



St Mary's Old Boys' Newsletter



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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 27th July 2012 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 have been booked for our meetings in 2012, so please reserve them as 'Claimer Dates'. As well as 27/7/12, the other meeting dates are 28/9/12 and 23/11/12. **Please Note** the final meeting for 2012 has been brought forward to the 23rd November from 30/11/12 as previously advised in our March Newsletter.

Forty Old Boys were welcomed to our May meeting by President Bryan McSweeney including **Frank Adamson, Andy O'Dwyer and Peter Sheridan** down from the Downs and **Glen Thompson** from Hervey Bay and three Special Guests who gave us thumbnail outlines of their lives:

- **Ian Meibusch** (1945 – 1950) up from Canberra, a retired Brigadier General
- **Kerry Carmichael** (1951 – 1958) who lives in Wagga where he is now Secretary/Treasurer of the Australian Aviation Hall of Fame. Kerry's a former Executive of Kendall Regional Airlines
- **Gerard Davis** (Dux 1978) spent some years providing Professional Services to Commonwealth Government Departments in Canberra. Now with Queensland Treasury and lives at Redcliffe.

Old Boys and wives enjoyed the Annual TBOBA Luncheon at the North Toowoomba Bowls Club on Friday 29th June 2012, at which the Special Guest was **Rev Fr Michael McClure** who has just celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination. Thanks to the Organiser of this event, **Eric Howe**, and function Chairman, **Peter Kenny**.

In recent weeks a number of Old Boys and friends of the College have passed to Eternal Life: **Jack Fallon, Bill Bagget, Tony Atzeni, John Mallon, Mrs Maggie Rowen (wife of Pat) and Mrs Barbara (Betros) Bou-Samra** (sister of Fred, Sol and Karl). Please remember them in your prayers and also a number who are unwell – **Fr Peter Murphy, Kevin & Tim Coonan, Dr Kevin Everding, Bill Green, Justin Kingsford, Barry Lysaght, Don Vallely, Trevor Muller, Bill Lunney, Ron Shelvey and Annette Gilbert. John Keightley** (1949 – 1955) is recovering from surgery in the Greenslopes Hospital.

Brothers' Ball – Yes! There is still time to purchase tickets for this event in the College TP O'Brien Function Centre on Saturday 21st July 2012. Enjoy Wine and Savouries on arrival at 5.30pm and then a 2 Course Meal for Dinner at 6.30pm. Cost \$50 per head and Music by Band 'Still Kickin'. Contact Jeremy Cotter (Ph: 07-4636 6968 or purchase tickets on line – www.smcbrothersball.com).

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T.B.O.B.A. (Brisbane Sub-Branch) Meeting – 18/5/2012

Present

Apologies

Bro Brian Saward Frank Adamson John Bagget Kerry Carmichael John Clifford John Coyer Noel Cronin Jack Davis Gerard Davis Frank Deighton Maurie Drew Les Duncan Don Ford (Visitor) Des Franklin Brian Gagen Rolly Griffin Bob Grundy John Hutchinson Barry Kuhnemann Doug Lee	Fred Lincoln Dick Lynch Ian Meibusch A E (Mick) Moloney Pat Mullins Bernie Murphy Terry Murphy Dan McErlean Bryan McSweeney Andy O'Dwyer Jack Parker Ron Roney Peter Sheridan Graham Swenson Kerry Taylor Reg Taylor Trevor Taylor Glen Thompson Gerry Williams Kerry Zeller	Fr Paul Chandler Laurie Atzeni Greg Butler Nat Chandler Bernie Collins Pat Costigan Terry Gesch Tom Hutchinson Merv Johnstone Peter Kennedy A R (Ray) King Jim Long Justin Lunney Bill Lunney John Morris Jim Mullins Justin McErlean Peter McGregor John Noonan John O'Neill	Martin O'Sullivan Frank Paterson Keith Pickels Andrew Purcell Dan Reilly Paul Reynolds Ron Smith Laurie Walsh Glen Wiedman Jim Wiedman
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'Coming Events'

21/7/12 6pm start	Brothers' Ball in TP O'Brien Function Centre Music by Band "Still Kickin" Cost \$50 per ticket or \$500 for a table with 2 bottles of wine. Includes – canapés on arrival and a two course meal. Dress – Formal. For purchase of tickets go to: www.smcbrothersball.com or contact Jeremy Cotter on 07 4636 6968
27/7/12 12 Noon	Brisbane TBOBA Sub Branch Meeting – 1 st Floor Function Room 'The Public Service Club', 84 William Street (cnr Stephens Lane), Brisbane
7/10/12 9.00 am	TBOBA Lawn Bowls Day at Toowoomba North Bowls Club for Kevin Lee Memorial Trophy. To nominate please contact Laurie Blacka (3633 0499), Terry Gesch (3359 9228) or Eric Howe (4632 2191)
16/11/13 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm	1955 – 1963 Class Reunion in TP O'Brien Function Centre – Contact Darryl Brennan on (07) 5577 5578

Annual Membership Fee
(\$10.00) for Calendar Year
2012 is now due / or
Life Memberships are
available
(Fee \$100.00)

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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.



- Our Principal, **Michael Newman**, reports that one aspect of St Mary's College that has clearly stood out for him during his two years at the College has been the great sense of family. Families are groups of people who are close, understanding, always there, supportive, never lost touch, ready to 'chip in' when times are difficult; they are loving and giving to the end. I see this sense of family so often at St Mary's College, an educational institution, spanning some 114 years, between numerous students, parents, Old Boys, friends, staff and Brothers. This sense of family was no more clearly evident than on Saturday 19th May, when some 200 past and present tuckshop helpers gathered once again in the TP O'Brien Hall. The ladies and 5 men shared morning tea and were abuzz with many stories, memories and friendships. There was a real sense of reuniting a family.

All these helpers have not only contributed to the College by way of preparing food; but more importantly, through the many conversations, words of encouragement and love that they have shared with so many boys – your sons, over the years. Their collective contribution to the welfare and care of the boys is one reason this College has beautifully shaped so many young men for many years!

Thanks to all the tuckshop helpers and especially the present convenors, who arranged this event, **Mrs Lyn Quinlan** and **Mrs Rita Jarvis** for their outstanding contributions to the College. Thanks also to **Mrs Kay Gleeson** (Assistant Principal – Faith, Mission & RE), **Mrs Michelle O'Reilly** and **Mr Peter Castles** for their involvement.



Past tuckshop mothers (L to R)

Frances Rhode, Min Sheehan and Iris Upton

- **Mrs Frances Rhodes'**, son **Pat** was a student at the College in the late 1960s and her brother, **Billy Maloney**, was there in the 1930s. Billy, an Allied Fighter Pilot, forced landed his damaged aircraft deep inside hostile territory in Holland in September 1944. He survived; but minutes later his life was brutally ended and in July 1945, his death becomes the subject of an Allied War Crimes investigation. A Book

'Flightpath to Murder' by British Author, Steve Darlow, records the trial and outcome.

- **Fr Richard Leonard** (Year 12 – 1980) celebrates his Silver Jubilee of being a Jesuit this year. Two Old Boys of St Mary's College have become Jesuits: **Fr Frank Burke** who died in 1989 and **Fr Richard** who is now the Superior of the Jesuit Community at St Mary's Church, North Sydney. Fr Leonard's most recent book 'Where the Hell is God?' has become a religious best seller.
- The Golden Wedding Anniversaries of three popular Toowoomba couples were celebrated recently:
 - **John and Therese (Hopgood) Brazier**. Therese is the sister of **Nellie (Hopgood) Davis** and the late **Brother L Hopgood cfc**.
 - **William and Barbara (Littleton) Butler**, brother and sister-in-laws of **Bryan Lynch**
 - **William and Marge (Raymer) McErlean**, **Bill** is the brother of **Dan, Kev (RIP), Justin, Pat** and **Teresa (Sgalippa)** (Pictured Below – Bill and Marge on their Wedding Day (5/5/1962) and in 2012 celebrating 50 wonderful years!



- The **Stevenson brothers Claude** (Tingalpa), **Philip** (Cairns) and **Edwin** (Murrumba Downs) made the journey to Bundaberg on 26th May to celebrate the 80th Birthday of their sister **Mary (Fordham)**. Mary was educated at the Holy Name Convent and St Ursula's College in Toowoomba. Their eldest brother, **Thomas**, sadly lost his life in a car accident in 1964.
- Congratulations to **Marie Sedl**, wife of **Pat**, who celebrated her 70th Birthday on 15/5/12. The couple joined family members **John and Sheila Sedl, Mary Pahl, Patricia and Denis Wogan** and **Kathleen and Murray Ferguson** at the Casino to celebrate this special occasion.
- Congratulations also to **Doug Lee** who celebrated his 80th Birthday with family and friends at the Bronco's Leagues Club on 20th May.
- Another Old Boy celebrating his birthday recently was **Laurie Walsh** (79), on 18th May. Laurie lives at Marcoola on the Sunshine Coast.



- **Fr John Clancy** christened **Sophie Ludgate**, daughter of **Tim and Fiona Ludgate** of Blackall, in Pittsworth at Easter. Sophie is the second granddaughter for our Life Member (No 122) **Bruce Ludgate** and his wife **Trish**. Bruce, brother of **Geoff and Peter**, completed Year 12 in 1970 and has a dairy farm near Pittsworth.
- **Ron and Margaret Roney** enjoyed a 14 day Seniors Tour around Victoria and South Australia, taking in a visit to Kangaroo Island during May. The couple took advantage of the direct flights now available between the Sunshine Coast and Melbourne. In late June, Margaret and the Family – **Peter QC, Terry, Catherine (Newton) and Ken** hosted a surprise party to celebrate Ron's 80th Birthday on 30/6/12, much to the delight of the 9 grandchildren.
- **Jim and Carmel Stokes** returned to their home at Buderim, on a 14 hour flight from Dubai, in May, after enjoying an extended holiday visiting Singapore, Thailand and India before a cruise via the Suez Canal to Oman, Jordan and Egypt where the highlight of the tour was a trip to the Pyramids.
- **Graham Swenson** (1950 – 1955) and his wife Francie headed to North Queensland on the Tilt Train in June to enjoy some winter sunshine during a holiday break on Magnetic Island.
- During May, **Jim** (1943 - 1947) and **Maureen Long**, took an 8 day trip to Tasmania to experience the Apple Isle scenery.
- **Michael Quinlan** (1950 – 1959) and his wife Margo are overseas at present and viewed the French Tennis Open before travelling on to London to stay with their daughter and to be at Royal Ascot to witness Black Caviar's run in the Group I Diamond Jubilee Stakes on 23rd of June. In July they will attend some Olympic Games events. The couple will return to their Sydney home in September after spending a few weeks in South Africa on the final leg of their holiday.
- Old Boys extend their Congratulations and Best Wishes to **Mrs Lillian (Outen) Lynch** who turns 100 on 24 July 2012. Born in Charleville she married a local lad, **Matt Lynch**, and had 2 sons **Ray and Neil**, before the family moved to Toowoomba where Matt established himself as a popular barber with a shop, firstly, in Ruthven St near the Moffart Hotel and later near the Newtown Hotel. The couple were blessed with two more children, **Allan and Julie (Junkiewicz)**. Lillian was always to the fore assisting on the St Mary's Tuckshop and on the Ladies Auxiliary Committee, helping at the Balls, Fetes and Sporting Events. The family were keen supporters of students at Athletic Carnivals, with Lillian always concerned that Matt could get too excited when the finishes were close. As a young woman, Lillian was a good Netball and Tennis player, but her favourite recreation was fishing – fresh water fishing for a yellow belly – something she was very good at from her early days fishing on the banks of the Warrego River at Charleville.
- On Friday 1st June 2012, a large number of top level legal practitioners gathered in Toowoomba to celebrate the long legal career of Lionel Davidson who for 30 years has been a partner with one of our Life Members, Tom Sullivan (Year 12 1972), in the Toowoomba legal practice, Davidson and Sullivan.
- **Kerry Betros**, College Captain in 1967, has replaced Brian Carter AM as Chairman of the Heritage Bank. Kerry has been a Director of Heritage since 1991 and Deputy Chairman since July 2011 and is the Managing Director of the well-known Darling Downs fruit and vegetable company, Betros Brothers, which has operated in the region since 1938. He also served as President of the TBOBA from 1975 to 1977 and again between 1983 and 1988. Kerry is humbled and honoured to be taking on the role of Chairman of the Heritage Bank, a much admired organisation that has prospered under the 30 year leadership of Brian Carter AM. Kerry said, "I intend to protect and enhance that legacy".



Above (L to R): Kerry Betros with Dennis Campbell and David Thorpe)

Anthony Vincent Atzeni

- One of our quiet achievers, **Tony Atzeni**, passed to Eternal Life on 3rd June 2012. The youngest child of **Laurino and May (Yet Foy) Atzeni**, he was born in Ayr. His elder siblings were **Lance, Veronica (Fry) RIP, Laurie and Vivienne (Ruffini)**.

A member of the 1949-1958 Class at St Mary's College, he began his working life as a Cadet Surveyor and later worked for the Toowoomba Agricultural Show Society before joining the Defiance Milling Company as an Administration Officer in their Rockhampton Branch. Tony then moved onto Stanthorpe where he operated a Motel for some years before taking up the Pierpoint Mitre Ten Hardware franchise in the town and involving himself on the State Executive of that organisation. As his health began to fail, Tony and a daughter started a Coffee / Takeaway shop and he interested himself in other small business ventures.

Ill health took its toll and Tony passed away on 3/6/2012 surrounded by his wife **Roslyn** and loving family – **Damon, Lindley, Kara, Lance, Ayesha, Lauren and Danika**. A Requiem Mass to Celebrate Tony's Life, was offered by **Fr Connolly**, assisted by **Fr Valente and Noonan** at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Stanthorpe, where he had been an active parishioner for many years.



Vale John Joseph Fallon

- A stalwart of the Brisbane Branch of the TBOBA, Jack Fallon passed away on 22/5/2012 just one month short of his 95th Birthday. Jack was the son of the late William David and Penelope Rose (Smallridge) Fallon. Like his 2 elder and 2 younger brothers, Eddie, Bill, Kevin and Bernie, Jack's early education was at the Holy Name Convent before enrolling at St Mary's College in 1925. He was thankful to Brother James Pancrattus Lacey for the contribution he made to his and the other boys' development while attached to College Staff (1925-1929).

On his 7th Birthday, 17/6/1924, Jack was a spectator at the historic Rugby League match when Toowoomba defeated England 23 v 20. While at the College Jack served as an altar boy at the Holy Name Church, Bridge Street, where the Parish Priest was the popular Fr Cashman.

When Jack was 13 years he obtained a job with Brian Cash Motors in Bowen Street. It was the Depression Years and his pay packet was \$1 (Ten Shillings) for a 6 day week. On Saturday evening Jack would travel to Helidon with Mr Cash to collect the Saturday Night Telegraph papers for delivery in Toowoomba and Warwick, attaching his bicycle on the running board of the car so he could make deliveries in Warwick. After about twelve months with Mr Cash, he had an offer from Mr Clough, Manager of Eagers in Toowoomba, for him to join that firm. It was too good to refuse, there was no apprenticeship system then. It was introduced when he was in his 3rd year and he was paid at the third year rate after his case came to the notice of the Company Manager of Eagers, Mr Green.

Jack, like his brothers, joined the RAAF during World War II, Eddie was shot down over France and served out the war as a POW, Kevin flew with Catalina's during operations in the Pacific, Bill and Jack served as Ground Maintenance Crew while Bernie was in training when the war ended. Jack only had a short period of his apprenticeship to serve when hostilities ceased and after his war service was recognised, he received his trade accreditation.

Jack continued to work with Eagers and often flew to Brisbane from Toowoomba with Mr Penfold in his De Havilland Dragon (pictured), even on foggy days, to collect new vehicles for customers.

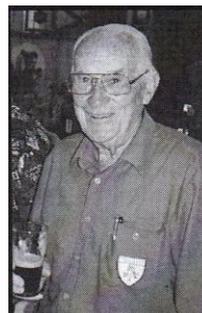
He went on to be appointed General Motors Dealers Service Representative for South Queensland and Northern NSW, then GMs District Service Manager for North Queensland, (Cairns, Townsville, Mackay and Mount Isa) and later GM's Dealer Service Management Specialist with responsibility for Service Customer relationship. In these roles he assisted many prominent citizens with vehicle purchases and maintenance – Mr T.P.O'Brien, Duncan Thomson and Con Doyle are just a few. He also taught many to drive.

A top table tennis player, Jack also enjoyed football with the CYM's Rugby Union Club which became the All Whites Rugby League Club when the suggestion was made by the indomitable Fr Dean Michael. This led to his long association with the All Whites Club, including a period as their Secretary. He had fond memories of many significant players and officials like the Internationals, Mick Madsen, Jack Rooney, Des McGovern and Ian (Ripper) Doyle. Jack was also responsible for arranging the transfer of Elton Rassmussen from Mackay to the All Whites Club which led to his International career.

When Jack was transferred back to Brisbane from North Queensland, he began to reconnect with many Toowoomba Brothers Old Boys and with our Brisbane Sub-Branch whose President then was Tom Gorman, Captain of the 1929/1930 Kangaroo Rugby League Touring Team. Darcy Howe was the very active Secretary at that time. He maintained that commitment to the Christian Brothers, College and the Association through the years, officially he was Life Member No. 48. A top class lawn bowler, he enjoyed the annual Inter-City matches between Toowoomba and Brisbane Old Boys and was proud of his wooden set of 'Lignum Vitae' bowls.

The late Father Frank Costello married Jack and Veronica (Drony) and they had two children, daughter Julie (Greaves) and son Peter, as well as 5 grandchildren. Jack has been a tower of strength to our organisation, great company and always ready to assist one and all. A dedicated Old Boy with a special regard for the Christian Brothers, loved Rugby League and music – Irish music and the 'Toowoomba' song.

A Requiem Mass to Celebrate Jack's Life was offered at St Brendan's Catholic Church, Moorooka by Rev Fr John Scarrott P.P. on Saturday 26th May 2012.



Jack Fallon with his favourite drink, Guinness

Mr Penfold's De Havilland Dragon Aircraft





‘John Francis Mallon’

- John, one of the 16 members of the 1959 Senior Class passed away in the Nambour Hospital at 11 am on 19/6/2012. He and his wife, Val, had lived at Aroona on the Sunshine Coast since his retirement in the Year 2000. On leaving St Mary’s College, John studied at the University of Queensland for his Bachelor of Science Degree and Diploma of Education.

On joining the Education Department, he taught at the Stanthorpe High School in 1964/65 and then at the Charleville High School from 1966 to 1968. He was the Mathematics Subject Master at Harristown High School from 1969 to 1970 before serving as Deputy Principal at the Atherton High School between 1971 and 1975. He was then appointed Principal of a number of State High Schools – Biloela (1976 – 1970), Ingham (1981 – 1983) and Warwick from 1984 to 1999. He married Val Downs in 1967 and they had three children, Linda, Jenny and Geoff and nine grandchildren. Relatives and friends attended a Requiem Mass to Celebrate John’s Life at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Caloundra, on 28/6/2012.

William Daniel Bagget (5/6/1938 – 23/4/2012)

- On Sunday 22nd April, 2012, Bill Bagget passed to Eternal Life, A ‘Genuine’ generous person and one who took pride in his plumbing workmanship. He was the second eldest of four sons born to John and Teresa (Condon) Bagget at the St Vincent’s Hospital in Toowoomba on 5th June 1938. His other siblings are John, Joseph and Paul.

The family resided in Ruthven Street, handy to St Saviour’s Convent where Bill began his Primary Education. In 1946 Bill followed his eldest brother, John, up to St Mary’s College where he developed a passion for playing Rugby. He was recognised as a talented young footballer in the Weight Divisions 6 stone in 1950, 7 stone in 1951 and 7 stone 7 lbs in 1952. Later he played Reserve Grade Rugby League with the All Whites Club. Bill was also a member of the College Under 15A Cricket team in 1952 and on leaving the College, was an opening batsman for the Gladstone Hotel in the local competition.

At the end of Year 10, Bill gained a plumbing apprenticeship with a Toowoomba firm, E P Kimmins, and then joined Ron Douglas Plumbing. During his apprenticeship he was called up for 2 years’ National Service.

In January 1963 Bill married Keitha Yates and the couple had 2 sons - Kenneth and Geoffrey. In June 1971, Bill and Keitha decided to move to Miami on the Gold Coast where he soon found employment in his trade. A few years passed and Bill elected to establish himself as a Plumbing Sub Contractor on a range of houses, townhouses and high-rise developments, although never particularly fond of heights. He retired from the business in 2009.

Kenneth and Geoffrey completed their Education on the Gold Coast with Kenneth then obtaining an Engineering Degree at the Queensland University.

In 1993 after a move to Elanora, Bill made the most of the opportunities at this new location to reinvigorate his Sporting Life joining the Palm Beach / Currumbin Sports Club and becoming President of their Golf Club for a number of years. Here he had the chance to help many and to share the company of friends and the family.

Bill enjoyed ongoing contact with his (1946 – 1955) Classmates and attended many Old Boys’ functions when possible. He was also a keen supporter of the Broncos and Queensland Maroon Rugby League sides.

Bill Bagget’s funeral was held at St Monica’s Catholic Church, Tugun on Thursday 26/4/2012. He will be deeply missed by his extended family who enriched his life and the many friends he made over 70 years.

Where are they???

- **Jim Dredge** (1950 – 1959) and his wife **Jan** have just relocated from Gladstone to Urangan, Hervey Bay, after nearly 40 years in their Barney Street home. For 35 years of those 40 years Jim worked at the Gladstone Alumina Refinery. Prior to moving to Gladstone, Jim and Jan lived in Bundaberg where he had a butcher’s shop and his sons enrolled at the Bundaberg Christian Brothers’ College where Jim reconnected with one of his former teachers, Brother Ansell.

The couple are keenly following the sporting efforts of their grand-daughter **Chloe Dredge**, who in 2011 was a member of the successful Under 13 Queensland Hockey Team which defeated New South Wales at the Australian Hockey Championships in Alice Springs. Recently Chloe was selected in the Under 19 Central Queensland Hockey Team.

- **Bro Barry Buckley AM** was College Principal from 1970 to 1972 and in 1990 and 1991, He is back in Broome this year, tutoring Aboriginal mature age students who are studying for their Certificate III or IV to qualify as Aboriginal Education Workers in their Community Schools. Brother sends his best wishes to us all.

The majority Old Boys enjoy watching Motor Racing; but most would not relate to the men responsible for investigations and if necessary, prosecutions for breaches of the Code of Driving Conduct and other sporting and technical regulations to ensure level playing fields for all drivers.

Well, one of our Old Boys, **Chris McMahon** (1980 – 1986) and a Senior Associate with McInnes Wilson Lawyers in Brisbane has been appointed by CAMS (Confederation of Australian Motorsport) as an IPO (Investigating and Prosecuting Officer) for the 2012 Porsche City Index Carrera Cup Championship.



The Championship is owned and managed by Porsche Cars Australia. The cars are the latest spec Porsche 997 Carrera Cupcars, especially made in Germany for racing.

The level of competition is very high, with high profile professional drivers involved like Craig Baird, Steven Richard and Alex Danison. Nathan Tinkler also competes when time permits. The Championship is a support category for the V8 Supercars Championship and is run over eight of the higher profile events, such as Clipsal 500 (Adelaide), Australian Formula One Grand Prix, Townsville 400, Bathurst and the Gold Coast 600.

- We are pleased to report the recent births of three great grand children to **Brian and Pat (Trapp) Martin** all with St Mary's College links:
 - **Jake Garraghy**, son of **Michael** (Year 12 – 2006) and **Lan** and grandson of **David and Mary Ann (Martin) Garraghy**.
 - **Hugh Martin**, son for **Stephen and Belinda** and grandson for **Greg and Gay**, now living in Carterton, New Zealand.
 - **Eve Martin**, daughter for **Peter and Meg** and granddaughter for **Greg and Gay**. Peter and Meg Martin live in Bendigo.
 - **Brian Martin** was a member of the 1947 Junior Class and **Pat's** brothers, also Old Boys, **Laurie** and **Robert** now live in Pittsworth and Maroochydore respectively.

- One of Brian's Classmates was **Mick Moloney** (1944 – 1946) who enrolled at St Mary's College after undertaking most of his Primary Education at the Goondiwindi Convent. Brian Martin came to the College about the same time when his father, Harry Martin, was transferred from Townsville to the Position of Stationmaster, Drayton.



On leaving school, Mick worked for a short time for Vince O'Neill, an Old Boy and well known Plumber with a shop in Russell Street. A position then became available as a mailboy and office boy at the Toowoomba Foundry Sales Pty Ltd (Southern Cross) in 1947. He accepted the appointment and made the most of every opportunity to learn all about the wide range of Company products and as time progressed, he moved into the Sales Department; the beginning of a long and illustrious career.

He served as the Southern Cross representative in Warwick (1956 – 1957) and Lismore covering the Northern Rivers area (1957 – 1960) before his transfer to Brisbane as Field Supervisor in charge of Company representatives. In time, Mick was appointed as Manager of National Accounts, servicing major pastoral enterprises from North Queensland and many cocoa and coffee plantations in New Guinea. In

addition he was responsible for the sale and installation of irrigation equipment to water a new polo field for the Sultan of Brunei. Soon after the Sultan ordered a complete fire fighting scheme to protect his new Palace. The pressure was so good it blew the tiles off the outside of the Palace.

Mick who retired from Southern Cross in 1992, then entered into a consultancy arrangement to sell their products until the change in ownership of Southern Cross. He formed a private company and continues to this day to supply products to the rural sector. Mick Moloney's steel troughs are a speciality. Through his years with Southern Cross and his immense knowledge of windmills, pumps, engines and water reticulation, Mick is known from Hobart to Darwin, from Perth to Cape York and PNG and all places in between. In recognition of his long service to the Pastoral Industry, the Northern Territory Cattleman's Association presented Mick with a Life Membership Award at their Annual General Meeting in March 2012. In the book 'Horsebells and Hobblechains' there is a chapter on Mick Moloney.

Mick is Life Member No. 73, of our Toowoomba Brothers Old Boys' Association and for some years was President of the Brisbane Sub-Branch. He is still an active Member of our Association and a popular Old Boy at our functions – '80 years and still going strong!' He and his wife Edna have resided in Robertson, Brisbane, for some years and have 3 sons, 2 daughters – Peter (Principal of Assumption College, Warwick), Gregory, Lyn (Krebs), Julie (Watt) and Michael. The three lads were educated at St Laurence's College, Peter becoming a Teacher and Gregory and Michael Chartered Accountants. Gregory was a Queensland Rugby Union representative. The couple now have 17 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

- Congratulations to **Johnathan Thurston** on his efforts in the State of Origin games this year. The third game this year was Johnathan's 24th consecutive Origin match, having not missed an Origin game since making his debut in Game One in 2005. This year he took on the role of five eight, showing the usual creative game for which he is renowned. His goal kicking was first class.
- The career of another young Old Boy racing trainer, **Tony Gollan**, continues to blossom. He had three starters in the recent AAMI Stradbroke Handicap over 1400 metres and while he may have been disappointed with the result, we saw Temple of Boom finish a creditable fifth and Spirit of Boom sixth.
- At the Rugby League Confraternity Carnival at Curlew Park, Sandgate, on 24/29 June, St Mary's drew with St Edmund's Ipswich 16 all and defeated St Patrick's Shorncliffe, 16 v 14 after being down 10 Nil at half time. The competition champions were Ignatius Park, Townsville who beat St Peter Claver, Riverview in the final.
- 'We have been everywhere, where ever there was a road and, I suppose, where there wasn't one', says **Pat Jewell** the 4th generation member of the Jewell



Family operators of 'T Jewell's Removals' of Toowoomba founded in 1895 by Alf Jewell. Alf had just returned to Toowoomba after failing to make his fortune at Kalgoorlie on the West Australian goldfields when he started a small carrying business from his market garden near the present Southtown Shopping Centre. The business has blossomed since, through the efforts of five generations, three of which have had strong links with St Mary's College.

Tom, son of Alf, expanded the business initially and when Kevin and Vince completed their Education at the College in the 1940's and joined the firm it grew even further. While at school, **Kevin Jewell** studied Geography under Brother Kevin Street in Junior and that knowledge served him well as he crossed Australia from north to south and even east to west across the Nullarbor Plain. Past students of the 1940s era can recall Kevin driving cadets loaded on the back of a Jewell's flat top truck up to the Rifle Range for rifle and bren gun practice. Brother G Ryall sat alongside Kevin in the cab to ensure that lads made the journey safely.

Kevin became a mechanic and Vince a bodybuilder. Kevin served his apprenticeship at Redman Motors and Vince his at Bill Becker's and Emmerson Body Works. They modified the chassis and undertook all the body work on their fleet of pantechicons, building them to suit their own specifications. The trucks were mostly Internationals and Leyland Comets. Kev says 'we did all the work ourselves, except for the signwriting, at our James St Depot'. These days they operate from Stephens Street. Vince sadly passed away suddenly in 2001. Kev's son, Pat, later joined the firm as an apprentice mechanic when he left St Mary's College and now manages the thriving business with his own son, Ben, a mechanic too. Pat's other son Angus works for Harvey Norman getting first hand experience handling furniture and white goods. Kevin and Pat are Life Members of our Association and Kevin's father, Tom, is well remembered as one of the driving forces behind the 1st Carnival of Flowers procession in 1950.

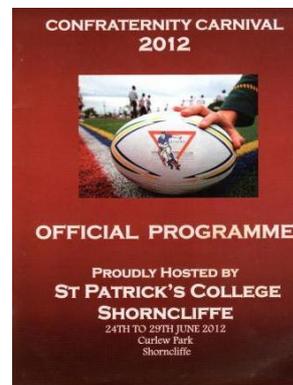


'College News'

- Congratulations to Jarrad Tuite who has been selected in the Queensland Under 15 Schoolboys Rugby League Team. Jarred played in the Australian Champions in Darwin from 25th – 30th June.
- During this term, the Year 12 Religion and Ethics students have been exploring a Unit – Origin, Purpose and Destiny. As part of their assessment, the boys have

an opportunity to tell the story of an older person's life from a new perspective and to do this one option is to interview Old Boys from St Mary's College. Six Old Boys returned to the College on 30th May for morning tea, a tour of the College and to be interviewed. The boys thank these men – **Fr Kerry Costigan, Frank Adamson, Stan McKenzie, Jim Madden, Eric Howe and Kevin Garrett** for this highly successful morning, with the boys in awe of how these men have lived their lives and the passion they have for our College.

- 14 year old **Lawrence Upton** broke the 200 metre College Under 15 record of 22.51 secs at the St Mary's Athletic Carnival on 20/6/12 when he recorded 22.11 secs for the distance. The previous record was set by Scott McEvoy in 1994. As well Lawrence won the 100M, 400M, 800M and 1500M events.
- Purcell House recently raised \$190 on 'Plain Clothes Day' for the flood victims of Mater Dei College in Wagga.



- A big 'Thank You' must go to the coaches and staff who prepared and accompanied the rugby league team to the 2012 Confraternity Carnival – **Robert Anderson**, Coach **Tony Buckle**, Assistant Coach, **Paul Canning**, Manager, **Greg Manthey and Sean Albion**, Trainers and **Tom Vonhoff** (Touch Judge).
- **Dr Tim Gabbett**, an Old Boy who set a 1500 metre Athletics record (Under 14) in 1988, and now attached to the Science and Health Faculty at the Australian Catholic University, Banyo, took the opportunity at the Carnival to monitor some of our players' statistics – metres run, heart rates, etc, something now normal at Senior levels for Rugby League players.

Error

In our Eulogy for Jack Purcell on page 6 of our May 2012 Newsletter it is recorded that Jack was the Accountant at the Domestic Furniture Co. His workplace in reality was another furniture store, **Rosenstengel's**, a few doors up Ruthven Street (Thanks to Billy Sullivan for this information. Bill worked at Rosenstengel's also).