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## Refugee status no obstacle for new Kiwi youngster.

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OLD BOY KOSTA BARBAROUSES (2003–07) HAS RECENTLY BEEN IN THE NEWS WITH HIS ALL WHITES PERFORMANCES, AND NOW ANOTHER YOUNG OLD BOY, BIRHANU TAYE (2009–11), IS ENJOYING INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL SUCCESS IN PORTUGAL

The dream of becoming a professional footballer remains exactly that for most, and for a refugee from Sudan to New Zealand it seems even further from reach than normal.

Birhanu Taye's struggle against the odds is set to be rewarded with the youngster securing a spot in the senior youth programme at SC Braga in Portugal.

Taye's path to Portugal reads like a fiction novel. As a ten-year old he was cleaning shoes in Sudan to earn enough money to feed himself and his younger sister.

Originally from Ethiopia, Taye lost his mother early and his father worked away from home so he and his sister lived with relatives. Every day was a struggle and there was no time for school, but like many young boys around the world his release was football and the dream of one day making it big.

Fast-forward a couple of years and Taye's fortune changed as he was transported to Wellington, New Zealand, staying with his sister who was already settled here, before being taken in by Patricia Dimairho.

Dimhairho had moved to New Zealand from Zimbabwe to build a better life for herself and her children. Despite the financial strain it would place on her family Dimhairho welcomed Taye as one of her own and he embraced life in this new environment.

One benefit of his new life was the numerous grass parks where he could continue to play football. (Story continues page 2)

ABOVE: Birhanu playing in his SPC team.

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Past Present Future

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Before long Teye was noticed by local coach Jamie Milne who saw a promising young player who he wasted no time in recruiting for his Island Bay United AFC youth team.

“Birhanu was having a kick around down at our club fields – he was just 12, maybe 13 years old, and already he stood out amongst boys four or five years older than him,” Milne says.

“He had balance and vision ahead of his years and was tenacious in the tackle. He was comfortable passing off both feet.”

This kicked off a pathway of football development the young refugee had only ever dreamed of as he progressed through the different levels of the local game from Island Bay to Western Suburbs and eventually Team Wellington, with full support from his high school St Pat’s Town where he made the First XI early on.

It was then that he caught the attention of Giovanni Fernandes, Director of Football at Asia Pacific Football Academy, an Oceania Football Confederation partner.

“Birhanu has a raw athletic talent and a commitment that stood out,” Giovanni remembers.

In 2011 Teye was awarded a full scholarship to APFA, making the move to Christchurch where he trained daily and played for local club FC Twenty 11 while also committing himself to getting the best grades possible at Lincoln High School.

One thing continued to hold the youngster back, his refugee status.

That obstacle was broken down with the help of the New Zealand Football, APFA staff along with Patricia Dimairho, who organised for the aspiring footballer to receive a New Zealand passport, and at 18 years old the world became his oyster.

In June 2013 SPFA sent Teye to Portugal to trial at SC Braga and against some stiff competition managed to impress enough to be recruited into the club’s senior youth programme.

The Birhanu story may yet have more dramatic chapters to tell as his Portugese adventure unfolds before an Ethiopian-born Kiwi youngster who dares to dream.

## ‘SPONSOR A SQUARE METRE’ – SHARING IN THAT CONNECTED MEMORY

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO SHARE 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.

The first of living donor boards, commemorating donor support, was unveiled at the turf’s official opening. And as it is a ‘living’ board, we are continuing to add names for a second board as more square metre gifts are received.

To sponsor your square metre contact Development Manager, Loretta Love, to process your details. Contact details on the back page of this issue.



## 24<sup>th</sup> RECTOR APPOINTED

128 YEARS ON SINCE ST PATRICK’S COLLEGE WELLINGTON OPENED WITH ITS FIRST RECTOR DR (FR.) WATTERS THE COLLEGE’S BOARD OF TRUSTEE’S RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF THE 24<sup>TH</sup> RECTOR, MR NEAL SWINDELLS.

Mr Swindells is currently the principal of St John’s College in Hastings where he has led a very successful Marist College for the last 15 years.

He will commence as Rector in January 2014 with a formal welcome to the College at the beginning of the academic year.

Neal comes to St Pat’s with a variety of attributes including family, faith, education and cricket. He played cricket for NZ Secondary Schools in 1972 and 1973 with John Reid, Bruce Edgar, Evan Gray (SPC Old Boy 1968–72), Robert Vance, Clive Curry and others and for many years has served his local community as a player coach at Hamilton Boys, New Plymouth Boys’ HS, Central Hawke’s Bay College, Napier Boys’ High and at St John’s. On the education front, Neal taught History before becoming Deputy Headmaster at Napier Boys’ High and then Principal at St John’s. He is well known in the Hawke’s Bay education community and was Chairman of the Hawke’s Bay Secondary Principals’ Association 2009–2012.

With well-established links to the Marist fraternity we have every confidence Neal Swindells will be most able to continue the long tradition of Marist education here at St Pat’s.

## OLD BOYS FOLLOWING UP THE ST PATRICK’S TRADITIONS

Dr Watters had such an influence on Holden brothers Michael (2000-04) and Patrick (2004-08) when at St Pat’s, that they had to visit 89 Lower Leeson St, Dublin (where Dr Watters was shot during the 1916 uprising) outside the Catholic University School of Dublin. They are in Ireland to attend Bill Hucksteps (2000-04) wedding in DownPatrick – just out of Dundalk



# Roll Call!

FOR OLD BOYS  
WHO STARTED AT  
ST PAT'S IN THE  
1920'S, 30'S & 40'S



## 9 & 10 MAY 2014 ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, WELLINGTON

**In May 2014 the College will be welcoming back its Old Boys who started in the 3rd form up to 1949.**

Registrations will now open for this 'Decades' Reunion in December with registrations form being mailed/emailed to those whose contact details we currently have. But, it is most important that if this is your reunion group, that 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. When we held the 1959 Class Reunion we started out with the contact details of approximately 50 and ended up with 145 contacts. That ensured the reunion was well attended and gave as many as possible the chance to be included, which is one of the core aims in the Development Office. From those that attended the 125th Reunion we have their details, but there are many other Old Boys from this era that we want to reach out to and extend a warm invitation to take part in this special reunion.

### PROPOSED PROGRAMME:

#### Friday 9 May

- 1.00pm Registration in College Hall, followed by a welcome and College tours seeing classes in action
- 3.00pm Group Photos, followed by afternoon tea with the Rector and prefects
- 4.15 pm Class Year Mass of Remembrance in College Chapel followed by Cocktail function in the College Library

#### Saturday 10 May

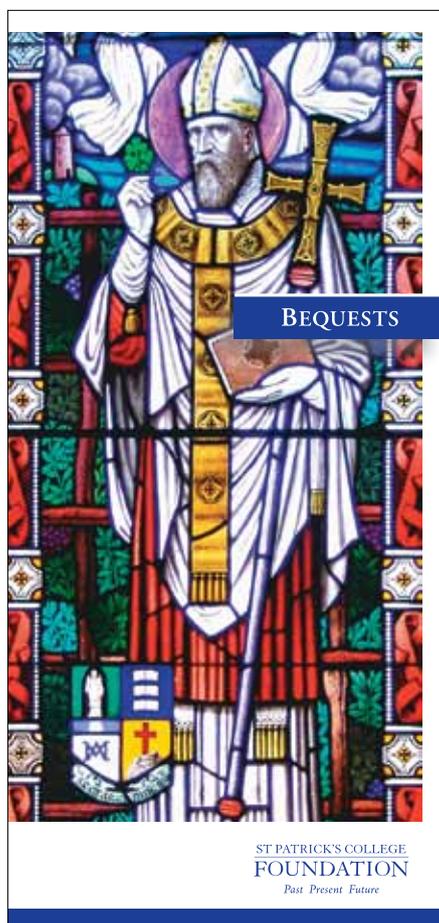
- 10.30am College Rugby and Football fixtures
- 1–2.30pm Catch-Up Lunch
- 6.30pm Decades Reunion Dinner  
Venue: College Hall or Hall Supper Annex  
(dependant on numbers)

#### Sunday 11 May

Private functions organised by individual groups



## A GUIDING HAND OF THE FUTURE – MAKING A BEQUEST



A bequest, or legacy, is an instruction in your will. It is a special way of remembering the College and for some is a prudent way to give but at the same time ensure no impact on a person's financial needs during his/her lifetime.

Bequests can be one way of creating a touchstone of how you may want to be remembered. Remembering the St Patrick's College Foundation in your will supports the works of the Foundation in a very special way.

Please either contact the Development Manager for further information or visit this link to open the Foundation's Bequest brochure:

<http://www.stpats.school.nz/Foundation/documents/Brochure%20Bequest%20WEB%202012.pdf>

## ST PAT'S PREPARING TO COMMEMORATE WORLD WAR I

In 2014 will be the centenary of the start of World War 1.

Currently the school archivist is looking for any memorabilia such as photos, medals, letters, or military papers relating to St Pats old boys who served in that war. Photos and letters can be scanned and returned. Medals, with family agreement, can be used in secure displays.

School records show that a large number of St Pat's old boys, at least 500, served in the war. Approximately half of all students who had attended the school from its inception in 1885 and 1910 are known to have served in the army. The number would have been higher but some of those who volunteered were classified as medically unsuitable.

The school has a fair amount of information, mainly from old school magazines, on individual soldiers, and the archivist is happy to research and copy material to family members upon request.

Please contact Kevin Bourke: [kevin.bourke@stpats.school.nz](mailto:kevin.bourke@stpats.school.nz) or phone 04 479 6351.

## Catch-up Corner

Introducing a new initiative for our Cornerstone readers – a catch-up of various year groups based on their 3rd form year. This issue its the 3rd formers/Year 9's of 1998, by Peter Elenio.

Following our final year at St Pat's 2002 most of my group of friends remained in Wellington. The majority of us studied at Victoria University. *Sam Luckstep*, the head boy of our year, chose to study teaching and completed a conjoint degree in the subject. After finishing he began working at Hutt International Boys School and this is where he continues to work. *Ben Maher* – after a university stint and full time employment Ben realised his childhood dream at the age of 21 by starting his building apprenticeship. He now works for Planit Construction where he has worked his way up to the position of foreman. Recently one of Ben's renovation projects received a Gold reserve status award in the latest Master Builder House of the Year awards.

Not all of us have stayed in Wellington following our time at Victoria. *Jon Greer*, who like Sam decided to pursue a career in teaching, moved to the Hawke's Bay to take up a role at Hastings Boys. The itch to come back to Wellington was eventually too much though and in 2012 Jon returned home to take a position at the old foe, Wellington College. Jon coached a rugby team at College and this was the only College team Jon ever supported when College played St Pat's in a sports fixture. Jon has recently moved to Hong Kong, specialising in teaching English.

Following his time at Victoria, *Reuben Glenn* has spent time in Canada, the UK and Australia where he has worked in a number of different jobs. A keen rugby league supporter Reuben continues to follow the NRL closely.

After finishing his Honors in Marketing (Bachelor of Commerce) *Hayden Smith* moved to Auckland where has held a number of different positions working for ANZ. During this time Hayden has also completed a Masters in Applied Finance, also from Victoria University. Hayden, still working for ANZ, now plies his trade in Singapore. Our good friend *Sam O'Malley* has also left NZ to further his legal career in Hong Kong working for Australian law firm Minter Ellison. Sam had previously studied at Otago and Canterbury Universities where he completed Law and Accounting (Bachelor of Commerce) degrees. Upon completing his studies Sam worked in Wellington for Bell Gully.

As for me, it took a couple of years after I had completed a Bachelor of Tourism Management to decide what career path to follow. I spent some time in hospitality and also sold wine for six months. I eventually settled in finance where I worked for investment advisory firm, McDouall Stuart, which became MSL Capital Markets. I have recently finished working for MSL. During this time I completed a Masters in Applied Finance.

A few others from 1998: After spending some time in Dubai, *Andrew Grimwood* has settled back into Wellington and married in early 2013. Currently works as a personal trainer. He has also spent some time in various Wellington Saints squads. *Wendell Cook* and I remain good friends. He has a plant, machinery, chattels and equipment valuation business with his father. More info can be found at: <http://plantmachineryvaluers.co.nz/> *George Leen* recently announced his engagement. He has completed his plumbing apprenticeship and works for his father's company, John Leen Plumbing. *Jack Ashby* moved overseas recently. Jack works as an accountant. *Allan Orote* moved overseas recently. Last position in Wellington was for his father, Peter's, firm AdviceFirst ([www.advicefirst.co.nz](http://www.advicefirst.co.nz)). Like myself, Allan is an Authorised Financial Advisor.

Were you from the 1998 Class Year Group?  
Please just email [development@stpats.school.nz](mailto:development@stpats.school.nz)  
– it would be great to hear from others!

## 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)

### THOMAS O'SHEA BEQUEST SOCIETY

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)
- Internet Banking (please provide full reference details in the transaction)
- Automatic payment (via your bank with full reference details)
- Credit card (please fill in details below)

### FOUNDATION BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

Account number: 06 0574 0236995 00

Account name: The St Patrick's College Wellington Foundation

### YOUR DETAILS:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:  POSTCODE:

EMAIL:

PHONE:  MOBILE:

FAMILY  STAFF  FRIEND  OLD BOY – YEARS ATTENDED:

### CREDIT CARD DETAILS:

VISA  MASTERCARD

CARDHOLDER NAME:

CARD NO:

EXPIRES:  /  S/N (LAST 3 OR 4 DIGITS ON SIGNATURE PANEL):

SIGNATURE:

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## In Memoriam

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

BUNNY Geoffrey, 1953–56

GARDINER Francis, 1941–44

HODGETTS Michael (Mike), 1977–81

IMLACH Adam, 2001–02

POHLEN Maurice J, 1944–46

*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.



## SPONSORSHIP & SIGNAGE OPPORTUNITIES

### RUGBY POST PADS FOR THE ARTIFICIAL TURF

WE INVITE YOU TO CONSIDER THE LATEST OPPORTUNITY FOR A BUSINESS TO HAVE PRIME POSITION ON THE TURF BY SPONSORING THE RUGBY POST PADS.

This is a one off 5 year term contract to have your company logo fully visible and will be secured by the earliest confirmed offer. Terms are:

- Pads are used for all the SPC designated hours
- Pads to be used if visiting teams do not have pads during WCC designated hours, applicable both winter and summer (7's rugby format)
- Digitally printed full colour logo on all four sides of pads
- 60 monthly payments of \$185.00 plus GST

### ADVERTISE ON THE TURF FENCES

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.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### 1889 RUGBY BANNER

This classic, but fragile, piece of SPC Rugby history, the original 1889 rugby banner, has been sitting stored appropriately in the College archives.

The College archives team are currently investigating costs to restore the banner to a point where it could be placed back on display to share with those here at the College and its numerous visitors.

This fragile silk banner depicts early St Pat's from both sides.



## Watters Block seismic remediation well underway

This six month \$3m project started as soon as senior students left for NCEA study and exams. As it involves 16 classrooms spread over three storeys, the Watters project is providing plenty of logistical challenges.

BELOW: Diggers rolled in early November to create better access to the Watters Block (background).



## Island Bay Old Boys

Maria Elenio (SPC's International Student co-ordinator) regularly visits Old Boys and their family members at Island Bay's Irwell Rest Home

PICTURED L-R: David Malcom 1956–58, Dominic Famularo 1936–37, Ron Finlayson, Maurice 1946–47 and Ailsa Fox (St Mary's College).



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