



St Mary's Old Boys' Newsletter



July 2013

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Dear Old Boys

Our next meeting will be held at 'The Public Service Club', Level 1 Function Room, 84 William Street (cnr Stephens Lane), Brisbane on Friday 19th July 2013 from 12 noon through until about 2.00 pm; but feel free to drop in anytime from 11.00 am on, as your commitments dictate and join Old Boy mates in convivial fellowship.

If travelling by train to the Central Railway Station, there is a free City Loop bus from Stop 8 opposite Central Station in Ann Street which allows you to alight at Stop 103 in the Government Precinct, just outside 'The Public Service Club' at 84 William Street. The bus services on this route are every 10-15 minutes.

Tentative dates booked for our further meetings in 2013 are 20/9/13 and 22/11/13. Please reserve them as Claimer Dates.

On Friday 12th July the Annual Toowoomba Old Boys' luncheon will be held at the North Toowoomba Lawn Bowls Club. Rev Fr E'Brian O'Dwyer who celebrated the 65th Anniversary of his ordination on 29/6/13 will be a Special Guest. For reservations please contact John Wilson (4638 1098), John Murphy (4634 2284) or Eric Howe (4632 2191).

After much planning Old Boys on the Sunshine Coast have set the date for a luncheon gathering also. It will be held at the 'Headland Golf Club', Golf Links Road, Buderim on Friday 26th July 2013. The event will generally follow the format of the Brisbane gatherings. Old Boy legends Dr Keith Wilkinson (Senior 1944) and Jim Stokes (1937 – 1943) hope to attend. For catering purposes please contact: Bernie Murphy (5478 0742), Terry Murphy (5456 4340) or Redmond Byrne (5477 6705) to signify you will attend.

Our Brothers' Ball will be held in the TP O'Brien Function Centre on Saturday 27th July 2013. Arrive at 6pm to enjoy champagne and savouries, then a 2-Course Dinner at 7.00pm and dance the night away with the 'Still Kickin' Band'. For more details and tickets (\$50 per head) contact Greg Manthey (0457 791 278), Paul Canning (0429 059 016) or Jeremy Cotter (0434 719 190).

Our Special Thanks are extended to Noel Hannant OAM (1941 – 1946), Brien Regis Dunne (1942 – 1948), John Wilson (1964 – 1965), Rodney Anderson (1950 – 1952) and Paul McClure (1945 – 1951) who have taken our Life Memberships of our Association recently.

Please remember in your prayers Old Boys and Friends of the College recently deceased: **Dr Kevin Everding, Ron Shelvey, Gerard Fitzpatrick, Les Rider, Ken Kelly, Gloria Chandler** (wife of Nat and stepmother of **Fr Paul Chandler**), **Elva Murphy** (wife of the late Cyril Murphy), **Agnes (McCaul) Merritt**, wife of **John** and sister of **Jack** (RIP), **Ray** (RIP) and **Margaret. Mary (nee Drew) Frost**, wife of **Bob**, sister in law of **Noel** and sister of the late **Michael, Frank, Tony Drew** and **Mrs Pauline Alroe**, wife of the late **Jack Alroe** (RIP), former President of TBOBA. A number are also ill or recovering from surgery – **Kevin and Tim Coonan, Ian Meibusch, Justin Kingsford, Barry Lysaght, Don Vallely, Trevor Muller, Eric Howe, Kev Killoran, Pat Seymour, Kevin O'Neill, John Keightley and Annette Gilbert.**

T.B.O.B.A. (Brisbane Sub-Branch) Meeting – 10/05/13

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Present

Apologies

John Bagget Darryl Baker Nat Chandler Bernie Collins Noel Cronin Jack Davis (Hon) John Drew Brian Gagen Terry Gesch Rolly Griffin Bob Grundy John Hagan Merv Henson Barry Kuhnemann Doug Lee Fred Lincoln	Dick Lynch A E (Mick) Moloney Pat Mullins Terry Murphy Paul McClure Dan McErlean Peter McMahon Bryan McSweeney (Pres) John O'Neill Jack Parker Ron Roney Graham Swenson Kerry Taylor Glen Wiedman Gerry Williams	Fr Paul Chandler Laurie Atzeni (Hon) John Coyer Frank Deighton Allan Duncan Les Duncan Dr Kev Everding Des Franklin John Hutchinson Peter Kennedy Jim Long John Morris Trevor Muller Jim Mullins Bernie Murphy	Justin McErlean John Noonan Reg Oliver Martin O'Sullivan Keith Pickels Andy Purcell Dan Reilly Ron Shelvey Joe Short Ron Smith Reg Taylor Jim Wiedman
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'Coming Events'

12/7/13 Noon	Annual TBOBA Luncheon at North Toowoomba Bowls Club – for reservations please contact: John Murphy (4634 2284), John Wilson (4638 1098) and Eric Howe (4632 2191)
19/7/13 Noon	Brisbane TBOBA Sub Branch Meeting – 1 st Floor Function Room 'The Public Service Club', 84 William Street (cnr Stephens Lane), Brisbane
26/7/13 11.30 am	TBOBA Meeting for Sunshine Coast at Headland Golf Club on Golf Links Road. Buderim Contacts: Bernie Murphy (5478 0742), Terry Murphy (5456 4340), Redmond Byrne 5477 6705)
27/7/13 6pm	Brothers' Ball in TP O'Brien Function Centre – Ticket purchases (\$50 per person) from Jeremy Cotter (0434 719 190), Greg Manthey (0457 791 278) or Paul Canning (0429 059 016)
2/11/13	1950/1959 Class Reunion – Contacts: Pat Costigan (0432 583 498), Justin Lunney (4634 4756), Michael Quinlan (02-9997 2397), Graham Swenson (5561 1753)
16/11/13 2.00pm (Tour) 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm (Dinner)	1955 – 1963 Class Reunion in TP O'Brien Function Centre Tour of College Dinner (\$35 per person for 2 Course Meal with Nibbles) Contact Merv Paddison (07) 5444 6716 or 0427 631 620.

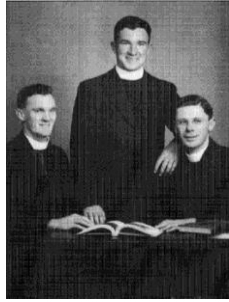
Annual Membership Fee
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2013 is now due / or
Life Memberships are
available
(Fee \$100.00)
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History was made for the Catholic Church of Queensland in September 1940, when the Apostolic Delegate, **His Excellency John Panico JUD** laid the foundation stone for the Pope Pius XII Seminary at Banyo. The young men from St Mary's College faithful to their Alma Mater's grand traditions, offered themselves in good numbers to enter this new Seminary. In fact all of the 1941 Senior Class were amongst the first students, and three were in the first Class ordained from Banyo, in a packed St Patrick's Cathedral, by His Lordship the Bishop of Toowoomba **Most Rev J B Roper DD** on the 29th June 1948. They were (L-R) **Rev Patrick Kelly, Rev E'Brian O'Dwyer and Rev Raymond White**, pictured right. Fr E'Brian who has now served 65 yrs in the Priesthood was the son of the late **Mr and Mrs E O'Dwyer** of Harristown and is brother to **Dr Pat** of Holland Park and **Andrew** from Mt Manning via Clifton.



- In recent weeks a number of Old Boys have celebrated birthdays: **Rev Brother Kevin Dwyer, John H Pobar, Les Duncan, Doug Lee, John Saffrey, Laurie Walsh, Colin Huddy and Ron Roney.**
- Off on a 6 weeks overseas trip are **Graham & Francie Swenson.** They intend to sail the Mediterranean for 12 days before enjoying a European River Cruise for 15 days, embarking then to take in the sights of Prague.
- Just retired Westpac Executive, **John Ward**, left for London before the end of June to be on hand for the arrival of a grandchild. John was Captain of the College in 1972.
- Ronald Wyndham Shelvey** (17/4/29 – 28/5/13), the elder son of **James Joseph and Elsey Margaret (Beitz) Shelvey**, was born in Brisbane on 17/4/1929 and entered Eternal Life on 28th May 2013. His siblings were **Eileen, Josephine, Kathleen, Adeline, Leonard and Maureen** who entered the Good Samaritan Congregation. Ron's early years were spent in Helidon until his parents realised that a move to Toowoomba was essential to give the family every educational opportunity. He was enrolled at St Mary's College in 1944 and immediately his athletic and leadership potential was recognised and encouraged.

In his Senior Year, 1947, Ron earned the Gerald Connolly Award, as the best all round athlete at the College. He was a member of the Open Tennis Team and the First XI Cricket Team, taking 4 wickets in three of the matches and wielding the willow to make 47 on one occasion. In the First XV Rugby side he formed a fast Centre pairing with Brian Hart to serve their wingers, one of whom was Ron's younger brother, **Len.** That year Ron was the College and Darling Downs' Combined Schools Open Champion 100 yds and 200 yds sprinter. His time for the 100 yds at both events was 10.5 seconds. At the Metropolitan Catholic Schools Association Championships on 4/10/47 Ron

was placed 3rd in the 100 yds and 2nd in the 200 yds events. At the College Swimming Carnival Ron was Open Champion and set a 50 yds Freestyle record of 31 seconds. At the Metropolitan Catholic Schools Association Swimming Carnival Ron was placed 2nd in the Open Backstroke.

It was in the Cadet Corps where Ron's leadership qualities were evident. He had been a Cadet Corps Lieutenant in 1945 and 1946 and in 1947 he was elected Under Officer in Charge of 100 Cadets and assisted by Lieutenants **Ray Drew, Brian Poidevin and Vince Stedman and Instructor Sergeant-Major Keith Bell.** On leaving the College, Ron was a Commercial Traveller for Sargood and Gardiner and later Hallmark Cards and Collins Publishers. He was selected in the Queensland Rugby Union Team in 1952 and later enjoyed Lawn Bowls. He was Life Member No. 59 of our Toowoomba Brothers Old Boys' Association and regularly attended Brisbane Sub-Branch Meetings until he suffered ill health about twelve months ago. Ron always retained his sincere interest in College Old Boys and held his respect and loyalty for St Mary's College and the Christian Brothers.

Ron was buried on 4th June 2013 after a Requiem Mass celebrated by Fr Gabriel Kalu at Our Lady and St Dymphna's, Aspley. He is survived by son, Brad, grand-daughter Courtney. Ron's wife Joan predeceased him in 2008.



Front: Ron Shelvey and Ray Drew
Standing: Ian Meibusch, Brian Poidevin and Glen Gagen



L to R: Dan Reilly, Kevin Garrett, Bryan Lynch, Dan McErlean, Ron Shelvey, John Coyer
(Centenary, May 1999) - All were classmates except Ron Shelvey).



Dr Kevin Patrick Everding 7/11/1933 – 31/5/2013

- Kevin was the first born of the five siblings of Tom and Bridget Maguire Everding. The other children were **Noel, Therese (Dashwood), Chris and Paul**. His early life was spent growing up in Ipswich until the family moved to Toowoomba in 1949 when Tom purchased a Newsagency in Russell Street, near the Railway Station. Kevin and Noel were enrolled at St Mary's College and Kevin's talents were almost immediately evident. Mostly Dux of his class, he was also an asset on the sporting fields and had a beautiful tenor voice. He was involved in everything.



Kev was Dux of the College in 1951 and awarded the 'Con Bowdler Memorial Prize' – this capped his many scholastic successes. That year he was Captain and Opening Bowler for the Cricket First XI and Vice Captain and forward leader of the Rugby First XV. There was no Swimming Carnival that year; but in 1950 Kevin had dead-heated with **John Mulheron** to be joint Open Champion. At the 1950 Metropolitan Catholic Schools Association Carnival Kevin had finished 4th in both the 50 yds and 100 yds Freestyle events.

In 1950 Kev had served as a Cadet Lieutenant under **Ian Meibusch** in the College Cadet Corps and in 1951 was elected Under Officer in Charge of the Cadets, assisted by **Rod Speering, Des Purcell and Brian Phillips**. He gained the Cadet Corps Shooter's Cup and represented St Mary's in the Earl Roberts Shoot at Redbank.



Kevin Everding
(front row,
3rd from the left)
and the Cadet
Corps

Then to the surprise of us all at a concert one magical night, he walked onto the stage of the Toowoomba Town Hall and sang 'Santa Lucia' in perfect Italian in the most searing tenor voice. Kevin – the singer was born!

Having graduated with top marks from St Mary's, Toowoomba, Kev had several career options – Medicine, Duntroon (he had enjoyed the College Cadets and was a born leader) or Opera (an Italian Opera Singer resident in Toowoomba was intent on sending him to Italy to study Opera). He chose the Priesthood and spent a couple of years at Banyo discerning his vocation before coming home.

Tom Everding was then the Newsagent in Lutwyche and Kev, after a short stint at the Commonwealth Bank, was offered the management of a Sports Store next to the newsagency. He was popular and successful but more beckoned for him when Tom purchased another Newsagency at Bardon and Kev was installed there. The family were active in the parish at Woolloowin and through the then YCW and NCGM, Kev met the love of his life, **Madonna Hegarty** and they married.

Shortly after Tom Everding sold the newsagencies and purchased a hotel at Ballina. Tom's plan was for Kevin and Noel to accompany him and to make a career in the hotel industry. However, there was something niggling Kevin – the call to medicine had always been there and finally he decided to pursue that path with as always, the support of his parents, and the hard work began.

As a mature aged University student, Kevin had, at one time or another, three or four jobs at once to support Donna and their 3 children – **Peter, John and Elizabeth**. He drove a taxicab, became a Driving Instructor, spent long nights at the West Brisbane Clinic where he answered emergency calls, and studied and of course sang at pubs and clubs. It is interesting to note that the emerging *Bee Gees* were sometimes his support act. It was during those years that Michael and Patrick arrived to complete the family.

Kevin played with the Brothers Rugby League Club in the Brisbane Competition and was a member of their Premiership winning side captained by Brian Davies. Later he became the Club Doctor.

Eventually the hard grind paid off and the long-awaited joyful day of Graduation arrived. He was on his way! During his medical career he was a gifted and caring Doctor, dedicated to his patients, always on call, and highly regarded by his colleagues in their Salisbury/Sunnybank practice for about 40 years.

He was Life Member No. 47 of the Toowoomba Old Boys' Association and enjoyed our Old Boys' gathering when he could and for four decades was a guest artist at the annual Irish Club St Patrick's Day Dinners. Each of us has stories of the comfort he extended, the advice he would offer and the help he gave in every way. He was always busy, always involved, if there was a meeting or committee, Kevin was at it or on it. Still he had time for golf and to assist the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Kevin passed away on the Feast of the Visitation and was buried at the Mt Gravatt Cemetery after a Requiem Mass concelebrated by his Parish Priest, **Fr Dan Ryan, Fr Ray Kearney, Fr Denis Long and Fr Vince Dwyer** on Wednesday 5th June 2013. He was devoted to his beloved Donna and loving father to **Peter, John, Elizabeth, Michael and Patrick** and grandfather to **Chris, Nick, Anthony, Matt, Clare and Bridget**.

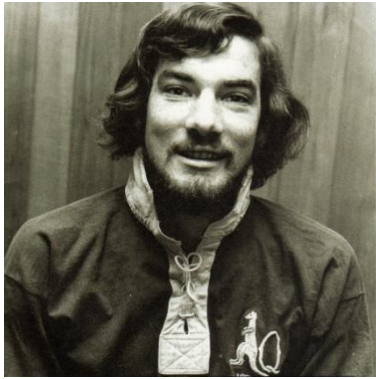
Vale, Kevin, the Heavenly Choir has a new tenor!



- Life Member, 62 year old **Gerard (Gerry) Fitzpatrick**, son of **Frank and Kathleen (Kearney) Fitzpatrick** died suddenly while playing tennis at Brunswick Heads on Sunday 9th June. He had been a dedicated Teacher for almost 40 years at schools such as Woodridge High School and Moreton Bay College.

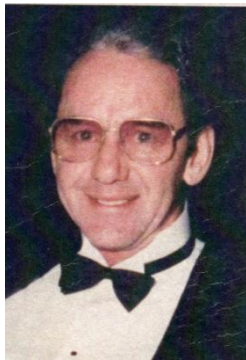
Gerry placed with the Valley 'Diehards' during the early 1970s when they won 3 Brisbane Rugby League Premierships in 4 years and was a Queensland Representative Player on 8 occasions. An enormous bloke on and off the field and one of the greats never to be selected for Australia, as it was pretty difficult to be selected if you were based in Queensland in the pre State of Origin days.

After his playing career, Gerry was passionate as a Valleys Football Club historian, and hoped to continue this work for Rugby League into retirement.



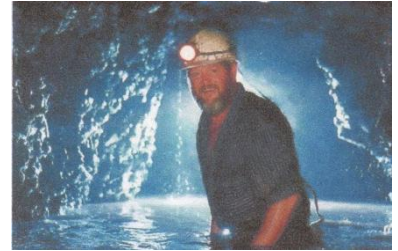
Gerry was buried from the Holy Spirit Church, New Farm, by **Rev Fr Cootes** on Thursday 20th June 2013. He is survived by his wife **Deb**, children **Megan** and **Huw**, and siblings **Michael** (Sydney), **Anne (Mrs Fred Glevimans)** of Canberra) and **Timothy** (Buderim). Another brother **Paul** predeceased him.

- Sadly we have received news of the passing of **Leslie Rider** (pictured right) on 14/4/2013. Leslie's wife, **Rae**, wrote to us saying that she had lost the 'Love of her Life'. Leslie was brother to Jim (RIP), Bill and Mick. St Mary's Old Boys pass on their condolences to his loved ones. You will be sadly missed.



- Heading for Adelaide in September for the Australian Primary School Swimming Championships are **Charly** (12) and **Lexie** (10) **Kuhnemann**, daughters of **Michael and Sasha**, and granddaughters of Old Boy **Barry** (1948-1955) and **Margaret (Peut) Kuhnemann**. Michael, the eldest son of Barry and Margaret operates a number of Lifestyle Health Clubs in Brisbane and Ipswich.
- Old Boy **Rev Fr Richard Leonard S.J.** (Year 12 - 1980) and **Fr George Otero** will be Guest Speakers at a Function in St Mary's College TP O'Brien Centre, organised by the Toowoomba Catholic Diocese Parents and Friends Association. It commences at 5.00pm with drinks and nibbles. There is a small cover charge.

- Robin Murphy** (1948 – 1957) and his family company, Canstruct Pty Ltd, have been behind the construction of the Federal Government's Nauru regional processing centre for refugees.



Robin is the grandson of an Irish pioneer who settled in the Warwick region after coming over from Cork. A grand-uncle was a popular priest **Fr Garret Murphy** who in his later years, was Chaplain at St Vincent's Hospital in Toowoomba.

The Canstruct story began in 1968 when an innovative and driven young engineer – Robin Murphy – created J B Murphy & Co Pty Ltd. After successfully constructing a number of bridges in Papua New Guinea, Robin incorporated the company Construct in Tasmania in 1971 and another company with the same name in Queensland a few years later. In 1984, their company was purchased by a large international contractor, Christiani and Nielsen of Denmark. C&N undertook a number of prestigious projects including Trawler Basin and Lock in Darwin NT, submarine pipelines in Queensland and New South Wales, numerous Railway Bridges in Queensland, tunnels and shafts and underground construction in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria. Robin remained with the company (C&N) as its Managing Director and in 1987, Robin repurchased all the shares, the good will and reputation of the company that he helped build.

In 1991 the company changed its name to Canstruct Pty Ltd and has expanded its operations to incorporate a wide range of diverse interests with a proven ability to deliver difficult projects with formidable time, cost and environmental constraints. Robin is the Company's Founding Director, while his sons, **Rory** (Managing Director and CEO), **Dan** (General Manager – Canstruct), **Adrian** (General Manager – Force 10) and their core team of 150 people have developed a reputation for devising inventive and creative construction methodologies to overcome issues in the field.

Nauru demands solutions to challenges like these. Their Force 10 modular buildings are designed, fabricated and then containerised for shipment at their Darra factory. It is a remote area with no port making it difficult to ship in everything from water to power – plant and equipment (cranes and excavators), wastewater treatment and potable water has to be landed from offshore for the site construction phase.

The Force 10 modular buildings are designed to address the ravages of cyclones, flood and termites and have been used in Brisbane homes, staff accommodation on Christmas Island, accommodation in the OK Tedi in PNG and now Nauru. Robin's son, Rory, believes it is an economical product suitable for



diverse places and their point of difference is the company's ability to operate in remote areas.



• Past President (1970 – 1974) of our Old Boys' Association, **Henry Wagner** was recently inducted into the Queensland Transport Museum's Hall of Fame. The Museum opened its doors in 2009 at the Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre in Gatton and has been showcasing the State's early transport vehicles

and equipment as well as the men and women who contributed to the development of Queensland. Seventeen Road Transport 'legends' were inducted on the night joining thirty inducted in 2011, all true pioneers of the road transport industry in Australia.

Where are they now?

- Former St Mary's College Captain, **Damien Matthews**, has a job that takes him around the globe, having been based in Singapore since 2010. It is a world apart from a childhood spent growing up in Mitchell.

A University of Southern Queensland Engineering Graduate, he has carved out an International career in the Resource Industry, working his way up the ladder to manage global relationships with a number of major mining equipment manufacturers and suppliers on behalf of a leading mining company.

Damien says, 'from a professional perspective, as a child growing up in South-West Queensland, I would never have imagined I would have a career that literally takes me all around the world on a regular basis and allows exposure to many different cultures.' In August 2001, Damien had a serious accident when driving west on the Capricorn Highway outside Rockhampton; but miraculously, he freed himself from the wreckage with only minor injuries. A tyre came loose from the load of an oncoming semi-trailer, smashing the windscreen of Damien's car at 100kmp, causing his car to collide head-on with a second oncoming semi-trailer.

Damien and his wife, **Marena**, have a daughter **Brooklyn** and two sons, **Ryleigh** and **Darcy**.

- **John Heeney** and his wife **Connie (Wilson)** reside at Sunshine Beach, on the Sunshine Coast. John was the third generation of the Heeneys to attend St Mary's College and his grandfather **Jim** and his brother **Bill** were possibly first day College students in 1899. College records show Jim was one of six students to pass the Sydney University Examination in 1902.

John's father, **Jack**, and his brother, **Frank**, attended St Mary's in the 1920s and 1930s. John himself enrolled at the College in 1947 and was a member of the 1953 Junior Class.

- **Billy Oliver's** early education was at Our Lady of Lourdes, Newtown, before he enrolled at St Mary's

College in 1944. He remembers the Long brothers, Pat and Jimmy and many other classmates.

He went on to become a cheesemaker at Quinlow and in his early twenties completed his education. At age 28 years he was appointed a Dairy Advisor with the Department of Primary Industries, supervising Field Officers throughout Queensland. Later Billy established his own business, retiring in his early seventies.

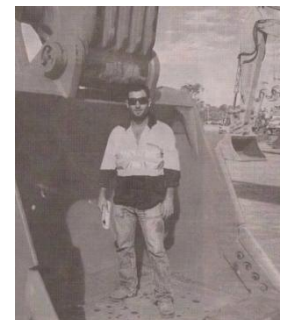
In 1954 Billy married **Roma Stewart** and they had four daughters, one of whom was killed in a tragic car accident. The couple who have been blessed with nine grandchildren and ten great grandchildren are looking forward to celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary next year.

Away from work, Billy enjoyed his sport and was heavily involved in Rugby League as an Administrator and Player. He became a Delegate (later Director) of the Queensland Rugby League in the days when Ron McAuliffe was Queensland President. In 1975 he had the honour to manage the Queensland Rugby League Team for the match against New South Wales in Sydney.



- For **Chris Walker**, sitting out in the 2008 NRL season with a snapped Achilles tendon and a conversation with a Club Sponsor about landscaping, convinced Walker to buy his own bobcat and tipper to start a business.

Mid-2011 the Walker Brothers Earthworks business grew to a staff of 16 working from Gladstone to Byron Bay – he quit the Parramatta Club because he couldn't juggle Rugby League as well; retired at 31, whereas he wanted to play to 33 or 34 – living in Sydney with a business here, there's 'more to life than the glamour of the NRL'. League recognises the need to prepare players for post-football life and offers career counsellors to anyone over the age of 26 for free guidance.





- **Ben and Chris Walker** coach Ipswich Jets now, they are placed third after 15 rounds in the Queensland Intrust Super Cup Competition in 2013. While at the College, Chris was a member of the successful 1994 Under 15 Sprite Cup Rugby League side, captained by **Mick Kennedy** which defeated the strong football school, Wavell Heights High School and then outclassed the Gold Coast Keebra Park Team by 46 v 10 in the South Queensland final.

‘College News’

- During this term, the Year 12 Religion and Ethics students have been participating in a Unit exploring, Origin, Purpose and Destiny. As part of their assessment, the boys had an opportunity to tell the story of an older person’s life from a new perspective. To achieve this outcome, the boys had an opportunity to choose one of two tasks. The first task involved meeting, interviewing and telling the story of residents from Lourdes Nursing Home. The second task was to complete an interview with Old Boys from St Mary’s College.

On Tuesday 26th May 2013, eleven Old Boys returned to the College for lunch and to be interviewed by **Mr John Emerton’s and Mrs Kay Picton’s** Religion and Ethics classes. It was a highly successful event with the boys in awe of how these men have lived their lives and the passion they have for the College. A special thanks go to Mr Emerton and Mrs Picton for how the boys prepared and to Old Boys – **Fr Kerry Costigan, Fr Ray Crowley, Frank Adamson, Kevin Garrett, Jim Madden, Eric Howe, John Murphy, Bill McErlean, Tom Hutchinson, Brian Carter and Leo Camm** for their attendance.

- On Tuesday 4th June the Year 8 boys presented the annual ‘Night of the Notables’ Presentation Evening. The boys researched a ‘Notable’ of the past and during the evening you met John Lennon, Christopher Columbus, Orville Wright, Steve Jobs, Captain James Cook and Colonel Sanders to name a few. Guest Speaker on the evening was Old Boy, **Mr Sean O’Mara** (Year 12 – 1996).
- The Years 5-12 Athletic Events in Shot Put, Discus, Javelin, Long Jump, Triple Jump, High Jump and 1500 metres were held on the 5th June on the Brother Frank Rodgers Sports Field. The results gained in these events count towards overall points for individuals and Houses in the annual Inter-House Carnival held on 19/6/2013.
- The Annual Confraternity Shield Rugby League tournament will be held this year in Townsville, hosted by St Ignatius Park College, from the 24/6/13 to 28/6/13. This annual great sporting event is enjoyed by the participants and hundreds of spectators who follow the matches over four days. Great credit must go to the convenors, referees and state organising committee for their efforts.

- College student, **Sam Neale**, took a giant step to making his dreams of one day wearing the baggy green a reality when he gained selection in the Queensland 12 years and under Cricket Team in 2012. Then only 10 years old, he trialed for his own age group before being asked to come to the Year 7 trials and was one of six selected for the Darling Downs team that won the State Carnival. Queensland tied with New South Wales to share the Australian 12 years and under Boys Cricket Championship honours. Sam, (3 for 24) was top wicket taker for his State in one match. His goal is to hopefully try and make the Queensland side until Year 7 and then in the future aim for higher representation in the sport. Sam is the son of **Jeff and Jan (Quinn) Neale**, grandson of **Sandra and Ted (RIP) Neale** and grandnephew of **Fr Jeff Scully**.

- On the 20th June, St Mary’s College Principal, **Michael Newman**, joined with other Toowoomba Catholic School Principals to throw their collective weight behind the Vinnies Community Sleepout on the fields of Gold Park. After a supper of soup they roughed it in sleeping bags for one night, under the stars, to raise funds and awareness on the plight of the homeless.

- Old Boy Trainer, **Tony Gollan** (Year 12 – 1996) is delighted with the efforts of his 5 year old ‘Spirit of Boom’ by Sequalo from Temple Spirit who ran fourth in the recent *Doomben 10,000* and the *Stradbroke Handicap*. Tony plans to campaign against some of the elite sprinters in the country. At the *Toowoomba Cup Meeting* on Sunday 26/5/13, Tony had success with the 3 year old gelding ‘The Storeman’ in the *1100m Neil Masell Transport Handicap* and with the 5 year old mare ‘Bang On’ in the *2100m XXX Gold Toowoomba Cup*.



- **Ethan Lowe** (Year 12 – 2008) has been a regular player in the Queensland Intrust Super Cup competition this year for the ‘Northern Pride’ Rugby League side who are now top of the table after Round 15. Ethan (No. 18) was also a bench player for the Cowboys in their game against the Titans, giving a creditable performance and scoring the final try.

- This year **Ben Lowe** (Year 12 – 2002) has been a member of the South Sydney ‘Rabbitohs’ Squad now leading the National Rugby League Competition after Round 15, while **Johnathan Thurston** (Year 12 – 2000) played his 25th consecutive State of Origin game for Queensland on the 5/6/13.

Baby News!

- Congratulations to **Johnathan Thurston** and his partner, **Samantha Lynch** on the birth in June of their baby girl **Frankie Louise Thurston**.





- All Whites, Toowoomba and 1948 Kangaroo Rugby League Winger, **Pat (Cocky) McMahon** and his wife, **Maureen**, are now residents at St Paul's Villa, Bardon and would like to hear from their many friends amongst our Old Boys.
- **Noel and Carol (Mackinlay) Muller** are down from Darwin to spend 3 weeks (24/6/13 to 12/7/13) with their daughter **Nicole**, son in law **Geoff (Brown)** and 5 grandchildren at Burleigh Heads. They will also make time to visit Noel's brothers **Trevor** and **Terry** as well as his sister **Lorraine (Mrs Ken Frazer)** and of course the **Mackinlays**. Noel would be very happy to receive calls from former classmates on 0418 185 768 so he can reminisce.
- Life Member, **Bernie Collins**, left on a 6 weeks camping and caravan trip with like minded couples on Saturday 22nd June through Cape York. It is a once in a lifetime outdoor venture giving Bernie the chance to sight crocodiles in the wild and to enjoy lots of fishing for barramundi.
- The **Davis brothers**, **Dan** (1974), **Tim** (1976) and **Gerard** (1978), **John** (1980), **Neville** (1982) and **Robert** (1985) recently accompanied their sister **Jenny (Mrs Barry Lane)** on a ten day trip to celebrate Dan's 50th Birthday. The family whose parents are the popular couple (**Jack and Dawn (Grundy) Davis** spent (5) days in Los Angeles and another 5 days in Las Vegas.
- **Year 1955 – 1963 Class Reunion** - On Saturday 16 November 2013, this Class Reunion will be held in the College TP O'Brien Function Centre. There will be a tour of the College Facilities at 2.00pm and dinner at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start. Past students and their partners are welcome to attend both functions. **Merv Paddison** assisted by **Kevin Bowden** have been steering the class organisation of the function in recent months following Darryl Brennan's good spade work over a lengthy period in spite of ill health. Merv can be contacted for further details on (07) 5444 6716 or 0427 631 620 or on email: [a mpaddison1@bigpond.com](mailto:mpaddison1@bigpond.com) or Kevin on 0404 471 349. Merv will be in America from 18/7/2013 to 1/9/2013. The committee has touched base with about 100 or so of their former classmates with a good response, but need to hear from another 48 odd 'Missing in Action'. Can you help locate any of these Old Boys:

Robert Boyce	Pat Carroll	Barry Coleman
Stephen Connors	Jim Dillon	Brian Dobbie
Noel Edge	Ron Fitzpatrick	Douglas Flohr
John Foley	Brian Goodwin	Wayne Goodwin
Trevor Hassel	Patrick Hayes	Nev Hedge
Sean Hiscox	Jim Johnston	Brian Jamieson
Ian Jeffries	Laurie Keleher	John Kelly
Noel Kelly	Noel Kelso	Frank Koltermann
Trevor Ktratzke	Malcolm Lees	Francis (Kevin) Long
Terry Lunney	Paul Lysaght	Greg McCallum
Ray Moore	Graham O'Brien	Kerry O'Brien
Terry O'Brien	Danny O'Dea	Denis O'Hara
Terry Sullivan	Denis Perrin	John Reynolds
Phil Robson	Danny Schaumberg	George Scholefield
Colin Scott	Jeff Shooter	David Stratham
Jim Warren	Rodney Watson	Ken Wright

- **Year 1950 – 1959 Class Reunion** - This Class Group are planning their bi-annual Toowoomba get together for November 2nd, 2013. Classmates please make this a Claimer Date with your contacts Pat Costigan (0432 583 498), Justin Lunney (4634 4756), Michael Quinlan (02-9997 2397) or Graham Swenson (0417 776 832).
- **Jim Long** is pleased to inform us that his grandson **James Pierson**, aged 20, has been listed as a Queensland Bulls contracted player for the coming season. James was the Australian Keeper in the Under 19 World Cup in Townsville in August 2012 and has now spent considerable time with the Australian Under 19 team over two seasons. He is currently playing for the Kent County in the English Cricket Competition as a Wicket Keeper / right hand Batsman.



James is roundly acknowledged as a popular team member with good leadership skills. We wish him well as he furthers his career.

- Old Boys like **Rolly Griffin** and **Denis Reynolds** were interest to learn recently of the exploits of the son of one of their former classmates, **Bernie Gleeson**, who sadly passed away on 28/4/2007. Flight Lieutenant Bernie Gleeson Junior, graduated from the Air Force No. 173 Pilot's Course in 1997 and has flown C130E and C130J (Hercules) on two operational tours in the Middle East. In 2009 he was posted to the Central Flying School in East Sale as an Instructor, this being his second season with the Roulettes having previously flown in the distinguished Roulette Two position.

We are indebted to the sister of Bernie Gleeson Senior (Mrs Colleen Williams of Southport) for these details. She worked for some years at the Rosalie Shire Council where the Shire Clerk was then Mr Vince Gagen, father of Bro Fergus, Brian, Peter and John.

For Bernie Senior, Croquet became his great passion. Having nurtured his phenomenal skills on the deck of the HMAS Sydney while in the Navy, Bernie's rise up the Croquet ranks was rapid and impressive enabling him to play in International matches against New Zealand, in the last decade of his life, after moving to the Gold Coast from his farm at Greta, New South Wales.

