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BENEFIT DINNER & AUCTION

18 JUNE
AUCKLAND EVENT

22 JULY
SILVERSTREAM WINTER TRADITION

Foundation to launch a Sports Fund



BENEFIT DINNER & AUCTION SATURDAY JUNE 13th

The St Patrick's College Foundation is establishing a special sports fund so that individual codes can access financial assistance for their many activities.

The Sports Fund will be a central funding source for our College sports clubs and teams and will be launched at the annual Foundation Benefit Dinner and Auction which will be held in the College hall on Saturday June 13.

Funds raised from this highly successful event, and from the Foundation fun run in August, will go into the Sports Fund.

The Foundation has developed funding application criteria which sports will follow when they are seeking financial help on an annual basis for infrastructure, specialist coaching, clothing, sports gear and code equipment, to name a few.

Applications for funding will be determined on a bi-annual basis by a subcommittee established by the Foundation including the Rector, Development Manager, a Foundation trustee and the College's Head of Sport.

Four sports – rugby, cricket, football and basketball – are partnering the Foundation in promoting and selling tickets for this, the 5th Benefit Dinner, an event that has developed into one of the highlights of the school calendar for parents, old boys and friends of the College.

This enormously enjoyable night includes pre-dinner drinks, a top three-course meal with table wine, entertainment, time to socialize and, of course, listen to our guest panel. Old Boys Joseph Romanos is our MC with Mick Robbers running the fast paced auction. Past guest speakers at these functions have included businessman John Allen, advertising guru Peter Biggs and comedienne Ginette McDonald.

Tickets to the benefit dinner cost \$75 and are available from the school office or by telephoning the College's Development Manager, Loretta Love 027 466 3686.

The Foundation has been operating since September 2009 and has raised more than \$2m through the ongoing generosity of its donors. The Foundation has issued grants to help pay the College's contribution towards the cost of the artificial sports turf, for the planned redevelopment of Todd Theatre as a centre of performing arts and for library and science resources. (continues page 2)



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Past Present Future

FORMER OLD BOY SOANE PATITA PAINI MAFI APPOINTED CARDINAL OF TONGA



Cardinal Mafi was born on 19 December 1961 into a strongly Catholic family. His father and grandfather were Catechists. He grew up in Tonga and as a young man, joined a youth group at his parish in Kolofou near the capital Nuku'alofa on the main island of Tongatapu.

Cardinal Mafi attended St Patrick's College, Wellington in 1982, in part to improve his English. Peter Gregan said Mafi boarded with his late mother,

who had suffered a stroke and helped her cook and clean. He then entered the Pacific Regional Seminary in Fiji. Fr Michael O'Connor SM, the Rector, said that like other students, Mafi would help in the plantations, harvesting cassava, taro and bananas. Mafi was a keen sportsman, playing rugby, a sport now banned from the Seminary because of the number of injuries. He is a very warm, gentle person. He does not go for a lot of show. He is very humble.

He studied for the priesthood at the Pacific Regional Seminary in Suva, Fiji. He was ordained a priest in 1991 at the age of 29. He spent four years in parish work on the island of Ha'apai. In 1995 Bishop Foliaki appointed him Vicar General of the diocese at the age of 34.

He was only 5 years ordained. He spent 3 years studying religious education at Loyola University, Baltimore, Maryland, graduating in 2000. He was then stationed for 6 years in Suva, engaged in the formation training of local priests. Cardinal Mafi was appointed coadjutor Bishop of Tonga in June 2007. When he succeeded Bishop Soane Lilo Foliaki as Bishop of Tonga on 18 April 2008, he became the first diocesan priest to be Bishop of Diocese of Tonga. His three predecessors were members of the Society of Mary. Cardinal Mafi has been president of the Episcopal Conference of the Pacific since 2010.

The SM Bulletin also reported: 'The General House was privileged to provide hospitality to Cardinal Mafi of Tonga on the occasion of his creation as cardinal by Pope Francis.

'Growing up in Tonga, studying at PRS Suva, and ministering in Tonga, Cardinal Mafi has been closely associated with Marists. As a school-boy he spent two years at St Patrick's Marist College, Wellington, New Zealand.'

CONTRIBUTIONS BY FR BARRY O'CONNOR SM AND THE SOCIETY OF MARY BULLETIN

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Additionally the Foundation has actively supported four education programmes to enhance both student and teaching academic support and this year assisted some Year 9 families with grants enabling the purchase of a Chromebook, a compulsory electronic device for all Year 9's.

A Special Chance To Bid Ahead Of The Live Auction!

TWO PIECES OF SPECIAL SPORTS MEMORABILIA RECENTLY DONATED BY AUSTRALIA-BASED OLD BOY TIM REYNOLDS (1965-69).

The first item is what can only be described as a unique copy of cricket's "Men in White – the history of NZ International Cricket" complete with 170+ signatures of our best cricketers covering many years. Recently Tim also took this book to the Cricket World Cup and got our NZ team, plus Stephen Fleming, to autograph a front page.

The second item is a cricket bat featuring the England and NZ squads from the 1988 series. Both items are in pristine condition. If you personally cannot attend the Benefit Dinner, but would like to bid for these special items, just email your bid prior to June 11th to development@stpats.school.nz.

From June 1st visit www.stpats.school.nz to view other auction items.



CLASS REUNION 8 MAY 2015

THE COLLEGE WELCOMED BACK ITS OLD BOYS WHO STARTED AT ST PAT'S BETWEEN 1950 TO 1954.

The day's events included a guided tour by Year 9 volunteers to view classes in action, archive displays and memorabilia, meeting with the Rector, Old Boys' Association President, senior staff and the 2015 Prefects. The Mass of Remembrance was celebrated by Old Boy Fr Jim Kershaw 1950–54 with readings and prayers by fellow Old Boys. By having drinks and canapes in the library gave many the time to relax and enjoy the slideshow of b&w photos from their era. The Reunion dinner followed that evening with Year 12 student Nuri Kaya delivering a moving speech on ANZAC's, Old Boy and former Head Boy Mike Johns 1953–57 proposing the toast to absent friends and Simon Taylor 1954–58 following with a toast to the College.

Below: This special group found plenty to reminisce about!





Foundation supporting education

For this year's intake of 188 Year 9's there was an additional financial challenge with each student being required to bring their own electronic device to school – part of the BYOD (bring your own device) initiative introduced to all colleges in a national programme.

As the Foundation views academic education as one of its priorities, and through the generosity of donors, the Foundation Chromebook Scholarship was introduced in February to provide assistance to families. Of the 18 successful applications 16 Chromebooks were fully funded with two being partially funded.

Above & below: Year 9's utilising their chromebooks during class.



Cabinet case returns home

When visiting our College foyer you can see this wonderful old cabinet (1888) and trophy (1886). Kindly returned by Silverstream last year.



Catch-up Corner

This issue we haven't been able to collate a 'catch-up' on a year group. In previous issues we have covered 1970, 1987 and 1998. Would you like to contribute 300 words or so to cover your year group? This is a popular article of the Cornerstone so please get in touch with us.

Please just email: development@stpats.school.nz

AUCKLAND-BASED OLD BOYS – THIS IS FOR YOU

THURSDAY 18TH JUNE 2015 5.00PM – 7.00PM

THE WYNYARD QUARTER DISPLAY SUITE
CNR DALDY & MADDEN STREETS
WYNYARD QUARTER
AUCKLAND

The Foundation, in partnership with Willis Bond, are hosting a get together for our Auckland-based Old Boys. Join us as our guest for drinks and canapes and take the opportunity to meet the College's new Rector Mr Neal Swindells.

RSVP before 11th June to Development Manager, Loretta Love:
Email: development@stpats.school.nz
Phone: 04 939-5416 or 027 466 3686.

Our Old Boys remain a priority for the Foundation so we are continuing with the planning for a similar event to be held in Christchurch. It is planned that the Rector will travel there in September with details to follow. In the interim we have Christchurch Old Boy Bruce Palmer assisting us with gathering contact details of those Old Boys we are not currently in touch with but who would want to receive an invitation. If you can assist in any way please contact this office.

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

This sports code is reaching out to those Old Boys who played basketball for the College and is in the process of setting up a database of previous players. Basketball has a rich and successful history at St Pat's and there are many Old Boys who still have strong links to this sport. To receive basketball game updates and news please email Wayne.Mills@stpats.school.nz

RECONNECT TO ST PAT'S

Each and every week we have Old Boys and past families changing their postal and email addressees. To help us help you stay in touch with us please advise any such change.

Secondly to assist with the planning of mini class reunions if you know of someone who isn't in touch with us please let us know or mention us to them.

It's as simple as emailing development@stpats.school.nz or phoning 04 939-5416 and leaving a message.



GIFTING AND ADVICE OPTIONS

PLEASE TICK BOXES WHERE APPROPRIATE & SEND TO:

St Patrick's College Wellington Foundation, PO Box 14022, Wellington 6241
Tel: 04 939-5416 Email: development@stpats.school.nz

MAKING A BEQUEST?

Please send me further information on making a bequest in my will

GIFTING

- My/our gift to the Foundation is \$.....
- I/We would like to make a gift of \$..... annually over a period of years, commencing (month/year)
- I/We would like to visit the College and discuss our support of the Foundation
- I/We request a Foundation representative phone to discuss our support

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR GIFT TO THE FOUNDATION APPLIED?

- For the Foundation Board of Trustees to determine per Foundation Deed
- Foundation Property Redevelopment Fund
- Foundation Education Fund

Should you not wish your name to be published in any Foundation or College media please indicate below.

I/We wish my/our gift to remain anonymous.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR GIFT AND/OR PLEDGE

- Cheque (payable to the St Patrick's College Wellington Foundation)
- Internet Banking (please provide full reference details in the transaction)
- Automatic payment (via your bank with full reference details)
- Credit card (please fill in details below)

FOUNDATION BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

Account number: 06 0574 0236995 00

Account name: The St Patrick's College Wellington Foundation

YOUR DETAILS:

NAME:

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FAMILY STAFF FRIEND OLD BOY – YEARS ATTENDED:

CREDIT CARD DETAILS:

VISA MASTERCARD

CARDHOLDER NAME:

CARD NO:

EXPIRES: / S/N (LAST 3 OR 4 DIGITS ON SIGNATURE PANEL):

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In Memoriam

We remember in our prayers Old Boys who have passed away.

AVERY Brian, 1946–50	RAFTER Fr Pat, 1942–46
BIGGS John, 1944–45	REA Denis, 1951–53
MEYERS Kevin T, 1949	RYAN Fr Bernard SM, 1937–40
NELSON John E, 1946–47	TWOHILL Nicholas, 1967–71
O'SULLIVAN Felix E, 1936–39	

BUSH Barry (Silverstream 1950-53)

Long time member and participant at numerous Old Boys' Association events including the golf tournaments.



O'DONOGHUE Fr Kevin F SM ("Kodak")

Well known and respected teacher at both St Pat's and Silverstream. Fr Kevin's series of black & whites of the old Grey Mother are now on permanent display near the staff room entrance/lift (shown above).

RYAN Fr Bernard SM

His links to St Pat's were strong both as an Old Boy and teacher. Appointed to Rome in 1977 as Superior General.

Please contact this office if you know of others who have passed away, even if some months ago, so we can acknowledge them in the next issue.

Nick Twohill (Dr.)

ST PAT'S TOWN 1967–71. DIED 28 SEPT. 2014

I knew Nick as a classmate in his later years at St Pat's. I see I'm standing next to him in the leaver's photo of 1971. We had no contact once we left school though I heard that he had done archaeology and Spanish at Auckland University and more recently I read in the St Pat's newsletter that he'd completed his PhD.

At work mid-2013, I noticed a Nicholas Twohill was starting as a historian. I approached the named desk of this Nick Twohill and asked "Are you (the) Nick Twohill?" – yes he was – it was him. We kept in regular contact after that. Nick said he had had periods of ill-health with cancer. He talked about his time studying in Auckland and the difficulties of work as an archaeologist which had led him into the areas of historical research and his current role as a professional historian.

Nick's brother John noted Nick went from being a digger to a curator. I had some knowledge of mining tenures so I was interested to find that Nick had spent a lot of time in Thames (where his family had come from) and that he had been curator of the Thames School of Mines. In researching his PhD – the Relationship between New Zealand and the Southern Cone Countries of South America – 1820-1914 – Nick had travelled to South America on several occasions and had made good friends there. *(Continues on page 6)*

snippets

Visit the College's Kennedy Corridor Sports Wall

Visiting the College? If you have the time please visit the upper Kennedy corridor and view the magnificent Sports Wall that has been reinstated following seismic strengthening. Thanks must go to Archives administrator Judy Sharp and the custodian team led by Peter Amitrano to achieve this wonderful display.

Work continues this week to complete the hanging of many oak framed photographs dating back to 1885.



ANZAC crosses a reminder

Protected by being displayed in the Quad, these white crosses provided a telling reminder to staff, students and visitors of the sacrifice many of our Old Boys made in service to their country.



1967 Old Boys get together



Last year a few local Old Boys from the Class Year group of 1967 got together at one of their regular 'catch-ups'.

L-R: Allan Holden (rear), Gez Duignan, John Whooley, John Holden, Tim McGuinness, Fraser Lyons, Phil McCarthy, Ted Wypych, Mark Carlyle, Andy Bogacki.

Grandparents' Morning

Back in March we welcomed to the College over 100 grandparents and mentors of the Year 9's for the annual Grandparents' Morning. This special event is a chance for many of our young men to 'show' their College to their family and for our visitors to see the College in action as well as see how the Foundation links into the education of their grandsons.

Below: Year 9's performing 'Sectare Fidem' with some senior choir members.



(Continues from page 5) In discussions with him Nick showed a keen interest and fondness for things South American.

In 2014 Nick's health deteriorated as cancer returned and he went through the usual round of hospital treatments. His illness and the waiting on test results meant he was unable to return to full-time work. As his condition deteriorated further I knew Nick was in constant pain but I always found him level, patient and uncomplaining. Nick's quiet, accepting and unassuming presence stayed right to the end.

Nick, it was a privilege to get reacquainted after many years and know you as a friend. **BRENDAN FANNING 1967-71**

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