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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Welcome from the President



BROTHERS, WELCOME TO THE LATEST EDITION OF THE PATSMAN.

It only seemed like yesterday we were awarding Francis Fanning the Old Boy of the Year and hearing Peter Biggs give his outstanding speech at last year's annual dinner. It was a very special night.

Two functions finished off 2015 year in style for the St Pat's Old Boys. First was a reunion for the younger Old Boys of St Pat's Town, hosted by the Town Foundation manager Corrine Barnard, and sponsored by the SPCOBA. Town Old Boy and

Deputy Rector Wayne Mills updated the Old Boys on the changes to the College, and both myself and VP Tom Mahony were in attendance making sure we got to know the younger generation of OB's.

The final function of the year, was to entertain the College Rectors and Foundation managers at Ferdi Petagna's Italian restaurant – Fratelli's, in Wellington. All had an enjoyable and festive evening and I highly recommend visiting Ferdi at his restaurant. Tell him George sent you!

Ferdi (T95-99 – pictured right) also kindly sponsored the player of the day prize at the OB's rugby game this year. So thank you Ferdi & Fratelli's for your support of the SPCOBA.



There were three changes on the SPCOBA executive committee this year with Gordon Noble Campbell (S80-84) and Father Peter Ewart (T54-59) coming on board. Gordon comes to us with a business background and his commercial experience has already been valuable with his managing of our new constitution and guiding us through the process. Father Peter Ewart replaced Father Barry O'Connor as our Marist representative, and brings with him a wealth of experience from his 30 years teaching at both colleges and his historical in depth knowledge of everything Marist. Many thanks must go to Father Barry O'Connor for his role as the Marist representative on the committee; his knowledge and spiritual guidance was much appreciated and we wish him well in Hawke's Bay. The new committee's bios are on the website (www.spcob.org.nz) and our contact details are on the back page of this publication.

This year's Old Boy Scholarship was awarded to Patrick Comeskey. Patrick was nominated from his old school St Anthony's for his leadership skills and his community spirit which are inherent to Marist principles. The Comeskey name is common among both Town and Stream rolls throughout the years, and his great aunt advised us of how one of the family's descendants, Stan Mahony (1885-87), was the second signature on the original roll behind Archbishop Thomas O'Shea on the first day of St Patrick's College in 1885. So as mentioned in the article later in the newsletter, it was a lovely blend of Marist principles linking with Patrician pedigree. Congratulations Patrick!

The Town 1950s reunion at the College gave me the opportunity to engage with OB's of this era, and their enjoyable speeches added to my institutional knowledge of our organisation and the characters of that time. One such character fondly remembered was Radio Hauraki celebrity Kevin Black who died in 2013. "Blackie" as they referred to him, was at the centre of a number of humorous stories.

The third annual Old Boys rugby match was again great fun. The game was organised so Old Boys could play or watch the match then support their colleges at the winter exchange being played on the same day. The Silverstream team called on a younger generation than last year and retained the BP McMahon Cup 36-22 to beat the St Pat's Town Old Boys in sunny conditions at Kilbirnie Park. Later in the day, the Silverstream First XV beat the Town First XV 43-10, and then both Tom Mahony & I had the honour of presenting the Winter Exchange Trophy to winning sports captain, Stream's Max Press. Congratulations Stream!

All of the events I have mentioned have been covered with photos and live footage on our Facebook page. (... continues page 3)

REST IN PEACE

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Black, Tony	S61-65		
Blewman, Tom	T37-40	21-Jan-16	
Brydon, Christopher Alan	S58-61	15-Nov-15	
Bunting, Derek Gerard	Staff S82-86	25-Apr-16	62
Delaney, Noel SM	S35-40; Staff 54-63	13-Feb-16	94
Dillon, Gerard Bede Anthony	S63-65	21-Oct-15	67
Dosser, Mike	S53-55	4-Nov-15	77
Dunn, Peter	T76-81	12-Feb-16	
Friend, William John	S65-66	10-May-16	65
Goldfinch, Terence (Terry) Thomas	S40	20-Jan-16	89
Hare, Gerarld James	S63-67	20-Dec-15	65
Harper, John	T64-68	15-Nov-15	65
Hickman, Louis Joseph Anthony	S39-40	30-Sep-15	91
How, Ralph Selwyn	S44-45	3-Jun-16	86
Hutchison, Dennis John	T67-70	5-Mar-16	62
James, William (Billy)	S52-56	5-Feb-16	77
Janis, Mark	T73-77	26-Apr-16	56
Jobson, Blair Roger	S72-76	21-Oct-15	57
Jones, William (Bill)	S52-56	5-Feb-16	77
Karam, Bernie	S43-46	26-May-16	86
Laracy, Dr Hugh Michael	T51-55	6-Oct-15	80
Maher, James John	S43-46	23-Mar-16	86
Mair, Rhys Michael	S12-16	27-Feb-16	17
McCartney, John Patrick	S50-54	2-Mar-16	79
McMullan, Ian Anthony JP	S43-46	14-Apr-16	88
Menchi, Ron	T47-48		85
Mickelson, Brendan Hilary	S56-60	20-Jul-16	73
Orange, Des	T		
Ottoson, Neil	T61-63	17-Jul-16	67
Pettit, Malcolm	T39-42		
Pigou, John Douglas	S43-7	15-Nov-15	85
Pigou, Laurence Arthur Comyn (Larry)	S42-44	28-Apr-16	88
Quesnel, Marc	S61-65	8-Sep-15	
Simeon, Trevor Ivan	T53-55	21-Jul-15	76
Skinner, Mark	T70-74	23-Dec-15	59
Staniforth, Roger	S54	27-Mar-16	
Tiller, Thomas Patrick	S34-376	1-Mar-16	94
Tye, Chris	T75-78	14-Mar-16	54
Upton, Keven Henry	T51	30-Dec-15	80
Vidal, John	T73-75	12-Apr-16	56
Walsh, Patrick Francis	T41-45	6-Mar-16	87
Wasson, John Lt. Col. (Rtd)	S63-67	17-Apr-16	
Watt, Brian James	S77-78	25-Mar-16	55
Wotton, John		17-Apr-16	
Youngman, Maurice John	S46-7	10-Feb-16	86

FR NOEL DELANEY SM RIP



Noel Delaney was born in 1922 in the parish of Wairoa. Primary school was a State school at Marumaru where his parents had leased a country hotel with small farm attached. He went to St Pat's Silverstream in 1935. It was a big

drain financially, but Noel won a Kennedy scholarship at the end of his fourth form. When Fr. Jim Brosnahan told Noel that he would become a priest Noel dropped Latin and took up bookkeeping. He then had to take up Latin in his final year!

He excelled in English, music, tennis and athletics. He became 1st violinist and leader of the school orchestra and head boy in 1940. He was a member of the 1st XV, Captain of the athletics team that won the McEvedy Shield, and also won the Gilbert Memorial trophy for "good conduct".

After ordination in 1948 Noel spent twenty-six years as a teacher in Marist Colleges - twelve at Hato Pāora (seven as Rector 1965-71); 10 at Silverstream (1954-63), St. Bede's (1949-50), St John's (64-65), and a short spell as Rector of St Augustine's in 1974.

As a Silverstream pupil said, "Noel set standards and we walked with a degree of caution and wariness." The NZ historian Michael King was among his students and in his book "Being Pakeha" he described Fr Noel as one of the best teachers of English he had ever had.

Fr Paddy Kinsella wrote "As Rector Noel moved Hato Pāora into technical, academic, and modern management systems. He gave kids huge encouragement, great generosity and an environment of appreciation. It was something very warm - aroha."

He had ten years as part of the Marist administration - seven as Provincial (1975-1981). In 1972 he was Director of the Marist Māori Missions and later appointed by Archbishop Delargey as Episcopal Vicar for Māori and Polynesian people in the Archdiocese of Wellington. While Noel was Provincial he attended a General Chapter in Rome in 1977. He was involved with the Integration of Marist Colleges, the building of the Colin Library at Greenmeadows, and the moving of St Patrick's College from Cambridge Tce to Evans Bay.

Noel went to Fribourg, Switzerland for one year as chaplain to the English-speaking renewal of Marist Brothers. On his return he spent a part-year at Greenmeadows Seminary before going to Highden as Novice Master in 1983. From 1985-87 he was at St Mary's parish Taradale, followed by the Marist Archives in Wellington.

After 50 years away he returned to Wairoa parish as assistant priest. At age 70 he underwent aggressive chemotherapy, which he faced calmly.

His final years were lived in retirement at Marian Court Silverstream where he enjoyed watching sport at Silverstream and helping with ministry. He always carried with him an air of authority, but his struggle with cancer also developed within him a deep empathy for people who were ill. He died aged 93.

Whakarongo, e Noel, ki tōna reo reka, ā, haere ki Tōna taha.

[Listen, Noel, to the richness of God's voice, and go now to God's side.]



Peter Biggs giving a keynote speech at last year's Old Boys' Annual Dinner, October 2015.

Please join the 2101 Old Boys who are already Facebook friends; as it's an easy way of staying in touch and finding out what is going on.

So see you all at the annual dinner at St Pat's Town on Thursday October 13th, it will be a great night with good food and great company. We will also be announcing our 2016 Old Boy of the Year and celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Society of Mary.

Finally, just a quick reminder to pay your annual \$35 fee. We want to continue supporting the reunions, the colleges, the special projects and events and we can only do this with your continued financial support. All you need to do is deposit your fee at the BNZ; Account 02 0500 0021983 000 (our SPCOBA bank account) and please use your name as the reference. Thank you again for your continued support. Enjoy the Patsman!

Sectare Fidem,
George Collins, SPCOBA President.

End for NZ Antarctic Catholic Chaplaincy

FR RON BENNETT (T61-66), THE PARISH PRIEST TO OTARI IN WELLINGTON, HAS VISITED THE ANTARCTIC MANY TIMES AS A CHAPLAIN THROUGH NEW ZEALAND'S ANTARCTIC CHAPLAINCY PROGRAMME WHICH IS COORDINATED BY THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH. LAST YEAR, THE US NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, ENDED ITS SUPPORT FOR CATHOLIC PRIESTS' SERVICES AFTER 57 YEARS, DUE TO A DECLINE IN CHURCH-GOING AT US ANTARCTIC STATIONS. FR RON TALKS ABOUT 'LIFE ON THE ICE'.



"My chaplaincy experience involved administering to the spiritual needs of as many as 1200 people at McMurdo and Scott Base at any one time. I was there in 2004, 2007, 2009, and 2010, including attending the 25-year (in 2004) and 30-year (in 2009) November 28 anniversaries of the aircraft disaster at Mt Erebus.

Chaplaincy service was about being available at all times - in the meal area, the coffee house, serving meals, washing dishes, sweeping the floor, emptying the garbage. People needed to see you, and see you involved and visiting the Base in a structured way to meet everybody. There is no 'keeping to yourself' and running away to be by yourself.

Pastoral opportunities and needs there are huge, with people living in close quarters in a very isolated place. Often people are dealing with 'unfinished business', such as divorce or separation, the death of a loved one, and they think they can do nothing about it from a distance. Here the Chaplain can help.

Then there are the dangers at the Base itself, such as fire, injury, loss of life, weather changes. You need to carefully follow the rules. While you can walk to certain places alone, in most cases this is not possible or allowed. Care must be taken at all times.

I would celebrate Mass at 5.15pm in the inter-denominational Chapel of the Snows every weekday and celebrate Mass on Sundays. I would have Morning Prayer with the other

(Protestant) chaplain every day to which others sometimes came.

Although the numbers were declining, those who did come often had a deep faith. Frequently people would ask advice about prayer forms, or passages in the scripture. Often there was the opportunity to introduce them to Lectio Divina (praying the Scriptures).

People were impressed by the way Catholic and interdenominational ministers worked together. That was something new for many. During my time on the ice I worked with Episcopal (Anglican), Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, and Reformed Baptist Ministers. We prayed morning prayer together, did Bible study and discussions together, would often eat together, and generally enjoyed each other's company. I think this was a good ecumenical witness.

We certainly tried to have a Christian presence in the ice, and I think that we did well.

Like most things, one can get used to them and take them for granted. The first moment on landing is wonderful. It is like a winter paradise. A beautiful blue sky, snow-capped mountains, getting off the Globe Master aircraft in red jackets, and white moon boots. Then someone yells out, 'Hey, you people, this is an airport runway, get off the runway and onto the bus!'

I had conversations with the late Sir Edmund Hillary at meal times when he came down. He was very humble. Tasked him to sign a \$5 note for me, which I treasure.

I am immensely grateful that this opportunity for my time on the ice was given to me. It is a time I shall never forget."

In January Fr Ron Bennett made another Camino 700km walk along the Way of St James. Read his blog at www.olvonz.com.

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Francis Fanning (Stream 1961-62, Town 1963-65) is awarded the Felix Kane Memorial Cup as the Old Boy of the Year for 2015 by 2014 co-recipient Brian McGuinness.

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE OLD BOY OF THE YEAR 2015: FRANCIS ANTHONY FANNING

Francis as a worthy recipient for the award of 'Old Boy of the Year 2015'. He attended St Pat's Silverstream 1962-63 and St Pat's Wellington 1964-66.

Francis served for more than forty years with great professional commitment, integrity and success in real estate. In a highly competitive field he was widely respected by peers for his ethical and collaborative approach and leadership skills.

Career Highlights

After a brief period in the rural sector Francis joined the family real estate firm in 1969 and obtained all necessary professional qualifications. When J. Fanning and Co Ltd. was taken over by J. H. Bethune & Co Ltd in 1974 he began his long association with the oldest established real estate agency in Wellington. Since 2007 when the Bethune office closed Francis continues to work full-time in residential real estate.

From an early stage Francis has been held by colleagues in the real estate industry. He was elected to the Wellington District Executive of REINZ in 1976 and continued at District level until 1990 including as chair. In 1983 he was appointed a Fellow of REINZ. He filled the senior position of District President in 1984 and 1985.

He has also held an elected position on the National Council of REINZ from 1986 until 1990. He was appointed to the Real Estate Agents Licensing Board (REALB), 1990-96. He was a deputy member of the Licensing Board 1996-2005. Reflecting his deeply held concern for the community good, he advocated strongly for the 'public interest' not solely the real estate sector's interest.

Voluntary Service

Francis has had long ties with the Suzanne Aubert Compassion Centre Ltd., the charitable company which runs the Wellington soup kitchen. He was director of the company since its establishment in 1996 and chair for six years. He continues as a weekly volunteer in the kitchen. He is also a director of Compassion Housing Ltd., a charitable company which is a subsidiary of Sisters of Compassion, which owns and operates 90 residential pensioner units in Upper Hutt City. Francis is involved with the Catholic Foundation of which he is a board member, and convenor of its Scholarship Committee.

The Rotary International motto of 'service above self' applies to Francis. A long-serving member of Wellington South Rotary Club, in 2015-2016 he once more became President and represents the Club's interests at District level.

Concluding Remarks

In his professional career and across the range of community fields Francis has been a classic 'quiet achiever'. He has never sought public acclaim but over many years earned and retained enormous respect for the quiet and courteous, without fuss approach he has always applied to his endeavours. He is a great credit to the two Catholic colleges he attended.

GOLF THE WINNER ON THE DAY

A great day of golf was had by all who attended on 25 February 2016 at the lovely Otaki course.

Many thanks to Peter Burke for organising a great day with good food, drink and great company. Thanks also Otaki Golf Club for the use of the course.

Numbers were down to around 28 so for the 2017 Golf Day you are encouraged to attend to enjoy a great day out with Old Boys.

Fr Gerry Burns took home the Fr Joe Cullen Rose Bowl (best stableford in both divisions) with 41 Stablefords.

The Mons Tom Duffy Cup (best stableford in Division 1 (0-24 handicaps) was taken home by Peter Burke with 40 Stablefords.

The Hibernian Cup (best stableford in Division 2 (24 + handicaps) was taken home by Evan Bayly with 40 Stablefords.



Left to right: Evan Bayly - The Hibernian Cup, Fr Gerry Burns - Fr Joe Cullen Rose Bowl, Peter Burke - The Mons Tom Duffy Cup

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AND STAY IN TOUCH!**

A RECENT DOMPOST NATIONAL PORTRAIT WRITTEN BY TALIA SHADWELL FEATURED OLD BOY GREG O'CONNOR (T1974) WHO IS MOVING ON TO NEW PASTURES.

Greg O'Connor – gun shy

Greg the “gun guy”? Sheriff O'Connor? Actually, after 21 years at the helm of one of the country’s largest remaining unions, the outgoing Police Association president would rather be remembered for the desk-job stuff. The job, according to O'Connor, is a mix of number cruncher, employment advocate, diplomat and policy maker.

“In these jobs - you’re only ever a caretaker. . . my goal was to make sure it’s a heck of a lot better shape now than it was.”

Perfect grooming, one might speculate, for a 57-year-old former cop to embark upon a political career - given all that time spent making contacts and grabbing headlines in the shadow of the Beehive.

O'Connor bats away the very thought of it: “A lot of people don’t believe me - they think there’s a masterplan. But there’s not.

“I’m a believer in that you don’t try too hard to make something happen. Things happen at the right time.”

O'Connor started out in the uniform branch. Back then he saw the world as “black and white - good guys and bad guys”. He went undercover for 18 months, which he credits with broadening his world view. It is hard to imagine him blending in anywhere, given that he stands a good head and shoulders above most people - even among police, where being tall is passé.

“Put it this way. It was easy for a European - for a Pākehā. Because you didn’t have to come from anywhere. It was a lot harder for Maori undercover officers because they had to belong somewhere, they had to be from somewhere.”

O'Connor hails from a West Coast Irish Catholic family, where “growing up there’s a fairly healthy disrespect for the law”. Now, he has three kids and a wife and lives in suburban Wellington.

His son Michael, 23, is disabled - “I’ve never really talked that much about him”. Because of Michael, O'Connor has quietly been giving his spare time to looking after a trust for residential support for people living with disabilities.

So if politics isn’t a goer, might his next move be to lend his voice to another section of society?

“Never say never.” There was a group of people working out of “absolute devotion” for disabled people and receiving very little remuneration. “That is just humbling. That is a group of people that are very special.”

O'Connor has plenty of business to wrap up as he prepares to end his time at the Police Association in October.

Reflecting on his time working with police, he notes officers are under more scrutiny than ever before. Mobile phones’ filming capabilities are changed policing culture, and O'Connor sees some good in that. But he feels the way the footage is used on social media shows the public do not understand policing.

“All of a sudden people have captured it on camera and put it on YouTube, and, ‘wow’, shock horror: police get involved in physical force. Well, sorry, but that’s what police do. They are the coercive arm of the state, and a lot of people - as soon as they see police using physical force, they think something’s wrong. Well, it has. Something’s gone wrong and police are fixing it.”

If O'Connor has a habit of saying polarising things, he’s unapologetic about it. He has about 8600 sets of eyes and ears on the front lines and those Police Association members give him a head-start on hot-button issues. He sees it as his job to act as the messenger.

And when the ranks are feeling under siege, O'Connor makes sure the lowliest



constable’s voice echoes through the halls of power. He has a knack for turning police issues into watercooler conversations.

There he was last year, amid reports of successive cop bashings, on TV screens and in newspapers advocating for a gun on every officer’s hip. Later, there he was again by Police Commissioner Mike Bush’s side as Bush announced police would be routinely carrying Tasers.

And O'Connor popped into the public agenda again when his cautions, aired on broadcaster Duncan Garner’s radio show, on the ease of getting mail-order guns inspired Story journalist Heather du Plessis-Allan to try the stunt herself.

The resulting brouhaha led to changes, but also a police raid on du Plessis-Allan’s home.

O'Connor has kept beating the drum until someone takes notice. He is proud of what the Police Association has put into the public arena - both through its Police News magazine and through his frequent public appearances.

“Police used to call ‘P’ - ‘PR for the Police Association’ until they woke up one day and realised ‘oh, we’ve got a ‘P’ problem’. They also pooh-pooed our claims there was a problem with child abuse, and, ‘oh,’ we wake up one day and there’s a problem with child abuse.”

So how about that gun crime problem?

“The criminal underbelly are armed. That’s just an absolute. I don’t want to turn this into an arming thing. I don’t want my time here to be defined. This is just the incident that’s happened at the moment - at the time that I’m going.”

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PRINCIPLES & PATRICIAN PEDIGREE LINK 2016 TOWN OLD BOY SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Old Boys Scholarships are awarded annually at Town & Stream to a Year 9 boy. The Scholarship for the St Patrick's College Town recipient is awarded to the son of an Old Boy on the basis of a nomination from a Year 8 Principal of a feeder school and as determined by the Town Rector. The award is made on the basis of the recipient displaying leadership potential, diligence (hard work) and all-round ability and contribution to their school.

This year's Old Boy Scholarship was awarded to Patrick Comeskey, who was nominated for showing excellent leadership skills and displaying a strong community spirit while attending St Anthony's School in Seatoun.

Patrick has a wonderful Patrician pedigree that dates right back to the opening of the College in 1885 and the Comeskey name is common throughout the years on both Town and Silverstream's rolls.

I was delighted to receive an email from Patrick's great aunt, Sister Pauline Engel who outlined the family association with the College back to 1885 and said, "The family are delighted at this



reconnecting with the College that was so deeply part of our lives for more than half a century". Patrick is the son of Katie Hill and Town Old Boy, Simon Comeskey (T75-79).

Sectare Fidem Patrick, and well done!

PICTURED ABOVE: Old Boy Scholarship winner Patrick Comeskey with his mother Katie Hill, St Pat's Town Rector - Neale Swindells and SPCOBA President George Collins.



Stream Old Boys of the early 1980's would have immediately recognised the determined look of Robert Taggart (S79-82). This article tells the story of Rob & his partner, Anita and their successes as Waka ama paddlers. When asked about the effort & fitness levels required to complete, Rob advised "it definitely keeps us off the couch". The couple have four children and their son, Izaak, is also a Stream Old Boy. The family have recently moved to Whitby and Rob works as a Superintendent, managing building contracts for Fletcher Construction.

A crew of women waka ama gold medallists made a pledge a decade ago to try and repeat their wins at a future world championship. They've now done it. Local paddler Anita Taggart was part of a masters crew that won three gold medals when New Zealand hosted the biennial world champs in 2006. With Anita and half of that team still competing at elite level, they've just returned from Australia's Sunshine Coast with gold medals in the same events they triumphed in in 2006.

ARTICLE SOURCED FROM THE HUTT NEWS 31 MAY, 2016, WRITTEN BY SIMON EDWARDS.

KIWI COUPLE SHINE AT WAKA AMA WORLDS

The women, who come from all over the North Island, earlier this month won the IVF (International Va'a Federation) world title in the master women's W12, which is a 12-person race where two canoes are lashed together. W6 crews featuring Anita also won the senior master women's 500m sprint and 1000m events.

Anita's husband Rob, who like her has been into waka ama for 15 years, attending four world championships, paddled with the Mana Pasifika Club's senior master Mana Menz crew that won the 1000m bronze medal on Lake Kanaka in Australia. The world event drew teams from all over the Pacific, Australia, the UK and Italy. For the first time ever, the total medal haul by New Zealand club teams at the worlds surpassed that of Tahiti's teams. That's really significant, Anita and Rob say. "In Tahiti, va'a [waka ama] is the equivalent of our rugby."

It is intensely competitive to even qualify for the worlds. Anita's Raumata club team, which would meet in Rotorua for training camps, came first in their events at the NZ national regatta in January. From then she would be out on the water six or seven times a week, training with the men in Rob's Porirua harbour-based club, as well as putting in gym sessions.

What they really enjoy are marathon paddles of 30km or more, in the big swells way out to sea. "You get to do a bit of surfing," Anita says.

They've both won medals in marathon events and will compete in the long-distance nationals off Tauranga in September.

Waka ama is for all ages. The world champs features 19-year-old crews through to paddlers over 70. However, Rob and Anita don't think they'll still be paddling as pensioners. They note that the over 70s crews tend to be from Tahiti and Hawaii, where the weather is benign. Out in the big waves off the New Zealand coast, "it can get mighty cold and uncomfortable," Rob says.

The couple haven't finished with international competition. If they can win selection again in 2018, and save enough money, they'll go to the next world championships in Tahiti.

ABOVE: Rob and Anita Taggart with the medals they won at the IVF World Champs in Australia. Now they have their sights on the waka ama long-distance national champs off the coast of Tauranga.

REV. FATHER JOHN DOWLING SM

THE FIRST RECTOR OF SILVERSTREAM AND SIXTH RECTOR OF WELLINGTON – BY WADE HALL (S)



Rev Father John Dowling SM goes down in our history as the founding Rector of Silverstream and the last Rector of Wellington to administrate a “Town” boarding school.

John William Dowling was born on 15 February 1889 to Michael and Mary Dowling. He was raised and educated in Taranaki at a Convent School and at Straford High School.

Following school, Dowling worked for a short period for at a law firm before being appointed to a four year position within the Treasury Department in Wellington. Whilst working for Treasury, Dowling completed his first year at the law school of Victoria College (now Victoria University).

In 1910 having received the call to Priestly life, Dowling left law school and Wellington and entered St Mary’s Scholasticate in Meeanee, Hawkes Bay and subsequently was ordained as a priest of the Society of Mary by Archbishop Francis Redwood on 21 December 1916. Immediately following ordination, Dowling was appointed a curate in the parish of Napier where during 1918 this young priest ministered many of the sick from the lethal influenza pandemic that struck between October and December of that year. In 1920, Dowling was appointed to the newly established St Bede’s College in central Christchurch where

he took up study once again this time at Canterbury College (now Canterbury University) graduating with his MA (Hons) in Economics.

Upon the death of Father Bernard Ryan SM in 1929 (see previous Patsman), Dowling was appointed the Sixth Rector of St Patrick’s College, Wellington. For two years Dowling administered the college during a huge time of transition, whilst supervising the building of the Silverstream College during a difficult time of international depression. On April 27, 1930, the foundation stone was laid at Silverstream and was blessed and dedicated by Archbishop Redwood and on March 15 1931 St Patrick’s College Silverstream officially opened by the Governor-General His Excellency Lord Bledisloe. Dowling assumed the role as the first Rector of Silverstream and remained in that role until 1937, eventually departing the college in 1940 after serving for a short period as Deputy Rector under Father John Kennedy SM.

A familiar tale from St Patrick’s College, Wellington was that, “When Dowling left he took everything including the name of the school magazine, school trophies and even the yard broom”!

In 1941, Dowling was appointed as the first Rector of St John’s College in Hastings, so again Dowling was involved with the infancy of a new school, setting standards, protocols and traditions. In 1943 Dowling returned to St Bede’s College this time at the Papanui site as its Sixth Rector succeeding his brother Father Maurice Dowling SM. Dowling remained at St Bede’s until 1949, but also served in 1947 as a delegate to the General Chapter of the Society of Mary in Rome. Between 1949 and 1953, Dowling returned to St Patrick’s College, Wellington as a teacher of Economics, no doubt a well-deserved break from administration. Between 1954 and 1959, as Parish Priest, Dowling returned to the Napier Parish where he commenced his priestly life.

When his term of office in Napier expired in 1960, Dowling was given lighter duties as an assistant priest in the Wanganui Parish but frequently kept in touch with Old Boys from all the schools he served. Father Dowling died in Wanganui 5 April 1970 and is buried in Karori Cemetery, Wellington.

“Who’s that guy in white next to Owen Dolan?”

St Pat’s Old Boy (s42-44) and Emeritus Coadjutor Bishop of Palmerston North points out to Pope Francis the kiwi St Vincent de Paul group at his General Audience, just 50 metres away.

Bishop Dolan was at the International Assembly of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, held in Rome 3-5 June 2016. There were national presidents from well over 100 countries present at the Assembly including Terry Comber, New Zealand’s National President. The message from Pope Francis was ‘I exhort you to pray with special intensity to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary that they will teach you how to love God and neighbour with full dedication’.

“Seeing and meeting Pope Francis was absolutely marvellous. He is so relaxed and easy going and very much alive and animated with everyone he meets,” said Bishop Owen.

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Internationals shine as Stream retains the Cup

BY GEORGE COLLINS & GORDON NOBLE-CAMPBELL

In a closely contested match in which the lead changed twice, SPC Silverstream's Old Boys retained the B P McMahon Cup by defeating SPC Wellington's Old Boys by 36 points to 22, after leading the match at half-time by 19 points to 14.

Playing at Kilbirnie Park in Wellington in stunning conditions, both teams featured a number of famous international players, with SPC Wellington captained by Isaac Feau'nati with the support of Kas Lealamanua (both Western Samoan internationals), while SPC Silverstream boasted the skills of Italian international Aaron Persico and All Black Scott Waldrom.

With this year's game played by over 35 year old, Old Boys, only three members of the 2015 SPC Silverstream squad returned to the field this year, with the experienced David Silk (79-83) appointed Captain of the team, and Blake Finnigan (80-84) making a cameo appearance from the bench. Patrick Forde (89-93) showed up in jandals, shorts and a tee shirt with his boots in the back of the car, offering his services just before kick-off and found himself in the thick of it from the very first whistle. The Town team had 6 members of last year's team return and included two pupils from the 1970's in Pat Dunn (75-80) and Mike Hansen (76-80). Henry Fidow (86-89) who was a part of last year's team was this year's coach.

SPC Wellington were the first team to score a converted try by Nic Fitiseanu, as the result of repeated direct thrusts around the ruck which exposed SPC Silverstream's defence. But the 'Streamers were swift to respond with an unstoppable burst down the left-wing through Simon Coffey, reducing the deficit to two points. It was to be the first of two lead changes in the match, with the depth of the Home Team's bench providing strategic relief at key moments of the battle. SPC Wellington extended their lead with a second converted try by Sam Rasch, until Scott "Scooter" Waldrom scored the first of his hat-trick of tries, reducing the lead to two points, 14-12. A converted try to Aaron Jones



THE ST PAT'S SILVERSTREAM OLD BOYS 2016:

STANDING L to R: Blake Finnigan, Scott Waldrom, David McGuinness, Paul Nixon, Vince Reid, Caleb Stephenson, Nick Lissette, Manuel Dalton, Tui Hunt, Johnny McDonald, Glen Nixon & Aaron Thorpe.

KNEELING: Aaron Jones, David Silk (Captain), Tim Fanning, Simon Coffey & Aaron Persico. Missing – Patrick Forde.

just before half-time gave the visitors a five point buffer at the oranges break. The teams went to the break at 19-14 to Stream.

As in the first spell, SPC Wellington were the first to score a converted try by Sam Rasch, playing into the light northerly; 21 points to 19. Suddenly, following the re-start, Waldrom broke clear and converted his own try using his boot as the kicking tee, 26 to 21. Then again down the left-wing, the mercurial Centre ran away to the chalk for the third time, by which at this stage the damage had been done to SPC Wellington's aspirations to re-claim the Cup. Simon Coffey then finished off the Stream performance with a wonderful try down the left wing touch. Final Score Stream 36-22.

It was great to see the four Internationals play again, they all contributed positively and strategically ran the game for their respective colleges. Kas Lealamanua & Zak Feaunati lead the Town forward effort while Aaron Persico did the same for Stream. Knowing the Stream forwards were well lead, Scott Waldrom moved out

to centre and offered his experience in that department of the game. The half time speeches were just something special to watch & just one example of the quality leadership on display during the day. David Silk, wonderfully summed it up at the after match, commenting on how all the players benefitted by having such quality players involved.

Following the exchange of post-match pleasantries, Player-Of-The-Day Awards were presented to David Silk (SPC Silverstream) and Nic Fitiseanu (SPC Wellington). Sausage rolls and club sandwiches were kindly supplied by Old Boy Tony O'Brien from The Pines, while Poneke RFC kindly provided the use of their facilities for the completion of the necessary post-match player re-hydration. A huge thanks must go to organisers of the teams, Henry Fidow & Nic Fitiseanu for Town and Tim Fanning & Scott Waldrom from Stream.

The teams on the day were as follows:

Stream OB's (over 35s):

David Silk, Captain, (79-83), Blake Finnigan (80-84), Tim Fanning (95-99), Caleb Stephenson (1999), Manuel Dalton (90-93), Nick Lisette (92-96), David McGuinness (85-89), Scott Waldrom (94-98), Simon Coffey (95-99), Aaron Persico (92-96), Paul Nixon (90-94), Aaron Jones (94-98), Glen Nixon (93-97), Tui Hunt (92-97), Aaron Thorpe (93-97), Vince Reid (92-94), Patrick Forde (89-93) and Johnny McDonald (90-94)

Town OB's (over 35s):

Zak Feunati, Captain (87-91), Pat Dunn (75-80), Grant Jefferson (85-87), Leitiva'a Fili (87-91), Mike Tolovaa (87-91), Michael Joyce (85-89), Ioelu Fili (87-92), Kas Lealamanua (91-95), Ben Golias (91-95), Dan Scanlon (91-95), Pele Lefifi (93-97), Andrew Nicholls (92-96), Edwin Meachen (93-97), Nic Fitiseanu (92-96), Sam Rasch (92-96), Paala Lefao (91-95), Pat Matthews, Junior Tolova'a (94-98), John Tia (90-94), Davis Isaia (93-97), Stephen Tavoi (90-94), John Bell (82-86), Andy Bell (78-81), Mike Fitiseanu (85-89) and Mike Hanson (79-82). Henry Fidow (T86-89) was the SPC Town coach.

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THE ST PAT'S TOWN OLD BOYS 2016:

STANDING L to R: Henry Fidow (coach), Dan Scanlon, Andrew Nicholls, Nic Fitiseanu, Ioelu Fili, John Bell, Pat Dunn, Pa'ala Lefao, Mike Fitiseanu, Leitiva'a Fili, Stephen Tavoi, Ben Golias, Zak Feunati (Captain), Edwin Meachen, Sam Rasch.

KNEELING: Mick Joyce, John Higgs, Mike Hansen, Junior Tolova'a, David Isaia, Andy Bell, Grant Jefferson & Kas Lealamanua.

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SIMON SAYS: “MANA”, “FAITH” AND “RESPECT”

BY JOSEPHINE COLLINS



Simon Stack maybe known to some of you as a Stream boarder 78–82, but others recall his 18 years on the teaching staff at Stream. This included being the HOD for science, Year 12 Dean, House Dean, coach of the XV, acting Deputy and Deputy Rector (pastoral). Before coming to Stream, Simon previously taught at St Bedes, Christchurch and St Peters College, Auckland.

On joining the Stream teaching staff in 1997, Simon started a family with his wife, Karen, with both their boys Sean and Daniel eventually attending the college too. In some respects this was a coming-home for Simon so he could foster and grow in his development as a teacher, but in other respects it became a time of preparation so that Simon could leave once again; taking the heart of Marist tradition into another community.

In 2015, Simon left Stream to join our Marist cousins, St Bernard's College Lower Hutt, to become the Principal. Admittedly a hard but equally faith-filled decision to do more where there is a need and opportunity. Very humbly, Simon reflects on the fact that not all schools have a level playing field when it comes to resources, infrastructure and history. Remaining in Catholic education is important to him and in doing so he continues to build on the legacy that our founding Catholic Fathers, Brothers and Sisters brought to NZ over 150 years.

When asked about what the Marist tradition means, he says; “*To be ‘Marist’ is to take a person ‘where they are at’ and help them become the best person that they can be. That’s my vision for St. Bernard’s. To take all of our kids that come here and support them with whatever they may need to become great. So it’s about accepting them as individuals, encouraging their self-belief and putting in place things that they need to help them grow and be successful. The constants the boys hear from me are ‘Mana’, ‘Faith’ and ‘Respect’.*”

On a more serious note – regarding future rugby contests between St Bernard's, Stream and Town – Simon was relatively tight lipped. He alluded to a renaissance, rebuilding phase with those in the Intermediate school of St Bernard's. While St Pat's doesn't have any 11 & 12 year olds to verse what seems to be an upcoming relatively strong side, they might well be the ones to turn around the Prem 1 side of St Bernard's in the future.

We wish Simon continued success in his ‘new home’ but still very much being part of the Marist family - Holding Fast to the Faith.

FATHER SON RUGBY DYNASTY CONTINUES

BY ADAM JULIAN (S1999-2003)

The Mannix and Tocker families’ passion for rugby remains undiminished with both still extensively involved in the sport at both representative and school level.

Tim Mannix has been reappointed coach of Silverstream's First XV after his first season in charge. A young side produced mixed results, but Tim (S82-86) thoroughly enjoyed the challenge.

“We had a young side with a great attitude. They were competitive in every game, but some naive mistakes cost them. They will learn from this season and come back stronger in 2017,” Tim believes.

The Mannix families association with Silverstream stretches back many decades. Father Jack and James Mannix were members of the Society of Mary and were involved in Catholic education for many years.

Tim played for the Silverstream First XV from 1985 to 1986, in the former year achieving a ‘Grand Slam’ of traditional victories. The prop forward later kicked on to play 82 games for Wellington. Tim's younger brother Simon Mannix was an All Black who scored 450 points for the First XV between 1988 and 1989. He is now based in France as a rugby commentator. Oliver Mannix played for the First XV in the mid nineties and works for Meridian Energy.

Tim works in a developmental role for the Wellington Rugby Union has had two boys through Silverstream. Nic Mannix (2010-2014) made the Hurricanes U18's and Luke Mannix in Year 11 and was selected for the Wellington U16's. Tom is due to start at Silverstream next year.

Murray Tocker still holds the records for most games (78) and points (601) for the Silverstream First XV. After more than 40 years of service to the game in the capital, Murray holds another illustrious position, President of the Wellington Rugby Football Union.

“I feel very honoured to hold this position. The game has its challenges, but generally it's in great shape. I try and do as much as I can to keep the game healthy,” Murray says.

Murray's brothers Kenneth and Dennis each passed through Silverstream playing for the First XV, but his sons attended Town. John Paul (JP) is another Tocker with a strong foothold in the game. JP played for the Town First XV and later appeared in over 150 games for Marist St. Pat's winning four Jubilee Cups. He is presently a commentator on Land Rover First XV rugby. JP explains how the opportunity arose.

“Late in my playing career I was injured before a club game and Ken Laban asked me if I wanted to do commentary with him. I really enjoyed it and started to look for further opportunities. I have been lucky to have the chance with Sky,” he says.

JP's sister Sarah is married to former British and Irish Lion Riki Flutey while Julian is the only brother without rugby pedigree. He runs his own dance studio in Los Angeles and recently appeared on Dancing With the Stars.



COMMEMORATIVE ST PAT'S RUGBY BOOK LAUNCHED

Boys who attended the College during its first half century and who contributed both on and off the rugby field. It is the result of a six-year collaboration between Gordon Noble-Campbell (researcher), Nigel Robertson (wordsmith) and Steve Cooper (designer). It brings to life the stories of College students of the past, as a source of inspiration to present College students.

"These 50 old-boys, through the sport of rugby union, made a great contribution to New Zealand society and influenced how we have arrived as a nation, at this point in time," said Noble-Campbell at the launch.

"We have a book that features 10 All Blacks (including an All Black cleric or two), a Wallaby player from Hunterville, an English Rugby surgeon, one of Argentina's first rugby international players, New Zealand's most famous rugby radio commentator, and the inventor of rugby's spiral pass.

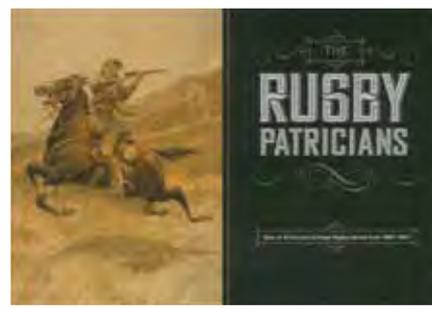
Nearly half the men featured (24) served in the armed forces during the two World Wars, with six not returning home," he said. "Their sacrifice is remembered today of all days."

"The life stories in this book include some extraordinary episodes of extreme bravery, utter despair and great humour. By comparison, our lives today seem a lot less exciting and varied. Today, we give their lives renewed existence."

Attending the launch were St Pat's old-boys, staff, friends, and descendants and family members of many of the men profiled. Guest speaker Cardinal John Dew's uncle, a cleric All Black, features in the book. Another guest was old-boy Chief of Army, Major General Peter Kelly.

For more information or to purchase a copy of the book, please email Gordon Noble-Campbell at trp@scprugby.org.nz or call 021 140 6118.

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The Rugby Patricians has been six-years in the making by (from left) Gordon Noble-Campbell, Steve Cooper and Nigel Robertson.

On 25 April this year, on the 100th commemoration of Anzac Day, a new book The Rugby Patricians was launched at 78 Cambridge Terrace, Wellington, the original site of St Pat's College. That day was also the 130th anniversary year of St Pat's formal membership of the Wellington Rugby Football Union on 26 March 1886.

The book features biographies of 50 Old

Manuel Dalton (S90-94) became one of the most famous St Pat's Old Boys over-night, when pop sensation Lorde decided to donate \$20,000.00 to his charity 'Fuel the Need'. This is the article that announced the story to the world.



LORDE GIVES UPPER HUTT CHILDREN'S CHARITY \$20,000 BOOST

Superstar New Zealand singer Lorde appears to have donated \$20,000 to an Upper Hutt children's charity.

On a Givealittle page for Fuel The Need, the

sizeable donation was signed under Lorde's real name Ella Yelich-O'Connor. Fuel the Need helps get school lunches to 50 children who otherwise wouldn't be fed, and is led by Manuel Dalton of Dalton's Gym in Upper Hutt.

The donation came with the message: "Good on you Manuel and Fuel the Need - hope this helps a little bit. Lots of love from a former kid who is passionate about all kids having access to food at school." Dalton found out the news early Thursday morning when the alarm on his phone woke him.

"All sleepy eyed I looked at my notifications and saw one from Givealittle and had to do a double take at seeing \$20,000," he said. "I wasn't aware who Ella Yelich-O'Connor was and when people told me it was Lorde, I said 'gosh, oh my Lord!'"

Dalton says each meal costs \$3 and the project needs \$30,000 over a school year.

"We've got the volunteers, the professionals to deal with preparation, and we've got delivery sorted but we've been waiting for the finances to fund it. I didn't want to commit to the project until we had at least half the funding because the last thing I wanted to do was in a month or two stop because we've got no more money."

Fuel the Need has attracted 20 volunteers

including Andrea Young from the Life Education Trust who has provided the project healthy and tasty lunch ideas.

"With this funding we now hope to start in term four but this is just the start, we need continued donations to keep going year on year."

Green MP Marama Davidson said Dalton had faced "total rejection" from local businesses. She was surprised by the lack of responses Dalton had received, too.

Davidson has a member's bill in the parliamentary ballot, which would provide funding for food in schools, the Education (Funding for School Food and Allied Programmes) Amendment Bill.

She said the bill would let eligible schools decide themselves how to the money it would provide for food.

"Schools could apply for the funding and could use it in whatever imaginative ways they wanted to and Manuel Dalton could absolutely be a huge part of that," she said.

If you would like to donate to the charity, please contact Manuel on 0273258030 or email daltonsgym@gmail.com or donate to Fuel the Need, account 06-0773-0345078-01, reference FTN Reg Donation with your name as a reference.

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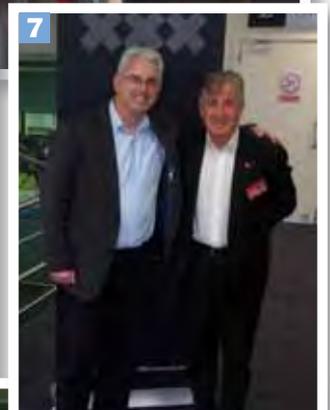
1: Upper Hutt Mayor & Stream OB Wayne Guppy (S68-72) with his entry to the celebrity cake competition; he lost to LH Mayor Ray Wallace.

2: Robert Armstrong gives the opening speech at the Town late 50's reunion

3: Grant Jefferson (T87-89) & Tony Minihan (S74-78) man the BBQ at the St Martin de Pores Picnic.

4: VP Tom Mahony & President George Collins present the Winter Exchange to Stream Captain Max Press.

5: The army was in full support of the Rugby Patricians book launch on ANZAC day; L to R – Major Kristian Dunne (S93-97) Major, General Peter Kelly (T79-84) Chief of the Army & Lieutenant Thomas Kelly (T2006).



6: Jock Rush (T55-58) & John Barber (T55-57) at the Town late 50's reunion.

7: President George Collins & SPC Town OB & Auckland Super City Candidate Mike Lee (T63-65).

8: Young Town Old Boys gather at their reunion with VP Tom Mahony, President George Collins, Town Deputy Rector Wayne Mills & Rector Neale Swindells.



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