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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 18th May 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 18/5/12, the other meeting dates are 27/7/12, 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.

Our Special Thanks to **Joe Guerrini and Jeremy Cotter** who have taken our Life Memberships of our Association recently.

In recent weeks a number of Old Boys have passed to Eternal Life: (96) year old **John Joseph Purcell, Bill Dower** (1939 – 1946), **Neville Lynch** (1939 – 1946), **Pat Nash** (1943 – 1950) and **John Herbert** (1951 – 1958) Cliff Coonan, brother of Kevin and Doug, and Bill Bagget, brother of John, Joe and Paul. Please remember them in your prayers and also a number who are unwell – **Fr Peter Murphy, Kevin and Tim Coonan, Dr Kevin Everding, Jack Fallon, Bill Green, Justin Kingsford, Barry Lysaght, John Mallon, Don Vallely, Trevor Muller, Bill Lunney, Ron Shelvey, Annette Gilbert and John Keightley** (1949 – 1955) who is recovering from surgery in the Greenslopes Hospital.

Congratulations are extended to **Fr Michael McClure** who celebrates the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood in June. Three Old Boy priests will celebrate (40) years of Priesthood, having been ordained in June 1972, **Fr Ray Crowley**, currently the St Mary's College Chaplain and **Fr Tyrone Deere**, recently retired after working in the Cairns Diocese and now living at Golden Beach on the Sunshine Coast and **Fr Rod McGinley**, Parish Priest, Clifton/Allora.

Brothers' Ball Yes! It is being held again this year on Saturday 21 July 2012 in the TP O'Brien Function Centre. Enjoy Wine and Savouries on arrival at 5.30 pm and then a 2 Course Meal for Dinner at 6.30 pm. The organisers are Jeremy Cotter and Jonathan Betros. Contact Jeremy Cotter on 07 4636 6968.

Annual TBOBA July Luncheon will be held at the North Toowoomba Bowls Club at Noon on Friday 29 June 2012. Old Boys and their wives are invited to this function where our Special Guest will be Rev Fr Michael McClure. For Reservations please contact Eric Howe on 07 4632 2191.

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T.B.O.B.A. (Brisbane Sub-Branch) Meeting – 9/3/2012

Present

Apologies

Fr Tyrone Deere Rev Bro Barry Buckley AM John Bagget Bernie Collins Pat Costigan Frank Deighton Rolly Griffin Mike Hickey John Hutchinson Hon Vince Lester Fred Lincoln Justin Lunney	Pat Mullins Robin Murphy Dan McErlean Paul McErlean Peter McMahon Bryan McSweeney Reg Oliver Martin O’Sullivan Paul Reynolds Graham Swenson Kerry Taylor	Fr Paul Chandler Frank Adamson Bill Bagget Nat Chandler John Coyer Noel Cronin Les Duncan Brian Fagan Jack Fallon Terry Gesch Tom Hutchinson AR (Ray) King Doug Lee Jim Long	Bill Lunney A E (Mick) Moloney Jim Mullins Bernie Murphy Terry Murphy Peter McGregor Pat Nash John Noonan John Parker Keith Pickels Joe Short Ron Smith Glen Wiedman Jim Wiedman
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‘Coming Events’

18/5/12 12 Noon	Brisbane TBOBA Sub-Branch Meeting – 1 st Floor Function Room, ‘The Public Service Club’, 84 William Street (Cnr Stephens Lane), Brisbane
19/5/12	Reunion of Tuckshop Volunteers, Ladies Auxiliary and Friends of College in TP O’Brien Function Centre (RSVP by 16/5/12 to Lyn Quinlan / or Rita Jarvis on 07 4631 7336)
25-29/6/12	Confraternity Shield Rugby League Tournament at St Patrick’s Shorncliffe on Curlew Park Ovals
29/6/12	TBOBA (Toowoomba) Annual Luncheon at North Toowoomba Bowls Club (Special Guest Rev Fr Michael McClure) Contact Eric Howe 07-4632 2191
21/7/12	Brothers’ Ball in TP O’Brien Function Centre contact Jeremy Cotter on 07 4636 6968 (wine and savouries served at 5.30 pm, 2 Course Meal for Dinner at 6.30 pm)
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.



- Old Boys will be pleased to learn that after considerable exterior and internal restoration work the former Brothers' Residence has been refurbished as the College Administration Building.

It is with great pride too that we can inform Old Boys that the photographs of 25 of the 26 past Christian Brothers Principals have been located and are now displayed in the building. We particularly thank Brother Tim Scott (1986 – 1990) who gathered and researched the details of our past Principals so we can honour them. Their details are as follows:

Bro J H Hurley (1899 - 1904)	Bro R X Butler (1905 - 1909)
Bro P P Walsh (1910 - 1911)	Bro J B Nugent (1912 - 1914)
Bro F B Jordan (1915 - 1918)	Bro P W Nolan (1919)
Bro J M Cotter (1920 - 1923)	Bro M P Dwyer (1924 - 1926)
Bro J C Mahoney (1927 - 1929)	Bro J A Stirling (1930 - 1935)
Bro T E O'Doherty (1936 - 1937)	Bro F J Levander (1938 - 1940)
Bro H B Wynne (1941 - 1943)	Bro G T Barfield (1944 - 1949)
Bro C S Wright (1950 - 1952)	Bro J A Carroll (1953-1958 June)
Bro V M Doran (1958 July - Dec)	Br H F Gygar (1959 - 1960)
Bro H B Wynne (1961 - 1963)	Bro A I Schofield (1964 - 1969)
Bro B M Buckley (1970 - 1972)	Bro W F Spillane (1973 - 1975)
Bro F E Rodgers (1976 - 1981)	Bro D A Purcell (1982 - 1986)
Bro D C O'Dempsey (1986 - 1990)	Bro B M Buckley (1990 - 1991)
Bro G F Gagen (1991 - 1993)	Bro B E Walker (1994 - 1996)

It seems appropriate too to précis here the life of our First Principal who laid the foundations for the Education of the young men of St Mary's from 1899.

Brother John Hugh Hurley

The first St Mary's College Principal, Rev Bro John Hugh Hurley, was born at Carrigmartin, County Limerick, Ireland and grew up in a country village, receiving his education from a tutor in Limerick, to whose academy he walked daily to and fro. At the age of 18 he joined the Christian Brothers novitiate at Belvidere and when 21 years, he was sent to St Mary's Mullingar for 21 years, nine of which were spent as the Superior.



In 1898 Brother Hugh went initially to Western Australia and then on to Toowoomba to open St Mary's College. He arrived on 15th of September 1899 and as the Brothers' residence was not quite ready for occupancy, he lodged for three weeks at the 'White Horse Hotel' in Ruthven Street, as the guest of Mr Matthew Keefe, the hotel proprietor.

The College opened with 112 pupils and 3 Christian Brothers J H Hurley, S Quinlan and J O'Donnell and with good rapport between Monsignor Denis Fouhy, Parish Priest, Brother Ambrose Treacy the Provincial Superior of the Christian Brothers and the Principal Bro J H Hurley, the College was soon established on a firm and progressive basis.

Brother Hurley was appointed Director of Christian Brothers, Adelaide in January 1905 and departed to take up his new appointment on the 20/1/1905. His stay was short lived, because after nine months his health gave reason for concern and he was transferred to Victoria Parade, Melbourne.

In January 1906 he was appointed to Ipswich and after Christmas he was diagnosed by a Toowoomba doctor, Dr McDonnell, to have Spleric Leucocyphaenia and was sent down to Lewisham Hospital in Sydney and later to Christian Brothers, Mount Sion, Lewisham, where he died on 22nd March 1907. He was laid to rest in the Rookwood Cemetery.

- Congratulations to **Kevin and Dulcie (Borghardt) Jewell** who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 23/4/12.

Kev who ran the family business called Jewell's Transport for many years and Dulcie were blessed with four children – Madonna, Patrick, Kathy and John and have ten grand-children.



- Congratulations to **Bernie Fitzpatrick** who was 90 years on 22nd January 2012. He was a student at St Mary's College from 1930 to 1937 and worked as a fitter & turner with Queensland Railway Department. Bernie and his wife Val (Lee) live at Deagon.
- Birthday wishes also to **Pat O'Brien** who turns 90 years on 8/5/2012. Pat retired as Chairman of Defiance Mills Pty Ltd in 1988, after working 48 years with the Company. He played Rugby League with the All Whites Club from 1942 to 1945 and was selected in Toowoomba sides. Later he was President of the Rotary Club and a member of the St Vincent's Hospital Advisory Board.
- Birthday Greetings are also extended to **Ron Shelvey** (83) on 17/4/12, to **Bill Lunney** who turned 75 on 27/3/12 and to Michael Parker (1960 - 1967) who reached 60 years on 7/3/12. Bill spent most of his working life in the Department of Public Works while Michael commenced work in the Toowoomba Office of that Department before becoming a Shire Clerk for a number of local authorities throughout the State.
- Congratulations too to **Andrew Blomeley** (Year 12 - 1993) and his American fiancé, **Rachel Styes**, who announced their engagement recently. They plan to marry at Newport Beach, California, USA on 27 September 2012.
- **Tom Hendy** our TBOBA Secretary in 2011 has relocated to Brisbane to continue his Nursing career. Tom graduated from St Mary's in 2007 as Forde House Captain and after being Captain of the St Mary's team which won was the TSSSA Swimming Championships that year for the first time since 1989.



- Life Member **Dinny Madden** (1952 – 1959) has had his Service to the Electrical Trade Union recognised with the Regional Office of that Union dedicating its office in the Toowoomba Trades and Labour Council Building as the ‘Dinny Madden Rooms’.
- **Glen Thompson** (1949 – 1957) has plans to attend our next Old Boys meeting in Brisbane on 18 May 2012. Glen and his wife, Adrienne, who live at Hervey Bay will be spending 7 weeks or so at Thorneside, Redland Bay, during May and June, and will then have plenty of time to catch up with old mates in the Brisbane area.
- **Dr Des Purcell** (1967-1975) and his wife **Christine** left at Easter on a trip to Scotland to attend the wedding of Christine’s niece. Des, the son of **Andrew** and **Barbara**, is a Dental Surgeon at Kippa Ring.
- **Dr Jim Madden** has recently written another book titled ‘Eucharist Blues’. It was launched at a gathering in the Toowoomba Historical Society Building on 28/3/12, chaired by Paul McNally OAM. It can be obtained via the Amazon Website on *Google* at <http://www.amazon.com>

William John Dower

- Bill, the son of Jack and Marian (Nugent) Dower and brother Toni (Mrs Carter) was born on 31/8/1929. His father was the licensee of the Post Office and later ‘Shamrock’ Hotels in the Toowoomba CBD.



He was enrolled at St Mary’s College in 1939 by Rev Bro FJ Levander and successfully passed the Senior Exam in 1946. Other members of the Senior Class were Jim Clancy, Tony Dietz, Keith Dighton, Andrew Purcell, Peter Sheridan and Peter Stephenson. In 1946 there were 94 students in the Cadets and Bill, Ron Shelvey, Ray Drew and Andrew Purcell were the Cadet Corps Lieutenants. Bill enjoyed visiting the Clifton property of his uncle and aunt ‘Tiger’ and Kathleen (Nugent) Murphy over the Easter breaks.

Known for his dry original wit, Bill was popular with customers when assisting around the hotels after school. He was appointed to the National Bank and served it faithfully for 54 years, never having one sick day. Bill married Carmel James who worked for the rival ANZ Bank in May 1953. So as not to interfere with hotel trading on a Saturday the wedding was held on a Tuesday and at 8.30 am as was the practice then. On the 19/3/12 Bill was Born to Eternal Life and buried after the Celebration of his Life at St William’s Catholic Church, Grovely, on 23/3/12. He is survived by wife Carmel, daughter Gabrielle, son in law Richard Stoneley and daughter in law Heather Dower and several grandchildren.

- **John Anthony Michael Herbert** was born in Toowoomba to Jack and Glad Herbert. He had an elder sister, Ann and two younger sisters, Mary and Cathy. His early education was undertaken at the Holy Angels Convent and then he enrolled at St Mary’s Christian Brothers College where he was a straight ‘A’ student even though he contracted polio and spent many, many weeks in isolation. In his youth he was an altar boy at Holy Angels Church.



He dreamed of having a push bike and set about delivering papers hail, rain or shine, summer or winter, often on cold frosty mornings to raise the purchase money for a bright blue Malvern Star bicycle. He wanted to pay cash for it, a habit he never broke. Often on weekends he rode out the 50 odd kilometres to Nobby to visit relatives.

On leaving the College after Year 10, John took up a 4 year Engineering Cadetship at the Toowoomba Foundry which meant he had to study 4 nights a week at the Technical College; but he had a committed work ethic formed at an early age. During the Cadetship he developed his lifelong passion for 2 wheel transport – motor bikes and brought his first bike home in 2 sugar bags which he assembled from scratch under a huge camphor laurel tree in the backyard. It was to become the night meeting place for all sorts of repairs and tinkering on his mates’ bikes.

Some 6 months before graduation, John headed for Sydney on his beloved motor bike and joined Thiess Bros working on projects in and around Sydney for a couple of years before being transferred to Milford Sound, New Zealand, where the company was erecting a power station. Here he was fixing machines often for 24 hours in the day in field workshops or working by torchlight in eerie and spooky conditions digging through snow half way under machines to commence repairs. After 3 years there John elected to move to Mt Hagan in PNG. His job interview consisted of ‘There is a bulldozer broken down 2 miles away on that mountaintop. Fix it and bring it back here and the job is yours! John stayed in New Guinea for a couple of years, bought his own machines, started building roads and contracting, sold out and came back to Brisbane a reasonably wealthy fellow.

In 1971 John joined Peter Kurts Pty Ltd and became a good property salesman, then in 1973 with Wayne Washington who he had met at Kurts, dabbled in Real Estate forming Washington Developments. Then when the 1974 credit squeeze hit and Real Estate sales were hopeless, John bought a 28ft yacht, a book on how to sail, motored out of Manly Boat Harbour, turned the motor off, hoisted the sails and for the next 6 months, sailed around Moreton Bay and the Islands buying provisions how and where he could, catching crabs, fish and oysters and living a nomadic life.



In 1979 John joined Queensland Finance & Land, a property development company as their Sales Manager/Lister. This company became QM Properties and as Project Manager, John oversaw the development of hundreds of millions of dollars worth of projects during his two decades with the Group. In his day, John was absolutely at the top of his game, working in an extremely frustrating, testing and difficult business.

John married Hetty in 1980 and they erected a beautiful home on a large acreage property south of Beenleigh. Here John used his rare talent to do a great job at whatever he attempted, turning the block into a tropical paradise. Elizabeth was born in 1984.

In February 2002 John had a heart attack and 'died', fortunately in the Mater Hospital. He had a blocked artery and after a stint was inserted, gained another 10 years of life. During this decade he indulged in most of his material desires – clay target shooting with 2 superb Italian shotguns at places like Roma and as a collector of art, fine wines, exotic cars and an outstanding collection of motor cycles. A Life Member of the Toowoomba Brothers Old Boys' Association, John contributed at our functions and although as tough as nails in business, where there was no grey, only black and white, he was socially witty, humorous, charming and impeccably mannered and completely loyal to his (1951 – 1958) Class Group.

John was a doting and loving father who lived for daughter, Elizabeth, and when she married Hugo Young last year it was one of the happiest times of his life. He was saddened when his elder sister Ann passed away 8 years ago and gave outstanding support to sisters Mary & Cathy often travelling up to Toowoomba to spend time with them.

John passed away on 23 March 2012 and was buried after a Requiem Mass celebrated by Rev Fr Leo Coote at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church, New Farm on Thursday 29/3/12. The Organist and Vocalist was Patricia Kelly formerly of Toowoomba.

- **Patrick Charles Nash** was born on 21 June 1935 to Les and Doreen (Hickey) and the pride and joy of his elder sisters Marie, now a Marist Sister based in Sydney and Marcella (Mrs Petersen) living in Mt Waverley, Vic. His maternal grandfather was Michael Hickey, the licensee of the Court House Hotel in Margaret St, Toowoomba and later the York Hotel in Queen Street, Brisbane. His uncle, Peter Hickey, an Old Boy and Queensland Rugby League representative player from 1935 to 1937, was killed in action over France on the 8/1/1942 while serving with the RAAF.



In 1943 Pat was enrolled at St Mary's College in Grade 2 and completed his Junior Certificate in 1950. His talent as a cricketer and tennis player were

recognised and by 6th Grade, he had captained the Under 13 A's Cricket Team to victory. They were awarded a Shield donated by Mr Atley. He had topped the batting aggregate with 209 runs with an average of 52. His classmate Fr Hal Ranger took 20 wickets. By 1950 Pat who had been captain of the Under 15 A's in 1949 was promoted to the First XI with Terry Hogan in the second part of the season where they played some solid innings giving promise of developing into very stylish batsmen.

Pat completed his Sub-Senior and Senior Years, 1951 & 1952, at Nudgee College and was a member of their First XI and College Tennis Team in GPS competition fixtures. He commenced work with the Commonwealth Bank, before joining the Commonwealth Public Service and retired as the Officer in Charge of the large 7SD Stores Complex at Drayton. He was recognised for his full participation and commitment while serving with the Defence Department.

He played 'A' grade cricket in the Toowoomba competition for All Whites and then Brothers/Diggers after the amalgamation before the commencement of the 1971/72 season, due to the efforts of Jim Reed, Brian Carter, Steve Kruger, Kerry Betros and Ron Spilling. Pat played in 187 matches, 253 innings, 26 not outs for 5769 runs at an average of 25.41.

His highest score was 173 and he scored 25 x 50's and 8 x 100's and took 57 catches. Pat Nash is one of two players who have had the distinction of scoring a century in each innings of the same match in Toowoomba 'A' grade cricket. That was in the 1957/58 season against Diggers at the Athletic Oval. He was a member of the 8 Premiership winning sides.

In a one-day match between Toowoomba and a visiting South Australian side captained by Les Favell on 11/1/1967, it is recorded that Pat Nash played soundly to top score for Toowoomba with 56 runs. South Australia ran up 334 to win by 115 runs after Toowoomba declared at 9 for 219. Pat bowled too that day with records showing he took 0 for 14.

In 1963 Pat married Monica (Lunney) and they remained Toowoomba residents until moving to Bribie Island after his retirement 14 years ago. They were blessed with 4 children – Mark, Craig, Paul and Julie and 9 grandchildren. A very loyal Old Boy, Pat enjoyed his sport, particularly cricket and tennis, and latterly lawn bowls, as a member of the Brisbane team in the TBOBA competition against the Toowoomba lads for the 'Kevin Lee Memorial Shield'.

Sadly ill health has restricted his participation at our gatherings; but he always remained patient and cheerful and ready for a game of bridge.

After battling meningitis for some weeks, Pat passed to Eternal Life on 29/3/2012 and the Celebration of Pat's Life took place at the Little Flower Catholic Church, Bribie Island, with the celebrant being his College classmate, Rev. Fr Hal Ranger.



John Joseph Purcell (17/7/1915 – 3/4/2012)

- Jack, one of our most senior Old Boys, passed to Eternal Life peacefully, at Lourdes Home, Toowoomba on 3rd April 2012, aged 96 years and 8 months.

He was one of five children born to Richard and Mary Purcell of 180 Bridge St, Toowoomba, where Jack lived most of his life. His siblings were Winifred, Mary, James and Patrick (all deceased).



After completing his education, firstly at the Holy Name Convent and then at St Mary's Christian Brothers College, Jack became an Accountant working for the Domestic Furniture Co. During World War II between 1940 and 1945 he served in Papua New Guinea and was with the 25th Battalion fighting the Japanese Forces, as they tried to come ashore at Milne Bay in 1942.

Post war he returned to stable employment, riding his bike to work. He purchased his first car in 1974 but prior to that walked or rode everywhere, something that combined with his cricket and tennis sporting activities, particularly tennis which he played until he was 88 years, contributed to the health and long life he had. For many years he was the cornerstone of the Holy Name Tennis Club, preparing courts and organising fund raising dances in the Holy Name Hall.

The family home was named 'Thurles' after his parents' birthplace in County Tipperary, Ireland. It was a large property, massive gardens and had an orchard and vegetable garden which provided all the fruit, vegetables and eggs needed. After his father's death in 1959, Jack took over full responsibility for the care and maintenance of the large home and gardens and took loving care of his mother and sister, Winifred, until their deaths in 1970 and 1982.

He then sold the home and moved to Lourdes Home; but remained a kind and loving uncle to his nieces Patricia and Kathleen.

Jack being a typical Toowoomba man, took a keen interest in race horses, those stabled at the rear of the Gowrie Road Hotel, which exercised around the 'Railway Wicket Ovals' and a famous mare 'Jean Buzzard' owned and trained by Norm Higgins stabled in Bridge St opposite the Holy Name Church. His fascination with racing never diminished and up to 2 years ago he could be found having a bet at the local TAB on most Saturdays.

Jack was buried after a Requiem Mass celebrated by Fr Matthew in the Lourdes Home Chapel on 11/4/12.

Neville John Lynch (17/7/32 – 9/4/12)

- Neville, popularly referred to as 'Nifty' was born on 17th July 1932 to George & Mary Ellen Lynch at Charleville. When he was 5 years old the family moved to Toowoomba and Neville attended St Saviours Convent and then St Mary's College (1939-1946). His siblings were Reg (RIP), Shirley, Marg and Terry. He began work as a Messenger with the Post Office after Scholarship, then became a Postal Clerk working in various centres – Roma, St George, Quilpie and Brisbane. In 1953 he met Phyllis (Jacobsen) and they were married in St Mary's Catholic Church, Warwick by Rev Fr Tom Keegan on 7/5/56. Initially the couple lived in Brisbane where Kathy & Mick were born; but in 1960 they settled in Toowoomba where Neville worked for the Electoral Office and then the Social Services Department. Here Peter and Robert (Jim) were born.

Neville enjoyed his sport and was an All Whites Rugby League supporter. He often amused friends by telling them he had played Interstate Football (St George Qld) versus Mungindi (NSW) and International Cricket after a tour of New Zealand with the Toowoomba Metropolitan Easts Cricket Club,



following many nights running chook raffles to finance the trip. He was a Life Member of our Toowoomba Brothers Old Boys' Association, as are his 3 sons, and he enjoyed our functions where his humour was something to be expected, as was his help to organisers of our Centenary Celebrations and Class Reunions.

In 1986, after retirement, Phyllis and Neville settled at Mountain Creek, Mooloolaba; it was a popular family holiday base to enjoy fishing and the beach. In 2007 however, it became obvious to Phyllis and Neville that with most of the families now residing in Toowoomba, that they should return there and they did, to Drayton Road. Neville passed to Eternal Life on 9/4/12 after a period of hospitalisation and was buried at the Garden of Remembrance Cemetery after a Requiem Mass offered by Rev Fr Crowley. He will be sadly missed by family, grandchildren, great grand children and his many Friends.

- After finishing in 2nd place in the 'Kritz Banks Weetwood Handicap' on 29/3/12 for trainer, Old Boy **Tony Gollan**, the mare 'Cariad' a 5 year old by Sequalo from Shower of Steel won the 'Winning Edge' Bright Shadow Quality race over 1200M at Eagle Farm on Saturday 7/4/12. It proved to be the first leg of a double for Tony that day when he was successful in the following race with the 4 year old 'Theft' by Break the Vault from Future World (US) in the *WinningEdge.net.au* Plate' over 1200M.

On Saturday 21/4/12 Tony's 5 year old sprinter 'Temple of Boom' won The Galaxy Cup Group I event at Randwick taking its winnings up to \$1m.



- Old Boy **Johnathan Thurston** (Year 12 – 2000) combined seamlessly and efficiently in his new role as five eight with his halfback partner Cooper Cronk in the Trans-Tasman Rugby League Test at Eden Park, New Zealand, on 20/4/12. Johnathan scored the first try and kicked 4 goals in Australia's 20 v 12 victory.
- **Sean Loxley** (Year 12 – 2008), has signed with Wynnum Manly Rugby League Club for the 'Intrust Super Cup' competition after playing in the Under 20 NRL competition with the Canberra and Melbourne Clubs. Wynnum Manly coached by Paul Green, are the competition leaders, undefeated so far, with 7 wins and Sean crossing for tries in the early rounds. Many Old Boys will remember Sean's father Tony who was a fine fullback for the Toowoomba Clydesdales in the 1980's.
- Good to learn that Ben Lowe (Year 12 – 2002) is fit again after being injured in the NRL mid-2011 season. He has been a member of the 17 man squads selected by South Sydney for recent matches. Ben's brother Jaiman (Year 12 – 2000) was in the squad for the Melbourne Storm's match against Nth Queensland on 6/4/12.
- Young Old Boy **Ethan Lowe** (Year 12 – 2008), but not related to Jaiman & Ben, is now a member of the 'Northern Pride' Rugby League squad playing in the Queensland Intrust Super Cup competition.
- Back living in Toowoomba after some years at Woody Point are John Wilson and his wife Anne. Now in retirement, after divesting himself of his Bakery interest, the couple have elected to reside up on Mt Lofty close to the North Toowoomba Lawn Bowls Club.

John represented Toowoomba in International matches against England in 1968 and 1975 and scored 31 tries in 101 games for All Whites in the Toowoomba Rugby League 'A' grade competition.

- Keen Rugby League supporters **Noel and Carol Muller** report they were amongst the crowd of 10,008 spectators to witness the North Queensland Cowboys 50 v 12 victory over the Sydney Roosters in Darwin on 14/4/2012. It is apparently 17 years since there had been a major Rugby League match in Darwin.
- One of the competitors in the 2012 Olympic Swimming Trials in Adelaide in March was Old Boy **Matthew Briggs** (Year 12 – 2009). Matthew holds a number of College Swimming Records and while at St Mary's was awarded the Father Graham Trophy for being the outstanding swimmer of the TSSSA Carnivals in 2008 and again in 2009, having earned more individual points than any other male swimmer at these events.
- Former World Boxing Champion Old Boy, **Michael Katsidis** lost an upset decision to Ghana's previously unheralded Albert Mensh in Las Vegas on 14/4/2012. In a furious toe to toe 10 rounder Katsidis threw a phenomenal 1148 punches compared with Mensah's 870. It is Michael's 4th loss in his past 5 fights since November 2010. He had stepped up to fight as a light

welterweight from the 135lb (61.2kg) lightweight division. His trainer is now anxious for Michael to re-establish himself as a lightweight, a division in which he has won 2 world titles.

'Lawn Bowls Day 1st April 2012'

- The first of our Old Boys Inter-City series Lawn Bowls Days for 2012, for the 'Kevin Lee Memorial Shield' was held at the Stafford Bowls Club on Sunday 1/4/12.

Toowoomba Team:

G Anderson	M Anderson	S Barnes	L Dornbusch
M Foster	D Hanrahan	E Howe	P Leonard
J Mullen	J Murphy	R Murphy	Justin McErlean
D McGovern	J Rowen	D Schultz	A Thomas
J Thygesen	J Wilson		

Brisbane Team:

M Aitkens	B Blacka	K Blacka	L Blacka
N Blacka	T Brewer	W Corcoran	J Davis
F Doherty	M Doherty	G Flynn	T Gesch
D Jones	L Jones	P Long	D Madden
Jack McErlean	G Robertson		

On the bell, Brisbane led Toowoomba by 22 shots – 121 to 99. The most successful winners on the day were L Dornbusch, M Foster and P Leonard for Toowoomba and M Aitkens, G Flynn and W Corcoran for Brisbane.

Special thanks go to the organisers of the event Eric Howe, John Murphy, Laurie Blacka and Terry Gesch and to the Stafford Lawn Bowls Club and the sponsors of the day, Holy Cross Funerals.

College News

- Congratulations to 14 year old **Laurence Upton** (the lead runner pictured right) was placed second in the Under 16, 400 metre and 800 metre events at the National Secondary Schools' Athletic Championships at the Homebush Stadium, Sydney between 14th and 18th March 2012. Laurence recorded Personal Best times of 50.33 secs and 1 min 58.16 secs, respectively, which are now College records and the fastest times ever recorded by an Under 15 year old athlete attending St Mary's College. Laurence is the elder son of **Mark and Cathy Upton** and the grandson of **Justin and Yvonne McErlean**.
- The College Swimming Team won the TSSSA Swimming Carnival 'B' Division recently and Pat Rauane who led the Under 14's to win their age group was selected to represent the Darling Downs at the State Swimming Championships at the Chandler Pool at the end of March. Other competitors from the College attending the championships were Under 16 - **Sam Collins**, Under 14 - **Harry Murphy** and Under 12 - **Joe Collins**.





- Refurbishment of the College Science Laboratories and Science Preparation Room is in progress to provide modern first class facilities. The cost of the project is estimated to be \$650,000 and work is due for completion at the commencement of Term 2.
- The Confraternity Shield Rugby League tournament will be held this year on the Curlew Park Sports Fields used by St Patrick's College, Shorncliffe. Old Boys are requested to roll up to support St Mary's Teams over the week – 25th - 29th June 2012. The Sports Fields can be easily reached from the Shorncliffe or Sandgate Railway Stations.

- Year 6 students on their recent visit to Canberra were pleased to locate a portrait of **The Honourable Frank Forde** hanging in Parliament House. Frank was not only a student at St Mary's College; but a teacher too and a regular attendee at our Brisbane Old Boys gatherings. He died on 28/1/1983 and had been firstly a Member of the Queensland Parliament and then the Federal Member for Capricornia for 24 years.



He was a member of the Scullin Government in the Federal Parliament between 1929 and 1932, Deputy Prime Minister (1932 – 1946), Minister for the Army from 1941 to 1946 and Prime Minister from 6th – 13th July 1945 on the death of Prime Minister John Curtin. From 1946 to 1953 he served as High Commissioner to Canada with distinction.

Anzac Ceremony

- On 24 April 2012, St Mary's College celebrated a moving Anzac Day Ceremony led by the Auxiliary Bishop of the Brisbane Archdiocese and the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Toowoomba, Brian Finnigan on the Brother Rodgers Oval.

College Year 12 students facilitated the Ceremony admirably and welcomed a number of returned Servicemen, Old Boys and Friends: **Fr Kerry Costigan**, former Navy Chaplain, **Nat Khan** – keynote speaker, **Vince McDonald**, **Nick Hannay**, **Joe Short**, **Dan** and **Justin McErlean**, **Rod McClean**, **Jack McCaffrey**, **Neil Wright**, **Brian Blacka**, **Bernie Bom**, **Matthew Weatherly**, **Neal Bravery** and **Leo Camm**. The Ode to the Fallen was recited by Vince McDonald who completed 2 Tours of Vietnam with the 6th Battalion.



Pictured L to R:
Mr Brian Blacka,
David Guerrini,
Mr Rod McClean,
Joe Seng and
Mr Vincent McDonald.

- While on his overseas tour following the completion of his Tertiary Studies, **Dan Sleeman** (Year 12 – 2007), managed to be amongst the 7,000 Australian pilgrims who gathered overnight for this year's Dawn Service at Anzac Cove near Gallipoli.
- Here is another autobiography from our 'Where is he now' series. This one from **Justin Lunney** (1950-1956) and brother of Leo (1940 -1947), Bill (1946-1953) and Keran (1948-1957).

'I was born in Toowoomba on 16/12/1941. We lived in Gogg St and I was educated at St Mary's from 1950 to 1956. On leaving the College I was apprenticed to the Builder, NK Collins in Toowoomba and on completing my indentures went sub-contracting with a friend to various towns on the Downs and South West and Central Queensland – places like Roma, St George, Wandoan, Blackwater and Dirranbandi just to name a few. 1964 was a good year after marrying Kay Atkinson at St Patrick's Cathedral on 2nd May.

Our union was blessed with 3 sons and 2 daughters.

In 1965 we started contracting on our own and in 1970 we became Registered Builders (No, 2674) and we still operate today with the help of family members and grandsons. Over time we have built many homes and units in Toowoomba and District. Also we owned and operated the Jacaranda Place Motor Inn and Fairway Downs Holiday Units in Ruthven Street, until we sold.

Over the past 4 years Kay and I have undertaken 2 overseas trips to Canada / Alaska and the United Kingdom and the Mediterranean. Retirement is looking good with some more planned trips and caravanning!

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- **Brian Carter AM** (1950 – 1959), Chairman of the Heritage Bank for the last 30 years, has announced that he will retire from that position in June. Brian says it has been an honour and privilege to serve as Chairman of the Heritage Bank for the past three decades; but he has no immediate plans for his retirement years.

From 1964 to 1967 Brian was President of the TBOBA and for the early part of his career, he worked for the Toowoomba Solicitors Clewett, Drummond & Corser.

