



# THE STREAMER

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St Patrick's College Silverstream *Foundation Newsletter*

## Foundation launched in style

The St Patrick's College, Silverstream Foundation was launched in fine style at a very successful Inaugural Dinner at the College.

The Dinner was held on Friday 25 May in the College auditorium. More than 250 Old Boys and friends came from throughout New Zealand to attend the launch and renew college friendships.

The evening began with a gathering in the foyer, the entrance way to the original assembly hall. Television presenter and Old Boy Mark Sainsbury kept all the diners engaged and entertained; his interview with current head boy, Aaron Conlon, was a highlight.

Deputy Prime Minister and Old Boy Bill English was a very motivating and interesting guest speaker. He highlighted the importance of maintaining the traditions and customs of Marist values within the College community at Silverstream. He challenged all present to be active members of the new Foundation and to commit themselves to its ongoing support.

The Rector Gerard Tully and Chairman of the Board of Proprietors, Brian McGuinness, also spoke at the Dinner. Brian outlined the vision and role of the Foundation in helping boys



achieve their full potential at the College. He said the Foundation's focus would be on enhancing the learning environment and providing facilities that ensured the College build on its reputation as one of the leading Catholic secondary schools in New Zealand.

The evening was a great success,

reconnecting many Old Boys and friends with the life of the College and energising them to be part of its future. Special thanks to Mr Dominic Outtrim and his team of willing and able supporters who superbly co-ordinated this Inaugural Foundation dinner.

*See back page for more pictures from the Foundation launch dinner.*

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.



# New Gymnasium project to start soon

Stage one of the exciting Sports Hub Project will soon be underway. Construction of a new state-of-the-art gymnasium will go to tender in November and work is scheduled to begin in early 2013.

It's expected the new gymnasium will be completed in time for the beginning of the 2014 school year.

The Sports Hub Project will also comprise an all-weather track at the southern end of the College and an aquatic centre. St Patrick's Silverstream will be just the third College in New Zealand to have an all-weather track and this valuable facility will also be made available to the wider community.

Timing for the commencement of work on the all-weather track will depend on the success of the fundraising programme. It is hoped work will begin on the all-weather track next year.

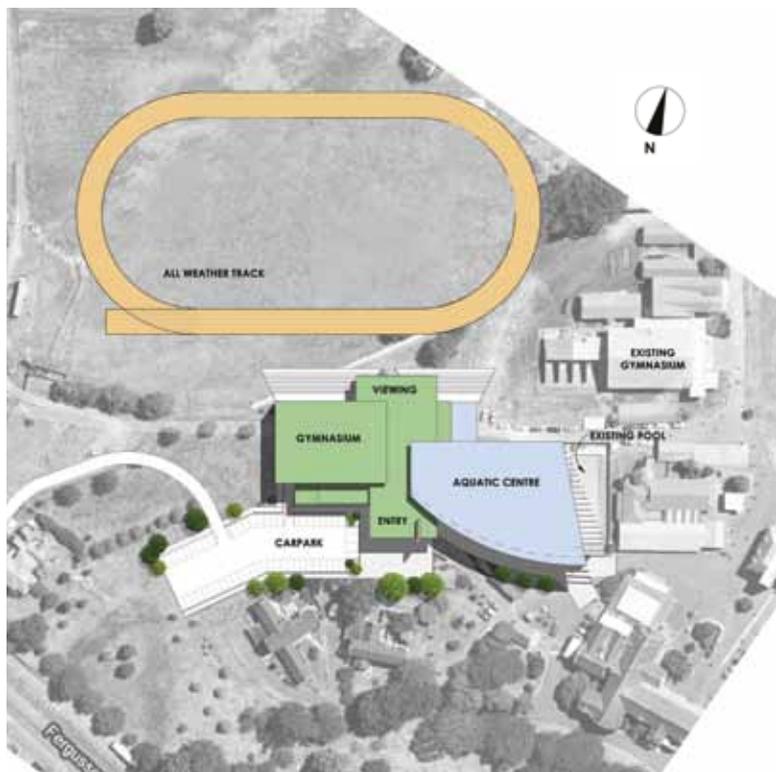
The Sports Hub Project will be a great boost for the College, says Rector Gerard Tully.

"It will result in amazing facilities for our students and generations of students to come. It will help them to achieve their full potential in the sporting realm and will also provide us with a first-class facility that others can use."

## KEY

- Denotes Stage One
- Denotes Stage Two
- Denotes Stage Three

Bird's-eye view of the Sports Hub project.



***"The Sports Hub will give the College a unique facility that will benefit generations of St Pat's students to come."***



Artist's impression of the new gym.

## Join the Foundation

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We welcome your involvement in the St Patrick's College, Silverstream Foundation. If you are an Old Boy or friend of the College, or your son is a current pupil, please join up and play an active part in shaping the future of our College.

St Patrick's Silverstream has been providing our Catholic youth with a first-class faith-based education for more than 80 years. The Foundation is a great way of ensuring the College stays at the forefront of Catholic education in New Zealand. We need your help and support. Get involved.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please get in touch:

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# Fr Noel celebrates 90 years

A large congregation of Marist confreres, family and friends gathered at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Waikanae in October to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Fr Noel Delany. Mass was followed by a long leisurely lunch nearby. It was a very joyful occasion with many friends from different eras – including a group of Old Boys from Hato Paora College – coming together to pay tribute to a very talented yet modest priest.



Fr Noel during his time at Silverstream in the 1950s.

Noel was a student at Silverstream from 1935-40, excelling in music, English and athletics. He returned to the school in 1954 where he taught and continued his university studies. Celebrated New Zealand writer and Old Boy of the College, Michael King described Fr Noel as one of the best teachers of English he ever had.

Fr Noel has been a Marist priest for more than 60 years, devoting himself to many different ministries. A highlight was his leadership role at Hato Paora College and his time as Provincial of the Society of Mary in 1975. He has been a member of the Marist community at Marion Court Silverstream since 2002.



## Redwood House refurbishment completed

The refurbishment and seismic strengthening of Redwood House, home for the school's boarding community, has been completed. Boarding at the college has seen a resurgence in recent times with 94 boarders enrolled this year, up from 75 last year. With the refurbishment, there is now space in Redwood House for a total of 106 boarders. It's pleasing to report that demand for a Catholic boarding education is high.

Boarders bring a great sense of spirit and loyalty to the school, says Nick Tait, Director of Boarding.

"Although numbers of boarders are fewer than in the past, they still have a greater ownership in the college and often have a high level of school pride. This is reflected in boarders consistently receiving the Rosebowl Award for Silverstream Spirit as well as having five Heads of School in the last six years."

Nick Tait said the boarding community was a very special community within the college where "lifelong friendships are born, a solid work ethic is nurtured, teamwork is fostered and leadership is promoted."

### COLLEGE CALENDAR

Tuesday 6 November – Year 11 and 12 Prizegiving

Friday 9 November – Year 8 Day Boy Orientation

Friday 16 to Tuesday 20 November – Years 9 and 10 Examinations

Saturday 10 November to Wednesday 5 December – NCEA Examinations

Thursday 22 November to Friday 23 November – Year 10 Retreat

Monday 26 November to Tuesday 27 November – Year 9 Retreat

Tuesday 4 December – Year 8 Information Evening

Friday 7 December – Fathers' Fun Day

Friday 14 December – Years 9 and 10 Prizegiving; end of Term.

### Bequests welcome

If you want to leave a lasting legacy for the next generation of Streamers, our Foundation Manager, Mike O'Leary, would love to hear from you. Even a small donation can make a real difference. Mike can be contacted on 021 615369.

# Introducing the new Foundation Manager

*Mike O'Leary has had a long and very successful association with the College over nearly 25 years. With his appointment as Foundation Manager, he is set to begin a new chapter helping to bring the new Foundation to fruition.*

"It is with great pleasure that I am now able to continue my involvement with the College as the manager of the Stream Foundation, having retired from teaching at the end of 2011.

I was appointed as Head of Department of the Physical Education department in 1988, taking over from John Knights who had developed a well-resourced and structured department.

I experienced many highlights during my 24 years on the staff here at

Silverstream. These included the winning of the national secondary schools' cricket competition in 1996 when the 1st X1 won the Gillette Cup over Wanganui Collegiate. Witnessing the thrill of winning two McEvedy Shields in 2002 and 2003 was also a highlight. Also notable were the many magnificent performances by the 1<sup>st</sup> XV rugby team over this period. The team of 1988 was unmatched in recent history, winning all six traditional matches.

I was known in recent years for keeping up-to-date with the latest tech devices, so I look forward to touching base with as many Old Boys as possible via social media and the likes.

We need to support and develop



this Stream Foundation for the future of our College, so going forward we will have facilities and opportunities that will be the envy of schools in the region."

Sectare Fidem  
Mike O'Leary

## Sporting Triumphs

**Silverstream had plenty of sporting triumphs over the winter season, with our teams making 11 finals. Particularly noteworthy were our thrilling victories in rugby, football and basketball.**

In a fantastic climax to their season, the First XV Rugby Team won the Wellington Premier 1 Rugby Final in a hard-fought game against Wellington College 6-3. After a last minute loss to Wellington College in the 2011 Final it was a deserved reward for captain Andy Knight and his young side. Two penalties from Josh Robertson-Weepu were enough to seal the game, This is Stream's third final, and second title, in three years, winning the 2010 title against St Patrick's Town.

In an extra-time penalty shoot-out, Stream won the College Sport Division 1 Football Final against St Bernard's College 7-6 (2-2 in normal time). Our Senior A Basketball team also won the College Sport Division 1 Final against St Pat's Town. Trailing by 1 point with 21 seconds to go, Stream pulled one out of the bag to score the winning basket with 1.8

seconds remaining! A great result for the season.

Summer sports are now well underway at the college. An Athletics Team of around 20 boys will be attending the New Zealand Champs in Dunedin from 7-9 December. Our Year 9 middle distance athletes have been working hard and had a fine win in the Wellington Road relays in September.



The true character of a young side was very evident as the First XV defeated Wellington College to win the Wellington Premier 1 Rugby Final.

# GIFTING

The College is very grateful for any donation you can make to the Foundation. We urge you to get involved in whatever way you can. Many thanks to those who have already made a donation.

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

St Patrick's College, Silverstream Foundation, Private Bag 906, Upper Hutt

## Gifting Options

My/our gift to the Foundation is \$ .....

I/ we would like to make a weekly donation to support the Foundation.

PER WEEK:

- \$5       \$20  
 \$10      \$ .....  
 \$15

FOR:

- 1 Yr       4 Yrs  
 2 Yrs       5 Yrs  
 3 Yrs       .....Yrs

I/we would like to make a gift of \$ ..... annually over a period of ..... years, commencing ..... / ..... (month/year).

*All Foundation gift amounts remain confidential.*

## How to make your gift or pledge

Cheque (payable to the St Patrick's College, Silverstream Foundation)

Internet Banking (please provide full reference details in the transaction)

Automatic Payment (via your bank with full reference details)

Credit Card

### FOUNDATION BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

**Account No:** 12-3478-0037922-00

**Account Name:** The St Patrick's College, Silverstream Foundation

### YOUR DETAILS

Name:

Address:

City:  Postcode:

Email:

Phone:  Mobile:

Parent     Staff     Friend     Old Boy: Year/Form started (e.g. Year 9/3rd Form):

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:

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FOUNDATION LAUNCH DINNER: A great turn-out of Old Boys and friends of the College – including guest speakers Bill English and Mark Sainsbury – returned to the College to show their support for the new Foundation.

## Streamers In Action

Streamers are making their mark here and abroad in a variety of careers.

Across the ditch in Melbourne, **Peter Biggs** (1970-74) continues to enjoy great success as the head of advertising agency Clemenger BBDO. Clemenger has just been named agency of the year for the Asia Pacific region and has been named Campaign Brief agency of the year for the fourth year running. Peter Biggs has spent the past six years in Australia and under his management, Clemengers has more than quadrupled in size to 200 staff and become Australia's most successful agency.

Closer to home, another creative Streamer **Dave Gibson** (1966-69) has been honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours list. Dave was awarded an Order of New Zealand Merit for services to the film and television industry. He is one of the leading producers in the New Zealand film and television industry. His company, Gibson Group, has produced successful film and television programmes for local and international audiences for many decades. Dave founded The Gibson Group in 1977 and has sold his locally-made shows to more than 80 countries.

**Stefan Lepionka's** (1984-89) name will be familiar to anyone who buys Charlie's fruit juice. Stefan has recently stepped down as CEO of the company although he will continue to guide the strategic direction of the company as a board member. Stefan co-founded

Charlie's with Marc Ellis and Simon Neal in 1999 and turned it into a household brand. Last year Charlie's was acquired by a subsidiary of Japanese Brewer, Asahi Group Holdings, Limited and is now part of the Schweppes group. Stefan is now looking to use entrepreneurial skills in new ventures.

Another Streamer, Justice **Mark O'Regan** (1967-71), has risen to great heights in the field of law. Mark is currently the President of the Court of Appeal of New Zealand. He was admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the High Court in 1977 and became a partner with the law firm Chapman Tripp in 1984. He was appointed to the High Court in 2001 and to the Court of Appeal in January 2004.

**Paul Cameron** (1990-94) has made a name for himself in the world of electronic publishing, as the CEO and co-founder of software company Book Track with his brother Mark. BookTrack provides a synchronized soundtrack for people reading e-books. It mixes music, sound effects, and ambient sound to provide an immersive multimedia reading experience. *The Times* newspaper described Booktrack as an 'advance in electronic publishing.' After it was featured by Apple, the app took off in the iTunes Store, breaking into the top 100 free apps within two weeks of its launch.

Earlier this year, former Streamer **Tony Egan** (1980-84), became managing director of family business

Greenlea Premier Meats. Tony originally joined Greenlea in 1993 rising to managing director (marketing and finance). He left in 2001, spending five years as chief executive for AFFCO New Zealand, which had a turnover of \$1.5 billion and 3,500 staff. He spent the next five years heading up New Zealand's largest quality assurance organisation AsureQuality, which has 1,700 staff and 130 locations. Waikato-based Greenlea Premier Meats has 360 staff, employed over two sites in Morrinsville and Hamilton, and processes over 180,000 animals.

In the world of Maoridom, **Sir Tumu Te Heuheu** (1956-60) is continuing the work of his father Sir Hepi Te Heuheu, as the paramount chief of Ngāti Tūwharetoa. The Te Heuheu family has been the family of chiefs for the iwi for approximately 200 years. Sir Tumu attended Silverstream in the 1950s, and served his apprenticeship under his father, working on the family farm and helping direct development of Ngāti Tūwharetoa's land and businesses. He became paramount chief in 1977 and a Distinguished Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2005. He is currently dealing with the Government on major issues such as asset sales and water rights.

Sir Tumu's brother, **Timoti Te Heuheu** (1958-62), was also a respected, senior leader of Tūwharetoa. Sadly, he recently passed away after a long illness. Our condolences go out to him and his family.