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Past Present Future



Foundation Benefit Dinner & Auction 2014

SCIENCE, INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY WERE THE THEMES OF ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE FOUNDATION DINNER HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL IN JUNE.

More than 250 people enjoyed a great night of catching up with old friends, a wonderful three course meal and drinks and were entertained by the school choir Con Anima and the barbershop quartet. Guest speaker, scientist Shaun Hendy, talked about the exciting potential

of technology and the jobs and opportunities that will be provided.

The fourth annual dinner raised \$38,000 to equip the college's new science labs once the block has been upgraded and strengthened.

The highlight of the auction of donated prizes was the tense bidding for an All Blacks history book with hundreds of autographs of players who have worn the black jersey, many of them deceased. The book was donated by old boy Tim Reynolds and was sold for \$8,000.00.

Thanks to Tim and all the many others who contributed to a memorable night through donations, sponsorship or attendance at an enjoyable night. The college is grateful for the incredible support of so many dedicated people.

Main photo: Rugby broadcaster and historian Keith Quinn visiting St Pat's to view the book said he had never seen a better collection of All Black autographs.

DECADES REUNION

FOR OUR SENIOR OLD BOYS WHO STARTED AT ST PAT'S FROM 1932 UP TO 1949

Our most senior Old Boys arrived back at the College for their reunion on May 9th and for some it was the first time they had visited the College at its current site.

The most senior Old Boy joining in the celebrations started at St Pat's in 1932 and the full programme provided all the visitors with plenty of opportunities to engage with pupils and staff.

The constant theme from the Old Boys feedback was that even though many years had passed since attending St Pat's so many of the values and traditions they had experienced were still most evident amongst the pupils and staff they met.

Thank you to the pupils, staff and parents who participated in creating such special memories for this group.



This special group found plenty to reminisce about.

In Memoriam

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

HOWARD Karl G, 1997-2000

FILL Henry (Harry), 1936-39

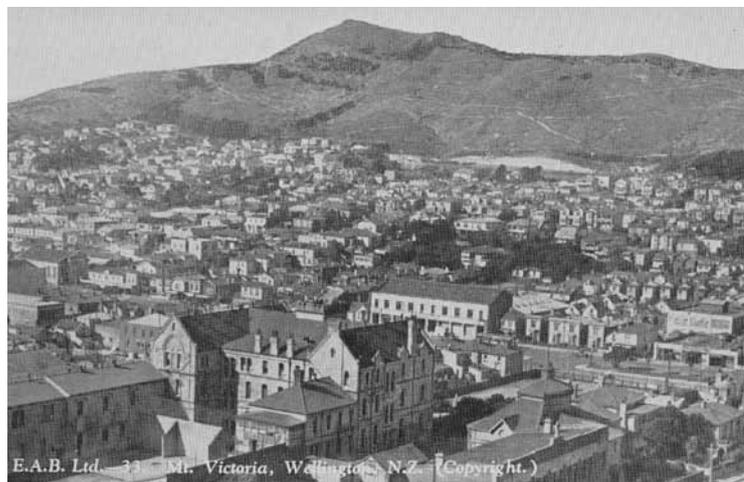
BARBER Ronald A, 1946-50

O'SULLIVAN Bernard, 1938-41

RILEY Brian T, 1945-47

RUSTON Simon G, 1977-80

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.



THE OLD COLLEGE FROM BEHIND ...

This rather unusual view of the old college recently came into the archives.

The photograph was taken, probably from the top of the Carillon, sometime in the early 1930's – the Carillon being completed in 1932. The barren slopes of Mt Victoria are clearly visible. A depression work scheme led to the whole hillside being planted with trees towards the end of the 1930s.

The college building itself can be seen with the high chimneys, which were taken down after the 1942 earthquake. The building at the extreme left, was in two parts. One was wooden and was demolished in 1959 at the time the science block was constructed. The other part was concrete, and remained until the whole college was demolished, at the time of transfer to Kilbirnie, in 1979.

The area to the right of the main building was, until about 1945, occupied by St Joseph's Parish Church (the octagonal building lower right) and primary school. The parish school's main classroom block (with the cross on top) can be seen at the lower right. The parish moved to its present site on the other side of the Basin Reserve in about 1950, and the college absorbed the land and buildings of the former primary school. The main classroom retained its title and was known to boys of the 50s, 60s and 70s as the St Joseph block.

The archives are always interested in obtaining any old college photos to add to its collections. Photos can be loaned for scanning and returned to owners. Contact Kevin Bourke or Judy Sharp (kevin.bourke@stpats.school.nz or judy.sharp@stpats.school.nz)

“ST PAT’S GOES MARCHING IN” – PRINTS OF JUBILEE COMMEMORATIVE PAINTING

One fabulous chance to purchase your 'limited edition' print at a reduced cost.

In 2009 Old Boy and well known artist Julian Knap created a visual history of St Patrick's College to mark the 125th Jubilee celebrations held June 2010.

This commemorative painting became the centrepiece of the Jubilee dinner auction, and afterwards the syndicate that had the successful bid kindly donated this original painting back to the College and is proudly displayed for all visitors to the front office.

Due to the artist generously waiving his commission we can now offer the remaining prints at the reduced cost of \$175.00 incl GST. The following numbers are still available, many Old Boys have chosen a number that connects to their first year or last year of attending St Pat's. Please check what number suits you and contact the Development Manager Loretta Love direct to arrange postage and payment.

Numbers remaining: 19, 20, 21, 23, 26, 28, 32, 34-39, 42-44, 46, 51-53, 55-60, 62-77, 80-91, 93-124, 126-149, 151-300.



‘SPONSOR A SQUARE METRE’ – TO FINISH RAISING FUNDS FOR THE ARTIFICIAL TURF

FINAL OFFER BEFORE THIS PROMOTION CLOSES OFF 1ST OCTOBER 2014.

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.

Contact the Development Manager.



Had a change of address?

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

It's as simple as emailing development@stpats.school.nz or phoning 04 939 5416 and leaving a message. Secondly if you know of someone who isn't in touch with us please mention it to them as to how they can reconnect.