



# the Cornerstone

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## Dinner raises \$30,000 for professional development

More than \$30,000 was raised at the Foundation's Annual Benefit Dinner and Auction in June.

The evening's objective was to raise funds to enable the Foundation to assist the College with *Teacher Professional Development - Promoting Excellence in Practice*.

The event, held in the College Hall, is something we look forward to each year and once again it was a thoroughly enjoyable and well-attended event.

Our 280 guests, including current and past parents, current students and staff, Old Boys, and special guests, including former Rector Fr Brian Wysocki and Cardinal John Dew, were beautifully catered for by Sarah Searancke Caterers.

We were lucky enough to have support from one of our Old Boys, who supported with the bar service, providing his fine craft beer from Waitoa Social Club, a new local bar and brewery, as well as the Mission Estate Wine which has come to be a regular staple at these evenings. The event is professionally managed and looked beautiful, set this year with our printed materials, including tickets, dinner programmes and banners, provided by Milne Print.

All were impressed by guest speaker Mike Allsop's dramatic tales of his life as a pilot and Everest mountaineer, and of the challenges faced while preparing for and undertaking seven marathons in seven continents in seven days.

He shared his stories with humour and insight into his approach of dreaming, planning and committing to never give up, to inspire all.

We were also superbly entertained by incredible talent from within the SPC student body. Thanks to the jazz band, Con Anima and soloists on the night, to our two student MCs Aaron de Rose and Joseph Sison, and the sound and AV team, who all supported the event with a professionalism and capability beyond their years.

We could not have achieved the evening's success without the support of everyone involved and would like to thank the generosity of our guests, suppliers, and sponsors – we are sincerely grateful for all the community does to assist.

*Photos - top: Our two Deputy Head Prefects, Aaron de Rose, left, and Joseph Sison, were the evening's MCs.*

*Middle: Guest speaker Mike Allsop shared the challenges faced by seven marathons in seven continents in seven days.*

*Bottom: It was a full house for the main event on the Foundation's calendar.*



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# Rotorua study of WWI Old Boy

World War I casualty and Old Boy Trooper William Henry Lynch has been the subject of a Rotorua high school student's study. Felice Jiang did the study as part of a Year 9 (third form) English assignment at John Paul College in Rotorua.

Covering Years 7-13, John Paul College was founded in 1987 with the amalgamation of Edmund Rice College and MacKillop College.

Felice began with William's dental sheet (which showed the teeth he hadn't already lost were all stumps that needed to be extracted and replaced with a full set of dentures) and some other material on him. He is one of the war casualties featured at <https://www.walkingwithananzac.co.nz/ww-100discoveryboxitems/>

Felice's investigations led her to St Pat's where archivist Rosemary McLennan was able to supply her with information about his school achievements for the year he attended (1909), pages from later college Blue and White magazines with his obituary and found her an online obituary and photos.

William, a member of the Wellington Mounted Rifles, died in action on August 9, 1915, at Anzac Cove, Gallipoli, aged 21. His brother Lance Corporal Oscar Lynch (1909-1911) was wounded at Gallipoli and recovered in Egypt but later succumbed to illness and died there at a military hospital.

The Lynch family were farmers and owned the historic Paekakariki landmark Emerald Glen that later became a wedding and functions centre.

William's death is recorded on the Chunuk Bair (New Zealand) Memorial.

The brothers also lost his cousin Henry Kildare Lynch (Old Boy 1905-1908) at Gallipoli on August 8, 1915.

Felice's study said that when WWI broke out, about 35 percent of volunteers were rejected because of the condition of their teeth.

Because William had territorial force training in New Zealand, he was an ideal recruit. So he had his teeth extracted and dentures fitted, in primitive conditions, on a troop ship on the way to war.

Felice says the state of the teeth of so many soldiers proved a wake-up call for the Government. Free dental services were introduced to schools after the war and later there was free milk in many schools. The use of toothpaste also became more common.

*Above: Felice Jiang with her completed assignment on Trooper William Henry Lynch.*



## Help us find these Old Boys

We've lost contact with a number of Old Boys because their Cornerstones have been returned to us and other attempts to make contact have been unsuccessful. If you are in contact with the following Old Boys please ask them to email [Rosemary.McLennan@stpats.school.nz](mailto:Rosemary.McLennan@stpats.school.nz) or phone her on (04) 939 3070 extension 212 to update our records and add them to our mailing list.

1940s: Kevin McLuskie.

1950s: David Fisher, John B Norman, John Francis Candy, Stephen Moynihan, Alan Claude Gregan, Terence Pickup, Gerald Ruston.

1960s: Grant Wilson.

1970s: Ray Best, Michael Parker (and his brothers Stephen,

Nicholas and Lawrence), Chris Simons, Liam O'Connor.

1980s: Warren Jarvis.

1990s: Andrew Kosena, Joseph Mako-McKenna, Lotufou Tautau, Anthony Bradshaw, Aaron Vine, Alexander Campbell, Lausi'i Tau'alupe.

2000s: Cameron Brophy, James Brophy, Demi Borlas, Christopher Roche, Joseph Launiuvao, Augustine Nama, Elijah Peach, Leone Fitu, Callum Gill, Jackson Thomas, Sio Seufatu, Christopher Curran, Vongpa Dy, Daini Tuiqere, Jose Capco, Aksadam De Leon, Sven Friday, Dimitrie Sivolapov, Henock Messay Getachew, Tominiko Tofete, Liam Sherry, Robel Gebremichael, Te Waenga, Jordan Valentine, Yeonho Chang, Faafeu Kapeneta, Lingyu Zhong, Jing He, Daniel Adams, Immanuel Naciva, Ioane Musuva, Rimon and Ramin Gorgiss, Petaia Tiai, Connor McRae, Jordan Vaoa-Fuimaono, Zared Wall-Manning, Keanu Ramacake.

# A reunion of the heart – 1969 to 1974

By Old Boy **Ian Manning**

If you were in a class which started third form at St Pat's in 1969 or 1970 then this is something you won't want to miss.

"The children of the revolution" are gathering at the Backbencher Bar of the old Wellington Hotel next Easter 2019 to celebrate 50 years since we started high school . . . and the fact that most of us are still standing.

This is not an "official" reunion and it won't resemble anything you once saw in a movie. I know because the 1969 year group has done it before in 2010 and we had a ball. Why? Because no-one had changed. Maybe life hasn't been as kind as you hoped and maybe you didn't achieve the success you expected, but none of that matters any more. The job's done and it's time to relax and be a kid again.

You won't get any judgement at this reunion. What you'll get is a beer or two with a bunch of schoolboys you already know who

have grey hair and wrinkles. On Easter Saturday we're going fishing or playing golf among other options. Then on Easter Sunday we're spending the whole day from opening to closing time at the pub and turning back the clock.

"The curfew tolls the knell of parting day" - or in other words Mike Wanden will ring the bell for what will be the final assembly for some. At this time I just want to locate and make contact with everyone so that I can keep you all updated. If you were part of these year groups, or if you are just interested in attending, please contact me.

Thanks guys – looking forward to it. Take care.

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Facebookers are invited to join our own page: THE SIXTY-NINERS – St Pat's.

# 60s Old Boys recall their college days

Memories of their college days at Cambridge Terrace flooded back for about 60 Old Boys who attended their class year reunion on October 26. They had started college between 1960 and 1964.

Their reunion began with a short powhiri followed by Rector Neal Swindells outlining the college today and its roll of about 800 drawn from many ethnicities.

He covered the challenges of seismic upgrading, digital technology in learning and teaching the faith. In 2019 the College will celebrate 40 years at its Evans Bay site.

Head Boy Ben Shepherd talked about the College emphasis on serving others and how St Pat's had prepared him for the next step of his journey in life.

There were guided tours around the College that showed Old Boys many special parts of the old school such as stained glass windows incorporated in the current buildings.

The College chamber music group and jazz band gave short performances. Reunion attendee and Old Boy Fr Ron Bennett celebrated a Mass of Remembrance in the College Chapel. A highlight of the reunion dinner was Jeremy Jones reading the speech he had given to the 75<sup>th</sup> jubilee dinner in



*Old Boys, from left, Maurice Bearsley, John Delany and Patrick Molloy chat at the 1960-64 class year reunion dinner.*

1960 when he was a third former. In his sometimes cheeky speech he had replied to the sixth form prefect who had proposed a toast to the third formers.

The next class year reunion will focus on 40 years at Evans Bay and be for those who started college between 1975 and 1980. The tentative date is Friday, September 20, 2019.

## Old Boy of the Year named

**Jan Roy-Wojciechowski** has been named Old Boy of the Year for 2018 by the St Patrick's College Old Boys' Association. Jan, also known as John Roy, is a Member of The New Zealand Order of Merit, and was decorated during the Polish President's visit in August 2018 with the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland.

He was six when Soviet Russia invaded his village during World War II and deported his family to Siberia. He came to New Zealand in 1944 as an orphan, one of 733 Polish "Pahiatua children". A short video – <https://bit.ly/2yD8GEW> – tells their story.

Jan boarded at SPC Silverstream from 1947 until 1951. A further 28 boys attended SPC Wellington as day boys.

Jan received the Felix Kane Cup for Old Boys "who have promoted the betterment of the people of New Zealand, fostered the Catholic way of life and carried the principles taught at St Patrick's Colleges into the community".

Amongst other business ventures Jan co-founded Mainzeal, at one time employing 1300 staff. He was Honorary Consul for Poland in New Zealand and established a Polish Heritage Trust museum in Howick.

He tells his story in the book *A Strange Outcome*.

## Temporary hospital part of 'flu exhibition

The story of St Patrick's College as a temporary hospital during the 1918 influenza epidemic is part of an exhibition at the Home of Compassion in Island Bay.

The pandemic came at the end of a devastating war and struck Wellington between November and December.

The Sisters of Compassion nursed the sick in Island Bay, Berhampore and at the temporary hospital at St Pat's. When the boarders were sent home, the Rector, Father Gilbert, offered two dormitories as wards to the Department of Health.

The exhibition will be open from mid-November until March 31 at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Tue-Sat 10am-3pm; Sun noon-3pm. Contact [heritagecentre@compassion.org.nz](mailto:heritagecentre@compassion.org.nz) or (04) 282 1953 for more information.

## Edmund Malone descendants visit

A family trip to New Zealand to see two WWI exhibitions featuring Lieutenant Colonel William Malone of Gallipoli fame included a visit to St Pat's.

Four of Malone's sons are Old Boys of the College. One, Edmund Leo, died in April 1918 while serving with the Wellington Regiment on the Western Front. Their father commanded the Wellington Infantry Battalion at Gallipoli and died at Chunuk Bair in August 1915.

Jen Drewry is a descendant of Edmund, a student from 1900-1905. She was accompanied by her daughter Chloe Eleanor Drewry and their cousin Ray Roebuck, also a descendant of Edmund, from New Plymouth.

Jen, a primary school teaching assistant, and Chloe live in Norfolk, England. They visited the Pukeahu National War Memorial Park and Te Papa exhibitions that featured William Malone and saw the plaque honouring him at Parliament's Grand Hall.

Jen was particularly impressed by the Quinn's Post trench experience at Sir Peter Jackson's Great War Exhibition at Pukeahu National War Memorial Park (which includes the old St Pat's site) and the actor who played William Malone. William Malone was born in Kent, England, and educated at Marist schools in England and France. He migrated to New Zealand and settled in Taranaki where he raised a large family.

He became interested in the military and while he was commanding a new territorial unit in Taranaki introduced the "lemon squeezer" hat. The indentations, modelled on the outline of Mount Taranaki, linked the regiment to its region and allowed rain to more easily run off the hat.

In later years the hat was officially adopted by the New Zealand military.

*Above: Jen Drewry with daughter Chloe Eleanor Drewry and the college World War I Roll of Honour which includes their ancestor, Edmund Malone.*



## Old Boy called from movies to ministry

Old Boy Fr Brian Austin (1946-1947), who died recently, was an accomplished photographer and trained cinema projectionist when he was called to the ministry. After some unsuccessful prompts, Fr Brian had a spiritual experience where Jesus appeared in front of him with arms folded and asked "Just how much longer do I have to wait, Brian?"

Soon after Fr Brian, 25, entered Holy Name Seminary in Christchurch (three years) followed by four years at Holy Cross College in Mosgiel. He was ordained a priest by Bishop Owen Snedden in Lower Hutt in July 1964.

Fr Brian's life was spent in the Archdiocese of Wellington as curate, parish priest and on special appointments.

Parishes included Miramar, Brooklyn, Wairoa, Lower Hutt, Motueka-Takaka, Wainuiomata, Newtown, Northland and Paraparaumu and at the Archbishop's request he served

*Right: Fr Brian is remembered especially for the compassion and understanding he showed as he ministered to parishioners.*

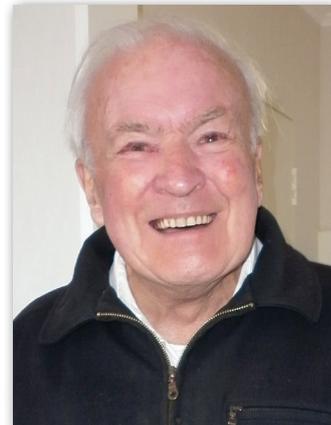
a term celebrating the Diocesan Latin Mass.

He also served as diocesan chaplain for the Scouts and Guides and was diocesan director of the Renew Programme.

He learned te reo Maori during his time in Wairoa.

In the later years of his life he would catch the train from Waikanae to say weekly Mass for the Sisters at the Compassion Soup Kitchen in Wellington.

He is remembered especially for the compassion and understanding he showed as he ministered to parishioners. He died on May 13 at Wellington Hospital, aged 86.



## In Memoriam

**We remember in our prayers Old Boys and staff who have passed away:**

AUSTIN, Fr Brian William 1946-1947

AVERY, Neil George John 1943-1946

DRUMMOND, Leo 1940-1942

DUMMER, Jordan Jared (Jordy) 2008-2012

FEAUNATI, Glenn Michael 1992-1996

GORDON, Graeme James 1943-1947

GRACE, John Stewart 1955-1958

GUNN, Maurice William 1972-1974

HEARFIELD, Nicholas Roy 1993-1997



JACKSON, Barry John 1950-1953

KUZMICICH, Stjepan Slavo (Steve) 1945-1948

McELWEE, Edward John (Jack) 1968

McLELLAN, James William (Jim) 1951-1954

McPHERSON, Kenneth B 1944-1945

MAHER, Leo James 1941-1945

MILNE, John Neil 1956-1957

MOONEY, John Paul 1947-1951

MORI, Roger 1953-1958

MORLEY, Christopher Gilbert Paul (Chris) 1969-1973

MURPHY, Patrick Maurice 1960-1962

ROMANOS, Richard Francis (Ritchie) 1943-1946

SCAMBARY, Murray Arthur 1940-1944

SCOTT, Matthew 2013

WALKER, Gordon Robert 1955-1956

## Softballer a sport legend of Wellington

Old Boy and one of New Zealand's best softballers Kevin Herlihy (1961-1965) has been inducted as a Sport Legend of Wellington.

Kevin, who died in 2006, chose softball to avoid long queues signing up for cricket.

He attended his first world championship in 1966 as a teen. Two decades later he captained New Zealand to a world title in the USA.

He was on the White Sox coaching staff for the Sydney Olympics in 2000.

He was awarded an MBE for services to sport and was the first softballer inducted into the New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame.

## MP to retire

Old Boy and National list MP **Hon Chris Finlayson** will retire from Parliament before the next election to return to his legal career.

He served as Attorney-General, Treaty Negotiations Minister, and Arts and Culture Minister during the last National government.

## Old Boy judges the stars

Dancing with the Stars fans may be interested to learn that judge Julz Tocker is one of our Old Boys.

He began dance lessons while he was at St Teresa's Primary School.

His dance career plans grew during his time at St Pat's (2001-2005) and he left partway through 2005 for Australia. That was followed by London, Italy, Asia and America and titles in Latin and ballroom dancing.

In the States he has worked as a professional dancer and choreographer.

But he says coming home to New Zealand has been a career highlight.



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