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DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2020

Tuesday 4 February

AGM, 7:00pm at the College

Friday 13 March

Champagnat Trust Sports Lunch - Brisbane Convention Centre

Friday 15 May

Ashgrove Golf Day

Saturday 16 May

Old Boys Sports Day at the College (v SLC)

Saturday 30 May

Old Boys Reunion Day at the College (v Villanova)

Friday 14 August

Vintage Blue and Gold Mass and Lunch at the College for classes from 1940 to 1980

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Marist Colleagues,

This is my final report as President. It has been a wonderful two years. This year, in particular, has seen the continued growth in the activities of the Old Boys and the strengthening of our relationship with the College. I would like to thank all members of the OBA committee, the Headmaster, Mr Peter McLoughlin, and Deputy, Mr Bruce McPhee, for their tireless efforts in making the year such a success.

There have been two magnificent events added to the calendar. In addition to the Old Boys Sports Day (for our returning 1st XVs), the inaugural 'Old Boys Reunion Day' (for all Old Boys) was held in conjunction with the last 1st XV match on June 15, 2019. Old Boys from across the decades returned to stand on the balcony of the Cyprian and watch our young Ashgrovians of today march forward to an undefeated premiership. The same day has been allocated for May 30, 2020, against Villanova. We look forward to being joined by as many Old Boys as possible.

On the spiritual front, we were also privileged to hold the first-ever 'Back to Marist Day' where Old Boys joined

past Headmaster, Brother Robert O'Connor, in re-connecting with some of their Marist beliefs. This day is great for spiritual growth, reflection and personal well-being. It will now also become an annual event in the latter part of the year and we hope that many more Old Boys will be in attendance next year.

Please do not forget that if you have any memorabilia suitable for the archives to contact the College archivist, Mr Dave Cameron on camerond@marash.qld.edu.au. If you can help any of our young Old Boys with career opportunities, the contact is Mrs Tara Franklin on franklint@marash.qld.edu.au.

There were many highlights this year. The Committee considers one which stood out was the return of the magnificent 1959 year group at the Vintage Lunch in August for their 60th Anniversary. That event produced not only some great memories but never seen before photographs taken from the Tower. The attendees all signed a 1959 Blue and Gold which will be a treasured addition to the archives. These men are a testament to the magnificent spirit which stays with Old Boys for life.

The Old Boys would like to thank John Turner (1959) for his magnificent efforts in bringing these treasured Ashgrovians back to the College.

It would be remiss of me not to pay tribute to one of our most passionate educators, Graham Lawson, on his retirement. There is not an Old Boy from the mid-1970's onwards who has not benefitted from Graham's dedication to all things Ashgrove. Many from my year (1981) were part of Graham's first-ever full year at Ashgrove (Year 5, 1974) and were keen to pass on their very best wishes to Graham. He has our eternal gratitude.

On that note and finally, all Old Boys welcome the entire graduating class of 2019. The Headmaster tells us they are a very special cohort who, like their 1959 colleagues, will embody the spirit of their wonderful Marist education for the next 60 years and beyond. We wish them the very best and look forward to their contribution to society in the years to come.

VIRILITER AGE

Brad Butten
President

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR CHAMPAGNAT TRUST SPORTS LUNCH FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2020

The Champagnat Trust Sports Lunch sells out every year. Qld's largest sports lunch will be held on Friday 13, March 2020 at the Brisbane Convention Centre. John Eales and Matt Hayden will again be hosting.

It is a great event for all Old Boys to get together.

However, it is important to secure your seat ASAP. Book for a table of 10 online or smaller groups (\$195 a head) at <http://www.trybooking.com/559356>

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Proud Members of the Old Boys' Association,

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote:

Whatever you do, you need courage.

Whatever course you decide upon, there is always someone to tell you that you are wrong. There are always difficulties arising that tempt you to believe your critics are right. To map out a course of action and follow it to an end requires some of the same courage that a soldier needs. Peace has its victories, but it takes brave men and women to win them.

So it was for our founder, St Marcellin Champagnat. He encountered significant opposition in his life but courage was the hallmark of his endeavours. But where did his courage come from? From his faith. He had a genuine belief that Mary Our Good Mother would always petition her beloved Son on his behalf. For him, faith was the key. Faith in Jesus was everything.

Our congratulations to our latest Old Boys, the class of 2019. They are a fine group of young Marist men. They have been willing to push themselves towards achieving their personal best and our prayer is that they will always endeavour to be Good Christians and Good Citizens.

Congratulations to the student leaders of 2019.

College Captain Luke Mekea has been an excellent role model and a fine example of Champagnat's humility. Vice Captains Sam Waite, Gus Rosanowski, Isaac Kozlovskis and Lachlan Howse have all executed their roles with great aplomb as well as supporting Luke at all times.

We pray that the class of 2019 will always remember their Marist education with great affection and will have as their motto

Viriliter Age – Act Courageously

My sincere thanks to the Committee of the Old Boy's Association for all the generous support and commitment they give to the College.

God Bless,

Peter McLoughlin
Headmaster



The Headmaster with the 1959 Old Boys

OLD BOYS SALUTE FOUNDATION STUDENTS

The 2019 year brought with it some sadness with the passing of two men who had the special privilege of being "Foundation Students".

BRIAN CANNON (1940-41)

The first is the wonderful Brian Cannon who passed away on January 4, 2019. Brian was the husband of Margaret and father of Alison, Lisa and David and the brother of Noel (1941). The Old Boys were delighted to have Margaret and David as our special guests at the Vintage Lunch on August 16, 2019. Brian attended in the primary school in 1940 and 1941 (being joined by brother Noel in 1941) before having to move to Sandgate because of the ill health of their mother. The move was meant only to be temporary but the following year the College was evacuated to Mount Tamborine, so there was no chance to return.

Brian attended with the College archivist on September 7, 2016 to recount some of his memories of his time at the college.

Brian remembered Brother Ignatius as "a figure we looked up to" and has particular memories of Brother Dominic O'Connor who instructed the primary boys in 'self-defence' classes (also known as boxing). He recalled the entire class equipped with their boxing gloves responding to Dominic's calls of "left jab, left jab, right cross".

Brian also recalls the oval near the classroom block was no 'green and pleasant land' but rather highly dangerous with cricket balls bouncing off at all angles. He also remembers the cross-country runs up the mountains and playing on the wing in rugby league games on the flats.

Brian also recollected the building of the swimming pool known as "the Baths". This was by way of manual labour with his father being one of the many who helped in its construction. Ironically, Brian never actually managed to have a swim in the pool.

Brian retained an interest in the College through Arthur Apelt, a life long friend, and returned for many reunions and dinners over the years.

FATHER JOHN THORNHILL (1940-41)

The second is the legendary Father John Thornhill SM who passed away on July 28, 2019, aged 90. John was the uncle of John (1967), Patrick (1969), David (1972) and Father Luke Holohan (1975).

John was appointed by Pope John Paul II as the first Australian member of the International Theological Commission. Indeed, John was recognised by Archbishop Mark Coleridge as Australia's most outstanding theologian. "John made a remarkable contribution for so long to the Church in Australia and beyond. John combined high intelligence with deep faith, a theologian's mind with a pastor's heart, and the ability to listen with a readiness to stand his ground".

All Old Boys salute these great men and recognise their very special place in the history of the College.

May perpetual light shine upon them.



Brian Cannon (1940-41)



Father John Thornhill SM (1940-41)

PLEA FOR HELP FOR SONS OF OLD BOYS

The OBA has had a huge demand placed on its bursary resources as a consequence of tragedies befalling some of our treasured OB families. We want as many Sons of Old Boys as possible to have the opportunity to attend Ashgrove. If you feel you can assist the OBA to offer bursaries please email the secretary on a strictly confidential basis on secretary@ashgroveoldboys.com.au.

OLD BOYS EXPRESS BEST WISHES TO GRAHAM LAWSON ON RETIREMENT - A SERVICE TO ASHGROVE LIKE NO OTHER

When it comes to Ashgrove, Old Boys have never doubted the wisdom and vision of Brother Alexis.

In 1973, he gave two young men an opportunity each of whom would serve the College loyally for decades. The first was a young Neville Solomon, placed in the secondary school, who later took his vows and ultimately became Headmaster.

The other, joining the primary school, was Graham Lawson. Yes, Old Boys, it actually was all those years ago. There were periods when Graham taught elsewhere but his support of the College, both in the primary and secondary, in its religious education, in sport, in the pursuit of excellence and upholding the Marist ethos has remained until this very day.

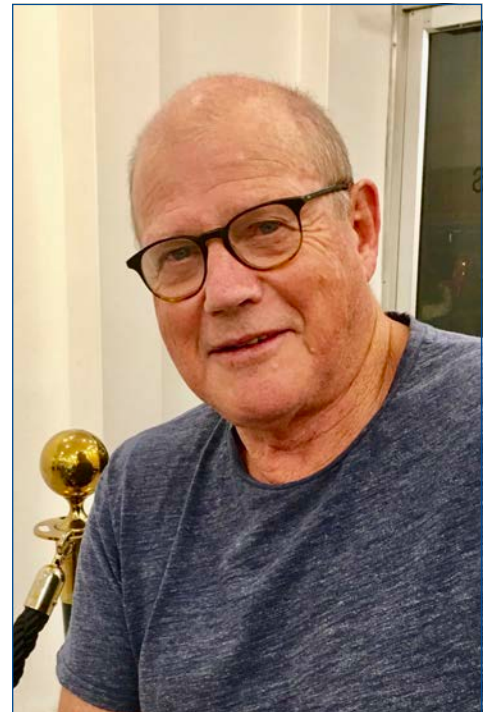
Absolutely blessed to work initially in the primary school under the powerful leadership of Brother Leon, Graham taught alongside such titans and role models as Jack Eales, Brother Terence Tanzer and Allan Clark. Graham arrived as a single man learning the craft and playing A Grade on the wing for Eastern suburbs Rugby League. In the winter, Graham's 9-year-old pupils would watch him on the 'Big League' and then, no matter how battered and bruised he was, provide a critique of his performance on Monday morning. Welcome to Ashgrove!

As the years marched on, Graham had the pleasure of watching boys become men and then the pride of seeing their sons and nephews return to the College - only to be frequently reminded by Graham he had taught their fathers and uncles and some improvement was needed to meet the family standards.

Fast forward 46 years and Graham retires as a father of five, a proud grandfather and with the opportunity to now spend more time with his beautiful wife, Cathy. The OBA could not even come close to counting the number of boys who have been taught or coached or influenced by Graham over the last five decades.

With so many years of service to the College, Graham joins the pantheon of the great educators who hold a special place in the history of Ashgrove.

The Old Boys thank Graham for his absolute dedication and wish him the very best in retirement.



First of many rugby premierships 1974



Year 5 Gold 1973

CLASS OF 2019

Ben Adams, F
Kody Andolfatto, H
Cooper Arndell, R
Tobe Arthur, S
Callum Atchison, S
Alexander Baker, D
Rhett Ballantyne, E
Joshua Barbeler, I
Luke Barnard, F
William Barrett, R
Will Bathersby, I
Joshua Beal, G
Matias Berkovich-Robles, E
Alexander Bibo, F
Benjamin Blaker, I
Angus Bloer, H
Matt Bloom, R *
Tom Boehmer, H
Christian Bonney, S
Flynn Bowden, G
Declan Bowes-McKee, E
Liam Brain, D
Sam Brosnan, F *
Digby Brosnan, D *
Chris Bryant, F
Lewis Bryant, G
James Burkett, D
Ethan Byrne-Staunton, E
Will Carroll, F
Max Carter, F
Mitch Carter, G
Harrison Clements, S
Benjamin Cornwell, H
Connor Cox, I
James Crimmins, R
Josef Crook, H
Matthew Damm, H
Luca de Waal, R
Jack Deere, E
Max Dennis, H *
Dereese Dewis, S *
Joey Dirou, S
Brendan Dougherty, E
William Doyle, R
James Dupont, F
William Eason, D
Tana Erasmus, I
Jake Eustace, S
John Foxon, I
Hamish Fraser, E *
Joe Ganter, D
Tim Gibb, R *

Alex Gibson, H
Thomas Gibson, D *
Jai Godwin, G
Bailey Goodwin, F
Sebastian Gullo, F
Alex Guy, F
Jack Hallion, E
Evan Hamlet, R
Stephen Hanson, R
Oliver Harris, S
Samuel Harte, I
Joseph Hawke, H
Max Haynes, E
Liam Hearn, I
Jack Hodge, F
Corey Hodgetts, S
Mathew Hogarth, F
Alex Holmes, R
Lachlan Howse, S
James Hutchinson, F
Connor Hutchison, S
Atticus I'Anson, E
Will Ikin, I
Jack Ingram, R
William Jackson, E
Tyler Jameson, E
Jeremy Kaye, S
Tom Kayrooz, F
Mickey Kelly, F
Jeremy Kennedy, F
Struan Kerr, I
Elliot Knight, G
Ezra Koiri, D *
Isaac Kozlovskis, I
Ali Kuman, H *
Ben Lanigan, H
Ethan Lehmann, D
Nomiko Lung, D *
Paddy Lyons, I *
Andrae Mackay, D
Tom Magee, H
Wade Makini, I
Mat Malghem, S
Kobe Manoa, I *
Archie Martin, I
Lachlan McCormack, G
Lachlan McDonald, E
Hamish McDonald, D
Tyson McIlveen, D
Lachlan McKarzel, R
Lachlan McKinnon, D
Jack McLennan, R

Patrick McLoughlin, G
Jackson McNeill, E
Harry McVeigh, S *
Max Mee, D
Luke Mekea, D *
Henry Meland, R
Albert Mellam, H *
Willem Micheltmore, S
Campbell Moller, E *
Lachlan Moon, G
Matthew Moore, S
Jonah Moten, R
Benjamin Newie-Mene, R *
Tom Nilon, S
Joey Noble, G
George Oates, F
Riley O'Connell, E
Kyle O'Connor, F
Bailey Ode, G
Jack O'Neill, E
Aedhon O'Rourke, H
Jonah Paakki, S
Billy Packer, E *
Casey Page, H
Jack Parish, I
Hunter Petrie, S
Luke Phelan, I
Harrison Phipps, G
Matthew Poynting, D
William Pullman, G
Liam Querido, S
Joshua Radford, I
Luke Raleigh, R
Charles Ramsey, G
Harrison Renwick, R
Gus Rosanowski, D
Murphy Rowe, S
Jack Sambell, D
Kane Scully, E
Nicholas Sgroi, G
Patrick Shay, H *
Jordan Sing, F *
Joshua Smedley, S *
Billy Smith, F
Morgan Smith, G
Oliver Smith, H
Sammy Stephens, R
Anthony Stephens, H *
Josh Sterling, R
Austin Sturdy, E
Quinn Sweeney, E
Dane Tasker, G

Ned Tehan, E
Callum Thomas, I
Andrew Thomson, G
Oscar Thorsen, H
Lachlan Tickle, I
Zac Tietz, D
Sam Torrance, D
Matthew Treloar, G
Liam Treston, D
Joshua Turner, G
Harley Vonk, I
Sam Vosper, H
Sam Waite, H
Matthew Walker, E
Lachlan Walker, G
Alex Ward, I
Carson White, R
Cameron Wightman, S
Declan Wilkinson, H
Cross Wiltshire, D

Key for Name List

* beside name indicates boarder.

Letter beside name indicates House, e.g. D=Ridley, E=Ephrem, F=Foley, G=Gilroy, H=Harold, I=Ignatius, R=Rush and S=Slattery

WELCOME TO THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION



Front Row: Liam Treston, Luke Mekea, Nomiko Lung, Andrae Mackay, Tyson McIlveen, Ezra Koiri
Second Row: Cross Wiltshire, Ethan Lehmann, Lachlan McKinnon, Joe Ganter, Max Mee, Jack Sambell, Alexander Baker
Third Row: Gus Rosanowski, James Burkett, Matthew Poynting, Thomas Gibson, Hamish McDonald, William Eason, Digby Brosnan
Absent: Liam Brain, Zac Tietz, Sam Torrance
Pastoral Leaders: Mr David Meehan



Front Row: Matias Berkovich-Robles, Tyler Jameson, Jackson McNeill, Austin Sturdy, Jack Deere, Ethan Byrne-Staunton, Ned Tehan
Second Row: Max Haynes, Quinn Sweeney, Campbell Moller, Lachlan McDonald, William Jackson, Rhett Ballantyne, Matthew Walker, Billy Packer
Third Row: Hamish Fraser, Jack Hallion, Atticus I'Anson, Jack O'Neill, Brendan Dougherty, Riley O'Connell, Kane Scully
Absent: Declan Bowes-McKee
Pastoral Leaders: Mr Tony Byrne

WELCOME TO THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION



Front Row: Max Carter, James Dupont, Tom Kayrooz, Kyle O'Connor, Billy Smith, Chris Bryant, Jack Hodge
Second Row: Mathew Hogarth, Ben Adams, Sam Brosnan, Alex Guy, Sebastian Gullo, Bailey Goodwin, Mickey Kelly
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Pastoral Leaders: Mr Stan Kosiek

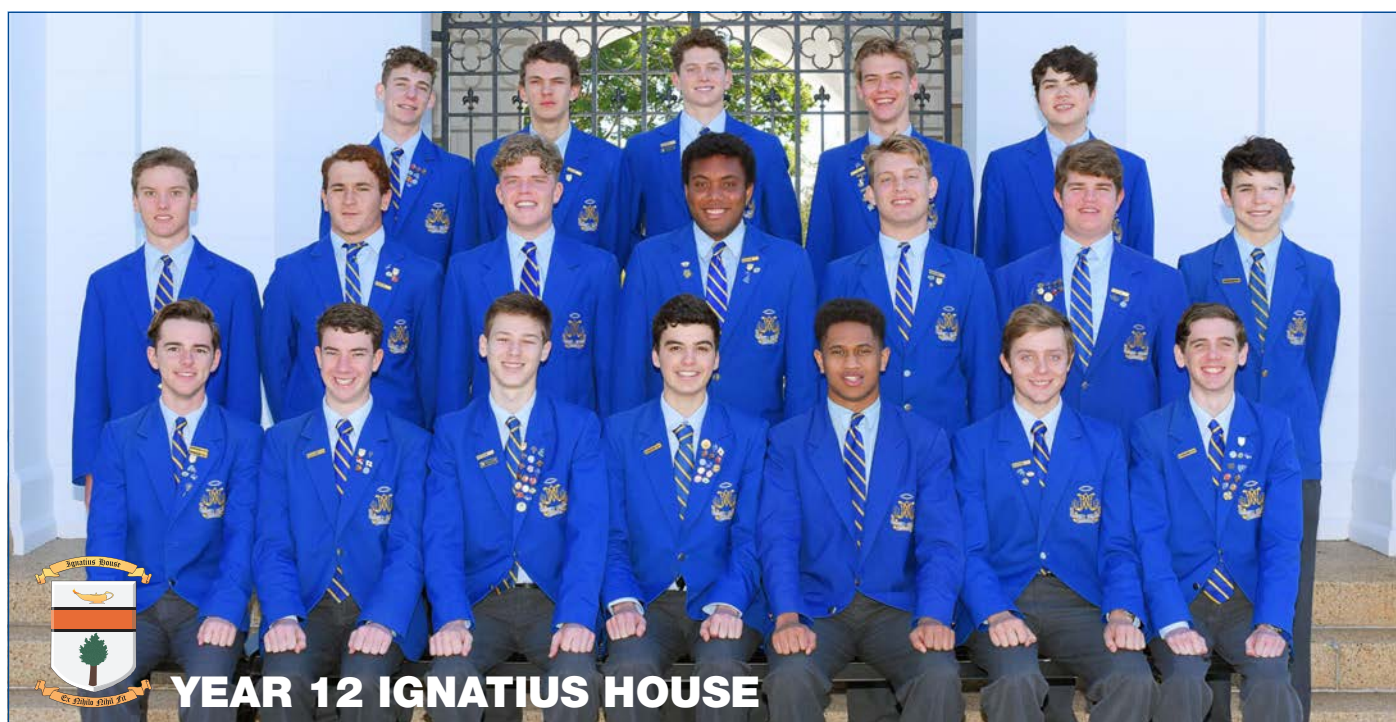


Front Row: Morgan Smith, Nicholas Sgroi, Patrick McLoughlin, Lachlan McCormack, Joshua Turner, Flynn Bowden, Joshua Beal
Second Row: Mitch Carter, Elliot Knight, Charles Ramsey, Joey Noble, Bailey Ode, Andrew Thomson, Dane Tasker
Third Row: Harrison Phipps, Lewis Bryant, Lachlan Walker, Jai Godwin, Matthew Treloar, William Pullman, Lachlan Moon
Pastoral Leaders: Mr Brett Gillett

WELCOME TO THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION



Front Row: Sam Vosper, Ali Kuman, Albert Mellam, Patrick Shay, Benjamin Cornwell, Declan Wilkinson, Joseph Hawke
Second Row: Aedhon O'Rourke, Josef Crook, Max Dennis, Tom Boehmer, Kody Andolfatto, Alex Gibson, Tom Magee, Ben Lanigan
Third Row: Oscar Thorsen, Anthony Stephens, Matthew Damm, Sam Waite, Oliver Smith, Angus Bloe, Casey Page
Pastoral Leaders: Mr Brendan Kiernan

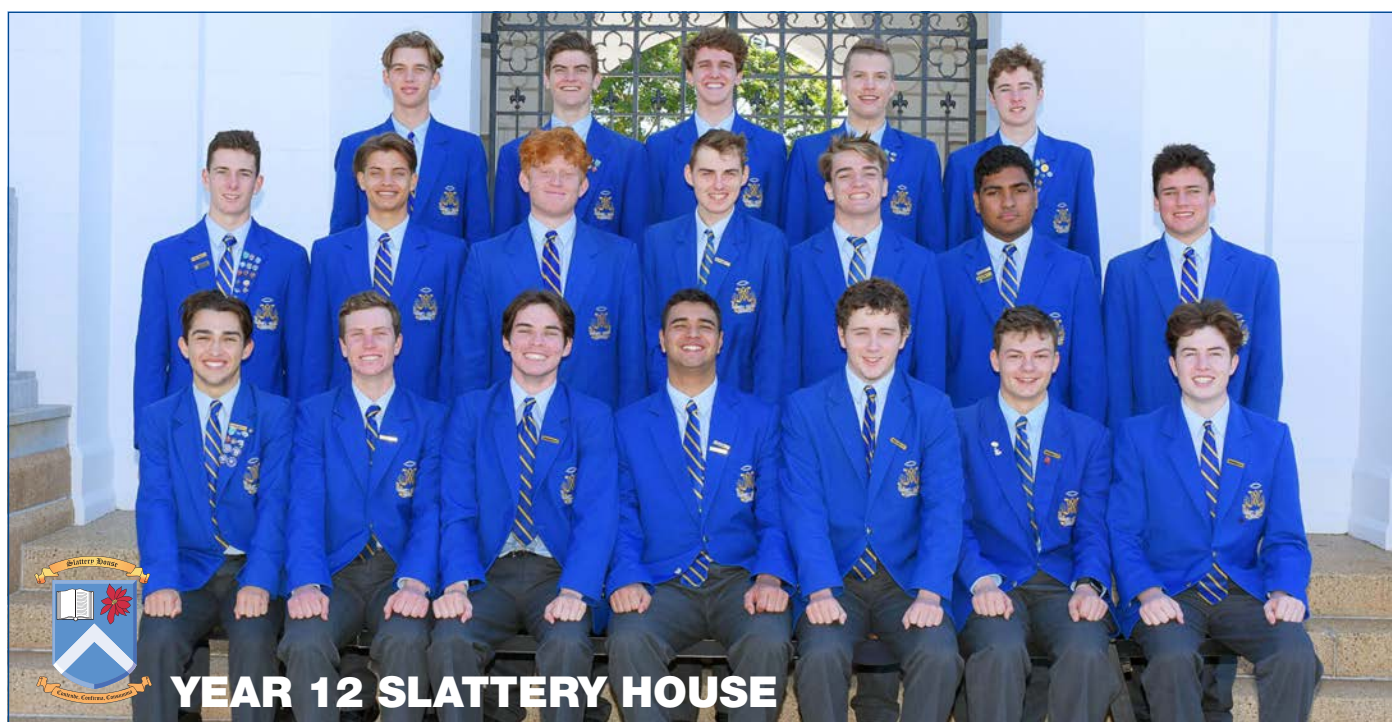


Front Row: Struan Kerr, Tana Erasmus, Callum Thomas, Luke Phelan, Kobe Manoa, Samuel Harte, Will Bathersby
Second Row: Paddy Lyons, Joshua Radford, Benjamin Blaker, Wade Makini, Joshua Barbeler, Archie Martin, Will Ikin
Third Row: John Foxon, Jack Parish, Liam Hearn, Isaac Kozlovskis, Alex Ward
Absent: Connor Cox, Lachlan Tickle, Harley Vonk
Pastoral Leaders: Mr Terry Quain

WELCOME TO THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION



Front Row: Carson White, Jack Ingram, Tim Gibb, Lachlan McKarzel, Jonah Moten, Sammy Stephens
Second Row: William Barrett, Luke Raleigh, Luca de Waal, Josh Sterling, Alex Holmes, Evan Hamlet, Benjamin Newie-Mene
Third Row: Jack McLennan, William Doyle, Stephen Hanson, James Crimmins, Cooper Arndell, Henry Meland, Matt Bloom
Absent: Harrison Renwick
Pastoral Leaders: Mr Phillip Holding



Front Row: Jeremy Kaye, Corey Hodgetts, Murphy Rowe, Joshua Smedley, Oliver Harris, Tobe Arthur, Joey Dirou
Second Row: Liam Querido, Jonah Paakki, Cameron Wightman, Callum Atchison, Willem Michelmores, Dereese Dewis, Lachlan Howse
Third Row: Matthew Moore, Christian Bonney, Tom Nilon, Connor Hutchison, Hunter Petrie
Absent: Harrison Clements, Jake Eustace, Mat Malghem
Pastoral Leaders: Ms Megan Wandell

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF TALENTED OLD BOYS

There were two very special stories which have come to prominence this year. Each has their own special feature.

BEN FOLEY (2000)

The first was the ongoing and deserved recognition of Old Boy Ben Foley, son of Mark (1976), who has long been recognised as one of the world's great news photographers. Ben has travelled and reported from some of the most conflicted areas on earth, including Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria. Ben's brilliance was duly recognised with the award of an Emmy for the "most outstanding continuing coverage of a news story in a newcast" in a courageous production about "Yemen's forgotten war".

A special report on Ben's skills and experience will be available in the next Ashgrovian.



JOE BRUMM (1995) & DALEY PEARSON (2001)

The other huge success, and one which our Old Boys with young children will immediately recognise is the international cartoon phenomenon known simply as 'Bluey'.

Our Old Boy grandparents need only enquire of the grandchildren to learn all about Bluey – the six-year-old cattle dog and her sister, Bingo.

Bluey is the creation of Joe Brumm (1995) and has been produced by Ludo Studios in Brisbane by Daley Pearson (2001) and his exceptional crew. Bluey has had over 120 million downloads on ABC iView and the boys have recently signed a deal with Disney for Bluey to be distributed internationally. If that is not enough, Bluey has been nominated for an international Emmy in children's programs. The award to be made next March in Canne, France. Just phenomenal from our young men. All Old Boys congratulate Joe and Daley on their success and the entertainment they provide to countless children (and their parents!).

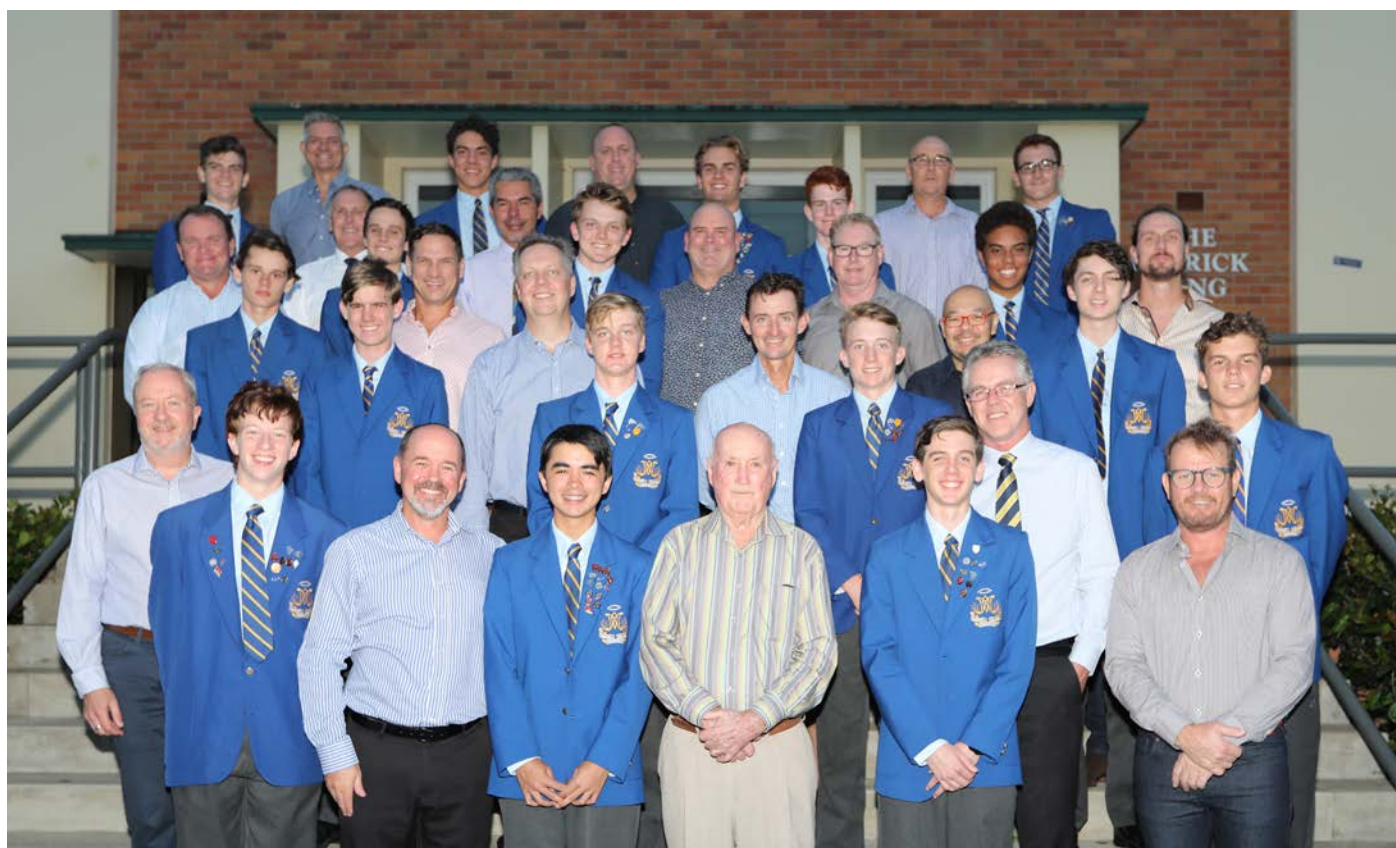


Do you know of any outstanding achievements by our Old Boys?
If so, please email - secetary@ashgroveoldboys.com.au

SONS OF OLD BOYS CONTINUE TO MAKE THE COLLEGE PROUD

Because of the changes to the education system (no we don't understand it either!), there was a smaller Senior cohort across all schools in 2019. However, it still saw some very proud Old Boy Dads (and one Grand Dad) stand with their talented (and taller) sons as they took those final steps to graduation. This year there were four young men of the 3rd generation a Mee, a Tehan, a Treston and a Lung. And Old Boys will also recognise many of the names. We saw in our Senior boys the next generation of some of the long standing families like the Ingrams, the Smith and the Bathersbys.

It is a tremendous honour to be part of the history of the College. The Old Boys Association extends its special welcome to these young men as they carry on the tradition.



Back Rows: Christian and Peter (1971) Bonney; Gus and John (1986) Rosanowski; Damian (1983) and Henry Meland; Lachlan and Geoffrey (1979) Moon; David (1983) and Joshua Radford.

Middle Rows: Matthew (1987) and Bailey Goodwin; Damian (1984) and Ned Tehan; Andrew (1983) and Oliver Smith; Nomiko and Nataniel Lung; Rhett and Richard (1990) Ballantyne

Middle Rows: Gregory (1989) and Joshua Sterling; Stephen (1991) and Aedhon O'Rourke; Andrew (1993) and Patrick Shay

Front Rows: Greg (1979) and Jack Ingram; Luke (1985), Liam and Tom (1947) Treston; William and Chris (1983) Bathersby; Max and Tony (1984) Mee

Absent, but there in spirit: Mark (1979) and Lachlan Wolken; John (1984) and Jeremy Koye

1980 - 40 YEAR REUNION

The mercurial 1980 year will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary in the middle of next year.

Has it been that long?

Details are still being worked out but to express your interest please contact:

Brendan Bathersby - brendanb@gwlaw.com.au

Craig Cory - craig.cory@bigpond.com

SONS OF OLD BOYS LEAD GREENASH REVOLUTION

It's not easy keeping the area around the new pool (Mach III) looking sparkling. Enoggera Creek is not far away and the reeds spring up everywhere. So the College has produced an army of volunteers, supported by the OBA, who work tirelessly to keep the College (in particular the pool area) looking pristine. They are called GreenAsh. They are dedicated young servants of the environment. We note, as expected, the inclusion of some sons of Old Boys in there and thank Mrs Anne Quill for her leadership of the boys. Anne is an absolute inspiration!



Back Row: Sam Jensen (son of Ben. 1988), Jack Paterson, Tyler Coogan, Liam Webb (son of Ben, 1991), Luke Nesbitt

Front Row: Mrs Anne Quill, Reg Rosanowski (son of John, 1986), Sol Hancock, Jack Lowe, Jackson Hawley, Tom Paterson

CAREERS LINK NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Old Boys and the College have joined forces to attempt to assist our young Old Boys in finding their career in life.

If you are an employer, a business owner or a mentor and would like to help - please contact:
Mrs Tara Franklin on 07 3858 4686 or franklint@marash.qld.edu.au.

THE OLD BOYS SENDS OUT THEIR BEST WISHES TO CHARLIE

On October 19 2019, many Ashgrove families took part in the 'Long Lunch' on the flats to support Charlie Lilley (2012) and the charity he has set up. Charlie suffered an horrific injury in a diving accident but has now dedicated himself to helping others who have befallen similar in juries. A magnificent afternoon with 800 in attendance.

Old Boys, Charlie needs our support. All donations are 100% tax deductible and you need only go to www.charlielilleyspinalcarefund.org.au to make a contribution.

PROFESSOR PAUL SIMSHAUSER AM (1985) TO GUIDE AUSTRALIA OUT OF THE DARK AGES

He is an academic of the highest calibre. He has been hugely successful in private enterprise. His area of speciality will be of profound importance for the future of the country.

It is one of the great talking points of this generation Old Boys, the cost of power and how to keep it under control. It is the subject of a complex economic debate which crosses the divide into economics, politics and the practical realities of day to day living and business operations.

Ashgrove has again led the charge.

Professor Paul Simshauser (1985), an economist by trade, holds bachelor degrees in economics and in commerce, a masters degree in accounting and finance, and a PhD in economics from the University of Queensland. He is a CPA, an AFMA Accredited Dealer and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

He is also Professor of Finance at Griffith University's Business School and is widely published on energy economics in academic journals.

Paul has been recognised for his many outstanding contributions by being made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) as part of the Australia Day 2019 Honours List for significant service to the energy sector through executive roles, applied economics and policy research.

Through all this, Paul has maintained his humility, of course, which is the Ashgrove trademark.

The Old Boys express their congratulations to Paul and look forward to him solving Australia's power problems in the years to come.



Melinda and Paul Simshauser

FATHER TOM MOLONEY AWARD – 2ND XI CRICKET

One of the most impressive trophies on offer is the Father Tom Moloney trophy for the Best and Fairest in 2nd XI Cricket.

A legend in his life time, Father Tom was not only College Chaplain but the iconic 2nd XI coach who retains a sensational record unmatched anywhere in the old TAS or modern day AIC. The Old Boys Association proudly recognised Father Tom's contribution by commissioning a magnificent trophy.

This year the award goes to Liam Querido who has been nominated by the cricket coaching staff for his outstanding achievements and approach to the game. The Old Boys Association sends its congratulations to Liam on this most prestigious and deserved award.

Father Tom believed passionately in the pursuit of excellence and would be very proud of the approach to the game and the success which Liam had.



BACK TO MARIST DAY

The inaugural 'Back To Marist' event co-ordinated by past MCA Principal, Br Robert Connor, was a terrific opportunity to reconnect Old Boys with the College and our Marist Values in a very relaxed atmosphere. It was a powerful but quiet day with ideas both controversial and traditional being top of the agenda. The clear theme was 'well-being' – what does it mean and how do we define it for ourselves.

The participants were a sublime mix of Marist men from as far back as 1947 with Tom Treston and major contributors like Jim Lucey 1959 and Chris Muir 1968 were involved in a Q&A session. The more recent Old Boys included past President Dom Melrose (1992) and Pat Webster (2000). Stan Gricks (1962) drove up from Casino to be present. A fantastic cross-section too, a former priest, a psychiatrist, a Centacare co-ordinator plus so many other walks of life!

The highlight of the afternoon was Mass with the boarders in the Chapel. A true trip back in time.

This will now be an annual event. It is hoped many more will join us next year. If you would like to know more for next year, please email Tony Haling at ahaling1@bigpond.com.

Thanks to all those who attended, a real chance for all of us to slow down and rediscover a small part of what it is have a Marist education. A massive thank you to Br Robert for coming up from Sydney to give this inaugural event a professional touch.

Bradley Butten - Old Boys Association President



OLD BOYS READY TO CHEER PIETRO FIGLIOLI (2001) AT TOKYO OLYMPICS

There will be a very special reason for all Old Boys to watch the Olympics in Tokyo in July and August next year. Ashgrove's greatest ever athlete, Pietro Figlioli (1997-2001), will lead current World Champions, Italy, in the water-polo competition.

In the next edition of the Ashgrovian (June 2020), we will be doing a full spread on Pietro as he chases that dream. We don't exaggerate when we say Pietro stands at the top of the Ashgrove sporting tree. Pietro, who graduated in 2001, represented Australia in water polo at the Olympics in 2004 and 2008 before taking out Italian citizenship so as to permit him to continue to play in the professional leagues in Europe. His achievements since have been stunning with gold at the World Championships in 2011 (Shanghai), silver at the 2012 Olympics (London), bronze at the 2016 Olympics (Rio de Janeiro) and culminating with captaining Italy to the World Championship earlier this year.

A humble Ashgrovian, Pietro proudly represented the College in athletics, soccer, swimming, water polo, basketball and volleyball.

We wish Pietro a safe and injury-free journey towards Tokyo.



MCA OBA VINTAGE BLUE AND GOLD LUNCH 2019

On Friday, August 16, 2019, 150 people attended the annual Vintage Blue and Gold Lunch at the Cyprian Pavilion and many also attended Mass in the College Chapel immediately preceding lunch.

We were fortunate to have Fr Tom Duncan (2011), MCA's newly ordained Priest celebrate Mass with three Old Boy Concelebrants, Bishop Brian Heenan (1955), Fr Michael Carroll (1970) and Fr Tom Zaranski (2004). Assisting the celebrants was Br Daniel McEwen, while former MCA Headmasters Br Alexis (1971-1976), and Br Daniel Hollamby (MCA Primary Headmaster 1983-1988) read the Epistle readings and Br Neville (2003-2008) provided the musical accompaniment as organist and led the Responsorial Psalm. Geoff Joy, MCA Headmaster from 1965-70, was joined in the Prayer of Intercession readings by Phil Apelt, Geraldine Knapp, Alan Taylor (1949), Jim Lucey (1959), Michael Talbot (1969), Michael Watts (1979) and Chris Begley (Rosalie). Tom Treston (1947), whose four Oldboy sons, Tony (1975), Brendan (1977), Gregory (1978) and Luke (1983), led the Offertory Procession with Joe Nucifora (1969) and David Cannon, son of recently deceased Foundation student, Brian. Peter McLoughlin, MCA current Headmaster welcomed the congregation and provided a short tour of the newly restored Tower following Mass which was very well received. Fr Tom Duncan also kindly recited Grace before our main meal.

The Classes of 1949, 1959, 1969 and 1979 attended as part of their 70, 60, 50 and 40 years respective reunions and special thanks to their respective year co-ordinators, John Turner (1959), Michael Talbot (1969) and Terry Burkett (1969), and Michael Watts (1979). Recently deceased Oldboys were also recognised and many appear in the Prayers Please section, elsewhere in the Ashgrovia.

Many ex-students from the 1979 cohort had also sadly passed and remembered were:

Keith Driver, Michael Gilham, Peter Keeley, Paul McIntosh, Michael Ryan, Craig Simmons, Peter Smith, Richard Stein and Kevin Trudgian.

Bernie Knapp (1958) was presented with the MCA OBA most meritorious award, the Arthur Apelt Memorial Service Award. Tony Hogarth (1976) detailed Bernie's involvement with MCA over his many years and Arthur's brother, Colin Apelt (1946) was able to honour Bernie with a framed certificate signifying his great achievement. Arthur's wife Jill, daughter-in-law Yolanda and sister Philomena also witnessed the occasion.

The many Old Boys present from the forties, including two foundation students, joined with a good contingent of Rosalie Old Boys and a representation from every decade of MCA Old Boys in giving Bernie Knapp a rousing ovation.

Thanks to everyone who attended for making the day so special and to MCA Event Management Coordinator, Ms Ellen Kassulke for her successful organisation of the day.



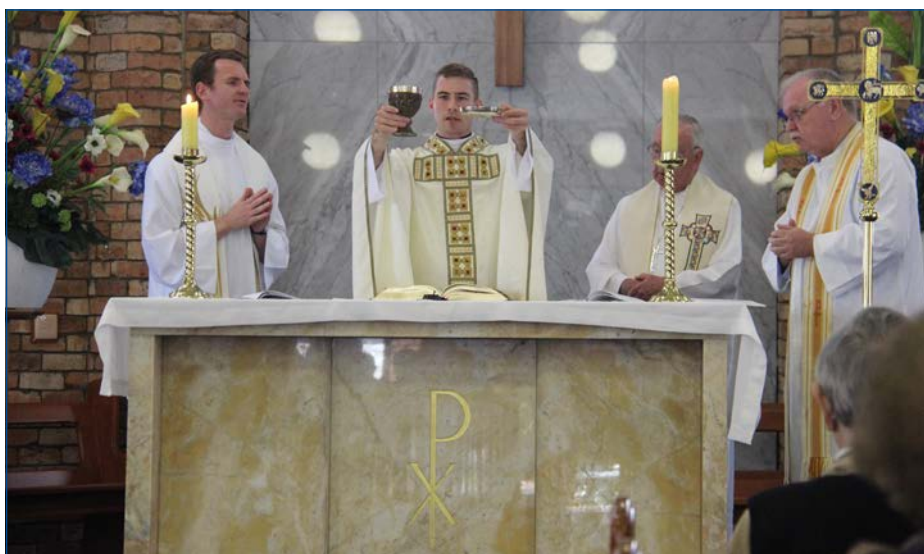
HOMILY BY FATHER THOMAS DUNCAN (2011) FOR VINTAGE LUNCH, 16 AUGUST 2019

As a boarder, just eight years ago I used to sit in this chapel every Sunday evening for Mass. I still remember clearly the great feeling of being part of a sea of boarders, belting out (with gusto) the hymns we had practised on the Thursday evening before (shine Jesus shine). I remember us all singing extra loud and vigorously when there were girls here for debating, which took place on some evenings. And I still have many such fond memories of this school, especially from being a boarder, for which I am grateful, as I'm sure many of you do too. However, hopefully, our time at school, and particularly at this Marist College, is much more than just fond memories. Surely our time here, whether as students, staff, friends of the college, partners wives and children of past students, has marked and changed us in some way? What is it about this school in particular, that has marked who we are? This is what I invite you to reflect upon today.

On a personal note, for me, there are several important moments that changed me during my time here at Ashgrove. One took place right here in this chapel. I remember when I first started to feel slightly troubled when some boys mucked around at Mass. Now I know that's what boys tend to do because not being an overly pious student - As one of my boarding supervisors, Fr Tom Zaranski can attest to - I used to muck around too. But at some point, I began to have this growing sense that something really happened at Mass. That it wasn't some meaningless thing we did every week because we had to, but that God was really present. Not only was God really present, but it felt like he was turned towards us, that God wanted to be with us. Now, this was a seed that began small, but that took root and grew increasingly prominent in my mind until it utterly changed me. Hence the outfit. But my point is, brothers and sisters, what is the mustard seed in you, that has marked yOur life? And this is an important question, for the thing about a mustard seed, as Fr Tom pointed out to me, is that because it's so small and ordinary, it's easy to lose. So if we aren't careful and attentive, and aware of what we have been given, it could easily fall through the cracks.

In today's Gospel Jesus uses the analogy of the mustard seed, that tiny seed that grows into something much larger than one would ever expect, to describe the "Kingdom of Heaven," that is, of God's Reign on earth. Now when we hear this term "Kingdom of Heaven" or "Kingdom of God", we aren't so much talking about the physical realm or territory that God rules over, either on earth or in heaven. We are rather talking about the fact of God's reigning or, dwelling that is embodied in the person of Jesus. And as soon as we begin to talk about this, we can't help but mention Mary, the Mother of Jesus, since it is in and through her that God's reign or dwelling first came among us. She bore within her womb the mustard seed of God's personal presence, which first took shape in her and now gives refuge to so many, just as the birds of the air take refuge in the branches of the mustard shrub.

As people marked by this college, this fundamental reality of Mary beckons us in particular. There are plenty of good schools out there. What makes this one different, and therefore us different? Surely it must be something of the Marist charism which has at its heart the yes of Mary, who by opening her heart completely to the love of God thereby bore in her own body the at first tiny seed of God's personal presence, but which would then grow into something which would transform the entire world, a place where even she - and dare I say we - could come to dwell. As people marked by this charism, let's be attentive to the dwelling of the personal presence of God in each one of us, and be careful not to lose through unawareness or carelessness the priceless and precious gift that has already been given to each of us. Let's now hold that gift before God and give thanks upon his altar.



1959 ROLL BACK THE YEARS - 60 YEARS OF MEMORIES COME TO LIFE

The Old Boys Luncheon on Friday August 16, 2019 attracted thirteen Old Boys from the Class of 1959 many accompanied by their wives. A beautiful Mass was celebrated by four Old Boy Priests lead by newly ordained Fr. Tom Duncan who hails from Miles on the western Downs, which many will recall was the location for many a remote Old Boys function during the time of late Old Boy Bernie Mead.

Following Mass those interested were invited on a tour of the refurbished Tower block, the left-wing of which served as the Year 12 dormitory in 1959. As the legendary Tower ghost has long disappeared, we were invited to take the steps to the top of the tower only to find when we got there that one of our number Ken Fairfield had made the trip in 1959 (apparently whilst we were playing Union) and had photographs taken on his old Box Brownie Camera to prove it. School officials were very interested in the photographs for their historical content rather than for disciplinary reasons.

Attendees travelled from Perth, Canberra, Bundaberg, Childers and the Sunshine Coast and hinterland to enjoy the lunch and it was indeed a pleasure to see an Old Boy of our vintage Bernie Knapp honoured for his support of the Old Boys across the years. From the worst cadet to the toughest Under Officer – thank you Bernie.

Five of the group couldn't make it to the Gap Tavern on Saturday for a private function but the other eight doubled up and were joined by Rod Lobb, Paul O'Donnell, Brian Cavanagh and Peter Holzworth in the former Ashgrove Quarry situated in the aptly named Glenquarrie Street for lunch in beautiful surroundings with an excellent view of the Tower Block. Having discovered Ken Fairfield's indiscretions the previous day, many stories, lies and exaggerations were exchanged with probably only Jim Lucey emerging unscathed.

John Turner



CLASS OF 1959 - OUR LIVING LEGENDS

Front Row: Alf Madsen, Trevor Pollock, Kevin Gabriel, Jim Purcell, Angelo La Rocca, Cyril Craven and Bill Jenkin

Back Row: Jim Lucey, Ken Fairfield, John Turner, Trevor Rodgers (School Captain), Garry Morris, John Taylor

ATHLETICS FIVE-PEAT SETS HISTORICAL MARKER FOR LAUNCH OF NEW BOOK

The AIC Athletics Championships have been claimed for the 5th year in a row by Ashgrove. Congratulations to all those young men and the Head Coach and Director of Sport Dave Miles (1992) on a fabulous team effort.

The victory provided the perfect milestone for the upcoming launch of the new book "Pass the Baton – The History of Ashgrove Athletics" in March 2020. Pre-sales have been phenomenal so it will be sold out. If you would like to pre-order please email Peter Casey on caseyp@marash.qld.edu.au. Only \$30. All profits go to the Foundation.



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JOHN MINES - LONG JUMP 1945

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1969 - 50 YEAR REUNION

The magnificent 1969 year have also celebrated their 50-year reunion. Michael Talbot passes on some memories.

In 1965, we were reminded that the College was still packing up from Eagle Heights, celebrated its 25th year in quiet fashion and I think "The Coloured Balls" played music at the well attended September Fair. In 1969, the College seemed more confident, well known and savvy with the developments happening in the science world. That year we also celebrated the Moon Landing and the Abbey Road Album release.

Fifty graduation classes on and the College looks and feels impressive, even grand. It seems only yesterday that Bro "Hoppy" Cyprian would happily scythe away the rough growth on his pavilion slopes end of the oval each Saturday while he kept watch on all manner of cricket, rugby and athletics on offer. Who would ever have thought it would be his territory, his pavilion and his posed portrait gaze that would overlook old boy gatherings and meetings well into the future of the College? Equally important in that place, at the other end of the room, is the matching size, permanent raffle prize, portrait of the "bumble-bee dewies" jersey packing down, gripped for battle.

Simply put, you cannot be much more Ashgrove than that- an Oval side matching standoff between the old stalwart and every aspirational "dewie" into the future! Perfect place to gather! Perfect place to meet! Perfect place to reflect on history as it was and history as it is happening! The company across all year groups who gathered was understandably warm, gracious and connected in that special Gathering Place of ours.

It was a joy for our year group to be with Bro Alexis again, to meet Bro Daniel and to be touched that Geoff Joy, accompanied by delightful wife Kate, cared enough to attend and to remember something about each member of the 1969 attendees.

The class of 1969 sincerely thanks the Old Boys Association and Ms Ellen Kassulke from the College for all their support.

Warmest Regards, Alma Mater
Michael Talbot

HOCKEY VICTORY REVIVES THE 1940'S

Old Boys. Did you know Hockey was actually a Foundation Sport? Played at the College in 1940 and 1941. And what brilliant teams they were! We would never see the like of them again. But then again, maybe we would.

Although not an AIC sport, it is still ruthless out there with the sticks. Some 80 years on, super coaches and Old Boys, Jordan Cabot and Hayden Newell, have guided Ashgrove to the Brisbane Schools Hockey Championship. A draw saw one of those treacherous penalty shootouts where Luke Barnard put his teeth on the line to save the day. The ghosts of 1940-41 would be very, very proud.



2019 MCA SPORT RESULTS

AFL	Cricket	Volleyball	Swimming	Rugby	Football	Cross Country	Chess	Basketball	Tennis	Track & Field
Year 10-12 (Open) 5th	1st XI 2nd	1st VI 2nd	Opens 2nd	1st XV Premiers	1st XI Premiers	Opens 3rd	1st IV 4th	1st V 5th	1st IV 6th	Opens 3rd
Year 8/9 2nd	2nd XI Premiers	2nd VI 4th	16 years 3rd	2nd XV Premiers	2nd XI 2nd	16 years 3rd	Senior A Co-Premiers	2nd V 3rd	2nd IV 8th	16 years Champions
Year 7 7th	3rd XI 2nd	3rd VI 4th	15 years 3rd	3rd XV Premiers	3rd XI 5th	15 years	Senior B 4th	3rd V 2nd	3rd IV 8th	15 years Champions
Year 6B 4th	4th XI 2nd	11A 3rd	14 years 3rd	4th XV Premiers	4th XI Premiers	14 years 2nd	Inter A 3rd	11A 2nd	11A 5th	14 years 3rd
Year 6A 4th	10A Premiers	10A 5th	13 years Champions	10A 2nd	10A 8th	13 years Champions	Inter B 4th	10A 6th	11B 2nd	13 years 2nd
Year 5B 1st	10B 3rd	10B 4th	12 years Champions	10B 3rd	10B 5th	12 years 2nd	Junior A Premiers	10B 3rd	10A 5th	12 years 2nd
Year 5A 6th	9A 2nd	9A 4th		9A 3rd	10C 2nd		Junior B 2nd	9A 5th	10B 3rd	
	9B 3rd	9B 2nd		9B 2nd	9A 3rd			9B 5th	9A 5th	
	8A 5th	8A 2nd		8A 4th	9B 5th			8A 7th	9B Premiers	
	8B 3rd	8B 2nd		8B 2nd	8A 7th			8B 4th	8A 3rd	
	7A 2nd	7A 3rd		8C Co-Premiers	8B 4th			7A 7th	8B 3rd	
	7B Premiers	7B 2nd		7A Co-Premiers	7A Premiers			7B Premiers	7A 4th	
				7B 2nd	7B Premiers				7B 6th	
Aggregate Result										
2nd	4th	2nd	1st	3rd	1st	2nd	4th	5th	1st	

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PRAYERS PLEASE

Please pray for the following who have deceased recently.

- Alexander Kosiek (1968), late of The Gap, passed away peacefully on August 15, 2019, aged 68 years. Husband of Kazimiera, and Father and Father-in-law of Natalia and Strachan, and Anita and Daniel. Brother and Brother-in-law to Mark (1972) and Kerry, and Stan (1977) & Donna. Grandfather to Joshua, Oscar and Mia. Alex's Funeral Mass was celebrated in Our Lady of Victories Church, Bowen Hills on Friday, August 23, 2019.
- Kevin Beitz (2009) who was a boarder from Mihi, passed away peacefully in his sleep from the complications of the flu in August 2019. Kevin's father, Danny advised that Kevin's funeral was held in Drayton, Toowoomba on August 27, 2019.
- Louis John Majer (1982), late of Kangaroo Point and New Farm, passed away peacefully on July 26, 2019 after a short illness, aged 54 years. Lou had attended MCA as a boarder from Cairns and is the adored Dad of Henry. Lou was an integral part of the Officeworks Property Leadership team over the past eight years and had contributed greatly. Lou's life was celebrated with a Funeral Mass at the Holy Spirit Church, New Farm on August 2, 2019.
- Mark Damien Collier (1981), formerly of Ashgrove, passed away on September 21, 2019, aged 55 years. Mark was loved Son of Joan (dec'd) & Kevin and cherished Brother of Lynette, Paul (1980), Dennis (1975), Kevin (1976) and Michael (1979). Mark served RAAF, DFAT, SES Queanbeyan. Mark's funeral service was held in Canberra on October 3, 2019.
- Clemente "Clem" Crisci (1971) passed away peacefully on July 31, 2019, aged 66 years. Clem was the beloved Husband of Linda and dearly loved Father of Adam (1994), Benjamin (1997), Michael (1999) and Andrew (2002) and Adored Grandfather of Nate and Ava and brother of Lisa and Rosie. Clem's Funeral Mass was held at St Brigid's Red Hill on August 13, 2019. Clem was a Dayboy while attending MCA and completed his Junior in 1969.
- Patricia Margaret Sorrenson passed away peacefully on September 2, 2019. Patricia was Mother and Mother-in-Law of Paula & Peter McLoughlin and much-adored Grandmother of James, Hamish, Sarah and William (2013) McLoughlin and Rose and Albert, and Great-Grandmother of Isaac, Ruby and Isla. Patricia's Funeral Mass was held at St. Anthony's Church, Kingscliffe NSW.
- Patricia Shirley ("Pat") McMahon passed away peacefully on September 13, 2019. Pat was the much-loved wife of Stan (1941, dec'd) and Mother and Mother-in-Law of Luke & Deb, Paula & Craig, John & Sharon, Rob & Naveet. Much adored Grandmother of Matthew, Charlotte, Callum, Oscar, Will, and Keira. Loving Sister of Kevin Whelan (1940-1941 dec'd) and June. Pat's Funeral Mass was held at St. Gerard Majella's, Chermiside West.
- Fay Lorraine Connors, late of Bauple, formerly of The Gap, passed away peacefully on September 28, 2019. Faye was the wife of Kerry (Chuck) and Mother and Mother-in-law of Tania & Joshua, and Christopher (2000) & Rebecca, and Nanny of 4 Grandchildren.
- Berenice Feltoe, late of Coorparoo and formerly Ashgrove, passed away peacefully on October 4, 2019, aged 95 years. Berenice was the loving wife of John, and much-loved Mother of MaryAnne, David (1974, dec'd), Peter (1976), Gerard (1979), Christopher (1980, dec'd), Brendan (1983), and Andrew (1986). Loving Aunt, Mother-in-law, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother to many. Berenice's Graveside service was held at Pinaroo Cemetery, Bridgeman Downs on October 11, 2019.
- Bernard Hugh O'Neill, late of New Farm, passed away peacefully on October 2, 2019, aged 94 years. Bernard was Father and Father-in-law of Susie and Peter Blennerhasset (P&F Co-President, 2003-4), and Grandfather of Hugh (2000), Oliver (2002), and Dougal Blennerhasset (2005). Brother of Laurie (dec'd) & Mary and Uncle of MCA teacher, Michael Connolly. In 1886, Bernard's grandfather, John O'Neill, while Head Gardener for Alexander Stewart at Glenlyon House, planted the magnificent bunya trees that line Glenlyon Drive and lead to the entrance of the stately property. Bernard's Funeral Mass was held at St Patrick's Church, Fortitude Valley on October 14, 2019.
- Marie Lorraine Skennar, late of Manly West, formerly Bardon, passed away peacefully on July 13, 2009, aged 89 years. Wife of Harold (dec'd), Mother and Mother-in-law of Murrury (1972) and Jocelyn and loved Grandma and Great-Grandma.
- Margaret Mary Long, late of Ashgrove, passed away peacefully on July 21, 2019, aged 86 years. Wife of Frank and Mother of Vincent (1980), Louise, Gerard (1986) and Maryann. Funeral Mass for Margaret was held at St. Finbarrs, Ashgrove on July 26, 2019.

PRAYERS PLEASE

- Carmel O'Dowd, late of Ashgrove, passed away peacefully on August 2, 2019, aged 87 years. Wife of Greg (dec'd), and Mother of Greg (1975), Lawrence (1977), Mary-Rose, Monica, Bernard (1983) and David (1986) and beloved Grandmother. Funeral Mass for Carmel was held at St. Finbarr's, Ashgrove on Aug 13, 2019.
- Margaret Luton passed away peacefully on August 21, 2019, aged 84 years. Wife of Leo (dec'd) (1951) and Mother of Paul, Bernard and Rachel and adored grandmother to seven grandchildren. Funeral Mass for Margaret was held at Regina Caeli, Camp Hill on August 30, 2019.
- Clair Margaret Fittell, late of Ashgrove, passed away peacefully on August 26th, 2019 aged 93 years. Wife of Eric (dec'd) and Mother of Paul (1972), Janice, Gregory (1975) and John (1977). Adored Grandmother to 7 Grandchildren and 2 Great-grandchildren. Funeral Mass for Claire was held at St. Michaels, Dorrington on September 3, 2019.
- John Clayton Perks, late of The Gap, passed away peacefully on July 9, 2019, aged 70 years. Husband of Nellie and Father of Jacqui, Adam (1998) and Michael and Loved Grandfather. John's Funeral Mass was held at St. Peter Chanel, The Gap on July 19, 2019.
- Linda Joy Lenehan, late of the Sunshine Coast, formerly Albany Creek, sadly passed away on October 22, 2019. Linda was the beloved Wife of Bill Lenehan (1966), Mother of Susan, Katherine, Lizzy and Bill jr. (1998) and adored Nana of 8 Grandchildren. Linda's Prayer Service was at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Moffat Beach, Caloundra on October 25.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Many of the tributes and eulogies to our members are now available on the new website.

www.ashgroveoldboys.com.au/vale

DANE CRAWFORD (1997)

The Old Boys would express their deep regret at the passing of our talented young colleague, Dane Crawford (1997). Dane died in his sleep on 31 March 2018. Dane was a senior development manager in Sydney on major residential projects and is survived by his beloved parents, Marg and Bernie, his sisters Olivia and Charlotte, and his fiancé, Tommy.



Dane Crawford (1997)

REMEMBERING JOSH TAM (2013)

As the summer season approaches, the OBA remembers the tragic passing of our young brother, Josh Tam (2013), late last year.

For those who wish to support the wonderful legacy of Josh, please visit the website set up by his parents John (1981) and Julie.

www.justmossin.com.au

These are great times for young Ashgrovians, but please take care. Look after each other.

ARTHUR APELT MEMORIAL SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATION TO BERNIE KNAPP (1958)

On 16 August 2019, the Arthur Apelt Memorial Service Award was presented to Bernie Knapp (1958).

Past president Tony Hogarth (1976) gave the following speech.

It's indeed an honour to be invited to say a few words about Bernie Knapp, who is about to become the Old Boy's Association's most recent recipient of the "Arthur Apelt Memorial Service Award". This Award was established six years ago to honour those Old Boys who, in the footsteps and charism of Arthur Apelt, have served the Association and the College generally, in a capacity above and beyond the call of duty. Bernie is a most deserving recipient of this Award.

I'd also like to acknowledge the presence of Arthur's wife, Jill, who is with us today. It's great to see you Jill!

I do have something of a dilemma though...Bernie asked me to speak for two to three minutes 'tops', whereas, the Oldboys Committee suggested it would take at least 30 minutes to do Bernie justice!...and they are right, such has been the magnitude of Bernie's contribution to the College over many decades...however, as Bernie is close by, I'll do my best to avoid Bernie's wrath and stick with Bernie's timeline!

May I, at the outset, acknowledge the excellent research by College archivist, Mr Dave Cameron. Thank you very much for your assistance Dave!

Bernie's contribution as a student is well documented. He excelled as a student and sportsman at the College from 1950 to 1958, representing the College in athletics, swimming, cricket and rugby. I think he may have been in the First XV in all of his years at the College! Every time I attend the Old Boys Sports Day, Bernie's on McMahon Oval receiving another Medallion. I'm assured though, he was in the Firsts for a mere three years; however, an investigation may be in order to confirm.

It was after Bernie left school, and as a member of the Old Boys Association, that he would make his most significant contribution, leaving his indelible footprint on the College.

Bernie held numerous positions on the Old Boys Association. He was President on three separate occasions, in 1962, 1965 and again in 1981/82. He was Treasurer in 1961, Secretary in 1981 (jointly as President that year) and Secretary in 1983 and 1984.

Bernie's contributions have been many, and on a day such as today, it's appropriate that some of these contributions are acknowledged.

His fundraising skills, efforts and initiatives have been nothing short of remarkable. From the 1960s, Bernie always thought big and never let the significance, magnitude of an event, or fund-raising initiative, put him off.

Nelson Mandela once said, "It always seems impossible until it's done."

He may well have had Bernie in mind when he uttered those words, as Bernie was, and continues to this day, to be a doer who gets things done.

Some of the highlights of Bernie's contributions include:

- In 1965, Bernie hosted the College's 25th Anniversary Dinner at 29 Murray Street;
- Twenty-five years later in 1990, Bernie was again part of the College's 50th Jubilee Sub-Committee, where he played a substantial role in organising the College Celebrations. He also played a major role, undertaking research and providing many personal contributions to the history of the College from 1940 to 1990, and is frequently cited in the footnotes of "Canvass of Dreams".
- Through many special Seafood and Sports Nights Bernie, ably supported by his Committees, raised much-needed funds for many good causes and, in particular, for the Missionaries working in the Pacific Islands of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. Father John Begg, Brother Larry Camilleri, Sister Joseph Mary, Father Harry Moore, Brother Francis McMahon and many more, were the beneficiaries of these fundraising initiatives. These gifts helped transform lives, and as Father Harry Moore wrote in a letter dated 13 March 1981:
"Dear Bernard,
Your generous cheque has arrived and been put to work. Thanks. The era of washing clothes in the river and using outdoor toilets is over. It will not be long before the staff and visitors will be able to flush and shower to their hearts' content in the privacy of their own four walls. It's called progress. Once again sincere thanks to you and the Old Boys for your kindness. It's nice to know we are not forgotten up here.
God bless you all.
Harry Moore, SM."

ARTHUR APELT MEMORIAL SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATION TO BERNIE KNAPP (1958)

- Meanwhile, Bernie was also working on a number of major fundraising projects for the College.
- In the early 1980s, he and his committee raised and contributed \$30,000 to the cost of construction of the Cyprian Pavilion, where we gather today and a facility which the College uses regularly and in so many different ways.
- Perhaps the most significant project Bernie was to work on, in conjunction with his mates, Pat Nolan and John Glennon, was the Champagnat Centre. It had long been a dream of the Brothers to have a covered assembly area, where large groups could gather for special events like the Inaugural Mass and Champagnat Day celebrations, and where weather would no longer be a factor. Bernie co-chaired the Ash Appeal Building Fund campaign and with his usual drive, enthusiasm, energy and entrepreneurial flair, lead the organisation of the Community effort to raise the significant funds required to build the Centre. In the end, they raised \$1.3 million, which in today's terms would probably equate to about \$6 million or \$7 million.
- Bernie also worked on the Leadership Gifts Committee for that Project, aimed at attracting large donations by potential sponsors. This initiative resulted in \$315,000 being donated by seven major benefactors - an outstanding achievement!
- On the February 20, 1988, retiring President, Jim Crawshaw, reported that he was delighted to announce that the outgoing Committee had unanimously agreed to confer Honorary Life Membership of the Old Boys Association on Bernie, in recognition of his outstanding services to the OBA and the College.

On a personal note, I first met Bernie at one of the Sportsman's Nights which he organised in the early 1980's. What I observed of Bernie from the outset, apart from his great love of and passion for the College, was his exceptional communication skills. When he talks to you, it's always with enthusiasm and interest. He is a good listener. In all those years, nothing has changed.

Bernie has been an inspiration to many Old Boys. He has mentored and inspired many to pick the ball up and run with him, helping foster their interest as Old Boys for the benefit of the College, and for many, their careers. He is a man for all seasons with an ability to speak as easily with Prime Ministers', as the next man on the Street. He is generous in every sense of that word and an outstanding example of a good Marist man.

In closing, I would also like to acknowledge and pay respects to Bernie's wonderful wife, Geraldine, and their family. Simon, Christian and Jane are also here with us today. Without Geraldine's love, encouragement and support, I'm sure Bernie wouldn't have been able to achieve nearly as much as he has. Part of this Award today must be credited to Geraldine, as well.

I could go on detailing Bernie's contributions; however, we'd be here for at least another half an hour if I was to do that. And, as I've now exceeded Bernie's time limit, I would like to call upon Colin Apelt (46), Arthur's brother, to present the "Arthur Apelt Memorial Service Award" for 2019, to this most worthy of recipients, Bernard Knapp.

Bernie was then presented with his award by Colin Apelt.



THE MARISTS COME TO ASHGROVE 1939

We had reached the point in our tale where Father Walter Cain's missionary order was suppressed by the Vatican in 1938, and the Ashgrove site and all its contents had been placed in the hands of Church authorities. Before we discover what was to happen to Ashgrove, we should return to a consideration of the fates of the co-founders of the missionary order, Father Cain and Mother Margaret Claire.

Both had been religiously and personally devastated by the calamity that had overtaken the brothers and sisters of the Most Holy Eucharist. All they had worked for in the past decade had been snatched from them. The Ashgrove seminary had been the centre-point of their lives and ambitions; now their order was abolished, the Tower Block deserted, and the erstwhile seminarians and nuns scattered to the four winds. Margaret Claire, in particular, was inconsolable – her diaries are almost incoherent with grief, for in the manner of many religious, she viewed what had occurred as a sign that she must herself have displeased the Almighty. Cain was equally shocked, calling the suppression “a lightning strike, with horrid blows, from a clear blue sky”: he made determined efforts to obtain a hearing to appeal against the Vatican's decision, but Church bureaucracy blocked him at every turn. Common sense dictated that would forever be the case; the Vatican, having made such a dramatic decision, was hardly likely to revisit the problem in any way which would allow its reversal. This was, from the outset, “a done deal”.

Whatever else can be said about Margaret Claire, her loyalty to Father Cain and to his missionary vision never faltered. She and all her fellow sisters were now considered as “seculars”, though it was allowed that they could transfer to existing religious orders within the Church. Margaret Claire never considered that possibility. Her loyalty had always been and would remain, with one man. Cain was appointed parish priest at Northgate. Vowing in her diary, “Whatever happens and however much it costs me I am determined to stay by Father Cain to the last,” she literally did just that. She became his housekeeper at Northgate, went with him in the same role when he was transferred to Cannon Hill, and even into his retirement at Redcliffe and Kalinga.

She died on 5 November 1956, and was interred at Nudgee cemetery: Father Cain pleaded with the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration for her to be buried in their plot, and under her religious name, even though she had not used it since 1938. They agreed, and so her cross is marked “Rev. Mother Margaret Claire”, though her records at the cemetery refer to her as Gertrude Spencer Wilson. Cain was to die on 26 September 1962 and was buried in the priests' section of the Nudgee cemetery. So finally they were together, if not side by side. (Sadly but almost symbolically Cain's cross was to be vandalised later, and the pieces piled upon his grave – even in death his ill-luck pursued him.) Few, surely, can regard this as anything but a poignant tale.

Back, however, to the main chase. What of the Ashgrove property? It was placed under the charge of Father Eric Dwyer, a Redemptorist priest, basically in a caretaker/security role. (Mark Farrelly maintains Dwyer performed this role badly because any priestly personage who came calling at Ashgrove seemed to leave with some of Father Cain's physical assets – something Dwyer happily and totally illegally dispensed.) Delegate Panico directed from Sydney that all references to St Jude at the former seminary should be erased, so over the next six months this occurred. The giant statue of St Jude in the southern courtyard of the Tower had its right hand lowered, and the tongue of fire on its head became a sacred heart – St Jude transformed into Jesus Christ. (If one looks from the south upwards to the top of the Tower Block, however, a miniature statue of St Jude still survives – whether it passed Panico's attention, or it was judged too dangerous to work on, the result was the same: St Jude still has a place at the College.)

“Panicky Jack” was now the custodian of the Ashgrove property in the name of the Church: reasoning correctly that it had no value just sitting there, and that it was extremely impressive real estate, he offered it for sale to various religious orders with what seemed almost indecent haste. Duhig as the man closest on the ground in Brisbane did much of the offering. None of these took up the offer; Redemptorists, Sisters of Mercy, Passionists and Christian Brothers all found reasons not to buy Ashgrove. (Mark Farrelly says this was because the various orders were afraid that Father Cain's inevitable appeal to the Vatican might be upheld; he also suggests that “it was like dividing the inheritance before the corpse was decently buried.”) The St Jude's Seminary saga was not one that those orders chose association with.

After six months, however, one religious organisation, the Little Brothers of Mary, which had originated in France and sent representatives to Australia in the 1870s, expressed interest in Ashgrove. More commonly known as the Marist Brothers, they were a teaching order – as were their rivals the Christian Brothers. Mainly based in the southern states, they then had only a small toehold in Queensland, running St Augustine's in Cairns as a boarding college, the Good Counsel School in Innisfail, and Rosalie in Brisbane, which was supposed to be a day school only but took in boarders to earn income. A coalition of factors was operating which would mean that the Marist Brothers would buy Ashgrove, some of them involving the vagaries of human nature in quaint ways.

A relieved Panico informed Archbishop Duhig that the Marists were interested. Duhig was personally delighted, because he had always – right from the start of his appointment – encouraged the Marists to expand into Queensland. Mark Farrelly believes his admiration for the Marists sprang from a belief that their teaching methods offered an alternative to the Christian Brothers' form of education, which he (unjustly) found limited. Duhig also as a young man expressed some interest in joining the Marist Order, though ultimately his career was to be a different one. Whatever the reasons, Duhig had often encouraged the Marists to buy Queensland properties he had for sale, though the only one that had ever

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come to fruition was Rosalie. Always there had seemed to be some impediment – lack of funds or lack of personnel at the right time. Now the stars were about to align: the Marists had both the people necessary and the finance available for expansion. There was only one problem – the Christian Brothers had a tacit agreement with the Archbishop that no new Catholic boarding schools would open in Brisbane in the foreseeable future.

Rosalie, as mentioned, was not even supposed to be a boarding school; it took in boarders as a means of financial survival. Duhig, given his agreement with the Christian Brothers about boarding schools, often had sharp words with the Director (Principal) of Rosalie, one Brother Cyprian Dowd, a Marist devotee of sharp mind and dedicated purpose. In his memoirs, Cyprian states: “In 1939 I was the Director at Rosalie – a struggling school with a big roll-call, decrepit buildings and no money. Our finances were helped by forty-odd boarders (some very odd) who overflowed into the Brothers’ monastery. His Grace, Archbishop Duhig, often complained to me that we had no right to have boarders and that Rosalie was in no sense a boarding school.” Cyprian answered adamantly that without the boarding funds, Rosalie would have to close. There was obviously no love lost between the two strong characters.

Cyprian first heard from the Marist Provincial in Sydney, Brother Andrew Power, in June 1939 that the probable purchase of the Ashgrove property was underway, that the Rosalie boarders would be transferred to the new school, that Cyprian could expect to be the first Director, and that he should set up a meeting between Andrew and Archbishop Duhig to discuss details of the agreement/purchase. According to Cyprian, “The meeting with His Grace was smooth enough although he had often crossed swords with me and was naturally disappointed that I was present. However, he was at a disadvantage since his many attempts to offload Ashgrove on other Religious Orders had failed. He must have been relieved to find a buyer at last.” According to Cyprian, Duhig wanted 20,000 pounds for the property; Andrew’s limit was 15,000. Cyprian and Andrew collectively conspired to work on Duhig about the “enormous cost of reconditioning the place” and won the day. Cyprian jubilantly commented: “His Grace finally capitulated at 12,500 pounds. It was a great bargain for the Marist Brothers.” However he could not help an acidic addendum, “and for His Grace also, seeing that the prized property had been pinched from Father Cain without any compensation.” (To Cyprian there was no doubt where the origin of the dissolution of the missionary order lay: “Father Cain’s trouble was that he was too successful...he was rumoured to have about 90,000 pounds in the bank...and the temptation was too much for the Church Authorities. It was Father Cain’s money that built Banyo Seminary. In all this shattering loss and humiliation, it was Father Cain’s obedience and submission that put the seal on his sanctity.” True or not, it is obvious Cyprian did not believe in mixing words!)

A formal agreement was prepared between the Church and the Marist Brothers, dated 30 July 1939. The Marists had purchased the property and had the right to conduct a boys’ only school there, for both primary and secondary students, dayboys and boarders. They were allowed to use whatever teaching methods they favoured, and the Brothers could be changed as often as their superiors judged necessary. Marist education was about to expand in a big way in Queensland.

There is one obvious question to be asked. If Duhig had been so against boarders being taken in at Rosalie, in honour of his tacit agreement with the Christian Brothers about boarding schools, why did he allow an agreement such as the one signed with the Marists? Surely Ashgrove would be a new boarding school? Cyprian explains, “When His Grace was approached (by very irate Christian Brothers), he pointed out that Ashgrove was not a new college – merely a transfer of Rosalie boarders to a better site.” Duhig’s “Archbishop-speak” did not go down very well with Cyprian, and probably even less palatably for the affronted Christian Brothers: “This struck me as a very convenient about-face by one who had frequently criticised me for taking boarders, and who was relentless in condemning Rosalie as a boarding college.” The animosity so obvious between the two would have personal repercussions for Cyprian as well, for Brother Andrew could not have failed to notice that the Archbishop would have preferred to deal with another person besides Cyprian as Director of the new college at Ashgrove.

In fact, Cyprian would not be the first Headmaster at Ashgrove – that honour fell to Brother Ignatius O’Connor, who arrived at the College at Christmas in 1939 with the startling announcement that he was the new Director, beginning immediately. Cyprian’s reaction was, “I don’t want to enlarge on my disappointment, but it was a bitter blow to be discarded so unexpectedly. The Rosalie Brothers shared my dismay and instead of wanting a shift to Ashgrove they were now firmly against it. When the appointments were published a few weeks later, Brother Lambert was the only Rosalie Brother to suffer the change.” The wonderful building above the sparkling creek seemed to generate controversy and upset just by its very existence!

The foibles, frailties, and disappointments of human nature aside, this series of events saw the planting of the seed that would eventually result in the College campus of today. Brother Ignatius would provide the dream of constructing a “St Joseph’s of the North”, a sister to the Sydney school of which the Marists were so proud; leading from the front, Ignatius and his “Band of Brothers” laboured heroically to take the College through its fledgling years; the frail sapling would survive transplant to Mount Tamborine in the wartime emergency after 1942; it would grow ever stronger after the return to Ashgrove in 1945, and one of the ones who would nurture it would be the legendary Cyprian Dowd – he would eventually have his place in the sun from 1947 to 1952, giving Ashgrove its sporting fields, a Cadet Corps, and Rugby Union. Not a bad trifecta, after a disappointing beginning.

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