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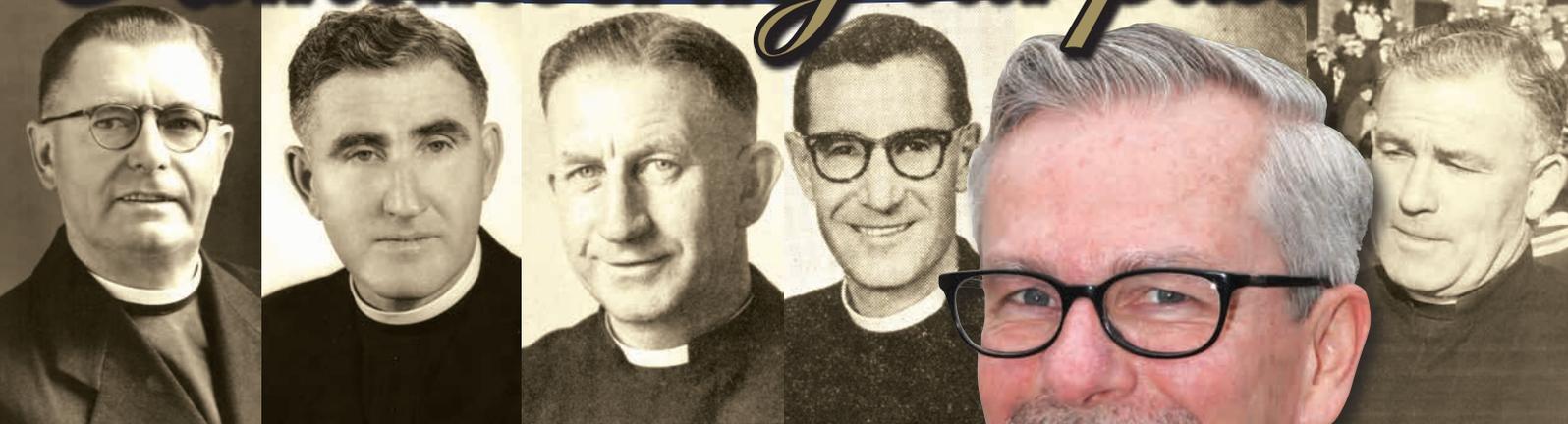
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Remembering our past



Looking to the future





Dr Wattam as an honorary member of the Coghlan cheer squad.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Community of St Patrick's College,

As the incoming Principal I could not have hoped for a warmer welcome by all members of this fine community. I have been so humbled by the willingness of the boys to greet me and engage in conversation as I walk the College grounds or meet them in their classrooms. Prior to my appointment at the College, I held the role of Assistant Director of Schools in the Catholic Schools Office in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. Previous roles have included principalship of James Sheahan Catholic High School in Orange, and Deputy Principal at Chevalier College, Bowral and St Mary Star of the Sea College in Wollongong.

I feel honoured and blessed to be charged with the responsibility and opportunity to lead St Patrick's College. At the Opening College Mass on a very humid day in February both Mr Damian Chase and I were beautifully inducted as incoming Deputy Principal and Principal respectively. Standing on the altar having the entire community singing the College Anthem and praying a blessing over us was an awe-inspiring moment. Dr Wayne Tinsey, Executive Director of EREA officially welcomed and commissioned us in our roles and eloquently articulated our mandate to honour the past in recognising the great contribution of the Christian Brothers, as well as looking firmly to the future to ensure our young men are firmly grounded in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and in the way of Blessed Edmund Rice.

Our work in the College this year is guided by the continued implementation of the Strategic Plan, with the Annual Plan being finalised in recent weeks. The Annual Plan provides the detail and 'flesh' to inform the overarching priorities of the Strategic Plan. Complementary to this, the College completed the Learning Framework at the end of 2016. During the year, we will be looking at ways in which we can embed this Framework in the everyday work of staff and students: in classrooms, in teaching programmes, assessment practices and in our relationships with each other. The Learning Framework is based on five key principles that spell out what learning looks like here.

Launched in early March, the Old Boys' website comes after months of hard work in attempting

to provide another avenue for our graduates to connect with each other, and remain firmly bonded with St Patrick's College. Opportunities for Old Boys to make an active contribution to the life of the College now and into the future are detailed on the website, whether this is by way of coaching a team, providing mentoring or cadetships/traineeships or by simply supporting the work of the College and the co-curricular programme. Greg Dening is leading the Old Boys' network and is keen to hear from any ex-students who would like to register with the Association. Hundreds of Old Boys have already signaled their interest in connecting in this way.

During the Christmas holiday period, two teams and three staff members set off to the United States of America on a basketball tour. This tour proved to be very successful for our boys with the opportunity to play some incredibly talented teams in the USA and receive some training from top-ranking players and coaches. We thank Mr Michael Cutrupi, Mr Tom Kirby and Mr Anthony Calavassy for giving up their holidays to accompany the boys on this tour. A side-benefit of this trip was the accolades our boys received everywhere they went for the courteous and well-mannered way in which they conducted themselves. Congratulations boys on doing your College proud!

As we journey towards Easter, we are reminded in this Lenten period of the sacrifice that Christ made for our salvation. We look for ways in which we can assist the poor, with fundraising efforts at the College being directed towards Edmund Rice Camps, The Edmund Rice Life Training Centre in PNG and Callan Services in PNG. The Easter story is one of violence, jealousy and betrayal. However, without the series of events leading to Jesus' crucifixion, there could be no resurrection. Our challenge in educating young people is to find new ways in which to tell the story so that we make a difference in the lives of others, especially those who need our help the most.

Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever.

Craig Wattam
Principal



Year 5 students Lincoln Milson & Peter Di Mento, share their artwork with Dr Wattam.



Year 5 Red in prayer during the Ash Wednesday Liturgy.

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McGlade Scholars: Michael Agius & Pasquale Rombola with Br Whelan & Dr Wattam.



McGlade Scholarships

Br James Athanasius McGlade, former teacher and Headmaster of the College was renowned for his love of learning and his passion for academic excellence. In 1998, to mark his seventieth anniversary as a Christian Brother, the College initiated the McGlade Scholarship. This award, like Br McGlade, aims to foster a thirst for knowledge and academic drive. This year the Scholarships were awarded to Year 11 students Pasquale Rombola and Michael Agius. Congratulations to both of these deserving young men.

Andrew Brennan
Acting Director of Curriculum

Hon Craig Laundry MP, Father Evans, Luke Salamone, Patrick Calavassy, Christian Sassin (Proxime Accessit), Dr Wattam, Dominic Spicer (Dux), George Srour, Alexander Collins, Mr Newman & Br Whelan.



The Way to Success: Knowing your Failures

Last year, 176 students from St Patrick's College, Strathfield sat for the NSW Higher School Certificate. A great number of excellent results were attained with more than 40 students achieving an ATAR of above 90 and 68 students appearing 153 times in the HSC Distinguished Achievers List – students who scored 90 or more marks in any course. In addition to this, the College's average score was above the State average in 29 of the 31 courses offered.

Early in Term One, the College held its annual Dux Day Assembly to honour the achievements of the Class of 2016. Dominic Spicer was presented as the College Dux by Principal Dr Wattam. He achieved an ATAR of 99.25, placing him first in the College's order of merit and was placed in the State's Distinguished All-Rounders List, having scored 90% or above in ten or more course units. His meritorious achievements were in Chemistry, English Advanced, Geography, Mathematics Extension I, Physics, and Studies of Religion I. In 2014 Dominic won the prestigious McGlade Scholarship and the following year he reinforced this acknowledgement when he was also Dux of Year 11. In his address, Dominic's advice to the College community was that perseverance is key, consistency is essential and knowing your failures is the greatest way to success. Dominic now becomes the third person from his family to adorn the College's Honour Boards. His father Tim was College Captain in 1982 (and was present at the Assembly) and his uncle Paul was College Vice Captain in 1977.

There was also a significant number of students who made the meritorious Distinguished Achievers' List in four or more courses. They include: Nicholas Fazio with an ATAR of 98.3, Brayden Saad 97.35, Luke Saric 97.4, William James 97.15, Mark Challita 96.95, Simon Moore 96.55, Joseph Francis 96.45, Nicholas Kairouz 96.4, Joseph Bejjani 96.2, Ryan Yango 96.1, Patrick Bragato 95.55 and Jordan Brewer with an ATAR of 95.1.

Patrick Calavassy received an award for Academic Excellence for being placed in the State's Top Achievers List. He was ranked 7th in the State for 2 Unit Construction. Luke Salamone received an award for Academic Excellence for being placed 5th in the State in Italian Extension and achieving five merit listings. George Srour attained an ATAR of 98.35 which placed him third in the College's order of merit. His meritorious achievements were in Chemistry, Mathematics Extension I and Mathematics Extension II. In 2016, George was also nominated for the Archbishop of Sydney's Award for Student Excellence.

Proxime accessit was Christian Sassin who achieved an ATAR of 98.75 placing him second in the College's order of merit. He achieved meritorious All-Round Academic Achievement in the State for English Advanced, Mathematics 2 Unit, and Studies of Religion 2 Unit. Alexander Collins was awarded the Reverend Brother RJ McDonald Teaching Scholarship after achieving an ATAR of 94.50. Alex's academic abilities will certainly benefit many students in the years to come.

Justin Newman
2016 Year 12 Coordinator

Old Boy and former College Captain, Tim Spicer ('82) with his son Dominic, 2016 College Dux.



Dr Wattam with the 2017 Leadership team. Clockwise from left: Michael Redman, Alex Purser, Matthew Harrington, Anthony Bejjani, James Bellamy & Alessandro Romeo.

Shared Leadership

This year, I have been given the honour of being College Captain. I have the privilege of working with twenty one driven and determined leaders who form the Senior Prefect Leadership Team. In particular, I would like to introduce the College Vice Captains, Michael Redman and Anthony Bejjani, both fine young men who are heavily involved in the life of the College, Michael being the Captain of the First XI Cricket team, and Anthony being involved in the Social Justice Action Group and Debating.

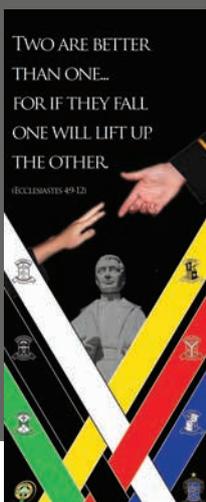
The Junior School has also elected its leaders, giving the younger boys an opportunity to take up positions of responsibility. The Junior School Captain, Alessandro Romeo is ably supported by Vice Captains James Bellamy and Alex Purser. These are three confident and approachable boys who I'm sure will lead the Junior School very well over the course of this year.

The College is also blessed with the appointment of a new Principal, Dr Craig Wattam. Dr Wattam is already making his presence felt at the College, whether it's in the form of a thought-provoking address to students or his genuine and approachable nature around the school. There is no doubt that the College is in very good hands with Dr Wattam at the helm.

The Student Leadership Team has selected a theme to guide us through the course of the year, settling upon a quote from Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, "Two are better than one, for if they fall, one will lift up the other". This refers to the power of teamwork and brotherhood that our College embodies and reminds us to help each other through simple everyday actions. It emphasises an inclusive community and how we must work for it. Often, it is the smallest action that can have the most profound impact on people going through tough times.

All the best for a rewarding and enjoyable 2017.

Matthew Harrington
College Captain





NEW BEGINNINGS

For our new Year 5s, Term One is an exciting and busy time, a whirlwind of emotion, a flood of new learning and a plunge into a very different school environment (excuse the water analogies but we have spent many days indoors as well!) The boys have hit the ground running, with Day One Testing, Opening College Mass, The Welcome Mass and Belonging Day following fast on the heels of their first St Patrick's Swimming Carnival (congratulations Rice!). Then, almost before they catch their breath, the Parents and Friends Welcome Dinner is upon them and then Peer Support Day. Each of these events are big stepping stones for the boys, rites of passage that say to them 'welcome to our world'. As well as these big events the routine of the classroom has been established and the boys have begun their exploration of the co-curriculum. These things are, of course, the absolute core of the SPC experience. We must never forget the journey our new parents have commenced either. For them, the nexus between home and school is key to success and so much work has gone on in homes to ensure this.

The introduction to the College for our Year 5s is designed to induct them into a long history and tradition, to awaken them to the new and challenging and attempt to start to build a sense of belonging. This year the boys have thrown themselves into SPC with great enthusiasm and are already reaping the rewards. Ahead of them is a lifetime of learning in the blue, black and gold.

Jim Walters
Director Junior School

My first day at St Patrick's



Thomas BouAntoun & Luke Sultana, ready to embrace the SPC experience.

I was so nervous with excitement. It was my first day at St Patrick's and my parents wished me luck and waved farewell to me for the day. We formally met Dr Wattam who told us he was also new to the school and was proud at being here with us. We then waited patiently as Mr Walters told us which classes we would be in. My name was finally called out and even though it is hard to pronounce, Mr Walters said it close enough for me to know I was in 5 Blue.

After a short orientation we went to our classrooms and I met my teacher, Mr Van Der Meer. Our school day quickly commenced with tests and after a busy morning we went to the Powell Pavilion to meet up with the rest of the

Year 5 boys. We were then given a drink and chips before being picked up by our parents. I couldn't wait to tell mine about my new friends and how busy, fun, exhausting but exciting my day was.

Alessio Secivanovic



Ethan Basseal & Habib Ghosn relax during Belonging Day.

Belonging Day

I didn't know what to expect when we all set off on buses for Belonging Day. We were all excited and jumpy too, dressed in casual clothes, not knowing what was in store for us. When we arrived our questions were soon answered as Ms Daley, a group of teachers and some Year 12 students had set up tons of fun games and activities for us to do. Some examples included Musical Chairs, Paper Plate Emotions and Guess the Number however; my favourite game was Simon Says as I came second in a close battle and just missed out on a prize. For lunch, we were given a drink and a bag of chips and went to a local park where we had truckloads of fun playing all sorts of sports. That is why Belonging Day has so far been my favourite day of the year.

Jeremy Simonetto



Welcome Mass

On the day of the Welcome Mass, everyone I spoke to was filled with anticipation and adrenaline. I was lucky because I was given the job of doing the offertory which made me a little nervous but ecstatic at the same time. In the upstairs seating area of the Chapel all the Year 5s were anxiously waiting for the Mass to start. The organ belted out tunes and I felt butterflies fluttering in my stomach when it was time for the offertory. At the end of the Mass all the juniors stood up and sang the College Anthem - it was much better than I had expected. I saw one mum with a tear in her eye. The Welcome Mass is my highlight from St Patrick's so far.

Charbel Francis

The Swimming Carnival

The Swimming Carnival was an amazing day especially for me and the other Year 5s as it was our first one at St Patrick's. We all participated in the races and enthusiastically cheered not only for our own house but also for those of our friends. Even though there was a lot of competition, there was still a lot of great sportsmanship. Water went everywhere! It was magic!

I am very happy St Patrick's has its own pool and my mum said it was the best carnival ever. In particular I really enjoyed the championship races. At recess and lunch there wasn't talk about who was going to win, but more about the fun we were having. Even in the end when Berg came last and Rice came first, everyone cheered, clapped and celebrated.

The House Captains shook hands and congratulated each other showing that great sportsmanship was the true winner!

Christopher Sioud

*Hickey House supporters:
Steven Saliba, Patrick Harris,
Luka Toogood & Oliver Burgess.*



Hat Trick Patrick



Cricketing superstar, Patrick Miholic.

Having coached Cricket at SPC for many, many years I thought I had seen it all. I hadn't.

The 5B Cricket team had their first match this year against Knox College on SPC No. 2 Oval. We won the toss and chose to field. A random selection came up with Patrick Miholic as our opening bowler for the opposition's first innings. Patrick had never played in a 'real' game of cricket before, just back yard and park cricket, but with the new cherry in his hand was determined to make an impression on his new team and his new school. What followed was the most extraordinary start to a life of cricket you could imagine.

The first three balls of Patrick's life, of the team's first ever match for the College, of the sporting year of 2017, were absolute beauties. The stumps went cartwheeling each time and the team went wild. A hat trick!

I was left wondering if it had ever happened before, anywhere, anytime that a bowler earned the ultimate prize with the first three deliveries of his life.

Well done Patrick! The ball has been put away and will be made into a trophy which no doubt he will cherish for years to come.

Jim Walters
5B Cricket Coach



FUN RUN

The Fun Run on Breen Oval was epic! On Tuesday 14 March, the Junior School students were cheering their lungs out urging the runners to push on and finish the race. And you know what? They all did! We heard music playing as we ran side by side with our friends, sweat dripping down our backs. The smell of the freshly cut grass made us appreciate nature while we were pushing ourselves to reach the finish line. We had to go as fast as we could no matter how much our muscles ached. We were huffing and puffing but we were very happy to do it for our Lenten charity. It felt like a massive achievement when we crossed the finish line. Although Year 5 and Year 6 boys were competing to win the race, it felt that we were one big heart beating together for a great cause. Tasting success was an awesome and rewarding feeling.

Matthew Habib



Junior school students belt out the War Cry.

Welcome Dinner

The atmosphere at the Welcome Dinner was amazing and the speeches were immaculate. Amidst all the noise, the College Band played exceedingly well and the boys found their friends and had so much fun. We all smelt the exceptional food waiting outside ready to be scoffed by lots of hungry boys and their parents.

When it was time we all got up and sang the War Cry with great pride and Mr Walters said it was the best he had ever heard. The nervous Old Boy dads then led us in the College Anthem which we all sang loudly together. At the end of the evening, Mr Walters was overjoyed to see the well-organised tables with all the rubbish in the bin. Many kids and families stayed back to clean-up which was very generous of them.

"Your brother assured me that this school was absolutely amazing" my mum said ecstatically. "Did you like it?" I asked. "It was mind-blowing" she replied as she lifted her hands to her head and puffed them as if her brain exploded.

James Kazzi

Peer Support Day



Year 5 students: Gianluca Bilotta, Georgio Azzi & Sebastien Garzaniti with Year 10 buddies: Christopher Attard & Matthew Achmar.

On Friday 17 March, we came to school in green multi clothes to experience the magic of Peer Support Day which happened to fall on St Patrick's Day. A double celebration!

To make things easier, we were split into groups before gathering in the Powell Pavilion where Mr Kirby gave us some ground rules for the day. We then met some

friendly Year 10 boys who would be known as our 'Peer Support Leaders' for the day. Each group was also given a teacher to supervise the children. After that we were led into a different part of the school to space us out.

It was rainy, but we didn't really care. We still played handball, soccer and indoor games as well. Our leaders were cool. It was great to get to know some of the seniors in this way. Now we have someone we can turn to if we need help. Thanks Year 10 and our teachers for Peer Support Day!

Daniel De Pasquale

Three Generations of the Ferris Family

It's always particularly special to welcome not only second generation, but in some cases third generation students back into the St Patrick's College fold. One such student is Zachary Ferris whose grandfather John ('41), father James ('86), great uncle Peter ('48) and uncles Christopher ('70) and Anthony ('71) all attended the College. They have all left their mark at SPC and have experienced different periods of the College's history. I have no doubt Zachary will also leave his mark as he continues in the Ferris family tradition.

Jim Walters
Director Junior School



John Ferris ('41)



James Ferris ('86)



Zachary Ferris (Year 5)

YEAR 10 GET 'CHARGED UP'

In Year 10 Industrial Technology (Engineering) the students are studying 'Alternative Energy'. As part of their practical assessment the boys are required to design and build a working Water Turbine, a Wind Turbine and a Thermoelectric Power Plant which is based on old computer parts. The boys study hydroelectricity, wind and solar power as well as elementary fluid mechanics. The Water Turbines are connected to small electric generators with LEDs attached, and have been enhanced with the addition of gearing systems to ensure the generator gets enough speed.

Some students have used computer aided design packages to design and manufacture their gearing systems. Many of the gears have

been produced using the Laser Cutter. The Water Turbines are then tested with a 'dam' of water located high in the Crichton Building flowing down to the basement in pipes decreasing in size. As part of their study programme the boys are also taught to use multi meters to measure current and voltage.

The Wind Turbine will be the most difficult to design and build as it needs to swing on two axes and will also require a complex gearing system. The students are excited and challenged with the projects in the course and have so far produced some great results.

Andrew Viney
TAS/Computing Studies Coordinator

Year 10 students working on their water turbines.

Top left: Massimiliano Ciolino Middle: Christian Viray Bottom right: Thomas Mawad

Un Grande Sogno!

Towards the end of last year, Years 9 and 10 Language students entered the Annual Linguafest Short Film Competition which is run by the Modern Language Teachers Association of NSW and is open to all Languages students across the State. The rules governing the making of the film are quite stringent.

Each year there is a particular theme that must be adhered to and a particular prop that must be included. The theme for this competition was 'a dream' and the prop was 'a balloon'. The film must run for two minutes in the target language and must include English subtitles. There are a great number of entries in various languages from across the State and St Patrick's College has always been shortlisted and won in a particular category each year that we have entered.

Once again St Patrick's was chosen as one of the finalists and was invited to attend a screening of the short-listed films at the Dendy Opera Quays and, as in previous years, St Patrick's came home winning an award. This time the award was for Best Editing.

The boys whose movie won this award are Nicholas Giunta, Christian Guarna, Patrick Luchini, Enrico Schisas-Valenti, Alexander Toigo and Joshua Samaha. Congratulations boys, on a very polished production.

Teresa Valente
Joint Languages Coordinator



Ms Fiscaro, Alexander Toigo, Joshua Samaha, Nicholas Giunta, Christian Guarna & Mrs Valente with their certificates.

Parents and Friends

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success

What a busy start to 2017 it has been. We have had so many wonderful parents, including those new to St Patrick's, assisting with all the functions we have had so far. It's always lovely to see new faces coming along to functions and helping out. As is the case each year we would like to welcome all new families into our community and hope you and your sons are all settling into life at St Patrick's College.

Our first P&F meeting for the year was held on 7 March. Our new Principal, Dr Craig Wattam whom we warmly welcome to the College was our guest speaker for the evening. It's always nice to see a large number of parents attending our meetings.

On Friday 10 March we had our first social function for the year, the annual Year 5 and 6 Junior School Dinner which was a great success. The boys had a terrific night with their friends and hopefully the parents did as well.

Mother's Day masses and morning tea celebrations will be the next big event on the P&F Calendar. These will be held on Friday 12 May. Hopefully we have as many mothers and grandmothers attending this year. We would also love to see some fathers come along and help serve morning tea.

The annual Blue, Black & Gold Dinner will be held this year at Doltone House, Darling Island Wharf on Friday 19 May. Hopefully parents will start organising tables with friends for this wonderful occasion. Last year was a huge success with well over 500 people attending.

As a P&F Committee we look forward to meeting many new faces at these events and look forward to another fantastic year for our College community.

Kate Manenti
P&F President



Vicki Dening, Andie Fitzgerald, Kylie Buckley & Sharon McCrystal ready with a cuppa on the first day of Term One.



Vicki Dening, Kate Manenti & Debra Vaccher at the Welcome Dinner.



James Tannous (Year 5) with his dad Joe, at the Welcome Dinner.

Time-out in the USA



The tour group enjoy an amazing day trip into Arizona and the Grand Canyon.

Joshua Slaney, hot shooting from the baseline.



Tour Captain, Jarrod McCrsytl, attacks the rim against hometown favourites, North Crowley High.

Mr Cutrupi lays down the law!



Alessio Pappalettera, another monster rebound leads to an easy put back basket.



On 26 December 2016, twenty two St Patrick's students and three staff members embarked on a 21 day Basketball tour of the United States of America. The tour would prove to be an amazing experience and included stops in Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Las Vegas, San Diego and Los Angeles.

The first stop was Dallas, Texas and it didn't disappoint with a number of memorable experiences. They included an NFL game between the Dallas Cowboys and Detroit Lions with the Cowboys claiming victory in front of a crowd of almost ninety three thousand people. We also went to an NBA game between the Dallas Mavericks and Houston Rockets, with the Rockets being eventual victors after a 34 point performance from superstar James Harden. A highlight of the game was when we had the opportunity to high-five the Mavericks players, (including Aussie Andrew Bogut) as they walked out of the tunnel and onto the court. The junior team was also able to secure their first win of the tour, in the 3 day tournament in Dallas.

We then went to Austin and San Antonio where we witnessed a College Basketball game between the University of Texas at San Antonio and the University of Texas at El Paso. UTSA clinched victory in a hard fought contest. The Senior team was able to create a two game winning streak and the Junior team also notched another win. It was then on to Houston where we visited the NASA Space Centre as well as a school called Pro Vision Academy. The boys were given a tour of the school and were given the opportunity to sit in some classes and engage with students which provided us with some insight into the American school system.

The next stop on our tour was Las Vegas. The boys explored the famous Las Vegas strip which proved to be an unforgettable experience and we witnessed well known Vegas icons such as the Bellagio Water Show. A visit to the remarkable Grand Canyon took our breath away as we were able to marvel at its beauty at close quarters from the Skywalk.

We then made our way to San Diego, where we were billeted into different families for a two night homestay, another tour highlight. It was a great opportunity to interact and discuss with them all aspects of Australia, much of which they found fascinating. The two teams also played their last games of the tour, with both teams ending the trip on a high note with wins. We then concluded the tour in Los Angeles after visits to prominent theme parks, Disneyland and Universal Studios.

Overall, both the Junior and Senior teams were able to win three of a possible ten games against elite American opposition. The tour provided us with the opportunity to hone our skills, improve as Basketball players as well as create lifelong friendships and incredible experiences.

Finally, much thanks and gratitude goes to Mr Kirby, Mr Cutrupi and Mr Calavassy for accompanying us on the tour. Behind the scenes their tireless organisational work ensured that everything went smoothly and is very much appreciated. Many thanks must also go to the College Executive who approved and backed this amazing tour, the NPIRE tour company and the parents who supported us throughout our time away.

Joshua Slaney & Christian Sleiman
Year 11 Students



Old Boys get involved in the Edmund Rice Camps: Samuel Bechara ('15), Jake Le Mottee ('15), Matthew Do ('13), Matthew Herro ('09), Thomas Barnes ('08), Thomas Sherry ('15), Thomas Clark ('15) & current Year 11 student, Peter De Meio.



Year 12 students: Anthony Bejjani, George Latif & Eoin O'Sullivan with buckets full of good will.



Year 7 students: James Mouawad, Dane Djapouras, Jackson Yates & Gianluca De Pasquale selling tickets for their 'Eggstravagant Easter Raffle'.

Our Lenten Commitment

Return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God. – Joel 2:12-14.

This term has seen the beginning of the Lenten season; a time in which we as Christians bring ourselves closer to the suffering of Christ. During this time, Christians replicate Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for forty days. By doing so, we expiate with God to remove sin and grow in virtue and righteousness. Similarly, we keep in our consciousness the sorrow of Christ through his crucifixion, as we await in hope for his Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

One of the defining aspects of Lent within St Patrick's College is our focus on helping those who are disadvantaged in society, through Lenten Partnerships. This year, SPC has three Lenten partners:

- Callan Services, a Christian Brother's organisation in Papua New Guinea that establishes services for physical, sensory and mental disability
- Edmund Rice Life Training Centre, an organisation that aims to teach important life skills such as driving, farming and construction to young people living in Vuvu, PNG
- Edmund Rice Camps, an organisation that provides holiday experiences for disadvantaged, marginalised and socially isolated children across Australia.

The College already has a great affiliation with each of these partners, through our commitment with PNG Immersions and through involvement of both current students and Old Boys in the Edmund Rice Camps.

As a school community, we are called to unite together during this special season of Lent, to bring about both an inner spiritual awakening, and to make a broader impact on those less fortunate in the wider community, while giving devotion to God. By contributing to these Lenten partnerships through fundraising throughout the term, we can make a great impact on the lives of others, and transform our hearts and minds to the love of God.

Mitchell Devine
Spirituality & Faith Formation Prefect

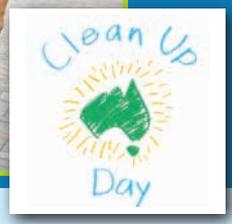
A Thriving INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

Our SPC community continues to grow just as the earth does. We cannot be one without the other. To be an Inclusive Community, as we are called to be through the EREA Touchstones, we take action to express our unity through our diversity. For peace and justice to exist we must be in right relationship within College life, with our community beyond the College, with the wider society and world especially the marginalised, and with our earth. All of this underpins a St Patrick's College education.

EARTH HOUR STEWARDS OF THE EARTH



The S.J.A.G. team takes to the streets of Strathfield as part of the Clean-Up Australia Day campaign.



During Term One there has been a large focus on sustainability with events such as Clean-Up Australia Day and Earth Hour being supported by the College. Clean-Up Australia Day has been running for over 25 years now and is all about taking ownership and responsibility for our environment while coming together to rid our planet of waste. It not only encourages good habits of living sustainably but also acts as an eye opener as one begins to fully appreciate just how much rubbish tarnishes the local area. This notion of environmental responsibility ties in well with the concept of stewardship; we believe we were given this planet by God to look after and sustain for future generations, we must show this through our actions.

Earth Hour was another simple and easy initiative undertaken by the College as we turned off lights, smart-boards and computers for an hour. By doing this we demonstrated our commitment to the preservation of the planet. Fighting issues like climate change will not only determine how we live but also contributes to the stability of the planet on a social level. We have a number of other projects in the pipeline for this year including the planning and implementation of a vertical garden.

Drew Beacom
Sustainability Prefect

The fellas help out Ryan Wickham & Matteo Calvano (both Year 11) dissect an eye during a Science lesson.

Year 11 Music students jam with the fellas to Bob Marley's 'Three Little Birds'.



Authentic Reconciliation

St Patrick's College, Strathfield is committed to building genuine relationships with our Aboriginal brothers and sisters and the recognition of the First Australians in our Constitution through the Recognise Campaign. We continue to grow our friendship with the staff and students of St Joseph's Catholic Flexible Learning Centre in Alice Springs not only through financial assistance, but more importantly through the time we spend together and the conversations we have.

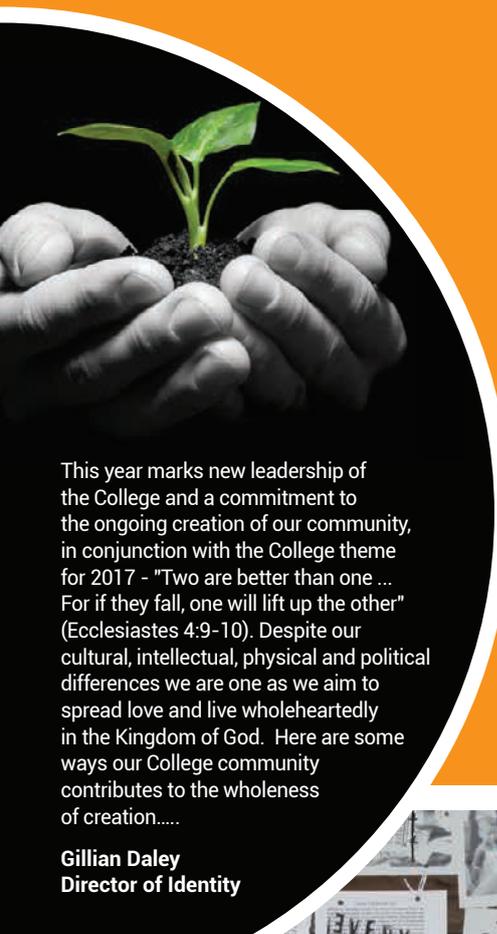
Towards the end of Term One, a mob of ten came from Alice Springs and stayed with us for nine days. While here they attended classes, played some sport, saw some sights in Sydney and Wollongong, and led our Reconciliation round of sport against Sydney Grammar School on Saturday 1 April. Students from both schools engaged by having dinners together, enjoying a surfing lesson and by sharing various justice issues with each other. They also designed shirts and created music which they performed together for Assembly.

Although from different walks of life, the connection between all of our young people is evident. Through spending time together in everyday life they are able to dispel preconceived ideas and become positive advocates for reconciliation. In turn, the fellas will host a group of our Year 11 students and teachers later in the year, taking them to 'country' and sharing their lives.

Gillian Daley
Director of Identity



Donning his Aboriginal jersey, Andrew Clark (Year 12) with one of his mates from St Joseph's following the First XV Rugby match.



This year marks new leadership of the College and a commitment to the ongoing creation of our community, in conjunction with the College theme for 2017 - "Two are better than one ... For if they fall, one will lift up the other" (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10). Despite our cultural, intellectual, physical and political differences we are one as we aim to spread love and live wholeheartedly in the Kingdom of God. Here are some ways our College community contributes to the wholeness of creation.....

Gillian Daley
Director of Identity

SJAG, FIAT, 'It's Time' – What's it all about?



Justice Action Group (Years 10-12), otherwise known as SJAG, restarted this year and as such there has definitely been a shift in heart, and voice. Through student led discussions, current issues are brought to the foreground in a contemporary setting. Through open discussion the group has redeveloped into a multifaceted and vocal co-curricular of contribution and understanding.



Furthering this renewed SPC community is the launch of the Faith in Action Team (FIAT), the role of which is to bring a faith based voice to action. FIAT is a new co-curricular option for boys in Years 7-9 and provides an exciting opportunity for them to lead the SPC community to better understand how action is founded on faith. Moreover, the continued publication of *It's Time* magazine is a constant renewal of contemporary issues presented to the student body and faculty as well as the wider SPC society. You can access this publication on the College website: www.spc.nsw.edu.au. You can also follow us on Twitter and keep up-to-date with all that is happening. This year promises to be a year of great development and redevelopment, especially in terms of justice, faith and discussion.

Eoin O'Sullivan
Social Justice Prefect



Br Robinson conducts the choir c.1934.



The Brewer Prize for General Proficiency in Study and Sport was named after John Brewer ('40) who excelled scholastically (particularly in the sciences) and in sport (member of both the First XI and First XIII). After gaining a University Exhibition in Engineering he later became a successful Rugby League Referee.



Br Smith composed the music score to the College Anthem, first sung at Speech Night in 1958.



St Patrick, true to thee

If ever there was one occasion which sums up the very essence of St Patrick's College, it would have to be the annual Speech Night and Prize Giving ceremony. It's our night of nights, a time when the entire community unites to celebrate the year that was. It's an opportunity to congratulate the students on their talents and achievements, impart accolades to worthy members of our community and marvel at a wonderful array of entertainment.

The first annual concert was held at Strathfield Town Hall in December 1929. Despite the fact that only 120 students were enrolled at the time, the programme of events was surprisingly varied with gymnastic drills and musical interludes providing some light relief from the formalities. In these early years different formats were tried, with an annual concert sometimes held over two evenings earlier in the year, separate to the prize-giving ceremony. Various local town halls were used to host these occasions until in 1944, Headmaster Br O'Connor made the bold decision to take Speech Night to Sydney Town Hall – no other school had used this venue for such a purpose. Even though many thought this rather ambitious, the evening was a great success with over two and a half thousand people filling the main hall and galleries of the historic building.

A glance at some Speech Night programmes reveals a similarity in the order of proceedings in these early years. The evening would commence with a fanfare on the Grand Concert Organ

heralding the arrival of the Official Party, whilst the senior boys would form a guard of honour for the guest of honour to pass through. During the 1950s and 1960s His Eminence, Cardinal Gilroy regularly filled this role, however in some years, other religious dignitaries such as a Bishop would attend. Various forms of entertainment would follow, often culminating with a rendition of the Christmas Story or a Nativity scene. Upon conclusion, the Headmaster would present the Annual Report followed by the distribution of prizes and an address by the special guest. The singing of Our Lady of Fatima or the National Anthem would bring the evening to a close.

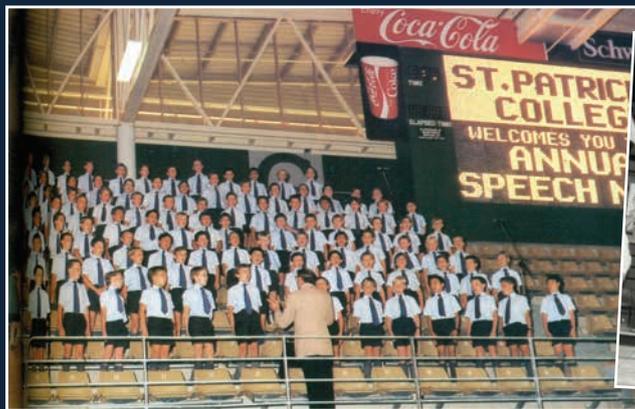
At Speech Night in 1958, the first public rendition of the College Anthem was given by a choir of over six hundred voices. It had been jointly composed by Br R C Hill (words) and Br C D Smith (music) who were both members of the SPC Community. A number of distinguished guests had been invited to witness the special occasion including His Eminence, Cardinal Gilroy and College Principals from St Pius X, St Mary's Cathedral School and Waverley. In Lumen of this year, the Anthem was perfectly described as 'a composition marked by the spirit and dignity of the melody, as well as by the noble sentiments of its words.' The College Anthem has been sung with gusto at every Speech Night since.

Across the years, Speech Night has provided the perfect opportunity to showcase the boys' talents. In particular, cultural performances

have featured strongly on the programme, with choral or instrumental pieces interspersed with Shakespearean recitations, verse-speaking and various dramatic skits. Other forms of entertainment have included a juggling show with illuminated Indian clubs, a flag drill, an Irish jig and a sword dance. In 1972, before the days of political correctness, the Junior School even put on a lively presentation of the Black and White Minstrel Show. Arguably some of the biggest highlights were provided by the impressive gymnastic displays and drills. These had, over the years, become a tradition and consisted of floor routines and performances on the parallel bars, vaulting horse and trampoline*. A crowd favourite was watching the boys form a human pyramid which had just enough 'near misses' to keep the audience on the edge of their seats. Unfortunately due to the dangerous nature of some routines, gymnastic displays were scrapped from the Speech Night programme at the end of 2003.

Former Deputy Headmaster, Mr Michael Robson has attended over forty Speech Nights and has been Master of Ceremonies in over thirty. He recalls past performances with affection, Gregorian chants (of which he played a part) and beautiful pieces sung by a massed choir of five hundred or more - their voices lifted by the Town Hall's wonderful acoustics. He recalls former Bandmaster Mr Paul Kellett conducting the band as they accompanied the choir in Hubert Parry's 'Jerusalem' and witnessing student,

A new venue: for the first time Speech Night takes place at the Sports Centre at Homebush in 1986.



Speech Night entertainment in 1987.



Br McGlade awards 1987 College Captain Miguel Ayesa, the Oriol McLucas Prize for Leadership in and Involvement with the College Community.



The Lachlan Heyworth Prize for School Spirit is named after former student Lachlan Heyworth ('75) who sadly passed away from a rare medical condition a year after graduating at SPC in 1976.



The Choir and Band perform at Sydney Town Hall in 1984.



The gymnastics squad forms a pyramid in 1985.



Andrew Studer ('84) playing the Grand Organ, its beautiful tonal qualities filling the hall. Then there was the occasion when the very talented Music Mistress, Mrs Mary Brzoz had to don sun glasses to cover a black eye and somehow still managed to conduct the choir with her leg whilst both hands were on the piano!

Of course the main purpose of Speech Night is to give recognition to the achievements of our boys both within, and beyond the classroom. In the early years, awards given to students were somewhat generic and were presented to the top three students in each year group. Prizes were also given in Christian Doctrine, Manual Work, Art, Physical Culture, Athletics and Music. With each year that passed, not only did the number of prizes increase but many were also named in memory of a particular member of the College community. This initiative was begun by Br McGlade in the late 1940s and early 1950s who, being the wonderful salesman that he was, managed to convince some Old Boys that the perfect way to thank the College for the education they received, was to sponsor one of the prizes presented at Speech Night in a category in which they themselves excelled in. Some of these donors (or families thereof) still contribute to these prizes today and include John Ferris ('41) (Year 12 Prize for Science), Dennis Mahoney ('41) (Year 12 Prize for Modern History), John Brewer ('40) (Year 12 Prize for General Proficiency in Study and Sport) and former champion high jumper, Kevin McMahan ('51) (Prize for the Best Performance in Athletics).

Over the years, some awards have been inaugurated in order to honour a past student

who passed away at a young age whilst others are named after a particular staff member or parent heavily involved in the life of the College. The most prestigious award however is the Luceat Award. This was inaugurated in 1985 by Headmaster Br J P O'Shea to give particular recognition to members of the College community who have given special service to the College, Church, State or wider society. The first recipients of this award were Br V M Doran and Mrs P Rutter – both long-standing members of the SPC community.

Memorable Speech Nights have included the golden jubilee production in 1978, when the combined Santa Sabina and St Patrick's College orchestras played a magnificent arrangement of the College Anthem written especially for the occasion. The evening was compered by Old Boy and renowned radio host, Fr Jim McLaren ('48) and went on for so long that just before midnight a mass exodus occurred as parents fled to free their cars from the car park. There have been occasions when we have paid tribute, or bid farewell to members in our community and times when important announcements have been made. An example of the latter occurred in 1992 when the Provincial of the Christian Brothers, Br Julian McDonald introduced Mr Grahame Smollett as the first lay person to lead the College the following year. Another highlight was the spectacular rendition of Caruso in 2013, when seven of our most talented Old Boys took to the stage, accompanied by Mr Robson and the College choir, and literally blew the audience away with their performance.

In 1986, due to the school's ever-increasing population, it was no longer possible to seat everyone within the main hall and galleries of Sydney Town Hall. And so for the first time since 1948**, Speech Night was moved to the State Sports Centre at Homebush where it has remained for the past 30 or so years. Although initially lacking the grandeur and ambience of Sydney Town Hall, the State Sports Centre has more than made up for this with its size, convenience and state-of-the-art facilities.

Since the 1990s, the format for Speech Night has undergone a number of tweaks and enhancements enabling the length of the evening to be reduced. Newer traditions have been introduced like the highly anticipated Junior School entertainment, the triumphalism of the presentation of Championship Shields and the poignancy of the College Captain's farewell speech. These additions to the programme are interwoven by an underlying theme and enhanced by multi-media presentations and entertainment. However, despite the evolution of Speech Night into the polished production of today, one thing remains the same. By the time the last line of the College Anthem is sung, one cannot help but be filled with a sense of pride at belonging to a community such as St Patrick's.

Nikki Fochesato
Archivist/Liaison Officer

* gymnastic displays did not appear on the Speech Night programme in the 1960s and much of the 1970s.

** excluding the mid-1960s when the College Hall was used.

The Junior School just as entertaining in 1992!



Michael Johnson ('99) performing at Speech Night in 1998.



Gymnast Dylan Zammit ('99) airborne in 1998.



Old Boys Gregory Johnson ('99), Matthew Dal Cin ('12) & Simon Torresan ('11) sing the Caruso in 2013.



SUMMER SPORT

Pitching on point, Daniel Bogan (Year 10).

'Effort ball!' by Harrison Lee (Year 12).

Anthony Pollicina (Year 10) driving to the basket.

WRAP-UP

Now that the summer season has come to an end, it is important to acknowledge some of the fine achievements of St Patrick's students over the last six months. The 2016/17 Cricket season followed on from the success of last season, confirming the College's status as one of the strongest cricketing schools in NSW. All three Opens Grade teams this year qualified for the Grand Final – having a team in all 3 ISA Divisions is a wonderful achievement in itself. The First XI recorded a resounding win on Breen Oval in the Final of the ISA Division 1 competition, having not only played through the ISA season unbeaten, but also remaining undefeated throughout the entire season. Having not lost a game for more than 18 months, this would have to be one of the longest winning streaks for any College First Grade team.

The Second XI and Third XI both took their Grand Finals to the final overs, unfortunately not coming away with victory. In Junior Cricket, St Patrick's made it through to the Grand Final in 3 of the 5 competitions contested this season! With a number of teams playing in the same competition, it was inevitable that some teams were going to be knocked out, however, congratulations must go to the 14 Gold Cricket team who were crowned champions of their NDJCA competition. Congratulations also to the 13A and 15A Cricket sides who fell just short of victory in their Grand Final. St Patrick's College was also proud to see three of its First XI Cricket players named in the ISA Representative teams this season; Michael Redman (Captain), Matthew Bryson and Harry Manenti. Harry was also selected in the NSW Country Schools team (as Captain) along with Michael Robinson and both boys are vying for NSW Schoolboys honours.

The Basketball season saw SPC field 23 teams in the ISA competition, 4 of which made their way through to the premiership playoff game. Unfortunately, all four teams finished as runners-up, however, the teams should be proud of their seasons having only fallen short against higher graded teams. Captain of the First V, Jarrod McCrystal, capped off his Basketball career at St Patrick's with selection in the ISA Second V – a wonderful achievement.

Another exciting Baseball season has now also concluded, with the 16 Blue team the last SPC team left standing at the Grand Final stage of their RHBL competition. After only losing to one team in the regular season, they came up against this same, supremely confident team in the Grand Final. In a tense game that saw them behind by 5 runs at one stage, SPC rallied and took out the game 9-8! Well done!

In addition to our mainstream sports, Ryan and Jack Littlechild sailed with great success in a number of regattas during December and January. Ryan competed in Sail Melbourne and Sail Sydney, winning both regattas in the Optimist class. He also competed in the National Championships in Adelaide where he finished 7th. Not to be outdone, Jack travelled to Adelaide as part of the NSW sailing team to compete in the Laser 4.7 National Championships and Youth National Championships placing 1st in both events. Jack has now qualified for both the European Championships in Spain and World Championships in Belgium.

Mitchell Kearsley
College Sportsmaster



Old Boys enjoy an afternoon of catching-up and having a laugh.

Back: Michael Harrington ('78), Andrew Kellert ('80), Brad Devine ('80)
Front: Rick Russo ('73), Bernie Cox ('67), Tim Murphy ('73) & Mark Cividin (father of Sam '16)

Old Boys celebrate St Patrick's Day

On Friday 17 March, a large number of Old Boys gathered at the Shangri-La Hotel, Sydney to catch up with old friends and reminisce about their days at St Patrick's. Old Boy and Executive Director of Sydney Catholic Schools, Dr Dan White ('71) made a powerful address in which he outlined examples of how to help those less fortunate within the community.

College Principal, Dr Craig Wattam also took to the podium and spoke of the warm welcome he had received from the St Patrick's

College community. He invited Old Boys back to the College on Saturday 29 July for the last home Football and Rugby fixture of the year. Comedic double-act 'Tahir' and Old Boy, Rob Shehadie ('94) (*Fat Pizza, Housos and Here Come the Habibs*) kept us on the edge of our seats with some fairly risqué stories from their school years.

It was a wonderful occasion full of lively conversation and laughter. Amidst it all it became apparent there exists a strong desire to give something back to the College and a

keenness to help out with issues surrounding Social Justice. Already a number of Old Boys have donated money to the Vestra Bursary fund and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their generosity.

Next year the Old Boys' lunch will take place on Friday 16 March, so please keep this date free and join us for another enjoyable afternoon catching up with old mates.

Greg Dening ('81)
Old Boys' Executive Officer



Dr Wattam enjoys the company of Matt Fehon ('87) & Lance Brooks ('79).



Some younger Old Boys shoot the breeze: Sam Watson ('14), David Brooks ('08), Matthew Foulkes ('11) & Matthew Abraham ('11).



Old Boys' Website

Recently the St Patrick's Old Boys' Association launched a new website, the main objective being to help Old Boys re-connect with each other and also the College.

When an Old Boy registers on the site they will be able to:

- View a photo gallery of past reunions and other events
- Book tickets to events and functions
- Register in the Business Directory thereby offering services to other Old Boys
- Help reconnect other Old Boys by providing their contact details
- Join other Old Boys' special interest groups or clubs.

We would appreciate you helping us spread the word to other Old Boys and encouraging them to register at www.oldboys.spc.nsw.edu.au

Greg Dening ('81)
Old Boys' Executive Officer



BACK TO BREEN DAY

The College warmly extends an invitation to all Old Boys to join in a day of festivities surrounding the last home round of winter sport on Saturday 29 July. This is an opportunity to return to the College and meet up with other Old Boys whilst cheering on the boys in blue, black, gold.

During the afternoon, tours will be conducted starting from the Chapel for those wishing to retrace the steps from their school years and check out the new facilities. To help in the organisation of the day we would ask that you visit the Old Boys' website and book a time-slot for the tour at www.oldboys.spc.nsw.edu.au/#eventsandreunions

Greg Dening ('81)
Old Boys' Executive Officer



Donated Items

The College wishes to thank the following benefactors for their generous donations:

Christopher Flook ('64)
First XIII Rugby League Pennant.

Philip Robinson ('48)
A book called 'The Wolf King' used in Br Marzorini's English Class.

Brian McDonogh ('74)
Crested College Sports Bag.

If there are any other Old Boys who wish to donate an item to the College's archives, please contact Nikki Fochesato on 9763 1000 or email nikki.fochesato@spc.nsw.edu.au



Old Boys' Cricket

St Patrick's Cricket Club was formed in 2009 by the Old Boys. The Club plays in the NSW Church Cricket competition, based mainly in Western Sydney and has 2-4 teams playing each year from A-C grade level. The Paddies play matches with a fighting spirit and as a Club value sportsmanship and inclusion on and off the field. Old Boys and friends are all welcome to join the Club and are encouraged to make contact for the 2017/2018 season oldboysspcc@gmail.com

Luke Walsh ('10)
SPCC President



Old Boys' Football



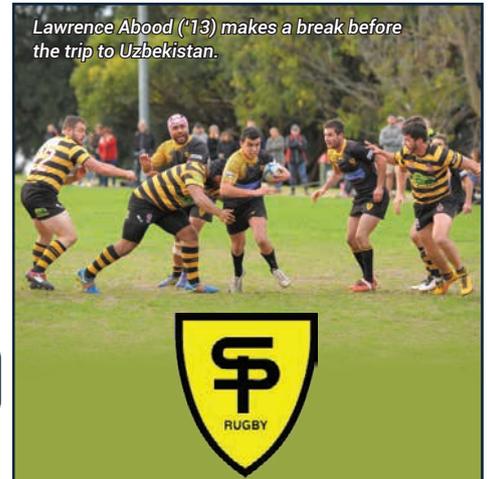
First Grade squad don their new Jerseys.

It's that time of year again when the lads strap on their boots and get stuck in for another big year at SPFC. Once again we will be fielding 4 teams; Super League 1, Super League 2, All Age 2 and Over 35s.

This year promises to be a big year for the Club as, through the support of the College, Mason Park has been secured as our home ground. Further to this the Club is also registered in the Cottam Cup and the prestigious FFA Cup, which promises to be our biggest challenge to date.

We welcome anyone in the SPC community to come and enjoy the mateship and camaraderie we have at the Club. If anyone is keen to play, sponsor or coach a team, please do not hesitate to contact either Nick de Lutiis on 0410 322 522 or Mark Liberatore (Club President) on 0414 553 199.

Nick de Lutiis ('12)
SPFC Vice President/Club Secretary



Lawrence Abood ('13) makes a break before the trip to Uzbekistan.

Old Boys' Rugby

The Old Boys' Rugby Club is looking forward to the upcoming season with a number of new players joining the Club. The juniors are also excited with the Under 16s travelling to New Zealand over the Easter holiday.

The following is a list of home season fixtures which will take place at Hudson Park:

- Saturday 29 April vs Drummoyne**
- Saturday 20 May (Ladies Day) vs Mosman**
- Saturday 24 June vs Waverley**
- Saturday 1 July (Black and Gold Supporters, Life Members and Supporters Day) vs Knox**
- Saturday 15 July vs Colleagues**
- Saturday 5 August vs Balmain**
- Saturday 12 August vs Petersham**

We would like to congratulate Ben Abood ('09), Lawrence Abood ('13) and Joshua Taweel ('13) who recently represented Lebanon in an International Rugby game that was played in Uzbekistan against Iraq.

Greg Dening ('81)
SPRC President

Reunion Recounts

Class of 1965 – Still crazy after 51 Years

On Friday 4 November 2016, twenty three original baby boomers from the Intermediate Class of 1963 and the Leaving Classes of 1965 and 1966, met at the Coronation Club in Burwood.

Everyone enjoyed a few yarns over drinks, followed by a meal in the Club Restaurant. It was another memorable evening with many additional guys reconnecting following a very successful 50th Anniversary Dinner in 2015.

Sadly not everyone could make the reunion however, I am hopeful that we will have a great turnout at the next one scheduled on Friday 10 November 2017. I look forward to seeing you all then!

Bob Vella ('65)

Class of 1991 – Life-long friends



The Class of 1991 celebrate a milestone.

On Saturday 29 October 2016, the Class of 1991 celebrated a milestone 25 Year Silver Jubilee reunion at Circular Quay. Eighty were in attendance including Peter Wade, our Year Master since Year 9 who proudly maintained a 100% attendance record at all 5 of our past reunions. We were graced by the presence of two individuals in particular who had made the epic journey from Scotland and Ireland, and the night was one which passed us by far too quickly as we relived many old stories and legends and caught up on the years since leaving SPC. It was great to be back in the school playground and leave life's stresses behind for a few hours and just be boys again. A pin drop could be heard as we held a minute silence for six classmates who are no longer with us and the Harbour Bridge shook as we belted out the College Anthem. A photo collage of memories captivated us all on the big screen and has been put up on our Facebook page as a means of us keeping in touch. We also share a business directory listing our jobs, companies and services as a way of supporting each other professionally.

Mark Velayuthen, Dom Losurdo & Luke Herro ('91)

Class of 2001 – Is a 15 year reunion even a thing?



Luke Bramble, Ryan Tate, Andrew Donovan, Justin Coorey & Tom Patterson.

That's what a post on Facebook read in response to whether or not the Class of 2001 should meet after 15 years. However, it seems that many former classmates who saw this post had arms that could be twisted and a reunion was organised for 12 November 2016.

We had a great turnout with approximately thirty six Old Boys travelling to The Harlequinn Inn, Pyrmont for an overdue catch-up. Blue, black and gold balloons set the scene as old mates had a chat over a few schooners of suds. Thanks go to Andrew Donovan and Luke Bramble who put their hands up to help organise the night.

Luke Bramble ('01)

VALE

Our thoughts and prayers go to the families and friends of the following Old Boys:

Kevin Barry ('44)
John Maher ('46)
Reginald Benson ('46)
William 'Kerry' Roberts ('53)
Fr Maurice Crittenden ('54)
Keith Bayly ('62)
Dennis Nobbs ('62)
Peter Gallagher ('70)
Anthony Muzik ('80)
Mark White ('80)
John Carrasco ('81)

Forthcoming Reunions

Class of 2007 – 10 Year Reunion

All are invited to the last home round of winter sport for the season. Please meet at the College and support the boys before setting off to the venue.

Date: 29 July 2017

Time: 3pm (at the College) or 7pm at the venue

Venue: Harlequin Inn, 152 Harris Street, Pyrmont

Contact: Anthony Calavassy

M 0416 914 446

E anthony.calavassy@spc.nsw.edu.au

Class of 1997 – 20 Year Reunion

Date: Saturday 12 August 2017

Venue: TBA

Contact: Matt Tooher

E mtooher@gmail.com

M 0404 002 819

Class of 1987 – 30 Year Reunion

Date: Saturday 28 October 2017

Venue: King Street Brewhouse,
22 The Promenade, Kings Street Wharf, Sydney

Time: 7pm

Contact: Alan Quinlan

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Class of 1977 – 40 Year Reunion

All are invited to the last home round of winter sport for the season. Please meet at the College and support the boys before setting off to the venue.

Date: 29 July 2017

Time: 3pm (at the College) or 7.30pm at the venue

Venue: Royal Exhibition Hotel, 86-88 Chalmers St, Surry Hills

Contact: Peter Weeks

M 0408 909 735

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Class of 1967 - 50 Year Reunion

Date: Saturday 18 November 2017

Venue: Hero of Waterloo Hotel, 81 Lower Fort Street, Millers Point

Time: 11.30am

Cost: \$80

Contact: Phil Kidd

E warabee@yahoo.com.au

M 0411 550 103

Class of 1956 and 1957 – 60 Year Reunion

Date: Wednesday 24 May 2017

Venue: The Grace Hotel, 77 York Street, Sydney

Time: 12pm

Cost: \$28 (excludes drinks and dessert)

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