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OLD BOYS' DINNER

Michael Jones guest speaker at Foundation Dinner in June

FORMER ALL BLACK MICHAEL JONES WILL BE GUEST SPEAKER AT THE SEVENTH ANNUAL FOUNDATION BENEFIT DINNER IN JUNE.

The evening on Saturday, 17 June, is the most important event on the Foundation's educational fundraising calendar. Last year's was a great success – raising more than \$50,000 – and we hope that this year's will provide the same for a wonderful cause. The theme this year is "Educational Diversity" and we are fundraising to support the education of our migrant and refugee students and also students with learning difficulties.

Michael Jones, an ex-All Black with 55 international tests and three degrees from Auckland University, will be joined by student speaker Yohannes Abraham. There will also be performances by musical and cultural groups to highlight the talent at the College.

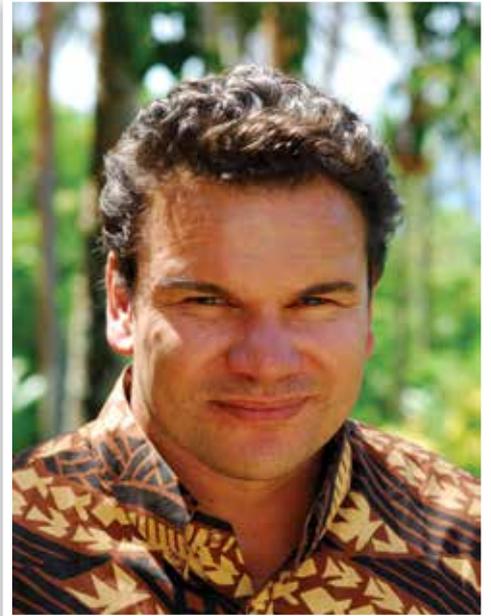
You are warmly invited to join fellow Old Boys, parents both current and past, staff and friends of the College to enjoy an entertaining night celebrating and supporting St Pat's.

The ticket price of \$80 per person includes a glass of bubbles on arrival, a three-course dinner with table wine (or juice), a night of great live entertainment, and a fast paced auction.

The event starts at 7pm. Dress code: Business.

Book tables for groups of 10. Individuals and smaller groups can be accommodated.

For further information or to book your ticket(s), email development@stpats.school.nz



Guest speaker Michael Jones.

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ABOVE: Louise and Earl Hartstonge drove from Hawke's Bay to Wellington, braving wild weather caused by ex-Cyclone Debbie, to visit their grandson Benjamin Mackenzie's new college.

LEFT: Old Boy Terry Christie (1951-55) and his wife Barbara with their grandson Baker Christie. The couple's sons Matthew and Ben (both former head prefects) and Aaron (a former deputy head prefect) attended the College in the 1980s and 90s. Baker and his brother Boston (year 11) are the sons of Matthew. Terry served on the board of trustees for many years.

Grandparents visit for morning

Grandparents and family members of about 40 year nine students joined them for a morning at school in April.

The annual event was organised by the College and the College Foundation.

Following welcomes in the assembly hall by Deputy Rector Wayne Mills and Head Prefect Ren-C Tamayo, year 9 boys took their grandparents on a tour of the College, including

visits to several classrooms.

Later year 9 students Mac van den Heuvel and Luis Ramos spoke about their first term as a young Patrician. Both were glowing about the brotherhood system at St Pat's and how welcome they felt when they began the term.

Year 9 boys and members of the College choir Con Anima sang Sectare Fidem before morning tea concluded the event.

2017 NEW STAFF

New English and music teacher Denise Moran is impressed with the College's culture of brotherhood and belonging and its history and traditions.

She wanted to teach in Wellington and is enjoying the change to a city school from her most recent teaching position at Marlborough Girls' College in Blenheim, which she attended herself as a teenager.

Denise has a Diploma in Occupational Therapy, Bachelor of Teaching and Learning and Graduate Diploma in the Arts. She taught at primary and intermediate level for five years and has been teaching at secondary level for the past five years.

At St Pat's she is teaching levels 9-12 English and year 9 music.

"I would love to help develop the drama programme and share the knowledge I have gained from acting and directing theatre over the last 16 years and as teacher in charge of drama over the last four years," she says.

"We are preparing a scene for the Shakespeare Festival this year and are looking at starting a theatre sports group next term with some help from the Improvisors from Circa Theatre."

Other staff who have joined the College this year are Mr Tim Reay (permanent fulltime, English and social studies), Miss Alice Stevens-Carlyon (permanent fulltime, maths),

Mrs Elaine Waring (permanent parttime, careers administrator), Ms Chloe Francis (term 1, teacher aide), Ms Hannah Gilmour (2017 graphics and digital technology), Ms Alexandria Oldfield (2017, English), Ms Sue Grant (2017, teacher aide), Ms Martina Byrne (term 1, computing), Ms Logo Talamaivao (terms 1-2, teacher aide) and Mr Darren Jackson (terms 1-2, science).

Two people who joined the staff on fixed term contracts during 2016 continue on this year. They are teacher Luc Townsend and teacher aide Anne Martin.

Pictured below L-R - from top to bottom: Sue Grant, Darren Jackson, Denise Moran, Alexandria Oldfield, Tim Reay, Alice Stevens-Carlyon, Logo Talamaivao and Elaine Waring.



Works by war artist Casey gifted

At the college's Anzac Liturgy Assembly a collection of two prints and a citation was presented by the family of Old Boy Ernest Michael Casey who attended St Pat's from 1903 to 1904.

Casey, a gifted artist, had a passion for painting watercolours, especially of merchant and naval vessels. He was skilled at painting battles without being present, using photos of the ships and detailed descriptions of the warfare.

In 1915 he exhibited at the New Zealand Academy of Fine Arts and soon after enlisted in the Army.

On his way to Egypt in 1916 his troopship berthed in Albany, Western Australia, where he painted several New Zealand and Australian troopships at anchor nearby.

During World War I he served in Egypt and France and was wounded at the Battle of Messines. He later became ill with bronchitis and pneumonia and returned to New Zealand in April 1918.

His health deteriorated during the 1918 influenza epidemic and on 16 November 1918 he was admitted to the emergency hospital established at his old College, then in Cambridge Terrace. The College magazine records his was a severe case of influenza and he was given the Last Rites before he passed away the following day, aged 29.

Casey is recorded in the official New Zealand World War I Roll of Honour in Section 2, which is a list of those who died after discharge from the New Zealand Expeditionary Force from wounds inflicted or disease contracted while on active service. There are 964 deaths in this category.



Above: Claire Clark from the WWI in Watercolours Project and Rector Neal Swindells with the framed collection donated to the College. The top print is of naval action off Coronel, Chile, on 1 November 1914. The bottom print is the HMS New Zealand during the Battle of Heligoland Bight in the North Sea off Germany in 1914. The battle was the first naval engagement of World War I.

Several members of Casey's family, representatives of the New Zealand Navy and the WWI in Watercolours Project, which included an exhibition at the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul in 2015, were present at our Anzac Liturgy Assembly.

This framed collection of two prints and citation has been on display outside the library before being put on permanent display in the College foyer.

Request for Expressions of Interest by the Board of Proprietors

The St Patrick's College Board of Proprietors (a charitable trust) is the owner of the College.

The members of the Board of Proprietors are appointed by the Society of Mary, on whose behalf the Board of Proprietors owns the College.

The Board's principal responsibilities are the maintenance and modernisation of the College buildings and the retention and expression of the College's special character as a Catholic, Marist, boys' secondary school.

An important way in which the Board discharges its responsibilities is by appointing four members (Proprietors' Representatives) to the College Board of Trustees. Such appointments are made from time to time, as required. Proprietors' Representatives do not stand for election.

The Board of Proprietors has established the St Patrick's College Foundation, which is also a charitable trust, to raise funds for the benefit of the College. The Board of Proprietors appoints the members (trustees) of the St Patrick's Foundation.

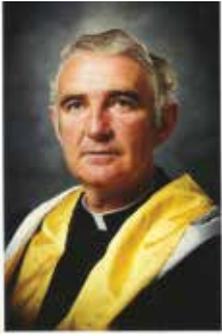
The Board is interested in hearing, on a confidential basis, from parents, caregivers and other members of the wider community of St Patrick's College who may be interested in appointment as a member of the Board of Proprietors itself, as a Proprietors' Representative on the Board of Trustees or as a member of the St Patrick's Foundation.

Expressions of interest should be addressed to the Chair, St Patrick's College Board of Proprietors, PO Box 14-022, Kilbirnie, Wellington, marked "in confidence", and be sent by email to the Rector's Secretary, Gerardine Parkinson at gerardine.parkinson@stpats.school.nz. Those expressions of interest should include personal details, including connections with the College, relevant life and work experience and, if appropriate, whether a person has a particular interest in being a member of the Board of Proprietors itself or either of the Board of Trustees or the Foundation.

The Board does not propose, at this point, to engage in any formal process. Rather, all expressions of interest will be acknowledged and the Board may contact interested persons to discuss the possibility of appointment further.

*Denis Clifford
Chair, Board of Proprietors*

FORMER RECTOR FR FRED BLISS MOURNED



This photo of Fr Bliss, from around the time he was Rector of St Pat's Silverstream, was on the front of his funeral service sheet.

St Pat's Town has lost a former Rector through the death of Father Fred Bliss SM who died on February 15 after illness.

He passed away peacefully at the Home of Compassion in Silverstream, Upper Hutt, aged 80.

Father Frederick Michael Bliss was Rector from 1988 until 1991 at the current site. He had been a staff member at Cambridge Terrace from 1962 until 1971.

He was born and raised in the Hawke's Bay and educated at St Joseph's Primary School in Hastings, St John's College, Hawke's Bay, and St Pat's Silverstream. He entered the seminary at Greenmeadows in 1955 and began a life of total commitment to his vocation and to the life he loved in the Society of Mary.

After his ordination to the priesthood in 1961 St Pat's Town was his first appointment where he was teacher, coach and spiritual director.

His next posting was to St Bede's College, Christchurch, in 1972 followed by studies in the USA before becoming Rector of St Augustine's College in Wanganui. From 1974 until 1980 he was Rector of St Pat's Silverstream.

As Provincial Fr Bliss was head of the Society of Mary in New Zealand from 1981 until 1985. After sabbatical leave he spent about a year with the Victoria University chaplaincy.

Following a year of studies in Rome he became, in 1988, Rector of St Pat's Town, by then an integrated and board-governed school of special character with a mostly lay staff. He continued in that role until 1991 when he returned to Rome to lecture in ecumenism at the Angelicum University.

After more thesis studies in New Zealand and Rome, Fr Bliss received his doctorate.

He spent many of the subsequent years in Rome as head of the ecumenism department at the Angelicum University, lecturing in the subject until retiring to Napier in 2014.

He suffered from the effects of cancer for several years and moved to the Home of Compassion in January this year.

His funeral was held at St Patrick's Church, Napier, on what would have been his 81st birthday.

The celebrant was Fr David Kennerley SM (Provincial).

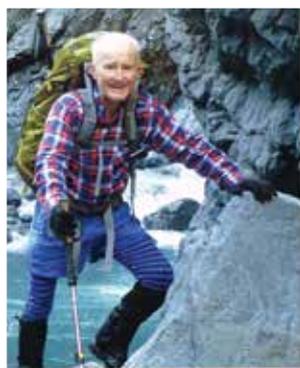
Fellow Marist Fr Jim Dooley gave the eulogy.

He described Fr Bliss, known to all as Fred or Freddie, as "one of our great Marists, a man of whom we are immensely proud, a man whom we admired for his outstanding gifts and achievements, a man whom we will remember with great fondness and affection".

"He made an enormous contribution to the Church in New Zealand and to the apostolic works of the Society (of Mary). He had a huge influence on the faith formation and Christian living of so many people, young people in the colleges, his own confreres, lay people and religious, Catholic and non-Catholic, here in this country as well as around the world, especially in the 20 years that he worked in the university in Rome."

Fr Bliss was buried at Taradale Cemetery in the Hawke's Bay.

OUTDOORS TEACHER FR KEVIN MEARS DIES



Much loved former St Pat's College teacher Fr Kevin Mears SM died unexpectedly on Christmas Eve.

Based at Hobson Street with other Marist priests, Fr Kevin had flown to Kaikoura to provide pastoral relief for local clergy over Christmas.

However, Fr Kevin, who had an existing heart condition, felt unwell and was taken to Kaikoura Hospital where he died peacefully a few hours later on the morning of December 24. He was 81.

Last May's Cornerstone included an article about his popular summer holiday bike trips (geography classes on wheels) for students during his time as a young priest and teacher at Cambridge Terrace in 1960 to 1962.

Fifty-five years on, Old Boy Cliff Coffey, living in Australia, caught up with Fr Kevin when he visited New Zealand last year to do the Heaphy Track and Tasman Walkway. (continues page 5)

In Memoriam



We remember in our prayers Old Boys who have passed away.

FORMER RECTOR

BLISS, Father Frederick Michael SM, Rector 1988-1991, staff 1962-1971

FORMER STAFF

MEARS, Fr Kevin Francis SM, staff 1960-1962 and 1975-76

OLD BOYS

CLARKE, Raymond 1946-1949

CHILD, John Noel 1948-1949

FAMA, Ronald Cyril (Ron) 1941-1944

HUGHES, Thomas George 1997-2001

LOCKWOOD, Leon Graeme 1944-1947

MACCORMAC, John Michael Patrick 1959-1963

MEYERS, Barry Michael 1958-1962

MANNING, James Mervyn (Jim) 1962-1964, 1966

MINIHAN, William Patrick (Bill) 1940-1941

MURRAY, Ian Reginald 1955-1957

NEAZOR, Hon Daniel Paul 1947-1951

O'FAGAN, Denis (Denny) Lawrence (1949-1950), also former Parents' Association office holder and fundraiser

PALMER, Retired Judge Bruce Alan 1949-1953

STUART, Ian Keith 1991-1994

VINTINER, Maurice Raymond (Ray) 1941

WANDEN, Peter A 1945-1949

WAREHAM, Michael Patrick (1958-1960)

Please contact archivist Rosemary. McLennan@stpats.school.nz if you know of others who have passed away, even if some months ago, so we can acknowledge them in the next issue.

Research done for the 1955-58 class years reunion in 2016 revealed the following Old Boys from that time have also passed away.

ABRAHAM, Patrick William Victor 1957

ASHENDEN, Anthony Heywood 1957-1958

ATKINSON, Ian Peter 1955-1959

ATLEY, James Peter 1955-1956

BERTHOLD, Brian Sheppard 1955-1957

BLACKABY, Mark L 1957

BRUGH, Jeffrey Clifford Joseph 1956-1957

BRYCE, Graeme P J 1955-1959

BURKE, John Joseph 1956- 1957

COSTER, Garry Elwyn 1956-1959

CREASY, Edward Winston 1955-1958

CROOKS, Bruce Malcolm 1956-1957

DEVANEY, James Paul 1955

FAIRCLOTH, Anthony Noel 1958-1961

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(Continued from page 4) Over recent years Fr Kevin also made contact with other Old Boys from the bike trips. James Coburn, also living in Australia, remembered Mass at Lake Rotoiti where Fr Kevin used a front bike rack as the altar during a South Island trip that included his native West Coast.

Fr Kevin was also chaplain to the Christchurch Catholic Tramping Club from 1991 until 2002 and 2009 until 2015. He was affectionately known as “the padre” and members have special memories of his open air masses in spectacular locations.

Fr Kevin’s Requiem Mass was held in the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Wellington on December 29. The celebrant was Fr David Kennerley SM (Provincial).

The service sheet featured many photos of Fr Kevin’s life as a priest, teacher and keen trumper.

Mourners heard that as an eight-year-old in Westport Fr Kevin had approached the altar and was in awe of being in God’s presence. It was an awe he never lost.

He was described as a remarkable Marist missionary priest who devoted his life to others. He gained his energy from contact with the people he served. Many of his students credited Fr Kevin with their successes in life.

Fr Kevin attended St Bede’s in Christchurch followed by Marist seminary in Napier. His teaching career included many years at the new Chanel College in Samoa where he also levelled land for a tennis court and taught vegetable gardening.

There were two more years at St Pat’s (1975-1976) where he became sports master and also organised many tramping trips before returning to Chanel College. In the 1980s he taught for several years at Hato Paora College.

He also had postings to Antarctica and the Chatham Islands.

Fr Kevin served as priest at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Palmerston North (where he celebrated his 50th jubilee), St Mary’s in Christchurch and St Joseph’s in Waitara, Taranaki. That parish held a memorial service on January 11 which would have been his 82nd birthday.

Fr Kevin was buried at Makara Cemetery, Wellington.

HART, Irvine William 1957-1960
 HISHON, Anthony Ray 1956-1958
 KEATING, Peter James 1955-1958
 KELLEHER, John William 1956-1957
 LYNKEY, Edward Newton 1958-1962
 MALCOLM, David James 1956-1958
 MALLIA, Roger John 1957-1959
 MANNIX, Neil Vincent 1955
 MANUEL, John David 1955
 MEO, Michael 1956-1957
 MEO, Rex Joseph 1958-1959
 MILES, Kevin John 1958-1960
 MORIARTY, Michael J 1957-1958
 MORIARTY, Paul Kevin 1958-1959
 NAUSBAUM, Denis John 1956-1957
 NEAL, Patrick Lawrence 1957-1958
 NEAME, Allan Joseph 1955
 NUDDS, Robert John 1956-1959
 OSKO, Julian Jerzy 1955
 PEMBERTON, Julian John 1956-1957
 PENNY, Albert Joseph 1956
 PETERS, Paul Francis 1957
 PRISTON, Bernard Manly 1955-1958

Old Boy Attorney-General visits St Pat’s



Pictured left: Chris Finlayson, right, chats with prefect Ellery Te Ariki watched by, from left, Deputy Head Boys Joseph Mettrick and Yasheek Rosario, Board of Trustees Chairperson Paul Berry and Rector Neal Swindells. Ellery had recently competed in the senior section of the O’Shea Shield where Mr Finlayson had been among judges of the junior prepared speech section.

St Pat’s hosted a visit in May by Old Boy and Attorney-General Hon Chris Finlayson.

Mr Finlayson’s visit included an update on recent and future seismic strengthening work, roof replacement and redevelopment plans for some blocks.

The Minister began his student years at St Pat’s in Cambridge Terrace in the late 1960s and joined the staff parttime for 1979 where his work included coaching boys in public speaking.

He was shown around by Rector Neal Swindells, Board of Proprietors Chairperson Justice Denis Clifford and Board of Trustees Chairperson Paul Berry.

Mr Finlayson viewed one of the new science labs and visited the library and archives room.

In the chapel he listened to the Poly Club sing a Samoan hymn. Mr Swindells told the Minister that about 19% of the College roll are Pasifika students and that the College is particularly proud that nearly all now complete five years of secondary education, resulting in an increase in their academic results.

In the music department he heard Con Anima sing choral piece Taniwha which was written for the College by Josie Burdon about the story of two taniwha who lived in Wellington Harbour, one escaping to the sea to create the harbour entrance.

NEW ROOFS

Work is progressing to replace the Super 6 roofs of the Redwood, Kennedy and Watters Blocks that are known to contain asbestos.

Last year a report commissioned by the Board of Proprietors found the cement roofing material was beginning to deteriorate so the Board has begun the project, costing about \$2.5m, to replace the roofs.

Sections of the roofs are being encapsulated before the old material is removed and replaced with steel roofing. The contractor is LT McGuinness Ltd and the completion date is July 1.

The College Board of Proprietors is looking at a range of options for the Egden and Chanel Blocks and for the Todd Theatre.

PREFECTS' WALL

This Kennedy Block corridor wall is now devoted to photos of prefects from 1979, the year the College moved to its Evans Bay site.

It has been an 18-month project for College archivist Rosemary McLennan because the College archive did not have original prints from every year.

Rosemary has contacted some of the prefects who appear in the missing photos to ask if they have a print. This has been successful for several but photos from 1980, 1982 and 1985 are still sought.

The College Board of Proprietors gave a special grant towards the project.



SECULAR EDUCATION LEAVES OUT KEY INGREDIENTS

Education is incomplete without faith, ethics and morals, writes Old Boy Jim D'Arth (1943-1946) a long-time supporter of St Pat's.

We used to see in many learned and official government statements that the aim of education is to enable each student to fit comfortably into a place in society.

That aim has since been changed significantly.

The aim now is said to be to develop each student to the limit of his or her potential in all endeavours.

Neither of these aims can be dismissed out of hand but both of them leave out an essential ingredient in that a child's education should include a philosophy of life that they can look to when they are making important decisions that affect the rest of their lives.

Comparisons are sometimes made between Catholic schools and other schools and there can be little doubt that, in some cases, and in certain subjects, a state school may be better than a Catholic school but because state schools do not teach a rule for life they can never be better.

If students are not taught where they come from, how they are meant to behave and what is going to be their final destination, they are not being given a complete education.

Religion is at the centre of all teaching at church schools and it is of most importance where the teaching touches on morals and ethics.

Today the many forms of media offer a huge quantity of material representing, and often promoting, many points of view. Moreover, they are able to reach the very heart of every home.

These forms of communication become a threat to each individual and even to the whole of society in matters of faith, morality and ethics. In a very subtle way they spread the idea of instant gratification and materialism.

It is important that young people be given an education that offsets all of this.

This is what a Catholic education and particularly an education at St Patrick's College should do for a young student.

2019 EASTER REUNION PLANNED FOR CLASSES OF 69 AND 70

Calling all Old Boys who started College in 1969 and 1970.

Hard to believe but it will soon be 50 years since you began your secondary education at Cambridge Terrace.

The 1969 year group had a successful gathering as part of the 125th jubilee in 2010. About 70 Old Boys, some from as far away as London, got together at the Backbencher in Molesworth Street, Wellington.

With their 50-year anniversary in sight, the Old Boys are planning a reunion in Easter 2019 in Wellington.

An organiser, Ian Jenkins-Manning (you'll remember him as Ian Manning), now living in Australia, says they have located about 80 Old Boys with 200 to go.

"This is going to be a gathering of both those year groups (1969 and 1970) because there seem to have been a lot of connections between us and quite a few brothers as well.

"In fact, we've decided that we don't care who wants to come, and anyone who wants to be there for any reason is welcome. There's been interest from some of the kids you went to primary school with but who didn't attend St Pat's, for example."

A Facebook group page (THE SIXTY-NINERS st pats) has been set up because it's the best way to keep everyone in contact, Ian says.

The page has hundreds of photos plus chat and news.

Alternatively you can find him on Facebook as the only Ian Jenkins-Manning, email him (robert.jenkins50@hotmail.com) or phone him +61 (0) 40878 8201.

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