



St Mary's Old Boys' Newsletter

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Dear Old Boys

Our next luncheon of the Brisbane T.B.O.B.A Sub Branch will be held on the 15th September 2017, at the Central Station Queensland Railway Institute rooms beside the “Deck on Edward Café”.

Please reserve this date and the Claimer meeting date for our Christmas break-up on Friday the 17th November.

As usual, to assist with **CATERING** could you please advise Dan McErlean if you intend to come to the next meeting and provide your luncheon preference. We have a limited menu of Fish & Chips, Beef Burger & Chips, or Toasted Sandwiches & Chips, with a few other options. Please advise Dan of your preference so we can advise the Café staff prior to our arrival.

Please remember in your prayers the Old Boys and Friends of the College who passed to their Eternal Reward recently:

- **Charles Manych**, husband of June (dec) and father of Ricky, Kim, and Karl. Charles was born in Czechoslovakia in 1940 and came to Australia as a young migrant in 1948.
- **Claude Stevenson**, husband of Mary, father of Anthony, Paul, Anne, Christine, Loretta, Mark, Michelle, and Gregory. Brother of Tom (dec), Philip, Mary, Margaret, Edwin and Michael.
- **Judy Tootell**, (nee Corcoran) on 15/6/2017, sister of Owen, Laurie (dec), Neil (dec), Kevin, Lyndall (Ryan), Robin (Corcoran), Rae (Ahern) (dec), Christine (Corcoran), and Victor.
- **Valmai Joan Murphy**, (nee Dixon) on 21/7/2017, wife of the late Steve Murphy and mother of Ray, Brenden, Tony, Michael, Paul and Nicola (Carey) and sister of Ray and Elaine (both dec), Denise (McClellan) and Annette (Bishop).
- **Joan Fitzgerald** (nee Seaniger), wife of Jack (dec), mother to Christine, Patrick, Mark, Kerry, Danny, Julie, Carmel, Ellen, John, and Ann. Sister of Kevin (dec), Tom, Jean (Mullins) and Patricia (Waters).
- **Irene Blacka** (nee Valley), wife of Bill, mother of Kevin, Kathryn (Rogers), Bryan, Gary, Anthony (dec) and Laurie, and sister of Don (dec), John and Ray Valley.

“Coming Events”

15 th September 2017	Brisbane TBOBA Sub Branch Meeting at 12 noon – Queensland Rail Institute, cnr. Edward and Turbot Streets beside the “ Deck on Edward Café ”
22nd October 2017, 9:00am	Lawn Bowls Day at Toowoomba North Bowls Club for the “ Kevin Lee Memorial Shield ” Contacts :- Justin McErlean 4634 3625, Laurie Blacka 0409 348 849, Terry Gesch 3359 9228
18 th November 2017, 11am – 3pm	Year 2 1948 to Year 12 1957 60 th Year Reunion at the Wilsonton Hotel, Richmond Drive Toowoomba. Contacts:- Fr Kerry Costigan 4634 1102, Jack Parker 0419 726 914, Ron Smith 4630 3058, Brian Fagan 0418 747 623, Glen Thompson 0468 800 849, Robin Murphy 0403 382 436
18 th November 2017	1950/1959 Class Reunion at the Federal Hotel/Motel, James Street, Toowoomba. Contact Michael Quinlan 0418 465 159
8 th December 2017 12 noon	TBOBA Sunshine Coast meeting at Headland Golf Club, Buderim. Contacts:- Bernie Murphy 54780742, Terry Murphy 54564340, Redmond Byrne 54776705

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T.B.O.B.A. (Brisbane Sub-Branch) Meeting – 14th July 2017

Present

Apologies

Frank Adamson John Bagget Carl Betros Greg Butler Nat Chandler Bernie Collins Noel Cronin Bob Denny Terry Gesch Rolly Griffin Barry Gordon John Hagan Barry Kuhnemann Doug Lee Fred Lincoln	Jim Long Pat Mullins Denis McClure Dan McErlean Paul McErlean Justin McErlean John Noonan Jack Parker Paul Reynolds Philip Simpson Pat Stringer Graham Swenson Kerry Taylor	Fr Paul Chandler Fr Tyrone Deere Br Barry Buckley AM Deacon Peter Meares Bryan McSweeney (TBOBA Brisbane Sub-branch President) Laurie Atzeni (Hon) Darryl Baker Robert Beckwith Jack Davis (Hon) Frank Deighton John Drew Maurie Drew Allan Duncan Les Duncan Brien Dunne Graham Ehler Brian Fagan Des Franklin Gene Green	Tim Hagan Tom Hutchinson Peter Kennedy Peter Kenny Dick Lynch Dinny Madden Jim Mullins Bernie Murphy Robin Murphy OAM Terry Murphy Chris McMahan Wayne Nuss Reg Oliver John O'Neill Martin O'Sullivan Keith Pickels Lindsay Reis Errol Ryan Trevor Taylor Peter Upton Gerry Williams Glen Wiedman
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Annual Membership Fee (\$10.00) for Calendar Year 2017 is now due / or
Life Memberships are available (Fee \$100.00)

Cheques for Membership should be made payable to the "Toowoomba Brothers Old Boy's Association"
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Cheques as donations towards the Indoor Sports Complex should be made payable to
'Br. Baptiste O'Sullivan Building Fund'.
They are fully Tax Deductible and will be receipted.

There are a number of our members who are currently unwell or recovering from surgery:
Tim Coonan, Colin Green, Lyle Dornbusch, Brian Marks, Trevor Muller, Michael Ward, Joe Short, Bob Sullivan, Des Franklin, Philip Stephens, Kevin Garrett, and Sandra Garrett wife of Michael.

Old Boys celebrating birthdays about this time of year include Lyle Dornbusch, Justin Dwyer, John Hagan, Peter Kennedy, Fred Lincoln, Pat Long, John Orford, Fr Hal Ranger, Terry Ranger and Denis Reynolds.

Robin Murphy's Speech at St Mary's College Formal – 14th July 2017.

St Mary's College - then and now.

It is a great honour and pleasure to speak to you graduates and your partners tonight. It was my good fortune to be enrolled at St Mary's College almost 70 years ago, from January, 1948, grade 2 to the Senior Public Examinations – Year 12 in 1957. In those 10 years, I, and nearly all my peers, loved this school and we were totally imbued with 'school spirit' as it was called then.

At the College Golden Jubilee in 1949, Brother GT Barfield, the College Principal then said that the spirit of the College was very much the same in 1949 as it was from the first day on 1899 and that "the Brothers had endeavoured to guide, nourish and stimulate the boys in heart and mind so that they will develop into intelligent, cultured men, practical Catholics, loyal to God, their homes, their country and themselves."

In other words, as far as 'core principles' are concerned, nothing changed from 1899 to 1949 and from my research to prepare for this speech, I have seen that the ethos or philosophy of the College right up to 2017 is unchanged.

Having said this however, just about everything else has changed eg:

- In the 1940s and 1950s there was no government 'State Aid' and the (9) unpaid Christian Brothers teaching 500 boys have today been replaced by over 100 professional staff teaching 800 boys.
- Class sizes were 65-100 pupils in primary classes - Years 2-7; 20-30 in Junior Public Years 9-10; and 4-6 in Senior Public Years 11-12.
- Many parents in those days saw little value in Education and /or couldn't afford it - and preferred their sons to get a job.
- Discipline was very strict – most of us were well acquainted with the strap.
- Margaret Street seemed to be much steeper then than now – 100 HP Car vs 1 boy power on a single gear bike!
- Football was Rugby Union, changing to Rugby League in the mid 1960s, I think.
- Boxing was a popular sport with most of the Brothers and all boys were encouraged to box.
- The Pool is still 25 yards long – not metres – this must cause some problems for time comparisons, as I doubt that there are many non-metric pools now!

There were no filters or chlorine and we were told (and we totally believed) that two (unfortunate)

tortoises caught in a local creek and put into the pool ate all the germs! They always seemed to me to be gasping for air.

St Mary's College has shaped my life, opened many doors for me, as I am sure it will for you.

My Career.

After matriculating in Senior at St Mary's and gaining a Degree in Engineering at the University of Queensland and spending (3) years as a Public Servant, my wife and I founded a construction company in the Territory of PNG.



Rory, Dan, and Robin Murphy OAM

Right from the start, our policy was to undertake hard projects in difficult places and/or with demanding time frames and/or harsh weather or technically and physically demanding conditions. We have continued with this policy to this day.

Our first contract was to build (4) bridges in the Highlands of PNG with precious little money, almost no assets, no equipment, no employees, no phones, no business knowledge. All I had was a good education, supreme confidence (many thought unwarranted) and a capacity to stick-at-it.

A business like this in the jungle of New Guinea particularly in the 1960s, was a survival game. It was a very, very steep learning curve indeed, especially for my wife and two babies. For 2 years, I lived in grass huts way out in the bush with thousands of PNG natives constantly milling around.

I am pleased to say my wife of almost 54 years is still here, she has had to be pretty tough, after surviving many ups and downs. Our business had its 50th Anniversary in 2016 and 4 of our 5 children work with us in the business. Another long term policy is that **we don't let the sun set on any arguments** – between the whole family.

We have performed a variety of construction contracts in over (30) countries and last year, in its 50th year, Canstruct built the largest two lane bridge in PNG on the Kumusi River near Kokoda which was the southern-most point achieved by the Japanese in their brutal mission, together with Hitler's Germany, to dominate the world. The General commanding the crack Japanese forces drowned here, while under heavy attack, in 1942. That is my story.

Advice for your Future

Mr Michael Newman, your Principal has requested that I give you some advice or tips for the future. You (and I) have been extremely privileged, indeed blessed three times: (a) We have all won the greatest lottery in life – which is to be born at all (b) To be an Australian Citizen with much more material wealth than 95% of the 7.5 billion people in the world and (c) your third major gift is a St. Mary's College Education.

However it is now time for YOU to make your own luck.

As in the last line of the poem "Invictus" you can each declare: "I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul".

I now propose to you three Words (or Values) which can help you enormously in life – if you choose to embrace them. I have endeavoured to use these values as a paradigm for my life since I left St Mary's and you could do much worse than to reflect on, and contemplate these words in the years and decades ahead.

Persistence: Winston Churchill speaking to boys of your age graduating from his old school in October 1941 and almost certain to being conscripted to the front line of WW II straight after leaving school said: 'Never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never – in nothing great or small, large or petty – never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense. Never yield to force, never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy.'

Also I am eternally grateful to my mother Neena Murphy for her **determination, persistence and courage** to enable her 4 children to go to the University, while enduring enormous hardship over many years and much opposition from family and friends after she was widowed in 1949 and the children were aged 3 to 10 yrs. Her family and friends thought I should be sent out to be the bread winner (at age 10) and stop wasting time going to school. By the way, her other advice was 'Don't get too big for

your boots'. (Bullet proof young men who know everything should take note!)

Kindness: Adam Lindsay Gordon's poem says "Life is mostly froth and bubble, Two things stand like stone, Kindness in another's trouble, Courage in your own ". As the Dalai Lama says '**My religion is kindness**' and the old adage '**it is better to give than to receive**' is something my extended family can vouch for through help to a large number of charities both local and overseas through our family foundation.

Courage: For over 100 years, Australians have demonstrated enormous courage in war situations, not least of all on the **Kokoda Track** where about 450 poorly trained, raw recruits of the **39th Battalion**, mostly aged between 17 and 24 were able to hold off 2,000 crack Japanese troops for almost a month until fresh Australian troops arrived in the jungle from the Middle East battle fields. Different courage was necessary for my mother to summon strength within herself when she became a widow with a young family, or myself when it abruptly dawned on me that building bridges from scratch in PNG was a completely different ball game to being a public servant or a University student.

Somewhere, sometime – when life throws you a curved ball; which it undoubtedly will; every single one of you will need to muster up courage from deep within your guts to force yourself to hold on and keep going.

Conclusion:

Another thing I think you would be wise to remember is that your best friends in life will probably be your school friends – sitting with you right now.

Finally I declare to you men and women of tomorrow **Go forth into this wide wonderful world, grasp it with both hands, enjoy it – but always conduct yourself so that you can be proud of yourself, your family can be proud of you, your College can be proud of you and your Country can be proud of you!**

And **remember** the three words:

For Success, nothing beats **Persistence**

For Happiness, nothing beats **Kindness**

To resolve the trials and tribulations that will surely come your way, nothing beats **Courage**.

Persistence; Kindness; Courage

- **Scott Michael Kuhnemann**



The whole St Mary's College community was saddened by the death of Scott after a serious illness. He was the second son of **Ray and Marie (McKewin)**

Kuhnemann. His siblings were **Glenn and Paul**.

He spent the early years of his education at St Thomas More's before being enrolled at St Joseph's College, Toowoomba. He completed a Bachelor of Business degree majoring in Marketing and Human Resources before establishing a "Sports Star Screen Printing" business with Geoff Murphy in Annand Street, Toowoomba.

Growing up Scott enjoyed his Cub Scout activities, cricket and football. Cricket in the summer and Rugby League in the winter until he was 15 and a decision had to be made as to whether it would be cricket, when he was the Toowoomba 15 year old wicketkeeper, or Rugby League. Scott settled for Rugby League.

From an early age, (5 or 6 years) he had enjoyed Rugby League with the West Juniors Club before joining the Toowoomba Souths Club. He was in a representative side when 9 or 10 and toured New Zealand with a Darling Downs side at age 11. His representative career went on and on and as a 17 year old he played in a Queensland Secondary School side at the Australian Rugby League titles in Perth.

In 1996 Scott was the hooker in the Toowoomba Rugby League side that defeated Redcliffe in the first Queensland Cup Grand Final and was selected in the Queensland Rugby League Residents' team that played New South Wales. When his playing career was over Scott coached a number of sides at various levels.

In 1995 Scott married **Patrina Gill**, daughter of **Barbara and Ted Gill**, and the couple were blessed with three children – **Christina, Nicolas**, and

Matthew. Patrina is a School Officer at St Mary's College while Christina is a year 12 student at St Ursula's and Nicholas (Yr 10) and Matthew (Yr 6) are enrolled at St Mary's College. Nicholas is a member of the College Under 15's Rugby League squad.

The Requiem Mass to celebrate Scott's life was concelebrated by Rev. Frs Ray Crowley and Hal Ranger before a packed congregation at St Patrick's Cathedral.



In July **Fr Ray Crowley** was one of seven people honoured by the Queensland Catholic Education Committee with a 2017 Spirit of Catholic Education Award. These awards, which recognise outstanding contributions by

individuals within the Catholic Education Community, are presented annually as part of the Catholic Education Week celebrations.

Fr Ray was an outstanding athlete, and after studying chartered accountancy for twelve months with a local firm, he entered Banyo in 1966 and was ordained in 1972.

He had figured prominently as a professional runner, training under John Keane of the Toowoomba Amateur Athletics Association. His best achievement in his short but amazing career was a victory in the Wooroolin Gift, a 130 yard dash, over his mentor Paul Faithful. Paul was a Nudgee ex-student who taught at St Mary's for a year. Fr Ray's last start was at Coonabarabran in New South Wales. While still a student at Banyo he donned his spikes for a race at Oakey in December 1969, showing remarkable form.

- **Mrs Robin Chandler** who has dedicated many years of service teaching at St Mary's was also honoured by the Toowoomba Catholic Education at the Awards Function and again at College Assembly. **Tony Buckle***, a respected Old Boy and the College Maintenance Manager was recognised for 30 years of service, as was **Mrs Catherine Gillespie**, Exceptional Learning Curriculum Leader, and **Mrs Carol McGuire**, St Mary's College teacher Librarian

who has had 35 years of service in the Toowoomba Diocese.

(*Tony Buckle played 150 "A" grade games for All Whites Rugby League Club and represented Toowoomba in the State League for five years from 1985-1989)

- **Chris McMahon with proud mother**



Congratulations and our blessings and good wishes are extended to Life Member, **Chris McMahon** (1980-86). Chris was recently invested as a knight in the Order of Malta (Catholic lay order) at the Order's National Assembly which was held in Brisbane.

Chris was aware of being called to put his faith into action and was trying to find the right way to do that for him. Chris was introduced to the Order by Dr Ian Marshall (Nudgee and Terrace Old Boy) and learned of the long tradition (over 900 years) of hospitaller works. In Queensland the Order has strong focus on assisting the homeless. Chris believes that the charism and works of the Order were the 'right fit' for him.

- In 1984 Life Member **James Donnelly** was a member of one of the best College rugby League teams. Along with **Shaun Buckle**, **Greg Manthey** and **Peter Shriek**, James was a representative Queensland Schoolboy player that year, and he and Greg were selected in the Australian Schoolboys team that defeated a Great Britain side in all the test matches. On leaving St Mary's College James played with the Broncos and Canterbury in the NRL competition.

James contacted the Old Boys' Association recently to advise that his group have taken over the Platinum International Motor Inn at 326 James Street Toowoomba. James has indicated that it may be a great place for Old Boys to look for an opportunity to attend functions held at the Motor Inn or to book a room when they are in town for reunions or just visiting the old town again.

Where are they now??

- **Allan Skelly** completed Junior at St Mary's College in 1953 and then took up a Radio Mechanical apprenticeship with Bush & Co in Ruthven Street. In 1956 he joined the RAAF and served at a number of Bases, including Amberley, Richmond, Darwin, Williamstown, and for three years in Malaysia before he elected to be discharged in 1978, having reached the rank of Flight Sergeant.

In 1966 Allan married **Jeanette Fogarty** in Newcastle and the couple have two children **Joanne & Vaughan** and two grandsons **Sam** and **Max**. The family moved to the Gold Coast in 1978 and Allan spent the next 20 years driving taxis cabs to support tourists visiting the Coast. During this time Allan and Jeanette have themselves enjoyed overseas travel.

Allan's elder brothers **Bernie** and **Pat** (RIP) also attended St Mary's College, as did his brother-in-law, **Trevor Liebke**, husband of Allan's sister, **Kay**. Thanks Allan for recently taking out Life Membership of the TBOBA.

- Old Boy **John Morris** (1943-1948), a former Toowoomba Chronicle journalist has just compiled a "Little Blue Book of Fatima" remembering this amazing story which took place over a period of six months, one hundred years ago, in 1917. John spent two weeks in Fatima in October 1992 and saw the Portuguese newspapers that reported the strange and sometimes spectacular events that occurred at Fatima during World War I, and also visited the Fatima Museum. The book was published by Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Acacia Ridge, in the Brisbane Archdiocese.

- **Kevin Morgan**, whose classmates included **Greg Windle** and **Brian Conrick**, left St Mary's College after Year 11 in 1964 to accept a motor mechanic apprenticeship, initially with Toowoomba Car Wreckers, and then Falconer Motors, rising to become their Workshop Controller. In 1974 he joined his father, **Jack Morgan**, in the Shamrock Hotel business in Toowoomba. Kevin left the Garden City in 1980, moving to Sarina to take up the licence of a hotel/motel before later establishing a further motel and licensed restaurant there. In 1991/1992 he moved to another hotel/motel business in nearby Mackay.

In 2000, Kevin was elected Mayor of the Sarina Shire Council, a centre which had become a major rail and coal terminal. In 2003, in partnership with others, he re-developed the local hotel before selling his interest and retiring as Mayor in 2007.

Kevin and his wife **Anna** then settled at Pelican Waters on the Sunshine Coast where he became a volunteer for the local Coastguard rising to become their Administration Officer. He has been carer for Anna who has disabilities following an illness and has just vacated his role as Chair of the Caloundra Parish Council. The couple have one daughter, three sons, with nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

- **The O'Dwyers**

Many families have had lengthy association with St Mary's College and our Old Boys' Association and none more than the O'Dwyer family of Harristown, **Edward and Catherine (O'Brien) O'Dwyer**. Their three sons attended the College – **Rev Fr E'Brian** from 1932–1940, **Dr Pat** 1934–1942, and **Andrew** 1946-1954. Both Dr Pat and Andrew were Life Members of our T.B.O.B.A . Sadly all three passed away over the last three years, as did their sister Colleen much earlier.



News has reached us from Kirwan's Bridge via Nagambie in New South Wales that their other sister, **Bernice**, who trained as a Nursing Sister at St Vincent's Hospital Toowoomba between 1951 and 1955, and her husband **Norman Cahill** celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on the 19th August 2017. They were married at St Anthony's Harristown by **Fr E'Brian O'Dwyer**, brother of the bride, and **Fr Pat "Paddy" McMorrow**. Norman was a top tennis player, World Masters Gold Medallist and Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame legend.

Reunions

The **1945 – 1955 Class Reunion** was held on Saturday 1st July with a Luncheon at the Spotted Cow Hotel in Toowoomba.

After Pre-lunch drinks and a welcome by organisers **Jim Madden** and **Paul McNally** OAM, the following **deceased class members** were remembered and a prayer offered by Fr Michael McClure:

John Appleford, Bill Bagget, Fred Bentley, Solly Betros, Mick Blain, Peter Boland, Gary Butler, Kevin Corrigan, Frank Drew, Bill Gleeson, John Hanrahan, Henry Hohn, John Hutchinson, Mervyn Johnstone, Kevin Jones, Ron Jones, Pat Kehoe, Dan Keliher, Trevor Kelly, Vince Kelly, Kevin Kenney, Bill Lunney, Eddie Otto, Don McDougall, Bernie O'Connor, Andy O'Dwyer, Les Rider, Kevin Rowen, Ron Sharply, Jim Smith, Peter Ward, Bert Wells.



Standing: Jim Long, Jim Madden, Fr Michael McClure, Allen Skelly, Justin McErlean, Harold Leis, Tony Sheridan, Paul McNally.

Sitting: Eric Howe, Dan McErlean, Tom Long, Jeff Anderson, Max Winter.

Absent from Photo: Pat Byrne, Graham Hurst, and Pat Sedl.

Accompanying the Old Boys, the following wives were also in attendance:

Joy Anderson, Desley Byrne, Vi Howe, Rosalie Leis, Yvonne McErlean, Margaret McNally, Doreen Madden.

Apologies: **John Arndell, John Kenafake, John Littleton, John Heeney, John O'Neill, Bruce Phelan, John H Pobar.**

At the conclusion of the luncheon Thanks were extended to Jim and Paul for their organisation of such a successful function.

The 1956-1965 Class “Long Lazy Lunch” Reunion held on the 22/07/2017, was co-ordinated by **John Drew, Graham Ehler, and Ross Fallon**



From left
 Back Row: Darryl Baker, Greg Windle, Leo Cruise, Trevor McGovern, John Drew, Des Kelly, Jim Fraser, Ross Fallon
 Centre Row: Wayne Nuss, Kieran McMahon, Tom Kelly
 Front Row: Brian Potter, Graham Ehler, Pat Walsh
 Absent from Photo: Pat Carroll (In the TAB downstairs)

Following on from our 50th Anniversary two years ago, members of the class that started at St Mary’s from Grade 4 in 1957 and those that lasted to 1965 Senior Class or who came and went along the way, decided to get together on a regular basis and so our annual “Long Lazy Lunch” for 2017 was held at the Story Bridge Hotel on the 22nd of July.

Fifteen of the Class, some of whom travelled from Biloela, Roma, Toowoomba, Gold and Sunshine Coasts enjoyed an afternoon of good food, wine, beer and friendship and in the case of Pat Carroll a very profitable outing having won the Melbourne quadrella.

Four speakers, **Darryl Baker, Pat Walsh, Ross Fallon** and **Leo Cruise** shared their stories with candour and humour of life after leaving St Mary’s and some previously unknown stories which transpired during school itself.

A number of classmates were late scratchings, so it was decided that a lunch will be held in Toowoomba on Thursday the 14th September 2017.

A few of the Brisbane boys will join in with anyone from Toowoomba (or elsewhere) who would like to attend. For more details give **Ross Fallon** a ring on **0402 024 809**. He would love to hear from you.

College News

- Rockhampton Grammar upset Ignatius Park College, Townsville to win the 2017 Confraternity Shield 18 V 10 in the finale of the four day Carnival played over the first weekend of the mid-winter holidays on the Australian Catholic University Campus at Banyo. 48 teams contested this year’s event.

St Mary’s College finished 7th in the top pool. **Luke Maiden** received the St Mary’s College Player of the Carnival Award, while **Liam Carrington** gained the Spirit of Confraternity Award.

St Joseph’s College Toowoomba student **Zac Croft**, brother of Melbourne Storm rookie five/eight, and Under 20’s Queensland Rugby League representative **Brodie Croft**, was judged the Second Division player of the Carnival.

- Congratulations go to these College students: **Jake Simpkin** played hooker in the Under 16 Queensland Rugby League representative side that played the curtain raiser before the 3rd State Of Origin match on 12/7/2017.

Ryan Bidgood was a member of the Queensland Under 13 Hockey team that played in Perth recently.

Carter Mogg has gained selection in the 2018 State Hockey squad.

- On the 22/8/2017 the College Under 15’s Rugby League side defeated St Peter Claver 14 v 12 in the Grand Final of the Devere Cup, and the Firsts defeated Redbank Plains High School 16 v 6 in the Grand Final of the Gee Shield. Firsts Man of the Match was **Jake Simpkin** (Hooker) and for the Under 15’s Man of the Match was **Mitchell Lorenz** (Fullback)

- The Annual Father’s Day Breakfast was held at the College on the 1st September.