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Welcome to our first issue!

WELCOME TO THE INAUGURAL ISSUE OF 'THE CORNERSTONE' YOUR QUARTERLY DESIGNED TO KEEP YOU IN TOUCH WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE FOUNDATION, THE 125TH JUBILEE AND THE NETWORK OF COLLEGE GROUPS AND EVENTS.

The St Patrick's College Foundation was officially launched 1st September 2009 with an announcement of its first major \$1m donation from the Society of Mary (NZ) Education Trust.

Do we believe the support for a Foundation is there – absolutely! The more relevant question is what you, a member of our College family, believe. We hope that your belief translates into taking positive action, taken by Catholics all over New Zealand 125 years ago when the Society of Mary built the first Catholic Boy's College, St Patrick's College Wellington.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

1-2 MAY O'Shea Shield at Francis Douglas Memorial College

5 MAY 1VI, U16 & U15 Football vs PNBHS at PNBHS

> 5 MAY 1XV & 2XV Rugby vs Hato Paora at SPC

31 MAY 1 pm Mass with Silverstream at Michael Fowler Centre

31 MAY 7.30pm College Cultural Festival Celebration at Michael Fowler Centre Tickets \$15 from the College

> 4-6 JUNE 125th Jubilee

9-10 JUNE Regional Big Sing

30 JUNE Sports Traditionals vs St John's at St John's, Hawkes Bay The legacy of our founders' belief is that over 16,000 young men have walked through these College doors, a prime example of making a difference. That same conviction is now needed to guide the College through the 21st Century so that it can be the best in a competitive environment; we want to ensure that today's young men have that same opportunity to experience the best of Marist education, both in and out of the classroom.

The Foundation is all about reconnecting Old Boy's, families and communities to the College, and retaining that tangible connection. www.stpats.school.nz/Foundation

Old Boy's gather in Sydney for St Patrick's Day



Twenty Old Boys from both Colleges gathered for dinner at The Sydney Rugby Club on St Patrick's Day to celebrate the year of the 125th Jubilee. They had travelled from as far north as Kempsey (440km) and as far south as Canberra (300km) to attend.

They were welcomed by Bruce Hayman, the former CEO of the ARU and current President of The Rugby Club. The highlight of the evening was a hilarious address by Town old boy Dr Kevin Gaskin, a Member of the Order of Australia who received his honour for service to medicine in the field of paediatric gastrointestinal disease. Kevin regaled the group with numerous stories from his time at Town in the 1960s.

All left committed to attend the reunion in June.

Sincere thanks to Ross Wall (1959-63) for his vision to get Patricians together.



Members of the Foundation Committee – working hard to ensure fundraising initiatives and products for the Todd/Quad project are ready for the Jubilee celebrations: L–R: Alex Fala, Evan Bayly, Loretta Love, Mark McGuinness, Gino Cuccurullo, Peter Irwin, Charlie Graham.

Absent: Tony Southall, Leonie Fitzgerald, Patrick Clifford.

FROM THE RECTOR

GREETINGS TO YOU IN THE JUBILEE YEAR.

It is great for the College to be celebrating 125 years of our history and heritage and to be able to showcase what is happening today at the College to you. We are looking forward to hosting you at St Pat's at the time of the Jubilee.

Over the last year a lot of work has been done to get ready for the Jubilee. The interior has been painted, the hall updated and the grounds beautified. We were also very grateful to receive from the Foundation \$30,000 which enabled us to purchase a mobile laptop pod (which has 15 laptops on it) which can be taken from class to class. We are also in the process of refurbishing the mezzanine floor of the library which is to become a computer laboratory. The demand to keep up with ICT developments is very challenging for schools. We want our students to have every opportunity to be well prepared for the world they are moving into, which is a rapidly changing one. The help we receive from the Foundation is one very practical way we can do this.

The proposals that are being developed around the Todd Theatre becoming a performing arts centre and the redesign of the Quad also help us to be able to offer the latest in performance and music facilities. We are very proud of our music and performance departments in the College. To have a space that is purpose designed for this will help our students to learn the craft associated with theatre and performance and also provide us with a facility that can be accessed by the community, and also generate some income for the College.

The Jubilee reminds us that so much of what we have access to is because of the generosity of those who have gone before us. This does not change and I hope that in our present age we will work to see that students of the future will be just as advantaged and helped as those of the past were.

I look forward to you joining us in June for the Jubilee celebrations and to continuing to keep you informed of all that is happening at the College.

Sectare Fidem

Fr Paul Martin SM

CLOSING THE CIRCLE

IN THIS ISSUE, WE WELCOME ONE OF OUR FOUNDATION MEMBERS, BERNARD HEALY.

Bernard attended St Pat's from 1937-1942. From 1935-1951 there was always a Healy from this Brooklyn family at St Pat's: Kevin, Bernard, Gerard, Ted, Brian and Emmett.

When asked why he had made a gift to the Foundation,

Bernard said "I wanted to give something back to the College in recognition of the support given to my five brothers, myself and our parents."

Bernard was asked if he would give us some information on his career – he is the sole survivor of the group above – and he provided the following.

"My academic record at St Pat's was rather mixed. I had bad asthma and was probably a bit lazy. I preferred science subjects and hated Latin. It

was only in the sixth form (small – less than ten boys, there was no seventh form) that I applied myself.

On leaving, many senior boys and some contemporaries were called up for military service, many to lose their lives. When called up, I did not meet fitness requirements and decided to go to Victoria University to study chemistry. I felt I was a bit marginal and that my first year was "make or break" – doubt if I ever worked as hard again! I completed a BSc and MSc while working part time at the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR). I did some tutoring at Victoria University mainly to returned men. Many of these had no doubt been good students but war years made it difficult to

settle back to study and few stayed the course. Looking back, I benefited by not being in the Forces and not having my studies interrupted.

DSIR recruited people with basic science degrees and expected these to be applied to New Zealand problems often in multi-disciplinary teams. If you made the grade you were encouraged to take on further studies. I went to the USA under the

Fulbright Program. I did a PhD at Rutgers University (State University of New Jersey) and a Post Doctoral at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

The research areas I worked on – usually as part of a team – were quite diverse: fluoridation, trace elements in animals and humans, land restoration after open cast mining and a variety of environmental projects. Later,

with my wife and three young children, I spent time in the sixties at the Nuclear Plant at Oak Ridge in Tennessee doing trace element work. We were there when President Kennedy was assassinated – an amazing time with enormous impact on US citizens and visitors alike. In the last four years of my career I was posted to the New Zealand High Commission in London as Science Attaché.

Luck, timing and being available had more to do with shaping my career than planning did but a sound educational base was a prerequisite."

PHOTO: Bernard W Healy - Captain of the 1939 Seventh Fifteen



St Pat's 125th Jubilee ~ 4th–6th June 2010

www.stpats125.org.nz

WE ARE EIGHT WEEKS AWAY FROM THE BIGGEST **CELEBRATION OUR COLLEGE HAS SEEN IN ITS 125** YEARS! HOW CAN YOU HELP?

If you are an Old Boy we need you to take advantage of the 'early bird' registration and sign up now! If you know of any Old Boys please mention the Jubilee or phone so that forms and information can be sent out directly. People like that personal approach so please help us out.

And for our College families you of course are warmly invited to take part in the Jubilee celebrations, whether by registering for some of the functions or volunteering to help over the weekend.

	REGISTRATION
WHERE	St Patrick's College Foyer
WHEN	Friday 4th June from midday - onwards
DETAILS	Collect your Registration Pack, Memorabilia available to purchase

	Blues Brothers Bash
WHERE	College Hall, overflow to College Gymnasium
WHEN	Friday 4th June - from 7pm to midnight
DETAILS	For Old Boys and friends of the College, this is your night to catch up with old friends. Drinks and nibbles provided. Additional drinks available to purchase from the cash/eftpos bar.

	BIG DAY OUT!
WHERE	College and adjoining sports grounds
WHEN	Saturday 5th June from 10am to 4pm
DETAILS	Visit the college and take one of the tours through the buildings and grounds, soaking up the history displayed. Sports fixtures include games against Silverstream so fellow Patricians will be most welcome!
	Photos – time to assemble to be confirmed.
	Food/beverage items will be available to purchase in the College Hall.

	GRAND JODIECE DINNER
WHERE	TSB Bank Arena, Queens Wharf
WHEN	Saturday 5th June – 7pm
DETAILS	A chance to include your spouse/partner at one of the formal Jubilee functions. Mingle with a welcoming glass of champagne before heading to your table. Complimentary beverages will be at your table, additional supplies available at the cash/eftpos bar.

GRAND JUBILEE DINNER

	JUBILEE MASS
WHERE	College Hall
WHEN	Sunday 6th June – 10.30am
DETAILS	Join in the celebration of 125 years of Marist education, reflecting on all who have gone before us and those yet to walk through the college doors. All are invited to join for morning tea.



Sectare Fidem -Commemorative Jubilee book

REGISTRATION PRICE: \$39.95 INCL GST FROM JUBILEE & ONWARDS: \$49.95 INCL GST

Thanks to all our Major and Merit Sponsors who have supported this project. Stocks will be available by 30th May, preorder price \$39.95 (incl. GST).

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Jubilee Commemorative Painting

Julian Knap, one of our own Old Boys (1991-95) and well known artist of (pictured) 'A Trek through Wellington' is busy creating a commemorative Jubilee painting which will be auctioned during the Jubilee celebrations. Additionally there will be for sale a number of limited edition prints which are going to be highly sought after.

Commented Julian, "A few years ago after sitting in a city park, looking up at the buildings and being struck with the often missed beauty I decided on painting Wellington. Though I never imagined, at that instant, the change it would bring about to my career. The painting was a two year project, and while it was a risk to spend so long on one painting, all the hard work paid off as it sold, within 20 minutes after being on display, for \$39500. Two years later it resold for \$75000. I've also had great success in the limited edition prints released".

Currently Julian is halfway through an even bigger painting project of London, then all the big cities of the world beckon, starting with New York. We wish Julian further success. Visit Julian's work at exhibitionsgallery.co.nz or phone o4 499-6356

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Winning McEvedy in our Jubilee year

by Yarride Rosario

WHETHER YOU ATTEND ST PATS TOWN, SILVERSTREAM, RONGOTAI OR WELLINGTON COLLEGE, WHETHER YOU ARE ATHLETE OR SUPPORTER, MCEVEDY IS THE BIGGEST DAY OF THE SCHOOLING YEAR. IT IS A CHANCE FOR BRAGGING RIGHTS WITHIN WELLINGTON, ESPECIALLY AGAINST OUR MAIN RIVALS WELLINGTON COLLEGE.

For myself as an athlete it is a chance to represent your brothers and make them proud. During the day I was extremely nervous and would look at the scoreboard whenever I could to make sure we were not losing by too much. I was always confident but after years in sport I know the team that deserves it doesn't always win. However, this year it was to be for us. As the final relay started everybody knew we had already won and running the final leg I was met with a sea of blue as the entire school flooded onto Newtown Park. Running into that blue wall and being embraced by the whole student body is a moment I cannot even attempt to describe and one I will never experience again nor forget.

As Captain, I got to lift the shield on behalf of the school and there has been no prouder moment in my life, months of hard work had gone into it and just reward was achieved.

I'm extremely proud of the boys for all the effort they put in. I'm grateful to the boys in the stands for being behind us through the whole day and all the noise they made. And most importantly I would like to thank the coaches for everything they did, it wasn't easy but they stuck with us through everything and they deserve to be McEvedy champions as much as any of the athletes.

There is nothing like McEvedy and there is no other school I would run for. It was a great day for SPC, the athletes performed with class, the supporter's chanting was stunning, the hakas were inspiring and that night the boys partied in style. It was a few days till my feet hit the ground again and despite it being two weeks since we lifted the Shield there remain moments of disbelief!

Yarride Rosario is the College Athletics Captain, Deputy Head Prefect and New Zealand Athletics representative



YARRIDE PROUDLY HOLDS THE SHIELD, FLANKED BY TOM MILLS AND HEAD PREFECT HANS TO'O



A SEA OF BLUE EMBRACING YARRIDE AT THE FINISH LINE