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## UPCOMING COLLEGE & FOUNDATION EVENTS 2013:

3RD & 4TH MAY

SPC BASKETBALL CLASSIC

9TH MAY

DECADES REUNION

14TH MAY

SPORTS TRADITIONAL @  
PALM.NTH BOYS HIGH

17TH & 18TH MAY

O'SHEA SHIELD @ ST JOHN'S  
HASTINGS

21ST MAY

SPORTS TRADITIONAL @  
ST JOHN'S, HASTINGS

28TH MAY

SPORTS TRADITIONAL @  
WELLINGTON COLLEGE

14TH JUNE

BENEFIT DINNER & AUCTION

21ST SEPTEMBER

SPC FUN RUN!



## First Impressions from our Rector

I HAVE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED MY FIRST TERM AS RECTOR OF ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE. I HAVE BEEN HUGELY IMPRESSED BY THE QUALITY OF THE STAFF, BY THE OPPORTUNITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE STUDENTS, BY THE SUPPORTIVE CULTURE WITHIN THE COLLEGE AND BY THE POSITIVE SUPPORT FOR THE COLLEGE FROM SO MANY PEOPLE IN THE WIDER WELLINGTON COMMUNITY.

My vision for the College is to ensure that it is genuinely Catholic, that the students practise their faith; that they understand what it means to be Marist; that they excel in all spheres of life – spiritual, academic, sporting and cultural and that, when they leave school, they serve the communities where they live.

Our academic results for 2013 were again impressive. 85% of Year 11 students passed NCEA Level One; 90% of Year 12 students passed NCEA Level Two and 77% of Year 13 students passed NCEA Level Three. We gained 15 NZQA Scholarships with Georges Tinawi, our 2013 Dux, being awarded a Top Scholar award for his five Scholarships.

The College's capacity to help students excel and live up to their potential is enhanced by the Foundation's financial contribution which provides for additional staffing for our "banded classes" in the junior school, our Old Boys mentoring programme and with our Scholarship programme which includes a Scholarship class in Statistics and in English.



Sports results already this year are fantastic. We won the McEvedy Shield for the third time in three years by a clear margin from Wellington College. Our 1st XI cricketers beat St Bede's outright. Our senior Futsal (indoor soccer) team won the national title, the juniors were runners up. The softball team was second in NZ, the volleyballers were regional champions. The Water Polo team was fourth in the North Island champs and we won our first rowing medal at the Maadi Cup – the national secondary school championships, for over 10 years.

There are two big challenges for the school. The first is to keep the students practising their faith in an age when many of their parents do not attend Mass. The second is the cost of the seismic strengthening of our buildings. What we need is support in the form of prayer, encouragement and financial assistance to help us ensure that all students have the best opportunities to learn and to ensure the College's facilities are up with the best for a school that has our distinctive heritage, reputation and high standards.

*Neal Swindells, Rector*

*Main picture above: Rector Neal Swindells with Athletics captain Daniel Buttar*

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE  
FOUNDATION

*Past Present Future*



# BLACK & BLUE

BY TIM REYNOLDS 1965–69

ST PATS COLLEGE HAS PRODUCED 13 ALL BLACKS OVER THE YEARS. THEY ARE E HARPER (1904–06); TW LYNCH (1913,14); RJ MCKENZIE (1913,14); PF MARKHAM – AKA FATHER PAUL KANE (1921); JL BROWNLIE (1921); MJ BROWNLIE (1922–28); P MCCARTHY (1923); TG CORKILL (1925); JM BLAKE (1925,26); A MAHONEY (1929–36); JJ BEST (1935–36); BEL FINLAY (1959); J COLLINS (2001–7).

The greater proportion are pre World War 2, and this probably highlights the role that the boarding nature of St Pats pre 1931 (when St Pats Silverstream opened and took over the boarding component) played. Since World War 2 Silverstream has produced four All Blacks, one English and two Scottish Test players.

An interesting fact is that, despite the small numbers, SPC old boys stuck together when they did make the All Blacks. Tom Lynch and Jock McKenzie both made their debuts in the 1st Test against Australia in 1913, with Lynch scoring 3 tries and McKenzie 2, with the All Blacks winning 30/5. There's a question for Trivia Nights – which school has accounted for 5 tries by players in a Test on debut?

Then in 1921 two SPC old boys Paul Markham and Laurie Brownlie both played their only game for the All Blacks against New South Wales, unfortunately losing 17/0. Obviously let down by the other 13!

In 1925 two more old boys, Jack Blake and Tom Corkill, toured Australia, but neither was to play an international, as even in 1926 when Blake again toured Australia, no tests were played on either tour. Both were however members of the glorious Hawkes Bay Ranfurly Shield teams of the 1920s so both had their compensations there.

Maurice Brownlie, one of the greatest All Blacks ever and a captain, provides the link between the early 1920s and the end of that decade, when Athol Mahoney took up the torch and carried it through till the 1935/6 tour of the UK, Ireland and Canada, when he was joined by Jack Best. Best epitomised the change in St Pats' structure of 1931 with the College's boarders departing to the newly opened Silverstream, as he represented the 1st XV of Town in 1929, 1930 then of Silverstream in 1931 and 1932.

There was then a long break through till 1959, when Brian Finlay played in the 1st test against the Lions, but it was too much

for him, he got injured after 10 minutes and that was his All Black career. There seemed to be a curse that bedeviled SPC old boys for the next 50 years when provincial greats like Robert Gray just didn't get his chance in black while lesser mortals did.

And even Jerry Collins, the saviour of St Pats' reputation in the 2000's, went off injured in his first Test and there were some who felt he had been struck down by the mystery virus that prevents SPC old boys from distinguished All Black careers.

But now the school has a magnificent new sports facility, and there is no reason why St Pats can't revive the glory days when the Brownlies and Mahoney took no prisoners. The college motto of "Sectare Fidem" was never more apt.

Right:  
Guys & Dolls,  
SPC 1997



# The Legend of the Class of 1908

The year 2014 marks the centennial of the commencement of World War 1 – a conflict which caused enormous suffering and grief for the boys of that generation and their families. Although the main commemorations will be held next year – the 100th anniversary of the landings at Gallipoli – it is also important to mark the commencement of the conflict in 1914.

During the conflict 63 old boys of the college lost their lives, and many more returned scarred physically and emotionally – many so shattered as to never return to full health. It is important to remember that the Roll of Honour board in the College administration foyer records only those who died during the war, but a fair number

came back from the war only to die in the influenza epidemic of 1918, or to slowly succumb to the effects of mustard gas poisoning, or from shell shock that left so many unable to return to a 'normal' life.

One of the fascinating stories relating to St Pat's and World War 1 concerns the legend of the class of 1908 – and many generations grew up hearing their story.

The legend goes that the entire class enlisted. It seems that the story is largely correct. It is clear that all the old boys who were eligible, excepting two who were married, volunteered for military service. Sixteen were passed fit for active service. The others would have been rejected as not meeting the health requirements, although it is apparent that some who were initially rejected on these grounds were able to enlist later, as fitness requirements relaxed.



This image shown from the 1917 Blue and White, indicates that six had been killed – but another two were to die in 1918, the final year of the war. Those believed to be in the photo, and who died, are:

Albert Beswick, who died from illness at Gallipoli aged 21 years;

Philipp Manu Blake, who died at Gallipoli, was a gifted rugby player, and had toured Australia and New Zealand as part of a national Maori rugby team;

Charles Browne, who was wounded at Gallipoli, recovered, and then fought in France where he was wounded a second time.

A wound which on this occasion proved fatal – aged 24 years;

Andrew Curry, died aged 22 years;

Cornelius Lynch, was a coal miner from the west coast, died of wounds aged 28 years;

John Nee, a farm labourer from Canterbury, was killed in action at Messines – aged 23 years;

Thomas O'Connor, who won the Military Medal for 'conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty' at Passchendaele, eventually died of his wounds received in the battle;

James McGinley, aged 22 years, who had received a scholarship to come to St Pats, was accidentally shot and killed by a sentry.

*Footnote: Up until 1911 St Pat's was the only Catholic boys boarding college, hence why so many of our Old Boys of this era came from all over New Zealand. St Bede's opened in 1911 and St Patrick's Silverstream followed in 1931.*

## St Patrick's College Foundation Annual Dinner and Auction

CELEBRATING SCIENCE, INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

This dinner has become a memorable annual event and this year will be held at the College Hall on Saturday, June 14 from 6.30pm. It's for parents and old boys to come together to support the College and in particular its special projects. Previous dinners have had support for the planned Performing Arts Centre and the new artificial turf as their themes.

Tickets cost \$75 and include a three course meal, wine and an outstanding programme of entertainment.

Tickets are available from the College cashier.

Parents, old boys and friends of the College are invited to organise a table to enjoy a catchup and

each other's company and shared memories of their time at the school.

Other entertainment for the evening includes performances from cast members of the 2014 college production "Guys & Dolls" and from our award-winning College choir Con Anima. There's also the fun and excitement of the auction of some amazing donated goods and services as well as a silent auction. There's also the opportunity to win a cool electronic gadget from the table gift box draw.

The dinner is organised by the St Patrick's College Foundation to raise funds for the six new science labs which will be created when Kennedy Block has its seismic upgrade completed. As science, innovation and technology are pivotal to our students' learning funds raised will also go towards two learning and teaching projects for the College library.

To reserve your place at this wonderful function start organising a table of 10. Or, if you want to be placed on a table, please just



## 5<sup>TH</sup> MCEVEDY SHIELD WIN IN 7 YEARS



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, WELLINGTON: 228 WELLINGTON COLLEGE: 179  
ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, SILVERSTREAM: 87 RONGOTAI COLLEGE: 56

There were a number of outstanding individual performances.

In the Open grade, Marcus Karamanolis broke the McEvedy record in both the 1500m and 3000m races. His time of 4.04.60 broke the 1500 m record that had stood since 1966. Earlier in the day Marcus ran the 3000m in 8.45.27 almost 5 seconds inside the 20 year record. Year 12 student, Alex Haye won the 200m and 400m Open double.

In the Under 16 grade Siosaia Paese broke the long jump record and also added the triple jump title. Fa'aolataga Tau won the 100m / 200m / 400m treble. Billy Proctor won 3 titles in the Under 15 grade. The 100m hurdles, high jump and the triple jump. Yasheek Rosario won the 100m / 200m double and Josh Nairne the 400m / 800m. Eden Cruise completed our domination on the track in this age group with a comprehensive win in the 1500 metres.

Nathaniel Sulupo, Meinrad Fitsemanu, Sanasco Crichton, Andre Hart, Gerard Ahnau and William Sauea won titles in throwing events. Mason Scott Lucas and Zach Donaldson ensured all four triple jump titles went to SPC by winning the Under 14 and Open events.

Peter Havell, Rusi Jagose-Dickens and Matthew Arand also took titles on the track in the U16 1500m, U16 3000m and Open 800m respectively. Jack Hansen won the Open High Jump title. SPC dominated by winning three of the four relays.

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### A SPECIAL CHANCE TO PLACE A BID AHEAD OF THE LIVE AUCTION!

Generously donated by old boy Tim Reynolds (1965-69), we are most fortunate to be able to auction on the night a vintage copy of "Centenary - 100 Years of All Black Rugby". What makes this book special is that it contains over 400 personal autographs

including greats from the 1920's such as George Nepia and Jock Richardson. If you personally cannot attend the benefit dinner, but would like to bid for this special item, email in your bid before June 12th. The item carries a reserve of \$5000.

## Catch-up Corner

This issue it's the 3rd formers/Year 9's of 1987, by Tom Mahony.

The year 1987 produced a great crop of guys who remained friends through college and beyond. Here is a snapshot on where some of them are now and what they're up to.

*Matt Buck* is rugby mad, a walking encyclopaedia of anything and everything about the code. Many of you would have heard his dulcet tones as sideline comments man for test and Super Rugby matches played at the Westpac Stadium on Newstalk ZB/ RadioSport. He has also just taken over the Saturday afternoon spot on Newstalk ZB. For his day job, Bucky works for Yellow and lives in Island Bay with his wife Sarah who (at the time of writing) is close to due date with the birth of their first child.

*Phil Robinson* has recently returned from Melbourne and has just moved to Raumati Beach with his wife Anesa and two children, Emma and Conor. Phil has just landed a Business Development Manager job at Armourguard.

Phil's old mate, *Dan Tuffery* however has remained in Melbourne where he has been for several years. He is contracted to Red Energy as a Project Manager and is married to Kate, who is a criminal psychologist. They have a son Wilbur (with another on the way).

*Lincoln Rawles* as many of you will know, has been coaching the 1st XV at Wellington College for several years. Linc also coached the under 13 and under 16 Wellington representative rugby sides for two years each and has recently coached the under 18 Wellington reps. Linc has also been the athletics coach at Wellington College (I made sure to rub it in regarding McEvedy when I called). He is currently living in Camborne with his wife Katie and daughter Laura.

Head Boy *Ben Christie* is living in Te Atatu with his partner, Wellington girl (and sister-in-law of the writer), Pip Spite. Ben works at Radio Live as a producer and he and Pip have a three year old son, Walter.

*Phil Gray* lives in Mt Victoria with his wife Alana and little girl, Lilly. Phil works at Meridian Energy and can often be spotted at Bunnings Lyall Bay on the weekends sourcing materials for whatever his latest DIY project is.

Since leaving college, *Zac Jeauvati* made several appearances for Manu Samoa as an imposing No. 8 followed by a distinguished professional rugby career in the English Premiership up until 2008. He also made a brief foray into acting when he portrayed Jonah Lomu in Clint Eastwood's 2009 film *Invictus*. Zac coaches rugby at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School in the West Midlands but will be returning home soon to NZ to join his wife Cat and four daughters on the Kapiti Coast.

*Ryan Herr* lives in Newtown with his wife Mhairi and is Technical Applications Manager for Friatec AG. Ryan has a great knack for keeping in touch with several old boys from our year and seems to know what everyone is up to (he would probably be better placed to write up this Catch Up Corner if truth be told!).

As for me, I recently joined Michael Burrowes in partnership at the commercial law firm, Burrowes and Company, having spent the previous 11 years at another Wellington firm. From 1 April we were joined by another partner, Elspeth Horner, to establish Mahony Horner Burrowes specialising in insurance, commercial law and dispute resolution. I live in Island Bay with my wife Victoria and three children Milly, Ned and Alice.

Are you one of the 159 3rd formers who started at St Pat's in 1987? If so, and you aren't mentioned here or don't regularly receive this, please just email: [development@stpats.school.nz](mailto:development@stpats.school.nz)  
It would be great to hear from others in this group!

## GIFTING AND ADVICE OPTIONS

PLEASE TICK BOXES WHERE APPROPRIATE & SEND TO:

St Patrick's College Wellington Foundation, PO Box 14022, Wellington 6241  
Tel: 04 939-5416 Email: [development@stpats.school.nz](mailto:development@stpats.school.nz)

### MAKING A BEQUEST?

Please send me further information on making a bequest in my will

### GIFTING

- My/our gift to the Foundation is \$.....
- I/We would like to make a gift of \$..... annually over a period of ..... years, commencing ..... (month/year)
- I/We would like to visit the College and discuss our support of the Foundation
- I/We request a Foundation representative phone to discuss our support

### HOW WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR GIFT TO THE FOUNDATION APPLIED?

- For the Foundation Board of Trustees to determine per Foundation Deed
- Foundation Property Redevelopment Fund
- Foundation Education Fund

Should you not wish your name to be published in any Foundation or College media please indicate below.

I/We wish my/our gift to remain anonymous.

### HOW TO MAKE YOUR GIFT AND/OR PLEDGE

- Cheque (payable to the St Patrick's College Wellington Foundation)
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- Automatic payment (via your bank with full reference details)
- Credit card (please fill in details below)

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Account number: 06 0574 0236995 00

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PHONE:  MOBILE:

FAMILY  STAFF  FRIEND  OLD BOY – YEARS ATTENDED:

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CARDHOLDER NAME:

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## In Memoriam

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS OLD BOYS WHO  
HAVE PASSED AWAY.

FRAWLEY Peter, 1971–75

GALVIN Frank, 1942

GREARY Sean R, 1994–98

HANDLEY Anthony, 1955–57

TAYLOR William, 1948–49

*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.*

## Had a change of address?

Do you only receive The Cornerstone by mail and not via email? If so please send a quick email to:  
[development@stpats.school.nz](mailto:development@stpats.school.nz)

Additionally if you know of other Old Boys' contact details please let us know about them or get them to get in touch with us.

Simple, but a huge help.



## 'SPONSOR A SQUARE METRE' – TO FINISH RAISING FUNDS FOR THE ARTIFICIAL TURF

WE ARE AIMING TO COMPLETE THE SECOND DONOR BOARD AND WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO MISS OUT.

Have you considered sharing in the sports memories of St Pat's and also be a part of its sporting future?

We invite you and/or your family to become a part of St Pat's sporting future by sponsoring one square metre of the turf through a donation of \$1000 for each square metre sponsored. Payment options include making part payments over 12 months.

Just contact Development Manager Loretta Love to process your details. Contact details on the back page of this issue.

### SIGNAGE – UTILISING THE TURF'S PRIME LOCATION

Join with those businesses already successfully advertising on the turf. Visit [www.stpats.school.nz](http://www.stpats.school.nz) or contact the Development Manager to see what advantageous position remains for you to book.

2.4m x 1m sign on perimeter of the turf, fixed to the 1.2m high wire fence.

## snippets



### Grandparents' morning for Year 9's

As one of the main goals of the Foundation is to reconnect both Old Boys and families to the College this event is one of the special ones on our annual calendar. Attended last month by 165 grandparents and students guests made the most of the opportunity to see the College 'in action' during class time and tour through the buildings.

*ABOVE: The Rector sings Sectare Fidem alongside our young Patricians and senior members of the choir.*

### College rowing

This is a 'growth' sport at St Pat's with 30 students registered for the 2013/2014 season.

And for the first time in the College's 129 year history a Rowing Eight boat has now been purchased through fundraising efforts of both parents and students.

The summer has proved most successful at the Wanganui champs and at the Maadi Cup.

*RIGHT: SPC rowers performing the haka following the boats' blessing.*



### Wikipedia site for St Patrick's College Wellington

Would you know who created and now manages this Wikipedia site?

It seems to get updated regularly but not through any College staff.

We wish to assist this person with providing correct historical and current College information. Please contact:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St.\\_Patrick's\\_College,\\_Wellington](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Patrick's_College,_Wellington)

### Historical trophies now on display in the College foyer

If you are popping into the College take some time to view the historical series of silverware trophies dating back to 1885.

### Archives – memorabilia and photos

Do you have College memorabilia or old photos that you now don't want to keep but don't want to discard? The Archives team gratefully accept both memorabilia and photos, either as a loan or permanently. Contact [Kevin.Bourke@stpats.school.nz](mailto:Kevin.Bourke@stpats.school.nz)



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