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20 AUG
Yr 9 Speech
Competitions
24 AUG
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27 AUG
Massey & Victoria
Open Day
Art exhibition tickets
\$15pp from 6.30 pm
College Hall
30 AUG-4 SEPT
Sports Tournament
Week
11 SEPT
Yr 12 & 13 Senior Ball
20-24 SEPT
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23 SEPT
Sports Awards Dinner
24 SEPT
Term 3 ends
14 OCT
Old Boys' Dinner
19 OCT
Foundation
Parents Night
4 NOV
7.30pm
Senior Prize Giving
8 NOV
10am
Leavers Mass

Taking that Leap of Faith

ALL THE CLICHÉS PERENNIALY USED LIKE 'MAKING A DIFFERENCE', 'BE PART OF SOMETHING', 'GET THAT FEEL GOOD FACTOR' – THE REASON THEY ARE USED TIME AND TIME AGAIN IS THAT THEY DO DELIVER A SUCCINCT MESSAGE – OUR MESSAGE TODAY IS WE NEED YOUR HELP TO TURN THE FOUNDATION'S VISION INTO REALITY!

THE FOUNDATION VISION HAS TWO AREAS OF FOCUS – THE EDUCATION FUND AND PROPERTY REDEVELOPMENT. WE'VE ENCLOSED INFORMATION ON BOTH AND ASK YOU TO CONSIDER JOINING THE FOUNDATION FOR AS LITTLE AS \$100.00.

EDUCATION FUND

It's all about investing in our young Patricians' education.

Unveiled in time for the Jubilee celebrations the Education Fund has four specific programmes targeting teachers and students alike. The focus is very clear on getting the basics right, with a renewed emphasis on raising the English and Mathematical capabilities of all students.

Making a donation specific to the Foundation's Education Fund will ensure that your gift is distributed to the following initiatives:

- Teacher Professional Development Programme
- Old Boys' Tuition Programme
- Mathematics & English Year 9 & 10 Programme
- National Scholarship Programme Year 13



BUILDING A FUTURE

Moving from its former home in Cambridge Terrace to Evans Bay in 1979 meant brand new buildings and facilities.

Of course that was 31 years ago and here in 2010 the Foundation has embarked on a redevelopment programme to revitalise some of those facilities. It will take a lot of vitality from everyone associated with the College to realise this vision.

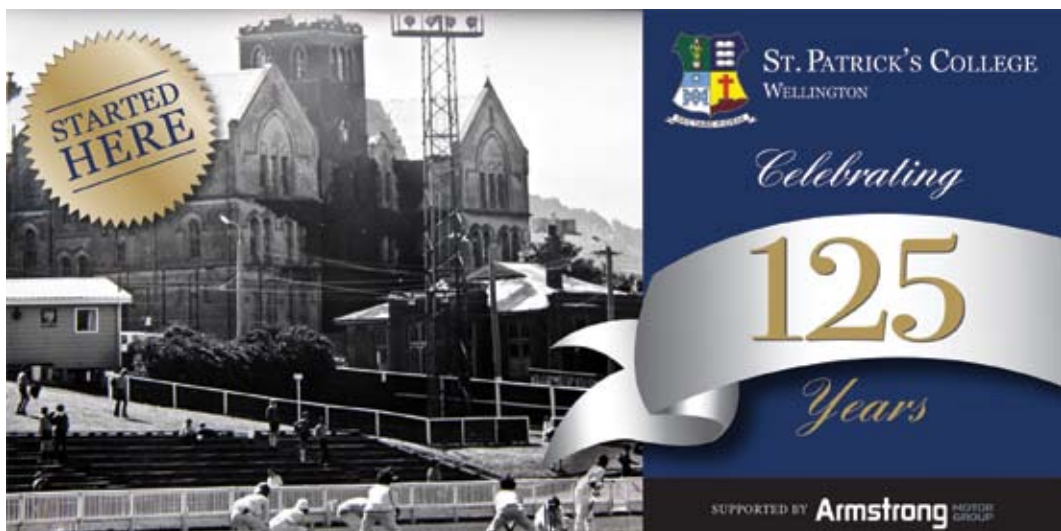
The first two facilities to be redeveloped are the Theatre and the Quad – both set right in the heart of the College and both that will have the greatest impact on many students.

Construction can commence once \$1.5m has been committed to this project – we know it's a challenge but one we believe Patricians and their families are able to accept.



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Past Present Future



The banner erected on the former school site at Cambridge Tce enlightened thousands of commuters driving past. Special thanks to Armstrong Motor Group for allowing the two banners to be erected on their site for 10 days – www.armstrongmotorgroup.com
Phone: 04 3859508

125th Jubilee Celebrations – June 2010

A GREAT WEEK OF CELEBRATIONS TO CEMENT IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF SO MANY OF OUR OLD BOYS AND PAST FAMILIES THAT ST PAT'S IS ALIVE, THRIVING AND CONTINUING WITH THE SAME FAVOURITE TRADITIONS OF 125 YEARS AGO, ALBEIT IT IN THE 21ST CENTURY!

For our young men trudging up and down Watters, Redwood, Chanel and Kennedy stairwells, or racing along the corridors, they now see the history of their college dating all the way back to 1885. And just as all the visitors during the Jubilee were fascinated with the pictorial history so to our young Patricians have the visual reminder that they do belong to one of the oldest Colleges in the country.

HERE ARE A FEW JUBILEE 'FACTS'

- 899 official registrations
- 750 at the Blues Brothers Bash (with 50 volunteers)
- Approximately 1500 through the College and at sports fixtures during Saturday
- 840 at the Jubilee Dinner
- 900 at the Jubilee Mass
- 725 'Sectare Fidem' books already sold
- The original commemorative painting 'St Pat's Goes Marching In' sold for \$27,000 at the Dinner auction – the syndicate have kindly donated it back to the school where it now graces the foyer
- 25 prints of the painting have already sold



LEFT: The young Patricians paying tribute to the Colleges former home – Cambridge Tce/Basin Reserve site.

BELOW: The Jubilee Mass – most fitting that this was the final 'official' event. Concelebrated by 35 Marists NZ Provincial Fr Brian Cummings SM delivers the Jubilee sermon to a packed hall of 900.



TO CHECK OUT JUBILEE PHOTOS – VISIT www.photo.woolf.co.nz
JUBILEE BOOK LAUNCH & MASS – VISIT www.stpats.school.nz AND CLICK ON 'PHOTO PALLERY'.

JUBILEE SPEECHES – VISIT www.stpats125.org.nz

MEMORABILIA – BUY WHILE STOCKS LAST!

Memorabilia is still available to purchase from the cashier's office. Just pop in and make your purchase – eftpos is available – or contact the Development Manager direct to arrange postage.

- 'St Pat's Goes Marching In' prints – \$350 each
- Wine Glasses – set of six – \$ 45 per set
- Glass Coasters - set of four – \$ 18 per set
- 'Sectare Fidem' book – \$49.95
- Merino Scarves – \$40.00

(Prices included GST but not p&p)

FINALLY, HERE IS A SAMPLE OF THE POSITIVE FEEDBACK RECEIVED.

Dear Father,

What an outstanding weekend!

My sincere thanks to all involved in the planning and execution of the Jubilee celebrations.

Thanks to all the boys for providing such wonderful entertainment on Saturday. The 1st IV's win was only eclipsed by their outstanding and original haka. And that evening's performance by Con Anima was breathtaking.

In a weekend of highlights came a dinner not to be forgotten. Tim Gordon's humour, Denis Clifford's wit, Alex Fala's sincerity all topped off by my old Head Prefect Craig Larkin's brilliant toast to the College.

Sunday's Mass was another moving experience and so appropriate to the occasion.

I left with one over riding thought. How on earth have you the priests and teachers, with a good deal of assistance from the boys I suspect, been able to maintain and grow the spirit in a school, which, to an outsider, looks so different. It is a great credit to you all.

My sincere thanks,

Ross Wall (1959-63)

Sydney, Australia



ABOVE: The Jubilation Concert – a tribute and celebration of the successful College choir with past members joining Music Master Roger Powdrell to provide a memorable performance.



The Gift of Giving

ST PATRICK'S STATUE – NOW VISIBLE DAILY TO THOUSANDS OF COMMUTERS

For such an historical event the Jubilee Committee and Board of Proprietors were keen to have a project that in years to come would be a visible reminder of the 125th celebrations.

Our original St Patrick's Statue, removed from the front facia of the old College in 1979 and placed in pride of place in the front entrance garden, has – and will always remain – a constant to the students, staff and visitors. However to capture the attention of the thousands of commuters that daily pass the College a visible reminder of our Irish saint was needed. So the idea of purchasing another statue and placing it on the Western side of the chapel, complete with night lighting, became the Jubilee project.

It is through the thoughtful generosity of the Havill family that this project culminated in the unveiling of St Patrick on May 31st with the College in attendance.

Sylvia Havill was a great benefactor of the College and it is in her memory that the statue has been erected, with a plaque placed at street level. Her four sons all attended St Pat's – Stephen, Christopher, Phillip and Simon.

Gateway – our Old Boys and friends lending a helping hand

GATEWAY IS A PROGRAMME TO HELP SELECTED STUDENTS GAIN CREDITS IN AN AREA THAT THEY HAVE SHOWN A STRONG INTEREST IN WITH WORKPLACE EXPERIENCE EACH FRIDAY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

The College Careers team of Mike Woods and Colleen Flynn liaise with the students and those businesses that can provide that workplace experience.

One business that has strongly supported the St Pat's Gateway programme is The Plumbing Store. Old Boy Vince Gregan (1983-1986) has worked with the Careers team offering work experience to a number of our students. "For me it's all about lending that helping hand to those young guys who know what they want to do but still want to leave College with a plan, this provides the work experience for them to make that decision and chase their goal", said Vince.



Kyle McClure-Abbot, pictured left, was interviewed and accepted into Gateway at the end of Year 11 (5th form) to participate in the programme during Year 12. His intention was to gain Level 2 and finish College at the end of Year 12, hopefully gaining an apprenticeship at the end of that year.

At the Plumbing Store Kyle worked with a variety of plumbers who were happy to have a lad for the day. Eventually he was offered a permanent job. Kyle took this opportunity, leaving College with a Level 2 and has now been offered an apprenticeship.

Can you help the careers team? Please contact:

- Mike Woods: tel 939 3070 extn 239; email mwoods@stpats.school.nz
- Colleen Flynn: email cflynn@stpats.school.nz

LEADING A LIFE AT ST PAT'S

HANS TO'O, HEAD BOY, 2010



One day during my first year at St Patrick's College, I took time out to think about what my final year would look like. It was 2006, and the first thing I did was count in my head what year it would be when I would be Year 13.

The count stopped at 2010, and I thought to myself: "Hey, that's a pretty cool number. Lucky me."

At that time however, I had failed to realise that 2010 was more than just a nice, round set of digits – it was to be a significant year of celebration for St Patrick's College, of which I would be chosen to lead on behalf of its student body.

I had learnt in 2008 that we would be celebrating the College's 125th Jubilee in 2010, and before I had time to think to myself: "Hey, that's my final year, lucky me," I was standing in front of around 800 boys in the College Hall, as the Patrician they chose to lead the way.

As the St Patrick's College Head Prefect for 2010, it has

proven to be a privilege beyond my expectations, not just because it is a leadership position, but rather because it has been an adventure, a challenge and an experience.

The sense of duty as a role model to others has been one of the most daunting tasks this year, but its rewards have been much greater, where I have found firsthand that servanthood brings goodness to all of us.

This has strengthened the attitude with which I approach my other school activities, but the strain of time has again called for some sacrifices and greater self-management throughout the year.

Yet it never ceases to amaze me to know that thousands of Patricians have continued to live by the motto 'Sectare Fidem' since 1885. Being a witness to the College's history during the 125th Jubilee, to almost soon becoming a part of this tradition, this thought has humbled me to remain forever loyal to home, church, crown and school.

For myself, St Patrick's College and its 125th Jubilee has been an opportunity to give back to a school, where its past and current students have grown spiritually, academically, culturally, emotionally, physically and socially. Being the Head Prefect in 2010, it continues to be the most amazing experience of my life.

GIFTING AND ADVICE OPTIONS

Please tick boxes where appropriate, then send form to:

St Patrick's College Wellington Foundation, PO Box 14022, Wellington 6022

THOMAS O'SHEA BEQUEST SOCIETY

- Please send me further information on making a Bequest in my Will

GIFTING

- I/We would like to make a gift to the Foundation
- I/We would like to make a gift of \$..... 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 TO MAKE YOUR GIFT

- 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

FOUNDATION BANK DETAILS:

- **Account no: 06 0574 0236995 00**
- **Account name: The St Patrick's College Wellington Foundation**

WHICH PART OF THE FOUNDATION WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR GIFT TO SUPPORT?

- For the Foundation Board of Trustees to determine as per Foundation Deed
- Foundation EDUCATION Fund
- Foundation PROPERTY REDEVELOPMENT Fund
- Foundation ARCHIVE Fund

All Foundation Gift amounts remain confidential.

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.

FOREIGN CURRENCY ACCOUNTS

Now you can make a Foundation donation from overseas as we have set up Foreign Currency Accounts in US \$ dollars and UK £ sterling.

The following is the information that your bank will require if you wish to make a gift in either of those currencies:

- **St Patrick's College Foundation**
581 Evans Bay Parade, Kilbirnie
Wellington
NEW ZEALAND
- **SWIFT CODE ANZBNZ22**
- **Account STPATS USD 20 or STPATS GBP 20**

YOUR DETAILS:

Name:

Address:

City: Postcode:

Email:

Phone: Mobile:

Parent Staff Friend Old Boy: Year/Form started (e.g. Year 9/3rd Form):

Years attended (e.g. 1978-1982):

YOUR CREDIT CARD DETAILS (IF APPLICABLE):

Type of credit card: Visa Mastercard

Cardholder name:

Card number: Expires: /

Signature:

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COLLEGE NEWS

ST JOHN'S TRADITIONAL

This year SPC travelled to the Hawkes Bay on 29th-30 June.

Results: Basketball lost 83-71; Football 1st VI drew 1-1; Hockey won 4-3; Badminton won 4-2; Rugby 1st XV won 39-0, 2nd XV 55-0

SILVERSTREAM TRADITIONAL

The College hosted the traditional this year. Results:

Badminton: 6 - 0; Town

Road Race: 8 on countback; Town

2nd XI Hockey: 2 - 4; Stream

1st XI Hockey: 4 - 1; Town

Basketball: 104 - 29; Town

U15 Rugby: 22 - 25; Stream

1st XV : 19 - 3; Town

Colts Football: 0 - 11; Stream

1st XI Football: 0 - 3; Stream

Unfortunately the Football and Rugby fixtures were transferred to grounds away from the College, the football making use of the new artificial turf at Te Whare (Newtown) and rugby to Hataitai Park.

MARLBOROUGH EXCHANGE

1st XI Football won 4-0

Junior Football won 2-1

CON ANIMA TRAVELLING TO LAS VEGAS!

If you want to support the choir consider purchasing their 'Jubilation 2010' CD – a fantastic compilation of the best from 1996 to today. \$15 each.

At the 'Young Singers in Harmony National Barbershop Chorus competition' held in Hamilton the College "The Saints" won this prestigious national title.

ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for 2011 closed on 6th August. This year we have had a student who is the 4th generation to be educated at St Pat's. Applications received after 6th August are not guaranteed a place for 2011. Enquiries: admin@stpats.school.nz

LOST & FOUND

FOUND – after the Jubilee one navy-blue Rodd & Gunn jersey, please contact the Development Manager to arrange collection.

LOST – 1 brown scarf at the Jubilee. Please phone 04 9395416 if you have it.

MAYFAIR MEETS SPC OLD BOYS

ON THE SAME DAY AS THE MAIN CELEBRATIONS WERE TAKING PLACE IN WELLINGTON, 34 LONDON BASED OLD BOYS GATHERED AT GREIG'S GRILL IN MAYFAIR FOR A 125TH JUBILEE DINNER OF THEIR OWN.

Handshakes, laughing, mixing, mingling, shock at lack of hair in some cases, back patting and more laughing all took place before the formal part of the evening began with individual introductions of each Old Boy present. This resulted in a number of hilarious explanations about how various Old Boys got the nickname which had been assigned to them by organiser Michael Hinds (although in some cases even Hindsy couldn't explain how he came up with the nickname himself).

Once the formal introductions were out of the way, we settled down to some superb starters and fantastic steak, followed by a viewing of the Jubilee DVD which had been flown in especially from Wellington by Loretta Love. With the main meal dinner plates barely cleared away, the singing began, with old favourites Sectare Fidem, Guide Me O and O'Salosa all getting a good airing. Some old boys had been out of the system for as many as 23 years – but by the standard of the singing on show, you'd think they only graduated yesterday. Some things are never forgotten. As dessert arrived, a number of highly sought after awards were handed out, with the recipient of each rewarded in millilitres for their troubles.

After the awards ceremony, 34 smiling men moved outside where Richard Kelly (who had already excelled in the singing earlier in the evening) led the group in a noisy rendition of the Town Haka. It has to be said that the sight of 33 topless men performing a Haka in the street came as a bit of a shock to the residents of Mayfair, but judging by the applause at the end from passers by, restaurant staff and photographing tourists, it was well received. Sole Stream representative Ollie Mannix could not however be gently coaxed into performing a one-man Stream Haka, although he did look rather tempted when Mike Horan offered him 100 pounds to do so.

After the outside actions and shirts and ties back on, we returned inside to discover that the restaurant had run out of beer, which initially caused considerable amounts of panic and distress. However, this potentially evening ruining catastrophe was quickly resolved by placing the top shelf under much closer scrutiny. All in all, it was a fantastic evening. Huge thanks must go to Michael Hinds for his steely efforts in putting this mammoth evening together. We await next year's dinner with eager anticipation.

Tom Hunt (T95-99)



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