



# the Cornerstone

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE FOUNDATION MAGAZINE

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### UPCOMING COLLEGE AND FOUNDATION EVENTS:

24 APRIL

Anzac Liturgy

4 MAY

O'Shea Shield @ Wanganui

9 MAY

Football & Basketball Traditional at Palm.Nth Boys High;  
Rugby Traditional v's Hato Paora @ SPC

23 MAY

Rugby, Football, Hockey & Golf Traditional v's Wgtn Coll @ Wgtn Coll

29 MAY

1st XV v's Francis Douglas - away

23 JUNE

Saturday 7pm

Benefit Dinner & Auction @ SPC Hall:

ORGANISE YOUR TABLE!

IT'S WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT WE INTRODUCE YOU TO THE NEW RANGE OF THE FOUNDATION'S MARKETING BROCHURES.

We recognise that keeping current is important to the success of the Foundation and its initiatives. There are four brochures, all with a specific purpose, including an informative brochure on how to consider—or make—a bequest to the Foundation.

#### BROCHURE 1: SPC FOUNDATION

This brochure explains what the St Patrick's College Foundation is, how it is governed, who benefits and how it fits into the fabric of College life.

#### BROCHURE 2: BUILDING A FUTURE – PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE & QUAD

Read how this exciting project can transform what has become a bit of a white elephant into a facility that embraces the performing arts. Such focus is warranted as it will have an enormously positive impact on all students. The Foundation Benefit Dinner & Auction in June has this project as its fundraising focus.

#### BROCHURE 3: EDUCATION FUND

Education is the primary focus at St Pat's, so establishing four different—yet compatible—initiatives locks the Foundation's focus into place. Due to a number of donors making gifts to this fund, the Foundation Board of Trustees have confirmed 2012 funding for all four programmes to be run. That's a huge step forward and has only been possible with your continued support to this fund.

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME – \$15,000

OLD BOYS' TUITION PROGRAMME – \$10,000

MATHEMATICS & ENGLISH YEAR 9 & 10 BANDING – \$25,000

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME – \$10,000



#### BROCHURE 4: BEQUESTS

Read how by including a bequest in your will, you and your family can remember the College, and how it can become a touchstone of how you want to be remembered.

If your copy of *The Cornerstone* does not include these four brochures, please download copies from the College website (under the Foundation tab) or contact the Development Manager directly on 04 939-5416, or email: [development@stpats.school.nz](mailto:development@stpats.school.nz)



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE  
FOUNDATION

Past Present Future

## AUCKLAND OLD BOYS CELEBRATE ST PATRICK'S DAY

Old Boy and Foundation committee member Patrick Clifford, on behalf of the Colleges Foundation, kindly hosted 40 Old Boys to celebrate St Patrick's Day.

It was heartening to see that the spirit so often referred to at St Pat's today remains so evident as soon as you start getting a group of our Old Boys together. Special mention was made of Old Boy Pat Hickey who attended 1940-44 and 'young' Old Boy Magnum Tuipulotu 1995-1999, both attended St Pat's but despite different eras and buildings being a Patrician remained the same.

These Old Boy 'get togethers' are often the impetus needed to locate other Old Boys in the area. Thanks to those who made contact with others, in the Auckland area we now have current contact details of over 150 and it's steadily growing.

*LEFT: Old Boys who started at St Pat's in 1971*

*FAR LEFT & TOP: Old Boys from all eras enjoying the camaraderie and hospitality.*



## WHY I BECAME A DONOR TO MY SCHOOL

by Michael Thornton\*

THREE THINGS PROMPTED ME TO BECOME A DONOR TO MY SCHOOL, AND TO MY CHILDREN'S SCHOOLS:

1. These schools had given my children and me special opportunities and in turn I wanted to do something extra for them, however modest my philanthropy might be;
2. The schools had made it known to me they welcomed gifts of all sizes and that to become a donor I didn't need to have Bill Gates' wealth;
3. I found that giving voluntarily to the schools gave me considerable pleasure and that each school went out of its way to thank me; the people in charge seemed to care. I didn't ask to be thanked but they were determined to show their appreciation.

For parents to give that something extra, beyond the tuition fees, they need to be satisfied that their children are getting something special. Parents often are prepared to go the 'extra mile' if they believe the school is going the extra mile for their children. Many parents who I've asked to become donors in schools in which I've worked are now close friends, one became my daughter's godmother, and many mention often how pleased they were with what the school did for their children – something all schools want to hear. And for this parents, and hopefully one day their own children, were prepared to do what they could to help, as I wrote, to go that extra mile. No school can ask for more than that.

Donors are people who believe the school has excellent leadership and that what their gifts are used for, has educational merit. Not that many donors to schools are professional educators, nor necessarily do they want to see actual building plans. They trust the principal as a strong and visionary leader. I share the same feelings as a past student of the school I attended.

Not everything is perfect. One parent who later became a donor, complained about the things he thought were wrong with a school,

and then he gave a full scholarship worth thousands of dollars to let other children receive an education there.

Past students often reflect on the role their school played in making them what they are today. The trigger might be remote, even a single event which has stayed with them throughout their adult life. It may have been a teacher who brought a subject alive for them, a coach, music. Someone had gone the extra mile for them.

Can I ask you to think of three people other than family who have most influenced your life? Is (at least) one of them a former teacher?

I reflect often on the teachers I had, men and women who did something special for me.

A past student told me he would give \$100 to his school and would continue to do so every year until he died. Many years later he was still doing it. It's his way of saying thank you to the school that he feels did so much to shape his life.

Then there is the past student who left \$5,000,000 to his school in his Will. He'd been expelled from the school 60 years earlier, but went through life believing being expelled had been the best thing that had ever happened to him!

Because of our culture many of us, by our nature are not good 'givers'. Nor have we who work in schools been good at saying thank you. Fundraising generally has a lousy reputation, and the way people are asked often has been hurtful.

Fortunately, in schools with which I've been involved monies gifted have been used for what the school said they would, the asking process has been handled nicely, and the schools have been good at saying thank you. There's a rule which says that donors should be thanked seven ways for their gift. It shows that the school welcomes and appreciates philanthropic support, and that it knows how to promote it.

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# FIFTY YEARS ON!

## REUNION FOR THE GRADUATION CLASS OF 1963

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THE PATRICIAN

**FIFTH GRADE A**

Back: K. J. Ross, M. H. Roberts, J. P. Barrett, R. M. Burgoyne, B. D. Weakley, L. A. Taylor, C. G. Worth.  
 Front: D. M. Whittaker, K. J. Parker, A. J. Wilson, P. D. Jacobsen, G. F. Ellis, T. C. Lee, R. C. Wall, M. H. George, N. P. Vaney. Absent: B. J. Lang (capt.).

**FIFTH GRADE B**

Back: D. J. Mullan, D. J. Evans, A. J. Goodall, B. M. Meyers, D. W. Smith, N. J. Mosby, G. C. Alward.  
 Second: J. C. McNamara, P. G. Sheridan, G. H. McMullan, G. J. Faircloth, P. P. Scully (capt.), H. J. Stephen, R. C. Walker, M. D. Laffan.  
 Front: M. L. Sparks.

**FIFTH GRADE C**

Back: K. T. Moynihan, S. F. Moynihan, M. C. Arthurs, J. A. Knight, M. D. Fitzgerald, B. F. Reilly, J. N. Reynolds, A. P. Lenart.  
 Second: J. C. McKechnie, E. N. Lynskey, R. J. Wright, I. W. Beaton, R. L. Fraei (capt.), R. J. Fitzgerald, M. J. Romanos, K. J. Molloy, M. J. Hurley.  
 Front: J. D. Mollett, M. F. Scully, P. J. Burke, J. F. Leahy, J. C. Dickens, J. W. Ericsson.

ABOVE: Some young faces from 1959's Fifth Grade Rugby teams

AGAR John D  
 ALWARD Gerard D  
 ARMSTRONG Colin J  
 BARBER Brent P  
 BARNAO Christopher  
 BARRETT Graeme J  
 BEATON Ian W  
 BOUZAIID Wayne A  
 BURGESS Anthony K  
 CLAYTON Leslie J  
 COORY Kevin J  
 DONOGHUE Peter J  
 DONOVAN Daniel P  
 EVANS David J  
 FITZGERALD Robert J  
 GALLAGHER Michael B  
 GIBBS Angus D  
 GOODALL Anthony J  
 HALL Mervyn H  
 HOGAN Thomas P  
 HUGHES Lindsay W  
 HURLEY Michael J  
 JONES Michael R  
 KIRWAN Ian

LAFFAN Michael D  
 LATTIE David J  
 LAWSON Allan K  
 LEAHY John F  
 McINDOE Terence R  
 MCKENZIE Kevin J

IN APRIL 2013, the College will be welcoming back its graduation Class of 1963, including all Old Boys who started as 3rd formers in 1959.

Over 130 young men started at St Pat's in 1959 so, even if you left before the 1963 graduation, this reunion is for you.

As 50 years has passed trying to locate all of our Old Boys is a challenge. If you know where any of these Old Boys listed on each side column are, please advise so we can then send out the Reunion details. Equally if any have passed away please advise and accept our sympathy.

Just email: [development@stpats.school.nz](mailto:development@stpats.school.nz) or phone 04 939-5416 – it will be of great benefit to the 1959–1963 Class Year group.

McLAUGHLIN Paul D  
 McMULLAN Gerard H  
 McNAMARA John C  
 McPHEE Donald C  
 MOLONY Christopher P  
 MORRISSEY Barry J  
 MURPHY Trevor D  
 MUSSON Michael A  
 NISZCZAK Paul E  
 NORRIS Terrence D  
 NUNNS Gerard R  
 PRICE Anthony T  
 PRISTON Mark A  
 QUINN John C  
 RAWSON Peter E  
 REEDY Patrick  
 RICE John  
 RODGERS Allan D  
 ROMANOS Michael J  
 ROSS John M  
 ROSS Philip R  
 ROWLEY Philip C  
 SCOTT Ian B

SLOANE Stuart K

STOBBA Ian

STUART Bruce G

STUART Terrence B

WALKER Ross

WHITTAKER David M

WRIGHT Christopher

# Foundation Benefit Dinner & Auction

**SATURDAY 23 JUNE 2012, 7PM**

JOIN FELLOW OLD BOYS, PARENTS BOTH CURRENT AND PAST, STAFF AND FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE TO CELEBRATE THE PERFORMING ARTS HERE AT ST PAT'S!



This event is for everyone. St Pat's continues to be blessed with a lot of talent in music, drama and art, but new spaces and technologies have long been needed. We will be showcasing some of that talent for your entertainment on the night.

This is not only for those Patricians who have a talent for performance. Here at St Pat's we recognise that participating in performance or self expression is fundamental to the education of a well rounded young man. Self expression through public speaking, music, dance and drama teaches boys confidence, discipline, physical control and cooperation.

The Performing Arts Centre project deserves to have the spotlight on it – and it will be shining on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June. So please pick up the phone, organise a table with your friends and family, and become a part of creating something special for students and the community.

Tickets are \$75 and include a three course dinner, table wine and juice, and of course a glass of bubbles to start the evening off. To book a table or reserve tickets, please contact the Development Manager on 04 939-5416 or email: [development@stpats.school.nz](mailto:development@stpats.school.nz)

ABOVE IMAGES: The successful 2009 College production 'Oliver!'



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Giving voluntarily might seem at odds in today's materialistic world, but those who've made a gift voluntarily will testify to the inner glow it gave them, regardless of whether the gift was \$5 or \$5,000. It was the famous John D Rockfeller who said he got more pleasure giving away money than he did making it!

Being thanked isn't something we ask for, but can be a most warming experience. And despite donors' frequent protestations that they don't need to be thanked, what do we do first when a donor list is published? We look for our name! A donor can choose not to be listed, but it's imperative that the school offers it. It's all part of saying to a school community that we value your support and that we're not here just to grab your money!

Years after a past student gave a six-figure gift to me for his school, we still met regularly to have lunch together. I cannot imagine why he enjoyed my company, but certainly I welcomed his.

In the next article I will suggest ways on how you can become a benefactor to your school, but only ever within your means. I suggest how to do it in a way that leaves both you and the school enriched. You might be a present or past parent, a past student, a present or past teacher, a grandparent, or a special friend of the school.

In the meantime why not begin by sending a token gift to the School Building Fund? Surprise them. You'll make a big difference, you'll enjoy the experience and the School will benefit. Plus you'll get a tax deduction for your generosity.

If you are already a donor to your school, thank you for what you are doing or have done for generations of students. There's a saying that goes: When schools flourish, all flourish. Making your gifts not only will have helped the school to do its work better, but you will have discovered the greatest way possible to say thank you to those teachers who went the extra mile for you and/or your children. Thank you.

\*Michael Thornton consults on philanthropic fundraising to independent schools.

## FOUNDATION'S GRANDPARENTS' MORNING – TUESDAY 20/03/12

A warm welcome was given by the College to this enthusiastic group of College supporters. Year 9 students took their grandparents and special guests through the College visiting classes in action and viewing historical memorabilia. Year 9 students Joshua de Reeper and Hugh Woodbury shared their impressions gained from their first weeks at St Pat's and the support given by grandparents.

This is such a positive initiative as it highlights the unique support grandparents/special mentors make to our young Patricians. And for the visitors, this is often their first opportunity to come through the College and experience some Marist hospitality. As one grandparent mentioned, he drives past St Pat's sometimes four times a day, and despite having had two other grandsons through here he has never stepped through our doors. By being able to be a guest of his Year 9 grandson, he now has a greater appreciation of the College.

BELOW: Old Boy Bernard Lynch 1940-43, with grandfather Tom Coughlan sharing in the memories of yester-year.





# A CONVINCING McEVEDY WIN INCLUDING 8 RECORDS

BY LEIGH LIDSTONE, HEAD OF ATHLETICS

**SPC 202; Wgtn Coll 160; Silverstream 120; Rongotai 56**

We knew we had an exceptionally talented under 14 group with three nationally ranked athletes starting at St Pat's as Year 9's earlier this year. There would not be too many colleges who have three athletes who can run under 11.7 seconds for 100m at age 14.

This was also the first time in 12–15 years that we have dominated field events. In particular, the jumps events turned the meeting. SPC gained the four triple jump and all four high jump titles (U14 – Siosaia Paese, 1.72; U15 – James Palmer, 1.68; U16 – Jack Hansen, 1.65; Open – Thomas Vodanovich, 1.98).

Eight of the nine McEvedy records broken this year were by SPC athletes. Special mention has to be made of Siosaia Paese (Year 9 student) who broke a total of 5 Records: equalling the high jump record at 1.72m, the 200m record of 23.79 (was 23.9), triple jump 12.39m (was 11.85m), hurdles 11.95s electronic time and long jump 5.77m (was 5.68m). The junior boys broke the under 14 4 x 100m relay record 48.06.

Our other national ranked Year 9, Fa'aolagata Tau, broke Siosaia's 200m record in the next race at 23.76s and also took the 100m at 11.48s. His twin brother Mafutaga also ran 11.48s, however he had a wind assisted.

## Wellington championships

The SPC athletes went on to break some Wellington Regional Championship records:

- Thomas Vodanovich broke the 25 year old high jump record with 1.98m
- Fa'aolagata Tau broke the 100m and 300m (with 38.16s)
- Siosaia Paese broke the triple jump (11.9m)
- 4 x 100m under 14 relay (46.95s, was 48s)



Athletics Captain Daniel Hunt with coach Leigh Lidstone proudly holding the McEvedy Shield

## McEVEDY SHIELD 2012: IT'S TOWN'S TIME, AGAIN

BY DANIEL HUNT – ATHLETICS CAPTAIN

When we won the McEvedy Shield in 2010, I said to others that I could feel it. Every training had a good buzz, and we believed that we would win. Between the bouts of nervousness, I felt that same buzz this year. We knew we could win; it was our year once again.

Winning McEvedy will be the highlight of the year for the team, the excitement during the relays was phenomenal. We all were doing the best that we could to hold in our emotions until we had the Shield in our ranks, and the result was certain. This was the day that everyone in the team had given everything for each other, and it was more than enough. Not only did we win, but we successfully dominated, scoring over 200 points, while still maintaining our dignity and sense of sportsmanship. For this I am extremely proud of the team, and especially the captains who lead by example, and inspired through pride and faith.

On the day, we were never behind. All day long it was us in first place, being the targets for everyone else. As the day continued, the lead grew, but the feeling of nervousness never left, the pressure never faded. At the end of the day, receiving that shield on behalf of the team was such a relief, that we could finally say that we had done it.

Personally, as team captain, I had the easy job. I just had to run a few races, and then take credit for the hard work and results of everyone else. For this reason, I would like to take this as an opportunity to thank my captains, Jack Tully, Matt Peni, Seb Maher, and Aleks Noble-Campbell as well as all the coaches who poured so much time, effort and energy into the team. I also would like to thank the team, for their dedication to the common goal, and congratulate them on their success. I must also mention the rest of the school, the boys in the stands. They were the loudest I have ever heard, and I know that it inspired me, as well as the rest of the team to give our best. Finally I'd like to thank my family, especially my mum, Julie Hunt. They have backed me all the way, and it is thanks to them that I have managed to have such success with the team.

RIGHT: Tom Vodanovich in full flight breaking the 25 year old high jump record with 1.98m



## In Memoriam



**BUDDICON Ted, 1945–47**

**CASEY Maurice, 1936–39**

**JONES Gregory, 1968–71**

**REIDY John (Edward), 1945–47**

**DAWSON Michael, 1948–52;** *Captain of 1952 Cricket 1st XI. Passed away February 2012. The Requiem Mass for this highly respected and popular Old Boy was attended by a large congregation including many Old Boys.*

**NEWMAN Alan, 1949–52;** *B.V.Sc. Ryan Cup for Senior Distance Running, 1952. Alan was a highly respected and popular veterinary surgeon in New Zealand, and then for 40 years in Casino, northern New South Wales. Alan passed away March 2012 in Australia and is survived by his partner Felicity, and his four sons Stephen, Simon, Andrew, Nicholas and grandchildren.*

**NUNNS Nelson, 1942–46;** *Long time supporter of the Society of Mary, St Pat's and the Old Boys' Association, Nelson's Requiem Mass was held at St Mary's of the Angels with many Old Boys and friends attending. Nelson is survived by his wife Vonnie, children and their families. For many Wellingtonians Nelson was often referred to as the 'Mayor of Cuba St'.*



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE  
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# GIFTING AND ADVICE OPTIONS

Please tick boxes where appropriate, then send form to:

**St Patrick's College Wellington Foundation**  
PO Box 14022, Wellington 6241



## 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 as per Foundation Deed

Foundation PROPERTY REDEVELOPMENT Fund

Foundation EDUCATION 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.

## 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 ACCOUNT DETAILS:

• **Account no: 06 0574 0236995 00**

• **Account name: The St Patrick's College Wellington Foundation**

## 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 S/N (last 3 or 4 digits on signature panel):

Cardholder name:

Card number:  Expires: /

Signature:

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