC STUDENT

Recently I competed in the national final of the Sir Paul Callaghan Eureka Awards. The awards are in memory of the late Sir Paul Callaghan who was one of New Zealand's most eminent scientists and scientific communicators. Sir Paul's dream was to transform New Zealand into a smart, green and stimulating place to live using science and technology.

The Eureka Awards have contestants present an idea on science or technology that could be used to make New Zealand a better place economically, socially or environmentally. National finalists' speeches covered a diverse range of topics including nanotechnology, genetic engineering and nuclear fusion.

This year regional competitions were added into the Eureka Awards where contestants had to present a six minute summary speech of their idea and how it would help New Zealand. From each region three people were awarded highly commended certificates and from this pool, of highly commended students, twelve were chosen to go forward to the finals. Six students were from secondary schools and six students were from tertiary institutions. At the national final each contestant presented their idea in a twelve minute speech and were then asked five minutes of questions by Radio New Zealand broadcaster Kim Hill.

For my speech I talked about how there are two major problems in the technology industry. Big data, which arises because even supercomputers are unable to analyse all of the data we now create, and optimisation, which is finding the best solution from all feasible solutions. I explained how quantum computing could solve these problems by combining quantum physics and computer science.

In solving the problems of big data and optimisation, quantum computers will be useful in a huge range of areas but due to time constraints I focused on how quantum computers will help the primary industries, the core of the New Zealand economy.

The primary industries are heavily reliant on the weather and many of the decisions made in the primary industries are based on the impact of future weather conditions. With a quantum computer the weather could be accurately predicted far into the future meaning that people in the primary industries will be fully informed when making strategic decisions.

Many of the questions asked by people working in the primary industries are optimisation questions meaning that quantum



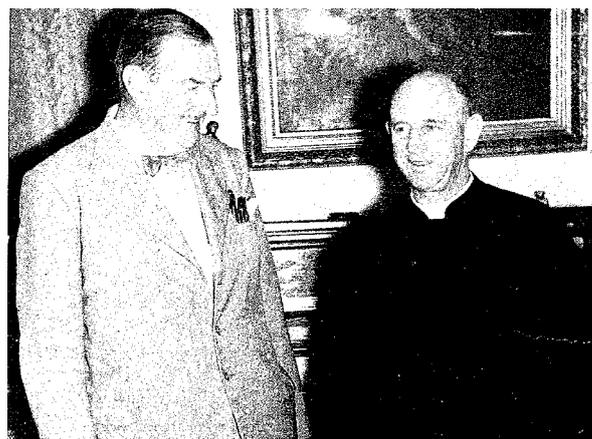
*Above: Governor General Sir Jerry Mateparae with Jack*  
computers could be useful here as well. Using its optimisation abilities quantum computers will be able to answer questions such as when is the best time to plant my crops or move my stock.

For my speech, in the Wellington Regional Eureka Awards, I received one of the highly commended prizes. I was then selected as a finalist at the National Eureka Awards and at the Awards Dinner at Government House I received a Merit Award, one of the two highly commended awards for secondary students as well as the Beca Scholarship which was for "The student who presents the most creative and innovative engineering solution to address issues of economic, societal and environmental value for New Zealand".

I would like to especially thank Mr Doug Walker (SPC Head of Science) for his support, encouragement and for getting me involved in the Eureka programme.

The Eureka Awards was a fantastic experience that introduced me to a wide range of interesting and special New Zealanders who possess great vision and drive. I would greatly encourage next year's St Pat's senior science students to consider being involved in the Eureka experience.

My presentation at the Eureka nationals can be viewed at:  
<http://goo.gl/fvb4Hw>



## FROM THE ARCHIVES

At the College we are constantly surprised at where in the world Old Boys finish up, and also how well many do in their chosen professions. We were reminded of this recently when we received enquiries concerning James Bronte Gatenby.

James was at St Pat's from 1908 to 1911. The family moved to England shortly after James finished college, so that he could study at the University of Oxford. Having completed doctorates in both Philosophy and Science he became Professor of Zoology and Comparative Anatomy at Trinity College Dublin. The 1958 photograph left, shows Dr Gatenby visiting with Father Mannix, the then Rector.

We receive a regular volume of inquiries concerning Old Boys and are always happy to supply information.

## ST PAT'S OLD BOYS HONOUR THEIR FINEST

The St Patrick's College Old Boys' Association (which represents both St Pat's Town and Silverstream) continued with their tradition of naming their Old Boy of the Year at last month's annual dinner, but named two recipients for 2014.

Honoured were Town Old Boy and prominent Wellington businessman, Brian McGuinness, and Silverstream Old Boy, Deputy Prime Minister Bill English.

Association President, Evan Bayly, said, "The award, named after long serving Association Secretary Felix Kane, recognises both men's active contribution to the Catholic way of life and faith; and to their contribution to the promotion of the betterment of the wider community."

Special mention was made of McGuinness's contribution to the Silverstream College through his governance and building activities, his work in the restoration and strengthening of St Mary of the Angles Church, and to English's contribution in his public life as a Member of Parliament, Minister and Deputy Prime Minister."

Past recipients have included Pike River campaigner Bernie Monk, former Police Association President Steve Hinds, actor Jim Moriarty, Union advocate John Ryall, lawyer Joe Karam, former Lower Hutt Mayor Sir John Kennedy-Good (dec) and Catholic Church leaders Cardinal Tom Williams, Frs Gerard Burns, Julian Wagg, Noel Delany and Barney Doherty(dec) and Old Boy stalwarts, Andy Bell, Rex McArley (dec), Peter Menzies, Bernie Walsh, Nelson Nunns (dec) and Felix Kane (dec).



Above: The four McGuinness brothers – Peter (1960-64), Jim (1959-62), Brian (1962-67) and Mark (1970-74).

## Catch-up Corner

This issue it's the 1970 3rd formers/Year 9's, by Evan Bayly.

The year 1970 was a special year for producing quality Marist men and a great many have stayed in touch as friends since our school days. Here is a snapshot of where some are now.

*Leo Donnelly* lives in Karori and has a senior role in the Ombudsman Office and has had a great career there. Still a dangerous Karate Black Belt, Leo trains and manages Karate teams and has ventured overseas to compete on many occasions. He is slowing down a bit now as he sports a titanium hip as of last year.

*John Farry* is retired and lives in Cambridge where he owns and races his beloved horses. He has not lost his mischievous sense of humour.

*Chris Finlayson* has taken the reins of power and is our Attorney General, Treaty Settlements Minister and will go down in history as the driving force behind ensuring the Treaty Settlements industry reached a satisfactory conclusion.

*Brooke Gibson* (Judge) is based in Auckland and as many of you will know, has been sending the criminal element to prison for long holidays. Brooke worked as a barrister on his own account in Wellington for many years and is very well known in legal circles.

*Gerard Hindmarsh* lives in Golden Bay and has done since he left Wellington in the mid 70's. He is an accomplished author and travel journalist and his many books can be found in a book stores throughout NZ. Gerard became a poster boy for the hippie children of the 70's and led the community living and farming groups movement in Golden Bay.

*John Klaphake* is living in Wellington, has his own IT firm and volunteers as a fireman based in Rongotai.

*Mark McGuinness* has literally changed the face of Wellington with the magnificent developments of his firm, Willis Bond. His latest development, The Clyde Quay Apartment complex, is testament to the quality of his developments and this complex is home to go Wellington families, many SPC Old Boys amongst them. Mark and his wife, Wendy, have been staunch supporters of the College and the Foundation and have raised four great children in Wellington.

*Matt O'Byrne* lives in Kapiti and has practiced law there for many years. I had the pleasure in meeting his son as he tended to me at Wellington Hospital a year or so back – he was the duty Doctor and I was the "patient du jour".

*Chris O'Connor* lives in Wellington and has practised law here for a good many years. Chris is a regular connector with old classmates and often hosts "functions" allowing many to catch up.

*Nick O'Neill* lives in Wanganui with his wife, Karen, and has owned and operated his own physio practice and is a regular visitor to Wellington to catch up with friends and to undertake ongoing professional development.

*Joe Romanos* lives in Karori with his wife Gail and has written in excess of 40 books, is a highly sought after MC and speaker and is Editor of the Wellingtonian and the Kapiti Observer. Joe has been a staunch supporter of the Old Boys Association over the years.

*John Ryan* is based in Singapore and has recently established his own business after a lengthy career with Microsoft, based in the Asian Region.

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## 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)

### MAKING A BEQUEST?

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:

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PHONE:  MOBILE:

FAMILY  STAFF  FRIEND  OLD BOY – YEARS ATTENDED:

### CREDIT CARD DETAILS:

VISA  MASTERCARD

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CARD NO:

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## In Memoriam

We remember in our prayers old boys who have passed away.

FAMULARO Dominic, 1936–37  
GARTY Francis (Fr.), 1933–37  
O'SULLIVAN Felix E, 1936–39  
SCANLON Peter (Dr.), 1979–83  
STAFFORD Paul T, 1960–65

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

## GRADUATION AND CHRISTMAS PRESENTS WITH A DIFFERENCE – JUST SEND AN EMAIL TO ORGANISE!

Only a handful remaining of:

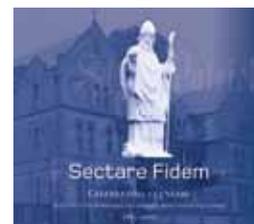
GLASS COASTERS – boxed set of 4 with frosted College etchings, \$18 per set. Stock remaining: 5

WINE GLASSES – each elegant glass has a small frosted etched College crest, boxed set of 6, \$45 per set. Stock remaining: 5

MERINO SCARVES – blue and white stripe, \$40 each. Stock remaining: 14

**125th Jubilee Commemorative Book *Sectare Fidem* – now available for \$25 (limited stocks).**

For our families and Old Boys do you have your very own copy of *Sectare Fidem*? Without doubt this is a fantastic read, a treasure trove of College history written by Old Boy Mike Fitzsimmons (1967-71).



### “St Pat's Goes Marching In” Jubilee Commemorative Painting

In 2009 Old Boy and well known artist Julian Knap created a visual history of St Patrick's College to mark the 125th Jubilee celebrations held June 2010. Due to the artist's generosity, we can now offer the remaining prints at the reduced cost of \$175.00 incl GST. The following numbers are still available; many Old

Boys have chosen a number that connects to their first year or last year of attending St Pat's.

Print Numbers still available: 19,20, 21, 23, 26, 28, 32, 34–39, 42–44, 46, 51–53, 55–59, 62–66, 68–72, 74–77, 80–91, 93–124, 126–149, 151–300.

To purchase any items please refer to contact details in this publication. All prices include GST.

## RECONNECT TO ST PATS

Each and every week we have Old Boys and past families changing their postal and email addressees. To help us help you stay in touch with us please advise any such change.

Secondly to assist with the planning of mini class reunions if you know of someone who isn't in touch with us please let us know or mention us to them.

It's as simple as emailing [development@stpats.school.nz](mailto:development@stpats.school.nz) or phoning 04 939-5416 and leaving a message.



## snippets

### 'Guys & Dolls' returns to St Pat's

Every second year the College holds a musical production and this year the popular 'Guys & Dolls' story was chosen.

Performances took place in late July and involved a cast of 68 students from St Catherine's, Wellington East, St Mary's, Chilton St James and of course our own St Pat's students. Working for almost three months before opening night congratulations must go to the young cast who brought the characters of Damon Runyons' stories to life, capturing the essence of these entertaining and funny characters.

And as with any successful college production involvement of staff and parents is a must, with leadership from Head of English Andrew Brennan and Head of Music Roger Powdrell.

Guys & Dolls has been a firm favourite of the College with it last being performed back in 1997, the same year that Art teacher Rob Taylor passed away and whom the current annual St Pat's creative festival 'TaylorFest' is named after.



### Federation of Bishops Mass

On Wednesday 14th May, the College hosted the Federation of Catholic Bishops of Oceania for Mass. Eighty six Archbishops, Bishops and Priests from Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and the Pacific Islands met in our Hall to celebrate Mass for the nine Catholic Secondary Schools in the Archdiocese.

The theme of the Mass was 'Evangelisation in the Spirit of Pope Francis' and it was celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart (the Archbishop of Melbourne).



*Caption: Following Mass the College performed the haka with the visitors then stepping forward to greet students – an impressive sight!*

### From the Old College Staircase



It was a privilege to recently visit the home of John (1932-36) & Eileen McWilliams as they kindly donated some valuable books to the College archives and library. The rocking chair that John is sitting on was made from the Old College staircase and is one of six that were made.

Do you know where the other five are located or have other items made from the staircase? Please just send in a picture for us to share.

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*Kev Ryan* lives in Christchurch with his wife Jean and is a regular visitor to Wellington to catch up with family and friends. Kev and his brothers still own and holiday at Daph's great bach in the Sounds.

*Mark Skinner* has recently become ill in Sydney after a stellar legal career with Gadens, one of Australia's most respected and prestigious law firms. We wish Mark all the best with his health re-establishment.

*Graham Slade* lives in Karori and operates his own architectural practice in Wellington city.

*Paul White* lives in Tauranga with wife Isabel. Paul was always a talented artist and forged a successful career in interior design commercial design. Paul remains the affable guy he always was.

I have remained in contact with many of my old classmates who went through the "Old Grey Mother" in the early 70's and I have been very fortunate, as Executive Member and currently President of the Old Boys' Association, to have been able to contact many on old boys' business. I had a "Uni" career after leaving St Pat's, and went into business with old friend and classmate Mark McGuinness for five years when we established a security company up on the Kapiti Coast. Selling that business, we both went on to MBA studies and into the corporate world. I was a Business Coach and Consultant until I established my IT firm in 2000. I still manage this firm. I live in Mt Victoria with my wife Beverley, 500 metres (as the crow flies) from where the Old Grey Mother stood! My children have departed the nest and my daughter studies and lives in Amsterdam and my son is off to work for Fonterra in Auckland in a few weeks' time.

*Editor's note: this class year group faced great adversity in its final year as 7th formers with the passing of their classmate Kevin Fouhy (Head Boy) from a traffic accident during the May school holidays.*

ARE YOU ONE OF THE 3RD FORMERS WHO STARTED AT ST PAT'S IN 1970?

IF SO, AND YOU AREN'T MENTIONED HERE OR DON'T REGULARLY RECEIVE THIS, PLEASE JUST EMAIL: [DEVELOPMENT@STPATS.SCHOOL.NZ](mailto:DEVELOPMENT@STPATS.SCHOOL.NZ)

IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HEAR FROM YOU AS THERE ARE OVER 120 FROM THIS YEAR GROUP THAT WE DON'T HAVE CURRENT CONTACT DETAILS FOR.

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