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# The Foundation to support culture and performing arts



## BENEFIT DINNER AND AUCTION – SATURDAY JUNE 25TH, 2016

THE ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE FOUNDATION'S POPULAR ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER AND AUCTION NEXT YEAR WILL BE SUPPORTING CULTURE AND THE PERFORMING ARTS.

Funds raised from this always highly successful event will go to the Con Anima Choir, Barbershop Quartet, Jazz Band, Chapel Band, Poly Group and other performing arts and cultural needs within the school.

The Foundation has developed funding application criteria where these groups will apply, seeking financial help for specialist equipment, specialist tutor costs and, of course, performing costs.

This enormously enjoyable night includes pre-dinner drinks, a top three-course meal with table wine, entertainment and time to socialize.

A night of cultural extravaganza which will highlight the depth of talent amongst the current students and Old Boys who have left the college to pursue careers in the performing arts, followed by a fast-paced auction.

The Foundation has been operating since September 2009 and has raised more than \$2 million through the ongoing generosity of its donors. The Foundation has issued grants to help pay the College's contribution towards the cost of the artificial sports turf, for the planned redevelopment of the Performing Arts Theatre and for library and science resources.

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

So save the date, join fellow Old Boys, parents (both current and past), staff and friends of the college to celebrate the performing arts here at St Patrick's.





## CHRISTCHURCH OLD BOYS MEET AND GREET



COMMODORE HOTEL AND MARK MCGUINNESS KINDLY HOSTED 25 OLD BOYS IN CHRISTCHURCH IN OCTOBER.

The Foundation hosted its first mini-reunion for

Christchurch-based Old Boys. These mini-reunions are a casual affair and involve choosing a Pub, Bar or Hotel function room suitably located for the convenience of everyone connected with St Patrick's College.

Twenty-five Old Boys, some with partners and wives, joined Neal Swindells, Rector, and Corinne Barnard, Development Manager, for drinks and an informal chat to catch up on news. The age in attendance ranged from men in their twenties up to their eighties. The group photo above was taken at the event.

We would like to acknowledge the assistance of Bruce Palmer and Pat Coady in helping organise the mini-reunion in Christchurch.

## Pak'n Save sponsor fun run

After their exams and camps years 9 and 10 boys will be participating in the Pak 'n Save Fun Run on Monday 7th December. Before the day, students receive pledges from parents, friends and others, who commit to paying a certain amount of money for each of the 1km laps of Kilbirnie Park they run. If a parent pledges \$5 per lap and he runs 30 laps, the student raises \$150.

We are hoping each child can gather at least \$50 each. All funds raised on the day will go to the school Foundation which distributes via the Sports Fund. The goal is for everyone to get involved in the run and raise \$20,000.

## RECONNECT TO ST PAT'S

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

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

It's as simple as emailing [development@stpats.school.nz](mailto:development@stpats.school.nz) or phoning 04 939-5416 and leaving a message.



## Welcome to New Archivist



UNEXPECTED REFERENCES TO CONNECTIONS WITH ST PAT'S HAVE BEEN A PLEASANT SURPRISE FOR NEW ARCHIVIST ROSEMARY MCLENNAN.

She joined the staff at the beginning of term 3 and works Mondays and Tuesdays. Her work background was in community newspaper journalism and she is the author of a history on her suburb, Normandale, Lower Hutt.

A building she has researched was built for Professor von Zedlitz, first professor of modern languages at Victoria University who taught at St Pat's in the 1920s. The building is now Hutt Minoh Friendship House, a Japanese cultural centre, and Rosemary chairs its management committee.

Wellington's well-known Hoskins family members are Rosemary's distant cousins and many of their sons are former students.

Her first project is to put prefect photos since 1979 (the first full year on its present site) on permanent display.

The role includes handling inquiries from family members of former staff and students, either donating material to the archive or seeking information.

Rosemary says that learning about the personalities behind the names of early staff and students and the contribution they have made to the college and society has been fascinating.

And being able to help people doing family history has been rewarding, she says.



## THE JERRY COLLINS MEMORIAL AWARD

FRANK AND GALUIA COLLINS PRESENTED AND DONATED THE JERRY COLLINS MEMORIAL CUP TO THE SCHOOL AT THE SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT ON 24 SEPTEMBER IN MEMORY OF THEIR DEAR SON BECAUSE OF THE HIGH REGARD JERRY HELD FOR HIS FORMER COLLEGE.

The Award is presented to a 1st XV rugby member who has shown outstanding leadership and service to his college spiritually, culturally and academically. The family didn't just want the award to recognise sportsmanship in rugby but to acknowledge all other facets of college life that were extremely important to Jerry and his family.

The recipients of this year's award for outstanding service and leadership to the College, Culturally, Academically and Spiritually were Penieli and Peteli Poasa.



## Barbershop quartet boys sing hearts out to win national title!

THE SMOOTH, SOULFUL HARMONIES OF FOUR OF OUR BOYS EARNED THEM A NATIONAL BARBERSHOP QUARTET TITLE.

Charlie Winn, Ben Anderson, Stefan Filipaina and Justin Espinas came first in the Young Men in Harmony category at the national barbershop quartet competition in Hamilton recently.

The quartet, called Fourth Inversion, sang their hearts out, beating 17 other male groups to take the title.

Tenor Winn, 17, said they were proud of their victory after a shaky beginning when they first got together two years ago.

"Our quartet got together at the start of 2014 ... when we first started out it was quite hard to get our voices to blend and our harmonies to lock, but since then it's just been going up and up."

They practised for about an hour a day, a least once a week, to prepare for the competition. The secret to a successful harmony was listening to each other and projecting their voices the same, he said.

"When it gets much closer to the competition we try not to sing as much. We try to have our set list – our two pieces – ready about a week before we perform at nationals, so we are not finalising notes or getting a bit shaky the day before."

While a lot of time went into perfecting

their harmonies, the most important part was spending time together, he said.

"A lot of it is just bonding as a quartet, because the more you get to know each other, the more comfortable you feel around each other, the easier it is to sing together."

To qualify for the national competition, they had to first win the regional one, though Charlie admitted there were a few nerves as they did not do so well last year.

"We ended up performing pretty well, but we knew that we wanted to do a lot better, we knew we had a lot more in the tank to give to the audience. So it was really good – we came out of it really pleased with ourselves but we were looking for more.

"[And] coming first in regionals gave us a real boost, so for national we were looking to get gold."

He paid tribute to coach and mentor Henare Mihaere, saying: "He's the reason we are here. It's because of him."

St Patrick's College Rector Neal Swindells said he was very proud of what the boys had achieved. The quartet was the first one in 14 years to bring home the title.

More than 950 high school students competed in the Young Singers in Harmony national barbershop competition.



LEFT: Fourth Inversion – from left, tenor Charlie Winn, lead Ben Anderson, bass Stefan Filipaina, and baritone Justin Espinas won the Young Men in Harmony category at the national barbershop quartet competition in Hamilton.

## Leave a Legacy for tomorrow

St Patrick's College is New Zealand's oldest Catholic Boys' College and has educated 13,000 boys over 130 years. You can help by making a donation or leaving a gift in your will to St Patrick's College Foundation, a registered charity.

As a Catholic Marist school we understand that loved ones and family come first in one's financial plans which makes the gifts we receive to help our school so greatly appreciated.

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## ROLL CALL: 1955 to 1958

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, WELLINGTON, WELCOMES BACK ITS OLD BOYS FOR A REUNION ON FRIDAY 27TH MAY 2016

In May 2016 the College will be welcoming back its Old Boys who were 3rd Formers who started in the Years 1955, 1956, 1957 or 1958.

Registrations are now open for this Reunion with registration forms being mailed/emailed to those whose contact details we currently have. But, it is most important that if this is your reunion group, you start reaching out to other Old Boys and make contact with us.

### HOW TO HELP?

Drop us a line with any contact details you may have or phone or email – whatever is easiest for you. To ensure the reunion is well-attended and to give as many as possible the chance to be included, which is one of the core aims in the Development Office, please get in touch with your school friends.

From those who attended the 125th Reunion we have their details, but there are many other Old Boys from this era who we want to reach out to and extend a warm invitation to take part in this special reunion.

## HOLY WATER FONT FROM THE OLD ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE CHAPEL RETURNS



This is the original holy water font from the chapel at St Patrick's College when the school was on the old site in Cambridge Terrace, Wellington (1885-1979).

It does not seem to have been included in the shift to Evans Bay Parade but was donated back to the school in 2011 by the family of an old boy, Noel Whitehouse (student 1936-1938), on his death.



## In Memoriam

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

GARDINER Louis (Major General ONZM)	1966–70
VAUGHAN, Raymond (Ray)	1941–46
TREACEY, Timothy James (T.J.)	1939–41
PORTER, Eldon Dennis	1950–52
WEBBER, James Alfred	1960
MARTIN, Daniel (Danny)	1963–67
LEATHLEY, Colin	1947–50

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



## St Pat's Old Boys honour their finest

THE ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION (WHICH REPRESENTS BOTH ST PAT'S TOWN AND SILVERSTREAM) CONTINUED WITH THEIR TRADITION OF NAMING THEIR OLD BOY OF THE YEAR AT LAST MONTH'S ANNUAL DINNER.

Honoured was Francis Fanning, Old Boy of both Stream (61-62) and Town (63-65).

Prominent Wellington businessman Brian McGuinness, winner from 2014, presented the trophy to Francis.

Association President George Collins said "The award, named after long-serving Association Secretary Felix Kane, recognises Francis's active contribution to the Catholic way of life and faith and to his contribution to the promotion of the betterment of the wider community."

Past recipients have included Deputy Prime Minister Bill English, Pike River campaigner Bernie Monk, former Police Association President Steve Hinds, actor Jim Moriarty, Union advocate John Ryall, lawyer Joe Karam, former Lower Hutt Mayor Sir John Kennedy-Good (dec) and Catholic Church leaders Cardinal Tom Williams, Frs Gerard Burns, Julian Wagg, Noel Delaney and Barney Doherty (dec) and Old Boy stalwarts Andy Bell, Rex McArley (dec), Peter Menzies, Bernie Walsh, Nelson Nunns (dec) and Felix Kane (dec).



**CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

**An Opportunity to be a Benefactor to your School**

**HELP MUSIC**

A man once said, "Music can change the world because it can change people". This is particularly true of the St Patrick's College Music Department - a place where talent is fostered and students are nurtured to develop into great musicians and men of faith. One cannot walk down the corridor outside the Music room without hearing music flowing through the supposedly soundproof walls.

Con Anima Choir performed at the Big Sing where they received a silver medal. The Fourth Inversion barbershop quartet (Charlie Winn, Stefan Filipaina, Ben Anderson and Justin Espinas) came first in the Young Men in Harmony national barbershop quartet competition.

Jazz continues to develop, along with the Chapel Band, song writing and singing all contributing to lively experiences for our boys. We have had boys attend Victoria University's Music Academy for gifted secondary school musicians, so the talent is extraordinary.

Music equipment can be costly and sound recording and editing equipment to make high quality recordings at the College all cost money.

**Will you help us to make a gift to the Cultural Fund?**

**HELP STUDENTS**

We challenge every one of our boys to strive for success. When they accept the challenges we are not a school that stands by and watches them fail, just because families can't afford to support their endeavours.

The college decile 8 ranking disguises the fact that many of our boys come from families who struggle to make ends meet. This year more than 20 of our boys will directly benefit from the \$10,800 given to the school for technology assistance by purchasing Chromebooks. Chromebooks are now a compulsory electronic device central to much of the curriculum and have greatly enhanced learning delivery.

**Will you help us to make a gift to the Education Fund?**

**HELP TEACHERS**

Great teaching delivers great learning. Our boys continue to achieve outstanding results at all levels well above the national averages. We want to support those teachers that go the extra mile, who take the initiative and want to explore better teaching options and methods. Our teaching professional development programme gives one or two staff members the opportunity to spend several weeks visiting other New Zealand colleges which are leading development in a teacher's specific curriculum area. This allows the College teacher to learn and implement the methods and resources used at the benchmark school. The cost of the programme includes travel and accommodation as well as the relievers' salaries.

**Will you help us to recognise, reward and retain our best teachers?**



**ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE FOUNDATION**

Some donors may be able to give \$10, some \$100 and others \$1000. It's entirely up to you. Giving is a really personal decision and all gifts are **IMPORTANT** to us. No matter how large or small, every gift helps St Patrick's College.



**Yes, I'd Like To Donate To St Patrick's College**



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## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

### GEORGE BOWLER (92-96) IS A 'NOSE'



ST PAT'S OLD BOY GEORGE BOWLER WILL BY THE END OF THE YEAR BE ABLE TO RECOGNISE AND NAME MORE THAN 600 DIFFERENT SCENTS.

George is currently in the South of France at the Grasse Institute of Perfumery (GIP), the birthplace of the fragrance industry. The GIP selects only 12 students worldwide per year.

He follows the only other Kiwi to graduate from the institute, Jennifer Riley. In an 11-hour day, Bowler and his fellow students smell as much as their noses will allow before becoming completely saturated.

He is learning from the crème de la crème of the fragrance industry. George is enjoying his current life in Grasse, in the hills above the Côte d'Azur. It has narrow winding streets, beautiful architecture and is picturesque.

"Everybody smokes and they bring their little dogs with them wherever they go. While it sounds clichéd, it's actually not uncommon to see people walking home with a baguette under one arm and a bottle of Pastis under the other."

George's French is, however, a little shabby but he reckons he was always destined to be in the perfume business as he was always aware of the power of a scent. His interest in perfume goes right back to childhood. As a boy he remembers his parents would often get dolled up for some function.

"Before they left for an event, my mother would appear looking very glamorous in a new evening dress with her hair perfectly coiffed. She would be surrounded by a heady mist of Christian Dior's Poison that followed her like some formidable, floral entourage."

George recalls raiding samples of fragrances like Aramis or Drakkar Noir, which his father picked up during his frequent business trips overseas.

His Nana, like many women of her generation, wore distinctive Cologne which always conjured up memories of prayers before bedtime.

George hopes to one day be at the helm of his own fragrance house. That's the dream.

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### PETER KELLY NOW NZ ARMY CHIEF

A FORMER COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE SAS AND A ST PATRICK'S OLD BOY (1979-1984) BECAME THE NEW CHIEF OF THE NEW ZEALAND ARMY.

Peter Kelly became major general when he took up his new role on September 10.

Major General Kelly served with the special forces unit in Kuwait and East Timor before becoming the commanding officer of contingents sent to Afghanistan in 2002 and 2005.

He took over as army boss from Major General Dave Gawn who is now heading the UN Truce Supervision Organisation in the Middle East.



### Old Boys Tuition

Our Tuition Programme involves employing old boys who are local university students to mentor and tutor students in need of individual support. This gives our old boys some income while at university, as well as assisting students who need particular tuition in a given subject.

Pictured here are Sam and Yianni with James the Tutor.



### Gym floor gets a make-over!

Thanks to the wonderful fundraising by the school Parents Association, the new sports gym floor received a refurbish during the school holidays. The floor was fully sanded, repainted then varnished. The St Pat's crest was applied as a floor graphic to the centre of the gym floor. Added storage and new basketball back boards are planned upgrades in the near future.

## Can you help?

ST PAT'S TOWN OLD BOY OR FRIEND OF THE COLLEGE NEEDED.

ARE YOU RETIRED OR HAVE SOME FREE TIME TO HELP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE?

Alumni work, database entry, investigative work to locate our Old Boys and keep our records up to date. Working closely with the Old Boys' Association and the Foundation Development Manager, Corinne Barnard. If you are interested, do not hesitate to contact Corinne at the school.

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