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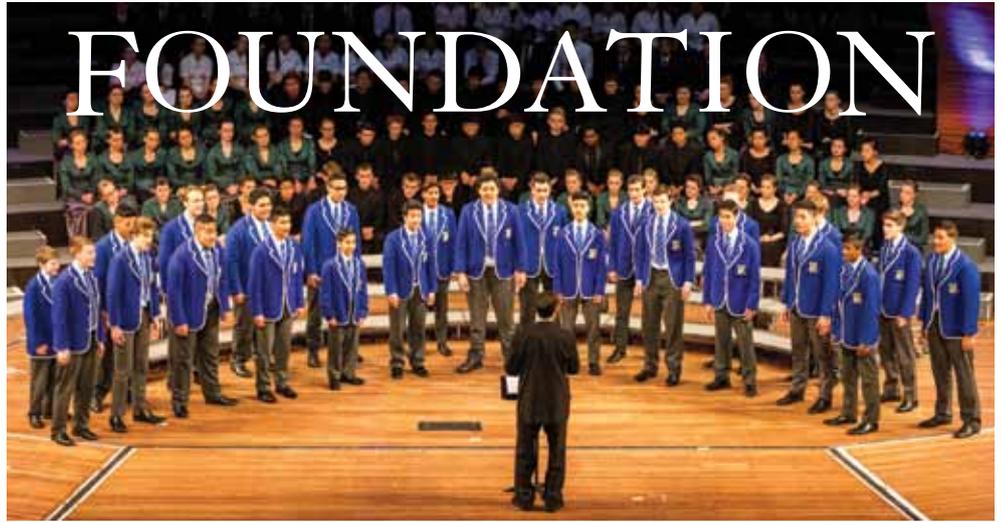
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BENEFIT DINNER & AUCTION

SATURDAY JUNE 25TH, 2016 – 7PM

YOU ARE INVITED TO 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.

St Pat's continues to be blessed with a lot of talent in music, drama and art, and we will be showcasing some of that talent for your entertainment during the night.

And this is not just for those Patricians who have a talent for performance. Here at St Pat's we recognise that by just 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 Cultural groups within the College deserve to have the spotlight on them and it will be shining on the 25th June. So please pick up the phone and organise a table with your friends and family and become a part of creating something special for the 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: 04 939-5416, email: development@stpats.school.nz.

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UPCOMING COLLEGE EVENTS:

27 MAY

OLD BOYS REUNION 1955-1958

25 JUNE

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OLD BOYS DINNER

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE
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Past Present Future

Bike Reunion 55 Years On



ABOVE: Fr Kevin Mears, left, and former student Cliff Coffey in the St Pat's foyer. It was 55 years since they had seen each other.

LEFT: The 1961 South Island bike trip group outside the Town Hall in Westport. From left are Grant McKinnon, Tony Grigg, Kevin Murphy, John Mackie, Fr Kevin Mears, Keith Connor, James Coburn, Brian Simpson, Philip Mears (brother of Fr Kevin) and Cliff Coffey.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AFTER A GEOGRAPHY CLASS ON WHEELS SOUTH ISLAND BIKE TRIP, FORMER STAFF MEMBER FR KEVIN MEARS AND OLD BOY CLIFF COFFEY CAUGHT UP WITH EACH OTHER AGAIN IN FEBRUARY.

New priest and teacher Fr Kevin was on the staff at Cambridge Terrace in 1960, 1961 and 1962. While there he organised three New Zealand bike tours during the summer holidays, in either the North Island or South Island.

Cliff now lives on the Gold Coast, Australia, and made contact with Fr Kevin via the Rector's PA, Gerardine Parkinson, late last year. Earlier this year Cliff finished the Heaphy Track and Tasman Walkway, spending five days on each.

Cliff did the South Island bike trip in 1961. He was one of seven third formers who joined Fr Kevin and his brother Philip Mears on the trip from Picton to Westport (via Nelson), and back via Lake Rotoiti and Blenheim, a distance of about 400 miles.

They slept on the lounge floor of a family friend's home, then a deserted church and a parish hall. Sleeping arrangements were reduced to under a tree, in a disused fowl-house (displacing possums), a tent and hay barn before they returned to the friend's lounge floor on their way home.

Tourist stops included the Pancake Rocks and a bus trip up the Denniston Incline (which was to close several years later) and a descent into an underground mine.

The writer of an account of the trip in the 1961 *Patrician* commented "how insignificant seemed Wellington's hills now when compared with what we had crossed. How short the distance to school".

In January Fr Kevin was contacted by another of the seven boys, James Coburn, now living in New South Wales. He remembered Mass at Lake Rotoiti with Fr Kevin using a front bike rack as an altar for mass.

Both Cliff and James remember enormous whitebait patties for breakfast in Westport, Fr Kevin's home town and where he had been ordained a year before.

Grant McKinnon did three bike trips. He moved to Wanganui where he has been local radio's rugby commentator for 42 years. He and Fr Kevin have kept in contact over the years. He, too, has fond memories of the 1961 bike trip and the hospitality shown to them.

After three years at St Pat's, Fr Kevin moved to Chanel College in Samoa for 17 years. Fr Kevin returned to St Pat's for 1975 and 1976 when the new college was being planned. His room was used as a mock-up of the new priest's rooms. The boys wanted them large enough for team meetings.

The architect suggested creation of a sleeping loft in each of the 20 priests' rooms to be built at Kilbirnie. The suggestion was implemented and created more space in the Chanel Block rooms which are now used as offices for teachers and support staff.

Fr Kevin is retired and lives in Hobson Street, Wellington, with other Marist priests.

He would like to hear from any other Old Boys who took part in the bike trips he organised. He can be contacted at frkevinsm35@gmail.com ph (04) 473 6144.

YOUNG OLD BOYS CHRISTMAS DRINKS

The Old Boys' Association and The SPC Foundation kindly hosted young Old Boys in Wellington just before Christmas in December.

A trial to bring together 25 to 40 year Old Boys prior to Christmas in a first mini-reunion for Old Boys hosted at The Grand on Courtenay Place wasn't as expected.

Facebook was used to set up the event and invitations sent out to all old boys inviting 'young' Old Boys to a casual affair suitably located for the convenience of everyone connected with St Patrick's College. Of the sixty or so that accepted the Facebook invitation only a dozen or so turned up on the night.

We will organise another official one later in the year. The following group photo was taken at the event.



College Foundation welcomes Grandparents!



TO EMPHASISE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WIDER ST PAT'S FAMILY FOR THE COLLEGE AND FOUNDATION A SPECIAL MORNING WAS HELD IN MARCH FOR THOSE YOUNG YEAR 9 PATRICIANS AND THEIR GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL GUESTS.

The sense of inclusion is foremost with all of the Foundation's initiatives and it was heartening to welcome so many back to the College who enthusiastically took part in the morning's programme.

Welcome and brief speeches from the Head Boy, Ben Anderson, Rector, Neal Swindells, guided tours to classes 'in action' and the Choir singing the College Anthem a variety of entertainment for our guests. Jordi Cleary and Reuben Marull (both Year 9 students) spoke to the 100 guests about their first two months at St Patrick's what they had learnt whilst sharing their initial experiences.

Many guests viewed the archival displays and enjoyed the camaraderie over a cuppa at the end of the morning. The Foundation will be continuing with this initiative in 2017 for next year's Year 9s and their special guests. Thanks to all the families and staff who participated to make it such a special morning.

Fun Run raises money for sport



As part of the St Patrick's Day celebrations all College students ran or walked around Kilbirnie Park in the morning before Mass. Some got into the spirit of things and dressed up in something green. Students receive pledges from parents, friends and teachers, who committed to paying a certain amount of money for each of the 1km laps of the Kilbirnie Park they walked. The Pak 'n Save sponsored event raised \$8500 on the day which went to the College Foundation which distributes via the Sports Fund.

Every student who raised over \$100 went into a draw to win an ipad mini donated by Noel Leeming. Congratulations to **Thomas Milicich** (pictured left with Corinne Barnard and Neal Swindells) who won the ipad.

Rowing Duo win Maadi Cup



YEAR 13 ROWING DUO DANIEL WARD AND JOSH NGAIA WON GOLD IN THE BOYS UNDER-17 DOUBLE SCULLS AT MAADI CUP LAST MONTH.

Ward and Ngaia, both 16, won the race by just over a second on Lake Ruataniwha in the central South Island.

Both students are accustomed to success having won gold in the under-16 double sculls at Maadi last year and bronze in the under-15 double two years ago.

Ngaia said they went to Maadi with gold in mind. "We went down there in good form after winning North Islands," he said. "So we were pretty confident going there."

The boys expected their biggest challenge to come from Nelson College, winners of the South Island championship, but it was North Island runners-up Huanui College from Northland who set a blistering early pace.

For both boys this was their fourth and final Maadi Cup and they were understated in celebrating their final regatta. "We were pretty stoked," Ngaia said.

For both boys the cherry on top was being selected to trial for the Junior New Zealand rowing squad at Lake Karapiro shortly after the Maadi Cup weekend.

"We weren't expecting it at all. We were hoping for an under-18 North Island's trial," Ward said.

"We were looking to get a taste of rowing at that level and then maybe get a trial next year."

They will both be looking to continuing to row for club sides in Wellington, he said.

"We will keep competing, keep getting stronger and become better rowers."

AUCKLAND OLD BOYS CELEBRATE ST PATRICK'S DAY

About 40 Old Boys gathered for an enthusiastic celebration of St Patrick's Day in Auckland.

Mark McGuinness, Old Boy and CEO of Willis Bond – the builders of the two largest blocks of luxury apartments in the Wynard Quarter – hosted the gathering in the firm's Display Suite.

Mark welcomed the Old Boys and gave a brief update of the College in 2016. Mark is also a Chair of the St Pat's Foundation and he made an appeal for funds for the Foundation. It was an evening of much reminiscing and laughter over drinks and nibbles. David Perry moved a vote of thanks to Mark and it was loudly applauded.

[Written by Pat Hickey, SPC 1940-44]



LEFT: Auckland Old Boys enjoying the camaraderie and Willis Bond hospitality.



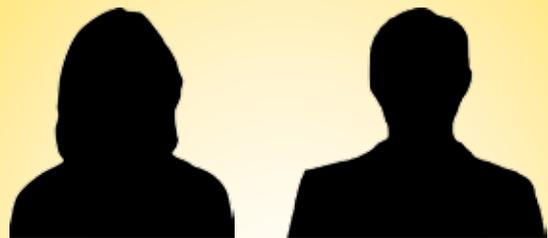
In Memoriam

We remember in our prayers Old Boys who have passed away.

ADAMCZYK, Michael	1949-50
BLEWMAN, Thomas James (Tom)	1937-40
CACHEMAILLE, Trevor	1955-59
CREASY, Edward Winston	1955-58
DUNN, Peter	1976-81
GIBBS, Edward Leo (Ted)	1935-36
GRIFFITHS, John Malcolm	1940-41
HARPER, John William	1963-68
JANIS, Mark Steven	1973-77
JOYCE, Barry Percival	1952-56
LARACY, Hugh	1951-55
LARKIN, Matthew Craig Fr SM	1956-60
LOH, Matthew	1981-85
MALCOLM, David James	1956-58
MENCHI, Ron	1947-48
NORLING, John	1958-59
SIMEON, Trevor	1953-55
SKINNER, Mark	1970-74
UPTON, Keven Henry	1951
VIDAL, Anthony John	1973-75

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.

WANTED:



VOLUNTEERS!

We have a lovely group of Reader/Writer Volunteers in our Learning Support Department at St Pats but we can always do with more help.

We need people to volunteer as Reader/Writers for our senior students sitting internal NCEA examinations throughout the year.

During the year students on our Special Assessment Registry require assistance to either read exam instructions and/or help them with hand-writing their exams. If you are interested in volunteering your time for a few hours every now and then please contact Michelle.Duffy@stpats.school.nz

THE JOB OF THE READER: *As a reader you are the eyes of the candidate.*

THE JOB OF THE WRITER: *You are the hands of the candidate and it is your responsibility to write the answers given by candidate.*

ANNUAL APPEAL

AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE A BENEFACTOR TO YOUR SCHOOL

We want to take this opportunity to thank those who have supported the Foundation to date. You are a valued member of our St Pat's community. We would like to invite you to be part of the year's Annual Appeal.

Last year the money raised through your financial gifts was used to support teachers' professional development, the library received new furniture and a TV screen, basketball bought a new shooting machine, cricket bought a bowling machine and the rowers bought four new ergs. The science department gained new data loggers, incubators and a drone.

This year we have launched our appeal to support boys whose families struggle to make ends meet and particularly have to pay for attendance dues, a new uniform and now a compulsory electronic device, a Chromebook.

Computers are central to much of the curriculum today and have greatly enhanced learning delivery.

We challenge every one of our boys to strive for success. When they accept the challenges we are not a school that stands by and watches them fail, just because families can't afford to support their endeavours. The college decile 8 ranking disguises the fact that many of our boys come from families who are financially challenged. A \$500 laptop computer for some is just not possible. Your contribution will make a difference.

Alternatively you can choose to give to the Foundation Board of Trustees to determine.



Some donors may be able to give \$10, some \$100 and others \$1000. It's entirely up to you. Giving is a really personal decision and all gifts are IMPORTANT to us. No matter how large or small, every gift helps a St Pat's student.



YES, I'D LIKE TO DONATE TO HELP A STUDENT PURCHASE A CHROMEBOOK

PLEASE TICK BOXES WHERE APPROPRIATE & SEND TO:

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Foundation Education Fund (Chromebook)

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

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



LANCE SAVALI DANCES WITH THE STARS

A love of dancing has seen Old Boy Lance Savali on stage with pop queen Rihanna.

Lance, who attended St Pat's from 2005 until 2009, had his sights set on a career that included dance.

In late 2014 he got his first big break when he learned from a friend that hip-hop star Chris Brown was holding auditions in Los Angeles. He impressed Brown who booked him for their upcoming show. After two tours with Brown he did a performance with Brandy at the Soul Train Awards and a gig with Jennifer Lopez at the American Music Awards last year.

His latest gig is as a back-up dancer for Rihanna on her RiRi's Anti World Tour of the United States and Europe.

"Sometimes I have moments where I'm like: 'Man, I'm really living my dream,'" he said in an interview published in the Herald on Sunday in May.

He wants to continue his work on stage and also explore his love for fashion and photography.



OLD BOY STEVE VAUGHAN HONOURED BY THE QUEEN

Congratulations to former Old Boy Steve Vaughan (76-80) who has been made

an Officer of the NZ Order of Merit for services to the police and the community.

News of the honour by the Queen arrived just in time for Steve to tell his ailing father who died the following day. It was announced at New Year. The honour was presented at Government House in April by Governor-General Sir Jerry Mataparae.

At 17 Steve joined the police a few months ahead of the 1981 Springbok tour. During his 33 years of service he was shot at and wounded at Aramoana, fought for rape victims, played a major role in investigating historic sex allegations within the police force and his empathetic approach to victims forever changed the way police operate.

In 2012 Steve retired from the police. He now works at the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.

COLLEGE RUGBY BECAME SPRING-BOARD TO SUCCESS

The stories of 50 St Pat's Old Boys who allowed rugby union to be a springboard in pursuit of their personal and professional goals are the focus of a new book.

The Rugby Patricians – Tales of St Patrick's College Rugby Heroes from 1885 – 1935 has been co-authored by Old Boy Gordon Noble-Campbell and Nigel Richardson and designed by Steve Cooper. Nigel and Steve are professional colleagues of Gordon.

The book concludes celebrations of 130 years of rugby at the college. In 1886 the college rugby club was formed and became a member of the Wellington Rugby Football Union.

The book covers the first 50 years of rugby at the College (1885-1935), with 50 biographies of students from that period.

The 112-page book arose from Gordon's research of the history of rugby at the college.

"For the past six years, I've written a weekly historical story, in the weekly rugby newsletter (now up to 222 editions). My research uncovered some extraordinary life stories - and so the concept of the book was born!"

Many of the rugby players chosen for the book were the sons of Irish immigrants and most participated in World War I.

Many were from rural backgrounds rather than Wellington and some were brothers.

It was an era where communities were bound together by their love and support of the game and where rugby heroes were ordinary folk who carried the dreams of others when they represented their country, province or club.

Each story aims to give an insight into the boy who became a man

and the role that rugby union played in the transformation for their future in business, the military and the community.

Players chosen include Pat McCarthy, Ollie Galpin, Barney Gallagher, Patrick McEvedy and Arthur Ongley.

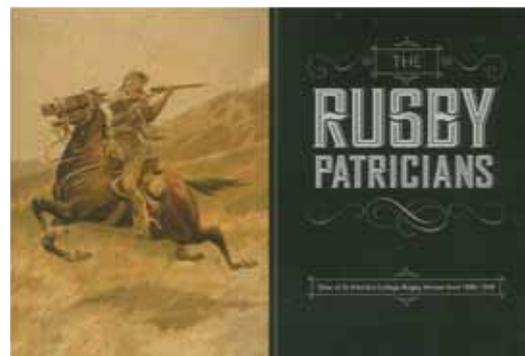
Each story is illustrated by photos of the boys at college and in adulthood.

The Rugby Patricians is a not-for-profit venture in support of the college foundation sports fund for the development of amateur rugby at St Pat's.

There are 130 printed copies (each numbered) based on the 130 years that rugby has been played at the college.

Half the special first edition sold the first week after the launch.

Remaining copies can be purchased by emailing trp@sprugbyclub.org.nz. The cost (if mailed) is \$50 + \$6.50 post and packaging. Books will be mailed out with payment details provided.



G Montbard's 1900 painting 'A Tight Corner, a New Zealander', from the Alexander Turnbull Library, graces the front cover.



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