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St Patrick's College Silverstream *Foundation Newsletter*

Inaugural Dinner to Launch Foundation

Old Boys from every era are warmly invited to an Inaugural Dinner to launch the new St Patrick's College Silverstream Foundation. The Dinner will be hosted at the College on Friday May 25th this year.

The Foundation is being set up by the College's Old Boys and the Board of Proprietors and will be a major milestone in the College's development, says Board of Proprietors Chairman, Brian McGuinness.

"The launch of this initiative will create a better communication between the College and its Old Boys," says Brian. "The new Foundation will ensure that we do the best we can for future generations of Streamers. We are very hopeful that many Old Boys will want to be part of this exciting endeavour."

The Foundation Dinner is sure to be a memorable and entertaining evening. It will be hosted by TVNZ celebrity Mark Sainsbury (Stream 1970-74) and the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Bill English (Stream 1975-79), will be the guest speaker.

The evening will also provide an opportunity to hear from new Rector Gerard Tully who will talk about where

he sees the College going under his leadership. Gerard attended Silverstream from 1976 to 79 and was a former Rector of St Pat's Town where he was very highly regarded.

2012 is an exciting year for Stream. The College is enjoying many successes and an increasing boarding role shows its popularity among the Catholic community. The new Rector brings a fresh energy and vision to the job and the Foundation will result in some major initiatives getting underway at the College.

The Foundation's ambitious plans for a new Sports Hub (see insert for more details) will be outlined in greater detail at the Dinner. The evening will begin with pre-dinner drinks from 7pm followed by the Dinner itself.



Foundation Dinner speakers Bill English and Mark Sainsbury



Don't miss out on this exciting event.

We need and welcome your involvement in the new Foundation. Come and share our vision for the future of St Pat's Silverstream. To register for the dinner, fill in the form on the back page of this newsletter or email foundation@stream.school.nz

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FROM THE RECTOR Empowering young men



Along with many other Old Boys, I have a huge affection for St Pat's Silverstream and am very grateful for the positive influence it has had on my life. If you feel that way too, the new Foundation is a practical way to get involved in the life of the school and provide this generation with the same opportunities you enjoyed.

Times have changed however. In the modern era, we need the technology and facilities to provide boys with a first-class, modern learning environment. This cannot be achieved with the existing funding regime and that's where the Foundation comes in. It has a vital role to play in providing exciting educational opportunities of the next generation of Streamers.

This is my first year as Rector of this College. To me, education is all about the empowering of young men to take charge of their own destiny. It's not about imposed authority and control which disappears as soon as boys leave the school gates. It's about a partnership, particularly in the senior years, which allows students to make their own decisions, to experience success and failure, to make mistakes. That's how we learn and it's the best preparation for the world these young men will be entering.

I want students at this school to be the best they can be. That is my goal. I am ambitious for them in all fields – academic, sporting, cultural, spiritual and social. Our College must be about the development of the whole person. That is

the Marist vision and that is my vision.

St Pat's Silverstream has always been a very strong sporting college and I am confident we will go from strength to strength in our sporting achievements. The new Sports Hub project outlined in this newsletter will be a wonderful asset not just for the school but for the local area and the region. It will be an impressive development, incorporating a new gym, an aquatic centre and a state-of-the-art all-weather track.

The new Gymnasium facility will have classrooms for physical education and will allow us to take a big step forward in our PE studies, which are now available to scholarship level. PE is very popular with boys and can lead onto exciting careers in the modern sports environment.

2012 Scholarship Programme

I am very keen to see students achieve to their full potential in all areas, including cultural and academic. One of my first initiatives since arriving has been to establish a Scholarship programme for 2012. While the College has good pass rates in NCEA for a Decile 9 school, I am not at all satisfied with the higher

achievement rates at merit, excellence and scholarship level.

I know we can do better. I have invited the Year 13 students to be part of the programme and I am very encouraged that so far 30 boys (30% of the cohort) have signed up voluntarily for the programme. They have taken up the challenge and are prepared to do the hard yards.

The programme provides the chance for students to get together outside of class time so they are not doing it all by themselves. It also provides time for them to bounce ideas off each other and discuss different approaches to topics. 🏆

“What a task it is to form a man. How difficult it is. How much patience is required. But is there anything greater?”

Fr Jean-Claude Colin, Founder of the Society of Mary



Dragon Boat Champions

A crowd of more than 5,000 Wellingtonians saw the St Patrick's College Silverstream team, Poseidon, win the secondary schools' grand final in the Wellington Dragon Boat Festival in March. 🏆

International Athletes Star on School Track



Nick Willis and an international field of middle distance athletes attempted a sub-four-minute mile on the College's front field at a special Twilight Track Meet in February. Unfortunately the gusty conditions put paid to the attempt but Nick still won the event in a superb time of 4.02 secs. For the feature race, the crowd was invited to surround the track to shelter the athletes from the strong winds that had sprung up. In his post-race talk, Nick said he had never experienced a crowd like that before and their support compelled him to keep running faster. He commented that in any decent conditions it felt like a 3.50 mile was achievable.

The Twilight Athletics Meet was a great success, drawing a big crowd of 1,200 people from the local community as well as the College Community and Old Boys.

As well as the International Mile, the programme also included medley relays and a super-shot world record attempt.

The College's plans for a new Sports Hub were unveiled at the event for the first time and were greeted with much enthusiasm by the local athletics community. The new all-weather track planned for the College will be only the second such facility in the Wellington region.

For video coverage and commentary on the main races from the Twilight Track Meet, visit www.nzrun.com



COLLEGE CALENDAR

Term One Holidays 5th-23rd April

April 10th 1st XV, 1st X1 vs. Tauranga Boys High School @ Stream

May 2nd College Open Day

May 16th 1st XV, 1st XI vs. NPBHS @ Stream

May 25th Inaugural Foundation Dinner 7pm at Silverstream

June 6th 1st XV, 1st XI vs. Wellington College @ Stream

June 20th 1st XV, 1st XI vs. Rongotai College @ Stream

June 27th 1st XV, 1st XI and Debating vs. St Bedes @ Stream

June 28th Feast of St Peter Chanel

June 30th Year 13 Ball

July 18th Winter Sports Exchange vs. St Pat's Town @ Town

July 25th Winter Sports Exchange vs. PNBHS @ Palmerston North



S.O.S.

We are trying to make contact with as many Old Boys as possible. If you know of any Old Boys who would be interested in being reconnected with the college, please email their details to foundation@stream.school.nz or contact Dominic Outtrim 027 876 6669.

Old Boys Everywhere

St Pat's Silverstream Old Boys continue to make their mark in New Zealand and elsewhere.



Tim Bennett



Gil Connor



Chris Quin



Bernie Monk



The Stafford brothers

In the business world, congratulations are due to Tim Bennett (1980–84) who has just been appointed as the head of the New Zealand Stock Exchange, the NZX. Tim, who has been based in Singapore, has almost 20 years' financial services consulting experience. He says on the NZX website, "The next few years provide a once in a lifetime opportunity to accelerate the development of NZX's markets and I'm excited to be able to contribute to this development not only for the benefit of NZX's shareholders, but for the country as a whole."

Another Old Boy enjoying a successful career is Chris Quin (1980–84) who works at Telecom. Chris has been tipped in the media to become the

company's new CEO. He is currently Gen-i Chief Executive Australasia. Chris joined Telecom in 1991 as an accountant, before moving into sales. An article in Stuff hailed Chris as 'a hands-on and dynamic leader'. Last year, he even ran the New York Marathon for charity.

Also leading from the front is Old Boy Bernie Monk (1967–71), who has been a strong and powerful advocate for the families affected by the Pike River Mine tragedy. Bernie, a West Coast hotelier, lost his son in the tragedy. Our prayers and best wishes go out to him and his family. Across the ditch, the Stafford brothers, Chris (1993–95) and Matthew (1991–95) are in the limelight as part of a reality tv show based on the Gold Coast. *The*

Stafford Brothers show runs on the Fox network in Australia. It follows the fortunes of the two internationally-renowned DJs and is now into its second season. To give you some idea of their popularity, the DJing duo's show has attracted 81,469 Facebook 'like's!

Another Streamer flying high is Sydney-based Gil Connor (1946–47) who made his mark in aviation. The self-taught pilot moved to Australia aged 17. His flying career began with old military planes and ended up with Boeing 747 Jumbo Jets. Gil flew for both Qantas and Singapore Airlines and went on to train other pilots in a long and distinguished career.

We look forward to sharing more stories in the next *Streamer*. 🍷

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Inaugural Foundation Dinner

Please register me for the St Patrick's Silverstream Foundation Dinner on May 25, 2012

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Number of tickets First Year at Silverstream

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