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St Patrick's College, Silverstream Foundation Newsletter

### **New Gym Opens**

This magnificent new Sports Facility was officially opened on Thursday 29 May by the Provincial for the Society of Mary, Fr David Kennerley SM before a big crowd who gathered for this early morning occasion. It has been named the Fr Peter Blake SM Centre for Physical Education and Sport. The BOP Chairman Mr Gerald Scanlan welcomed and thanked all the stakeholders who had a special part to play in the completion of this venture. This new gymnasium is the Foundation's first project and it is hoped the first of many new or modernised facilities that earlier generations of Streamers will endow for current and future generations. Special acknowledgement was extended to Mr Brian McGuinness who was without doubt the person who made this all happen. Brian was the man whose vision, energy and sheer determination took the building from a seed of an idea to the superbly constructed reality it is now.



Fr Mark Walls SM blessing the new Gym

The Rector, Mr Gerard Tully gave the background on Fr Blake and his contribution as a teacher, coach and dormitory master during his 25 years on the staff. Fr Blake died in 2011.

### New Website Launched www. streamfoundation.org.nz

Register yourself on the membership page and then you can update or add your contact details. Donations and all communications along with a business network can be made through your membership.

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.

## **Streamers in Action**



#### **Ants Howie (1969-73)**

After leaving College Ants Howie joined New Zealand Army as an Officer and did 22 years service in the Regular Army and thereafter part time service in the Army Reserve. He worked at the tactical, operational and strategic levels. Commanded and managed personnel at all levels which included deployments to the Middle East, Iraq and East Africa. In 2006 Brigadier Ants was appointed to the role of Territorial Force Advisor. This new role included setting the direction for the next ten years as well as increasing numbers in the force.

In 2011 Howie was appointed Senior Military Advisor to the UN in Somalia and to the Government and Defence Forces. He was on loan from NZ Defence Force, advising, mentoring and planning on capacity building of the Somalia forces. He is based in Mogadishu which was until recently rated the most unsafe city in the world.



#### **Greg Lynch (1984-88)**

Physiotherapist and Company Director - InForm Physiotherapy & Wellington Sports Medicine

Greg Lynch has several post-graduate qualifications. He is recognised as an Advanced Practitioner within the Physiotherapy Profession and is a Senior Lecturer with the McKenzie Institute International. He is an accredited provider for 'High Performance Sport New Zealand (HPSNZ).'

His special interests are chronic low back pain and sports injuries with a particular interest in injuries to runners and swimmers. Lynch has recently published a case report in The Journal of Manual and Manipulative Therapy.

Lynch and his team have been the physio team that has supported and assisted the 1st XV over recent years and they have just set up a clinic at the College in the new Fr Peter Blake SM Gym.



#### Henry Walsh (2007-11)

In October 2011 Henry Walsh first hit the headlines when he slammed 225 off 245 balls in his swansong innings for the College's 1st XI in a traditional match against Christchurch's St. Bede's College.

Walsh's 163 off 193 balls in the twoday match against Otago was one of the standout performances at the National U18 cricket tournament played at Lincoln in December 2011 He was then selected in the New Zealand U19 squad to play in a quadrangular series April 2012. Walsh burst onto the Provincial Twenty20 scene when he smashed the required runs for Wellington when beating Central Districts in November 2013.

Walsh was called up to New Zealand honours when he was selected in a NZ X1 Cricket team that played against a touring Indian side.

Walsh has secured a contract to play for the Wellington Firebirds for the coming 2014/15 Season



#### Patrick Power (1961-65)

In his early years Patrick Power was Principal Lyric Tenor for The Norwegian Opera in Oslo, he spent three years in similar positions in Krefeld and Munich before moving to London and a free lance career. He debuted at the Glyndebourne Festival Opera in 1979 in Monteverdi's Il Ritorno di Ulisse.

He made his Royal Opera House Covent Garden debut in 1981 as The Simpleton in Tarkovsky and Abbado's production of Boris Godunov. In 1984 he sang the Britten Serenade at the New York Festival. In 1987 he sang Almaviva for the San Francisco Opera Season. That same year he recorded Beethoven 9th with Sir Roger Norrington.

His busy and distinguished international career began with Mozart and Bach as his specialities. He gradually moved into heavier lyric roles and later years Spinto roles like Canio and Radames. He has sung some 60 lead roles.

Power is now Lecturer of Vocal Studies at The Elder Conservatorium , University of Adelaide.

### What's next for the Foundation?

We have all been really excited by the opening in May of the Fr Blake SM Centre for Physical Education and Sport (the gym!). It is proving to be, as predicted, an outstanding resource for teaching, learning, recreation and sport. Significant sums of money have been put into the Foundation's books to directly help fund the gym, and we are extremely grateful to all donors/benefactors. So, stage 1 of the Sports Hub project is up and running. We still do need to find in excess of \$2 million for the gym to be debt free.

Other very pressing considerations have arisen in recent years, notably, in the wake of the Christchurch earthquakes, the need to seismically strengthen both the Ranks Quad and the Chapel. Both of these structures are still in voluntary use but we are unable to require students to be in either, due to their "earthquake prone" status. The Board of Proprietors are working to ensure that both the Ranks Quad and the Chapel are returned, as quickly as possible, to full use. However, more money!

The College's two Boards (BOT and BOP) are moving towards a joint, agreed property plan for the next 5/10/20 years. Crucial to this plan is establishing the priorities of various projects, and identifying realistic funding sources. There are a wide range of major projects for consideration, including (in no particular order):

- 1. Extensive upgrade of the learning spaces (classrooms) throughout the College to provide bigger more flexible modern learning environments.
- 2. Providing more inviting/friendly/softer spaces for the students for their recreation/comfort.
- 3. Stages 2 (running track) and 3 (aquatic centre) of the Sports Hub.
- 4. A Performing Arts Centre.
- 5. A Marae.
- 6. Upgrade of boarding facilities (including kitchen and dining room).

All of these projects are being considered in light of the extensive consultation undertaken with our College stakeholders last year, which returned overwhelming agreement around three key strategic themes – that we want:

- i) A thoroughly Catholic and Marist school
- ii) A strong and abiding sense of community
- iii) A school of outstanding modern teaching and learning

If you are somewhat removed from the College now, but retaining a keen interest in developments as an old boy or friend, it may seem that things have gone quiet. In fact, there is a huge amount of work going on behind the scenes to get this Joint Property Plan right – the right projects in the right order, and then adequately resourced. To be fair, this process is taking longer than we initially planned – but we are determined to get it right.

So please bear with us as we zero in on the plan. The result will be a very clear sense of purpose and direction as we then proceed to enhance our physical, spiritual and learning environments and further bring to life the sentiments in our Vision statement:

Our students are challenged and motivated to achieve personal excellence in an innovative learning environment enhanced by tradition, superb facilities, quality teaching and a supportive Catholic community.

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**Gerard Tully** 

Rector



## **College News**

The 1st X1 Football team won all six Traditional fixtures - a first for Silverstream Football

#### results:

v NPBHS	won 3-1
v Rongotai	won 3-2
v Wellington	won 4-3
v St Bede's	won 2-1
v SPC	won 6-0
v PNBHS	won 2-1

## Des Boyle Retires 1970-2013



Des Boyle was persuaded by his Priest friends at the time to apply for a job at the College under the Rector Fr Gerry Gill in February 1970. It was not long before he was given his tools of trade; box of chalk, a duster and a social studies book and into his first lesson.

In those early days the College was predominately a boarding college and he lived in a College flat and helped supervise in the boarding school at night. The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme had recently started taking over from the Army Cadet Scheme. This then began his association with the scheme that lasted for the rest of his career. He led many trips into the Tararua Forest Park and Nelson Lakes National Park.

In 1972 Fr Alex McDonald the sports master at the time asked Des to introduce soccer into the College and as can be imagined this was meet with resistance from the rugby community, especially the boarding school. The game became established and now has equal footing with the 1st XV in playing all six traditional College fixtures. The Boyle trophy is played for between Silverstream and Rongotai College.

Boyle then moved into the English department and began teaching the 3rd and 4th form professional classes. From here he was drafted into the History department and remembers teaching the current deputy Prime Minister Bill English to Bursary level.

Another significant development for Boyle was when he was given the public speaking portfolio, he readily took to this challenge and enjoyed the cut and thrust of argument and debate. Students were ably lead by Boyle with his thorough research skills with the use of newspapers, books and articles in the pre internet days. Religious Education was an area of teaching that Boyle has been held in high regard throughout his career and he has been instrumental in maintaining its standing within the curriculum.

Boyle over the years took on the responsibility for the organization and co ordination of the Colleges' O'Shea Sheild competition team that competes annually among the 17 Catholic Colleges of the Wellington and Palmerston North dioceses.

Cricket has been another sporting code that Boyle has dedicated himself too over the summer months, taking on the roles of grade convenor and coach.

The players will remember hours of coaching and support he has put into his teams from the 3A's up to the 2nd X1. Best wishes to Des and Clare in your retirement, a superb innings guiding and supporting the College throughout your teaching career.

## **Recent Weddings**

Hayden Roche (1996-99)
Tim Bargh (1994-98)
Mark Hurdle (2000-04)
Greg Cole (1997-01)
Frank Bourke (2000-02)
Bede Busby (1998-02)
Matt Hartendorp (1999-03)
Tyron Edwards (1997-01)
Damian Collins (1996-00)
Russell Fildes (1996-00)
Simon McCarthy (1996-00)
James Warren (1998-02)
Chris Fouhy (1989-93)
Dan McNicholas (1998-02)

m Andrea Pickering
m Alexandra Watt
m Cathie Malloch
m Jane Birdling
m Anna Leadbitter
m Ingrid Dainty
m Laura Bennett
m Rochelle Sanders
m Nicole Agnew
m Christine Cole
m Jim Stanton
m Bronagh Savage
m Elizabeth Clark-Hazlett
m Joanna Dalgleish

Waihi
Wellington
Christchurch
Wellington
Waikanae
Wellington
Otaki
Queenstown
Silverstream
Upper Hutt
Featherston
Ireland
Upper Hutt
Scotland



Mark Houghton (1998-02) married Amelia Holdsworth-Juricvich in Wellington

#### **TELEVISION**

The arrival at a boarding college of such a novelty as television is a great event. Parents and friends may wonder how it is going to fit in with the programme, already crowded, established over the years. The boys were soon used to the idea and once the Olympic Games were over settled down to a very spasmodic use of TV. Wet Sunday afternoons were no longer an occupational hazard. Those who felt they had used enough of their free time for "swot" could go to one of the studies – 6th formers, Room A: 5th formers, Room 2: 4th formers, Study: 3rd formers, Room 7. There the TV box would be unlocked and the great machine would entertain the goggle- eyed for as long as they wished; or till 5 p.m. study bell. The lords of Redwood House were sometimes permitted to stay up or return from the dormitory for a worth-while documentary.



So far then the TV has been used mostly for filling in those vacant periods caused by a change of routine or by unexpected bad weather. Next year the Rector and staff will be working out a more widespread use of this modern amenity for the instruction and entertainment that the boys can now expect.

### **GIFTING & ADVICE OPTIONS**

#### PLEASE TICK BOXES WHERE APPROPRIATE AND SEND YOUR FORM TO:

St Patrick's College, Silverstream Foundation, Private Bag 906, Upper Hutt 5140 Email: foundation@stream.school.nz



Please send me further information on making a beguest in my will.

GIFTING OPTIONS	HOW TO MAKE YOUR GIFT OR PLEDGE	
<ul> <li>My/our gift to the Foundation is \$</li> <li>I/we would like to make a gift of \$</li> <li>annually over a period of</li> <li>years,</li> <li>commencing</li> <li>(month/year).</li> <li>I/we would like to visit the College to discuss our support the Foundation.</li> <li>I/we request a Foundation representative phone to discuss our support.</li> <li>Should you NOT wish your name to be published in any Foundation or College media please indicate below.</li> <li>I/we wish my/our gift to remain anonymous.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Cheque (payable to the St Patrick's College, Silverstream Foundation)</li> <li>Internet Banking (please provide full reference details in the transaction)</li> <li>Automatic Payment (via your bank with full reference details)</li> <li>Credit Card (please fill in details below)</li> <li>FOUNDATION BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS</li> <li>Account No. 12-3478-0037922-00</li> <li>Account Name:</li> <li>The St Patrick's College, Silverstream Foundation</li> </ul>	
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Name: Address: City: Postcode: Phone: Mobile:		
Family Staff Old Boy: Years attended (e.g. 1978-1982):		
YOUR CREDIT CARD DETAILS (IF APPLICABLE)  Type of credit card Visa Mastercard S/N (last 3 or 4 digits on signature panel)		
Cardholder name:		
Card number: Expires: /		

### In Memoriam

**BOWEN, Eugene Andrew** (1965 - 69) Died 7 November 2013, Wellington. **NESS,Thomas Edward (Tom)** 

(1944-45)

Died 1 December 2013, Age 83 Ashburton. Survived by his wife Colleen. Sons John, Gerard and Simon also attended Silverstream.

# SIERS, James Zbigniew Sierpinski (1950-54)

Died 17 December 2013 Age 77 Fiji. In 1944 he arrived with his brother as two of the 744 Polish orphans to settle initially in Pahaitua. Jim studied and become a well respected landscape and ethnographic photographer, author of 30 books, publisher, documentary film maker and Pacific adventurer.

**BEEHAN, Michael John** (1945-49) Died 19 January 2014 Auckland

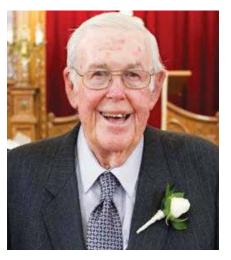
# PRENDERGAST, Kevin Thomas (Skip) (1964-66)

Died 20 January 2014 Age 63 Hawkes Bay



RICHARDSON, Arthur Patrick (1931-35) (WW11 NZA 14812) Died 19 March 2014 Age 96 Upper Hutt

Arthur was one of the 17 first-day pupils, when the College opened in 1931. Arthur saw active war service in North Africa and Italy as a member of New Zealand's Expeditionary Forces. Survived by his wife Mary. Sons Peter and Michael also attended Siverstream.



COLES, Patrick Alfred (Pat)

(1940-42)

Died 26 March 2014 Age 87 Waikanae

Pat was the Patriarch of one of Petone's great families. He served on the Petone Borough Council (1971-79) rising to be deputy mayor He was President of the Petone RFC and involved with many other sporting bodies of the community. He and his wife Veronica had a family of eight children with sons Tim, Paul, Gerard, Patrick and Matthew who are all Old Boys of the college.

**SMITH, Paul Vincent** (1944-46) Died 12 April 2014 Age 84 Christichurch

O'NEILL, Maurice Joseph (1945-47) Died 25 April 2014 Wanganui BURGESS, Patrick Thomas (Pat) (1950-52)

Died 6 June 2014 Age 78

WINDLE, David (Max) (1943-47) Died 12 June Age 84 Havelock North

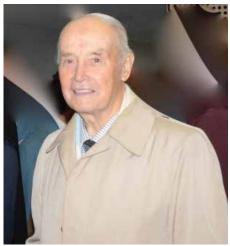
WILLCOX, Francis Charles (Frank) (1954-58)

Died 12 June 2014 Age 75 New Plymouth

MacDonald, John Mark (George) (1944-45)

Died 19 June 2014 Age 84 Blenheim

MINTO, Neville James (1931-34) (WW11 RNZN W3725) Died 22 July 2014 Age 97 Napier



**GORDON, John Laurence** (1942-44)

Died 29 July 2014 Age 85 Wellington John was a loyal Marist man who served on many organisations and committees throughout his life. He had a wonderful memory aided by his notebook entries to recall his connections with classmates, colleagues and family. John and his wife Anne raised a family of five daughters who will carry on his legacy.

**CRUTCHLEY, Edgar Stanley James** (1932-34) QSO Jubilee Medal (WW11 NZA 35248) Died 11 August 2014 Age 96 Lower Hutt

Edgar saw active war service in North Africa and Italy. He began his legal practice in 1949. He was New Zealand's senior magistrate when he resigned from the bench in 1977.

JEFFRIES, John Pierre (1952-55)

Died 13 August 2014 Palmerston North

BALMER, John Preshaw (1946-50)

Died 24 August 2014 Age 84 Lower Hutt.

SWEETAPPLE, Patrick Neville (Pat) (1938-39) NZ Army No 444982, RNZAF No 4313097

Died 18 September 2014 Age 91 Napier

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