



# THE STREAMER

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St Patrick's College, Silverstream *Foundation Newsletter*



It is with pleasure, as the Chairman of the inaugural St Patricks College , Silverstream Foundation committee, that I am privileged to write this message to all present and past pupils, staff, family and friends of the College.

During extraordinary times, the local and global situation has significantly changed due to the COVID-19 scenario. It is with reassurance, that most World leaders have responded accordingly to act to control the pandemic as it spreads its effects into all our daily lives. Whilst they may differ in their respective methodologies, we can take encouragement that the approach continues to be recognised as fundamental to achieving the goal of "Care and Health of all."

I see the purpose of the Committee as working in partnership with the college to support and enable aspirational projects that will benefit future generations of students and whanau.

We aim to increase revenue generation for targeted projects and at the same time recognise, on an ongoing basis, Staff and Old Boys who have contributed to the school, the local and national community.

Before the current COVID-19 crisis, the Foundation had planned to hold an event in early July to recognise and honour "Old Boys of Excellence". The nominees who have been contacted todate are delighted and humbled at being recognised to receive their citation at this function. The committee has decided to postpone this event to July 2021, allowing the country to come to terms with the current crisis.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Mike O'Leary, for his enduring efforts in facilitating the concept of the Foundation, working tirelessly to maintain communications with the 'Stream Old boys.

And, I would also like to extend my appreciation to the Rector, Grahame Duffy, the Boards of Trustees and Proprietors of the College to formalise the Foundation's concept.

Finally, a special thanks to my committee members: Robert Whitefield, Tony Lynch, Robbie Schneider and Hugh Steel for their dedication and guidance.

In the meantime, we will continue to update everyone on events as they continue to evolve.

Sectare Fidem

Dr Lallit Rajpal

Chairman

The Foundation has been set up to help our students achieve their full potential in their learning, extra-curricular activities and Catholic formation. We invite Old Boys, parents and friends of the College to join the Foundation and share in the life of our College community.



# Committee profiles



**Mike O'Leary (Staff 1988-11)** I was appointed on the staff as the HOD PE teacher and retiring from teaching in 2011. In 2012 I accepted a position as part time Manager of the newly established St Patrick's College, Silverstream Foundation . A role that has involved the re connection with many Stream Old Boys back to their Alma Mater. I have continued to help coach athletes at College, through this period. Both our sons Phillip and Ollie attended Silverstream. In my leisure time I enjoy playing golf, cycling and visiting family with my wife Christine.



**Lallit Rajpal (1970-73)** Graduated in 1980 from Otago Dental School. I ran my own Dental Practice for 35 years am presently working 3 days a week for a Greytown dental practice.

I am a Board member on the Medic Alert Foundation.

My other interests are in the field of Sports consultancy, introducing the AC Milan and Juventus Youth Football clinics in 2015 to 2017 and previous involvement with college cricket, achieving a life membership for my services.

I enjoy being on the golf course and spending special time with my 2 grandsons and wife, Alka. we have 2 sons.



**Robert Whitefield (2007-11)** I am a chartered accountant who has worked across the public and private sectors both in New Zealand and abroad. I am currently the Director of Finance and Property at the college, having previously worked for the Office of the Auditor-General, and Fonterra before that. I am passionate about the College, and ensuring that its legacy continues to inspire the boys who pass through its gates well into the future. I see the Foundation as the best vehicle to serve as a benevolent wing for the College. In my spare time, I am a keen golfer, and can be seen hacking my way around the Royal Wellington golf course most weekends.



**Hugh Steel** I have been at St Pats since 1992, teaching in the Mathematics Department with a strong involvement in Athletics over the years. My son David attended St Pats, and I loved having him at the school with me. I am the current staff Rep on the BOT, and am also on the Pastoral Council at St Josephs in Upper Hutt. I have enjoyed combining my faith with my work and my sporting interests. Being part of the Stream Foundation from when we started with the new gym, it's exciting and rewarding to be part of such a great initiative to support the school moving forward.



**Robbie Schneider (1981-85)** I studied for a BBS in Business Admin and Management at Massey University and completed a Level 5 certificate in Financial Services, Insurance and Investment at the Open Polytech.

In 2011, I qualified as an Authorised Financial Adviser and now I am running my business "Succession First" in Petone. The practice today is based on offering a comprehensive personalised service to clients, based on the traditions of a family business, practical experience, and a thorough process with assistance from long-standing partnerships. I have enjoyed coaching rugby at junior level and while my sons Christian and Harrison have attended the College.



**Tony Lynch (1975-79)** .I completed a BA history and economics, with a Master of Arts in History.at Otago University.

I am a public servant, based in Wellington. I have served for 28 years at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), five years as Deputy Secretary of Defence at the Ministry of Defence, and is at present Deputy Chief Executive (National Security) at the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

My last diplomatic assignment with MFAT was as Ambassador to Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar from 2012-14.

My interests include rugby (now armchair), swimming and cycling, as well as food and wine/craft beer. I live in Mt Victoria.with my partner Julie Anne Lee.

## Blue and White Magazines:

All the College's history is recorded in these magazines with the 2019 digital copy which was recently added. Also on this site you can access many historical photographs.

[www.streamfoundation.org.nz/index/home/Blue\\_and\\_White](http://www.streamfoundation.org.nz/index/home/Blue_and_White)

**John Caulton spitfire pilot** more details on John's career is available on this website that his grandson John has developed. This is a fantastic resource that recounts the life of John and his family during this early part of the College's history, and the experiences that many Old Boys who served for the armed forces during the WW11. These accounts are accurately recorded in the Blue and White magazines of 1939- 45.



*Flying Officer J J Caulton R.N.Z.A.F  
Prisoner of War  
B & W Magazine 1944 pg 101*

**Caulton, J.J. Flying Officer.** Jack was with a Spitfire Squadron in Sussex. In a big April daylight raid on Berlin he was shot down in fighter combat and made a crash - landing near Arnheim in Holland. Luckily to get off with minor injuries to head and knees. Later visited by his victor, a German Major, who claimed Jack as his 112th victim. Jack looks well in his Spitfire with his mascot.

*B & W Magazine 1944 pg 100*



*John Caulton R.I.P taken at interview  
May 2015 in Havelock North*

I was sent to St Patrick's College, Silverstream boarding school (near Wellington) in 1931 to 1935 and only used to come back for the holidays.



*Above: St Patrick's boys waiting for the train. John or his older brother Henry somewhere amongst them.*



*The wreckage of John's Spitfire in a field in Holland*

[www.john-caulton-spitfire-pilot.com](http://www.john-caulton-spitfire-pilot.com)

# Bob May 1949-51 a collection of his poems

## St Pat's Silverstream 49 - 51

Well guys it was an apprenticeship in life ,  
The biggest event before we took a wife,  
A learning curve, with many bumps,  
You either got over them, or had a few lumps.  
Making a bed was strange to me,  
Make It tidy for all to see.  
The cane seemed horrific ,after sister's little strap!  
Always someone, to lead me into a trap. .  
The food on the table, not quite enough,  
So we cooked by the river, all sorts of stuff.  
Mum was good, at sending fruit cake,  
No idea how many friends, that would make .

The teachers all were ,priests ordained,  
Gave their lives to us, unrestrained,  
Barrack!s week gave us, a rest from class,  
Marching to trentham showing the brass,  
Education as such, had subjects galore,  
I enjoyed my music, found the others a bore.  
Each winter I managed a month off,  
Chickenpox, jaundice, measeles and a cough.  
After three years, of boarding school fun,  
My school C English, was the best I had won.  
Wasting time you might think, 'I don't know,  
I am still writing poems ,and playing the piano.  
Thank you silverstream

## Is this world War Three.?

A quiet enemy, Is on the lurk,  
Taking our jobs, losing Our work.  
No guns or bombs, just a silent germ,  
It gets inside, and makes you squirm.  
Each person on earth, must show his worth,  
Keep your distance, from each other,  
Friends and foe , sister and brother.  
Panic buying Is causing strife,  
Petty thieving will soon be rife,  
Taking more than you need,  
Is really stealing, a bad form of greed.  
Your neighbour like you, is very aware,  
That we are all in this, and need to share.  
A wartime of fear, frustrates us all,  
Buckle down and answer the call.



*Bob May 1949-51*

## Always look on the bright side of life!

When things go Bad,like a weird dream,  
Don't close your eyes,and try to scream.  
Look around and see the best,  
Looking hard, is the real test.  
You ll find something by trying hard,  
Think of others without regard.  
Worse off than us , there are many,  
They can be happy without a penny,  
Look at You, you're smiling now,  
Yes, think of others, shoulder the plough.  
Just think of this, in all your strife,  
Always look, on the bright side of life ."

## Recent Weddings



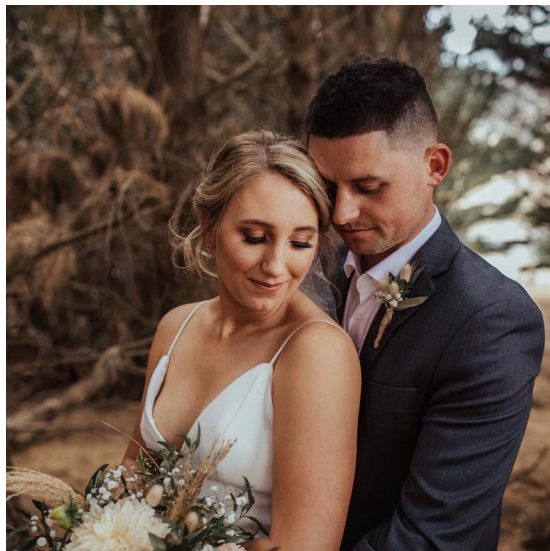
*Jamie Clarke 2002-06 married Emily Gardner.*



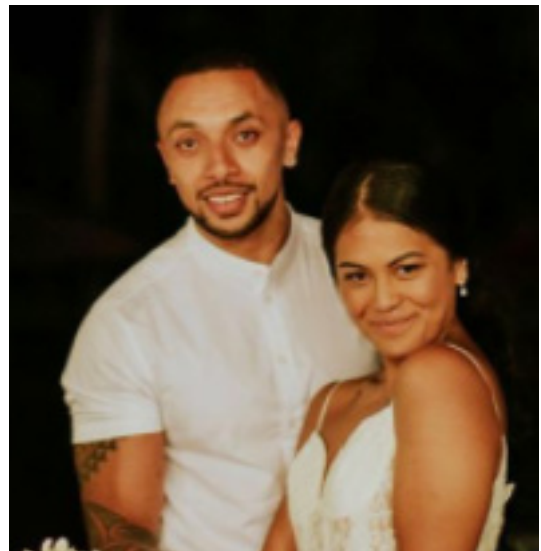
*Vincent RIngrose 2005-09 married Sarah Wood.*



*Matt Rose (1998-02) married Briony Clair.*



*Joe Carson (2008-12) married Dani Donaldson.*



*Jamie Mar (2006-10) married Jacinta Kauti.*

# Owen Gleeson Manawatu stalwart obituary

Manawātū rugby is reeling from the loss of another well-respected elder, after the death of 87-year-old Owen Gleeson at the weekend.

Gleeson was regarded as the elder statesman of Manawātū rugby after a long and storied career as a player, coach, president and life member of the Manawātū Rugby Union.

Union chairman Tim Myers said the rugby community had lost another legend, just a week after the sudden death of former All Black Sam Strahan.

Both men were staunch supporters of Manawātū rugby, who made great contributions to the sport. "Like Sam, Owen was a true gentleman who will be missed by all who came into contact with him. Our thoughts are with his family," Myers said.

Gleeson started his career as a flanker for the Feilding and Marist teams, before he was deployed to the Korean War in 1952, after volunteering to serve.

Gleeson was part of the New Zealand Kayforce rugby team, drawn from those serving in the Korean War, that toured Japan in 1953.

After returning home, he played 24 games for Manawātū between 1954 and 1957.



*Owen Gleeson 1944-46*



*Owen on far right*

selector and coach left a big mark on the team.

Akers said he always thought Gleeson deserved to share the credit with his successor for the province's famous Ranfurly Shield win in 1976.

The match against Auckland was Manawātū's 13th challenge for the shield and its first win. Coincidentally, Manawātū would fend off 13 challenges before losing the shield in 1978.

Akers said it was Gleeson who systematically built and recruited a talented pool of younger players, largely from among Massey University students. Players such as Doug Rollerston and winger Hugh Blair went on to play a big part in the team's shield success.

After his coaching days, Gleeson continued to contribute to the Manawātū union, including a stint as president.

"He was very well respected and a top bloke. He was regarded as the elder statesman of Manawātū rugby," Akers said.

"Losing Sam Strahan was a big blow and now we've lost Owen too."

Both men were always around to offer advice to the younger generations and tried to make every game despite their advancing years. Although, Gleeson's declining health meant he couldn't get to as many as he'd of liked in later years, Akers said.

The Gleeson name is a big one in Manawātū rugby. Owen's son Mark Gleeson is a Manawātū Rugby Union board member, and Gleeson's career began in the footsteps of his father William and his older brother Jack.

Jack Gleeson is a legendary All Black coach, who led the team's first grand slam tour of Britain for 50 years in 1978.

But first, he was the Manawātū coach, before handing the reins over to his little brother in 1970.

Rugby historian and chairman of the New Zealand Rugby Museum in Palmerston North Clive Akers said the younger Gleeson was also a great coach, with a real eye for talent, and his four years as Manawātū

## News



*Sam Julian sister of Adam (1999-03) is appointed as Silverstream's first female Phys Ed teacher.*



*Lachie Watson (2009-13) 4th year medical student helping in the fight against Covid 19 by taking on child care duties for Senior medical staff*



*Fr Michael O'Dea 1967 RIP is one of four brothers who attended Silverstream as a boarder from Hawera*



*The new norm for keeping safe during the Covid 19 pandemic, alert level 2*



*Gym maintenance during the 5 weeks of Lockdown for the Covid 19 pandemic*

### **The Season 3 St Patrick's College Silverstream 1st XV**

this documentary now available on You tube.

<http://www.streamfoundation.org.nz/index/home/Videos>



## Chris Luoni 1965-69 -Industry loses great contributor

Chris Luoni, one of the driving forces behind the establishment of the New Zealand Racing Hall of Fame and a past chairman has passed away in Hamilton overnight after a battle with illness.

Luoni, an accountant by profession, had been an avid racing fan since his teenage years following the fortunes of his father George's high-class racehorse of the 1970s, Happy Union.

He experienced success as a breeder and owner with horses such as stakes winners Ma Danseuse and Oliverdance, and he also raced Group Two winner Balrani.

Luoni combined his skills as an accountant and passion for racing and breeding and framed many of the current rules in place for the racing industry, specialising in breeding and GST areas, while also consulting to the Australian racing industry on those areas.

“Chris was the instigator of the Hall Of Fame,” long-time friend and past Hall Of Fame chairman Gerald Fell said. “Without his enthusiasm, it wouldn't have got off the ground.

“He had been to the Racing Hall Of Fame dinner in Adelaide and suggested the idea, and between us we founded it.

“For many years, he thumped the table about claiming GST, which we now get in New Zealand, if you are registered for racing.

“He also helped the Australians when they brought in GST too.

“I had the greatest respect for Chris. He was passionate about the racing and breeding industry and was a great contributor.”

Luoni is survived by wife Rosanna, who is originally from Canada, while daughter Michelle is the Executive Officer for the New Zealand Racing Hall of Fame.



*Chris Luoni 1965 -69*

Along with his wife, Luoni operated Woodbine Farm just out of Hamilton, which was home to champion racehorse The Phantom Chance for 16 years in retirement. i

*Courtesy of June 5, 2020 NZ Racing Desk -*

## Preparations under way for Julian Davidson's memorial seat



A team of fellow Old Boys constructing a memorial bench seat for Julian who died in 2018 This seat will be placed in the recently established ecological restoration zone along the Mawaihakona stream and pathway. Its lookout will be over the stream down to the Hutt River and up to the Western Hills.



## Powhiri for the Year 9 intake of 2020



*The Year 9 intake of 2020 and their whanau were welcomed by the Staff and BOT representatives at the Powhiri held in the Quad*

## Streamers take 10 titles at 98th McEvedy Shield Champs



*Ollie Krijnen wins both the U16 100m and 200m in new McEvedy record times*



*Max Poland on his way to win the U14 1500m title*

### **McEvedy Winners**

Oliver Krijnen U 16 100m in 11.21 sec new McEvedy record

Oliver Krijnen U 16 200m in 22.92 sec new McEvedy record

Josh Jordan – U15 3000m 9min 49.40sec

Max Poland – U14 1500m 4min 37.54sec

U16 Relay team – Hemi Morelli, Liam Willcocks, Teo Tongia, Oliver Krijnen

Phelan Rona U16 High Jump record 1.89m with new College record breaking Andrew Leatuafi's 1990 record of 1.88m

Sautia Misa – Sen Long Jump 6.74m with new College record breaking Frank Coles 1981 U17 record of 6.49m, Sen Triple Jump 12.37m

Peter Lakai – Sen Shot 14.50m

## John Kennedy Good leader of St Vincent de Paul Social Justice Outreach for extending commitment to environment

For the first time, the Society of St Vincent de Paul has included a commitment to caring for the environment as an integral part of its strategic plan for the next five years.

Caring for the planet is an essential part of living the Gospel today, said John Kennedy-Good, leader of the society's social justice outreach.

"Vincetians are committed to living sustainably and responding to the challenges outlined in Pope Francis's encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, On Care for Our Common Home. In the words of the Pope: 'Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience.'"

Mr Kennedy-Good said the society will be asking young Vinnies to take the lead in developing a strategy for practical action in living sustainably and caring for the environment. Conference members of the society will be invited to engage with that strategy.

"We will be encouraging all conference members to reflect on the Pope's message in *Laudato Si'* and to discuss ways they can respond as conferences and as individuals." Mr Kennedy-Good said the society is well-placed to be an authentic voice advocating against wastefulness in New Zealand's consumerist society

"We are striving to be a leader in recycling second-hand goods through our extensive network of shops. We also want to reduce waste by improving sorting methods, expanding recycling opportunities and educating donors."

Respect for the environment sits alongside respect for people in the society's thinking, Mr Kennedy-Good said.

"We have to find the commitment and courage to act in this area, just as we do to be close to those who are vulnerable and lonely. We must move beyond words and take action to reduce our carbon footprint and live sustainably.



*John Kennedy Good 1959-63 received a QSM medal at recent Queen Birthday honours award*

"Pope Francis puts it very powerfully: 'The earth itself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor'.

"It is not an option to sit on the sidelines and do nothing while the overwhelming scientific consensus is that humankind is having a devastating impact on the environment in which we live."

*Courtesy of April 2, 2020 / NZ Catholic by MICHAEL FITZSIMONS*

## John Kennedy Good receives a QSM in Queen's birthday honours awards for his services to the community



## In Memoriam

*Streamer 1944-48*

**LAMBERT, Brian Spencer George (Bill)**

Died 22 December 2019

*Streamer 1950-54*

**REEVES, Gary Knight**

Died 22 December 2019 Age 83  
Adelaide

*Staff 1972 - 85*

**PETRUS, Michal Patrick**

Died 24 December 2019 Age 83  
Silverstream

*Streamer 1944-46*

**GLEESON, Owen William**

Died 28 December 2019 Age 89  
Palmerston North

*Streamer 1943-45 Staff 1953-58*

**MANNING, Kevin (Judge)  
Anthony Reverend Father SM**

Died 30 December 2019  
Palmerston North

*Streamer 1938-40*

**LYNCH, Alan John**

Died 3 January 2020 Age 97  
Palmerston North

*Streamer 1949-50*

**MARTIN, Peter David**

Died 20 January 2020 Age 84  
New Plymouth

*Streamer 1945 - 48*

**MELVILLE, Sean Patrick**

Died 28 January 2020 Age 88  
New Plymouth

*Streamer 1949 - 51*

**PRICE, Michael Nicholas**

Died 29 January 2020 Age 85  
Fielding

*Streamer 1947-49*

**CARPENTER, Peter Morling  
Joseph**

Died 16 February 2020 Age 87  
Paraparaumu

*Streamer 1947-49*

**MacCULLOCH, John Charles**

Died 19 February 2020 Age 86  
Te Kauwhata

*Streamer 1951-53*

**REEVES, Fergus Knight Reverend  
Father**

Died 22 February 2020  
New Plymouth

*Streamer 1971-75*

**McGRUDDY, Kerry Michael**

Died 3 March 2020 age 63  
Auckland

*Streamer 1958-61*

**DOMETT, Peter Allan**

Died 3 March 2020 age 75  
Tauranga

*Streamer 1945-47*

**HEENEY, Paul John**

Died 4 March 2020  
Auckland

*Streamer 1956-59*

**CARTER, Joffre Gerald**

Died 17 March 2020  
Christchurch

*Streamer 1952-55*

**BARRETT, Peter Edwin Fleming**

Died 25 March 2020 age 80  
Hastings

*Streamer 1955-58*

**CHASE, Knighton John**

Died 9 April 2020 age 78  
Auckland

*Streamer 1950*

**NOTT, David Lancelot**

Died 10 April 2020 age 85  
Picton

*Streamer 1948-49*

**GRIBBON, Donald William ( Don**

Died 11 April 2020 age 87  
Stratford

*Streamer 1970-74*

**VODANE, Byron Boris**

Died 18 April 2020 age 66  
Hamilton

*Streamer 1944-48*

**BROSNAHAN, Joseph Patrick**

Died 28 April 2020 age 90  
Upper Hutt

*Streamer 1949-53*

**LYNSKEY, Brendan Allan**

Died 28 April 2020  
Auckland

*Streamer 1950-52*

**BLAKE, John William**

Died 3 May 2020  
Havelock North

*Streamer 1968-70*

**GALBRAITH, William Stanley ( Winky)**

Regti No: J45663 Malaysia 1973  
- 1975

Died 5 May 2020 age 66  
Taumarunui

*Streamer 1948-49*

**FARY, Colin Francis Anthony**

Died 5 May 2020 age 87  
Hawera

## In Memoriam

*Streamer 1947-50*

**KELLY, John Frederick**

Died 10 May 2020 age 87

Fielding

*Streamer 1967*

**O'DEA, Michael Arthur** Reverend  
Father

Died 16 May 2020

Paraparaumu

*Streamer 1946-47*

**BROAD, John Beauchamp**

Died 20 May 2020 Age 88

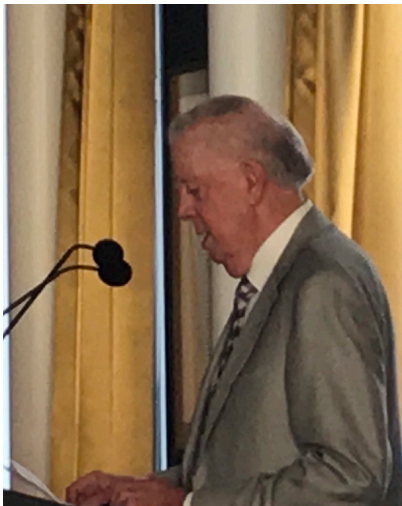
Wanganui

*(Staff 1986-92)*

**PENRICE, Marie**

Died 22 May 2020 Age 87

Waikanae



*Barry Giles (1955-58) giving his eulogy for Brian*

*Streamer 1949-52*

**BRADY, Michael James (Mike)**

Died 22 May 2020 Age 85

Tauranga

*Streamer 1965 - 69*

**LUONI, Christopher George**

Died 4 June 2020

Hamilton

*Streamer 1948-52*

**JASINSKI, Christopher John**

Died 6 June 2020 Age 88

Wellington

Brian Bennett attended Silverstream as a boarder, being appointed a prefect in his final year of college in 1958. He studied Pharmacy before moving into a career in Finance and Property Development. Fr Barry Scannell SM was the main celebrant at Brian's requiem mass in St Mary of the Angels church on Tuesday 2 June. Fr Barry paid tribute to Brian's dedicated work for helping with the effort to earthquake strengthen the church that was completed in 2017. He also paid tribute for the commitment he showed to the St Patrick's College, Silverstream Board of Proprietors advising the Society of Mary on all property matters during his 18 years on the committee. The College and Foundation wishes to extend its condolences to his widow Sylvia and family. Sectare Fidem.

*Streamer 1953-57*

**McCULLOCH Donald Aspinall**

Died 9 June 2020

Upper Hutt

*Streamer 1945-47*

**HODGE, Noel Leslie**

Died 15 June 2020 Age 88

Whangarei



*Streamer 1954-58*

**BENNETT, Brian John**

Died 28 May 2020

Wellington



*Classmates*

*L-R Greg Driscoll, Geoff Zame, Matthew Bennett, Stefan Lepionka*



*The Bennett Boys*

*L-R Tim (1980-84), Simon (1981-85), Matthew (1985-89)*