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DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2019

Tuesday 5 February
AGM, 7:00pm at the College

Friday 1 March
Champagnat Trust Sports Lunch - Brisbane Convention Centre

Saturday 11 May
Old Boys Sports Day at the College

Friday 24 May
Ashgrove Golf Day

Saturday 25 May
Old Boys Reunion Day at the College

Friday 16 August
Vintage Blue and Gold Mass and Lunch for classes from 1940 to 1979

Check the Old Boys website at www.ashgroveoldboys.com.au for further details.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR CHAMPAGNAT TRUST SPORTS LUNCH - FRIDAY 1 MARCH 2019

The Champagnat Trust Sports Lunch sells out every year. Qld's largest sports lunch will be held on Friday 1 March 2019 at the Brisbane Convention Centre. John Eales and Matt Hayden will again be hosting with the usual line up of superstar speakers, including Jeff Fenech, Ray Meagher and Sam Kekovich.

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 (or individually) online ($185 a head) at http://www.trybooking.com/YJRD

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Marist Colleagues,

The completion of my first year as President of the Old Boys had proved both a fascinating and inspiring period for me.

It is humbling to know there is so much history and goodwill in the Association with huge support for our events. The Old Boys Sports Day where members of the 1948, 1958, 1968 and 1978 First XV returned to the College and were presented with medallions in front of present-day students and the Vintage Lunch in August were great highlights.

This edition of the Ashgrovian will be presented to the class of 2018 at their graduation ceremony where they will also receive their first Old Boys tie. They become the latest members of an Association which lasts for life - just as do the memories and friendships. The Headmaster reports the 2018 Seniors have been a credit to the tradition we all hold so dearly. The Headmaster in his report also has spoken proudly of the way friendships are the dominant feature of life at the College. The OBA Committee found great inspiration in the photo below provided by the family of the wonderful Brian Panitz (RIP) with his lifelong Ashgrove mates Rick and Pat Enright and Stan Kassulke at Beaudesert in 1945. They were getting ready to return to life at Ashgrove. Simply entitled 'Cobbers' it epitomises everything that is Ashgrove. 2018 friendships will be as solid as they were in 1945.

The most exciting event this year has been the accumulation of the history and memorabilia going back 80 years. This has been achieved under the watchful eye of the College archivist, Mr Dave Cameron, who has worked hand in hand with the Old Boys to bring that history to life. Dave has been relentless in the pursuit of books, jerseys, boaters and photographs. The College community is greatly indebted for his magnificent service to Ashrgrove. The Old Boys Association has been proud to assist in supplying the first of the beautiful cabinets in which the history will be housed.

We were equally honoured that former President Tom Treston was the first to be photographed with those cabinets which will house the memorabilia from the 1940's and 50's (see story on page 6).

All members obviously want a first-class production which all Old Boys will be proud to visit. I cannot stress heavily enough that we are only part way there. The completion of the museum and function room as part of the internal part of the Tower is extraordinarily expensive and we are grateful for any assistance that can be provided. Please help us if you can. All donations to the Tower Appeal are 100% tax deductible. The contact details are with the article featuring Tom Treston.

We welcome the entire graduation class of 2018. We look forward to their continued success.

VIRILITER AGE

Brad Butten
President

'Cobbers'

Returning to Ashgrove from Beaudesert (1945)

Rick Enright and Pat Enright (RIP)
Stan Kassulke (RIP) and Brian Panitz (RIP)

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Members of the Old Boys Association,

The Tower official re-opening took place on 24 October. During the course of this term, the Tower has begun to be used by the boys, staff and committees such as the Old Boys. Year 12 boys have attended their exit interviews with me. I ask them a few simple questions:

- What have you liked about your time at Marist?
- What haven't you liked?
- What are you planning to do next year?
- If you were Headmaster, what is the first thing you would change?

Over the past ten years, the dominant answer to the first question has been "my mates". I have to admit that the strong friendships are a real feature of our great College. St Marcellin Champagnat wanted the first Brothers to have a strong sense of family spirit. *Water from the Rock*, a book dedicated to Marist Spirituality reminds us:

30 Marcellin and the first Brothers were united in heart and mind. Their relationships were marked by warmth and tenderness. In their discussions about living together as Brothers they found it useful to compare the spirit of their community life to that of a family. Like our early communities, we are inspired by the home of Nazareth to develop those attitudes that make family spirit a reality: love and forgiveness, support and help, forgetfulness of self, openness to others, and joy. This style of relating has become a characteristic of our way of being Marist.

Some further thoughts on friendship:

> God creates mankind, but they choose each other.
>
> *Niccolo Machiavelli*

> When someone allows you to bear their burden, you have found deep friendship.
>
> *Gordon Atkinson*

> Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends leave footprints in your heart.
>
> *Eleanor Roosevelt*

> Friendship is born at the moment when one person says to another: 'What! You, too? Thought I was the only one'.
>
> *CS Lewis*

> Perhaps the most delightful friendships are those in which there is much agreement, much disputation and yet more personal liking.
>
> *George Eliot*

> The making of friends, who are real friends, is the best token we have of someone's success in life.
>
> *Edward Everett Hale*

May the friendships formed by the class of 2018 at Marist College Ashgrove be as strong as those forged before them.

I thank the President and the Old Boys Committee and Members for their support with The Tower renovations. There is still much to go. I join with the President in thanking you for any support you can give.

Yours in Jesus, Mary and St Marcellin.

Peter McLoughlin
Headmaster

MILITARY HONOUR BOARD GROWS CLOSER

When completed, the new military honour board will take pride of place in the Tower.

If you, or any Old Boy of Ashgrove or Rosalie, were in the military and have not yet made contact with the OBA please email military@ashgroveoldboys.com.au

Have you visited the new website?

Stay updated at www.ashgroveoldboys.com.au

TOWER RETURNS TO GLORY

Old Boys visiting the College next year will be in awe when they visit the newly renovated Tower. The Tower was blessed and opened by the Most Reverend Ken Howell DD, Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane in a ceremony on 24 October 2018 attended by Old Boy Brother Peter Carroll, the Provincial of the Marist Brothers. Whilst our magnificant icon looks truly splendid on the outside, there is still more to be done to finish, including the new museum.

Sparkling in the Ashgrove sun. Getting ready to welcome back Old Boys next year.

Headmaster Peter McLoughlin, Bishop Ken Howell and Provincial Brother Peter Carroll (OB1976)

The Tower Opens in 1931

COLLEGE HISTORY FINDS A NEW HOME

TOM TRESTON JOINS WITH THE OLD BOYS TO ASK FOR HELP TO FULFIL THE DREAM.

Those days in the boarding house in 1946-47 came flooding back to past President Tom Treston when he visited the first part of the historical museum to be located in the renovated Tower - and funded with the help of the OBA. Tom told us:

"Seeing the first part of the museum the Old Boys have already completed in conjunction with the College was very emotional. After all these decades, it is wonderful to know that the magnificent history of this great Marist institution will now be displayed in our most iconic building. Seeing stage 1 from the 1940's and 50's come to life was simply overwhelming. Ashgrove is such a special place. The preservation and presentation of our history for all generations is just so important.

I think I can speak for all Old Boys when I say we are so grateful to the College and the Old Boys Association for making this dream a reality. We are only at Stage 1. We must all play out part to see this important project to completion. I would encourage all members to contribute generously to our history."

Only Stage 1 has been funded. There is so much more to go. The College desperately needs the assistance of our extended Ashgrove family to pay for the renovations and to preserve and display our history. Any donation to the Tower Appeal is gratefully accepted and is 100% tax deductible.

If you can help build and preserve our history, please contact Vice-President Peter Casey on (07) 3848 4584 or email Peter at caseyp@marash.qld.edu.au.

PLEASE HELP THE OLD BOYS WITH THE TOWER APPEAL

Donations can be made by calling the Vice-President and Foundation Manager Peter Casey on 07 3848 4584 or caseyp@marash.qld.edu.au

or donate at www.thetowerappeal.com

CLASS OF 2018

Rhys Alger, S
Matthew Allen, G
Nick Anderson, G
Ryan Anderson, S
Harrison Andrews, D*
Parker Asnicar, D
Kolby Bailey, F
Wendel Banamu, F*
Christopher Banning, F
Joshua Beale, I
Brandon Beloff, I
William Bennett, H
Cooper Benson, D
Allin Beohm, H*
Joshua Betts, H
Patrick Birchley, D
Rhody Boland, D*
Jack Borg, H
Will Botting, F
Jeremy Boyle, R
Zach Brooks, F
Jordie Brooks, D
Hamish Brown, E*
Luc Bruna, R
Benedict Byrne, D
Jonah Carroll, H
Matthew Choy, S
Kyle Colligan, E
Rogan Collins, G*
Owen Connolly, G
Tom Connolly, I
Liam Cook, D
Brady Cooke, R
Robbie Cooper, E*
Sam Cope, S
Jem Corrish, H
Emrys Cowley, R
Daniel Cristiano, E
Isaac Crook, F
Thomas Cruickshank, F
Jameson Dann, R
Jack Donoghue, F
John Downes, E
Joe Doyle, S
Oliver Easingwood, S
Mitch Eaton, S
Tom Eddy, D
Will Egan, R
Izak Everett, H
Fletcher Evert, G*
James Fairbairn, I
Declan Ferguson, E
Jake Ferguson, F
Zedric Fernando, S
Bede Fitzsimmons, R
Patrick Forbes, R
Luke Ford, R*
Lachlan Fowler, R
Andrew Frangou, E
David Galvin, D
Billy Ganter, H
Thomas Garbellini, S
Harry Gaston, F*
Hamish Geary, S
Benjamin Geraghty, D
Lucas Giacoboni, S
Jack Gibson, F
Jarrod Gibson, I
Connor Gibson, S*
Max Gonzalez, R
Ryan Goodale, R
Cyrus Goulter, G
William Gray, G
Josh Greger, D
Daniel Groves, I
Jack Guy, F
Thomas Haddad, H*
Matthew Hallam, R
Ryan Hampton, G
Nathan Hancock, H*
Jake Harrison, F*
Harry Hastie, R
Christopher Hayward, G
Jacob Heinke, D
Jesse Henley, R
Xavier Heron, D
Zach Hogan, S
Harry Hooper, E
Linus Horgan, R*
Ben Howard, F*
Dean Humphreys, D
Benjamin Hunter, F
Jacob Huth, D
James Jackson, H*
Keenan Janfada-Balov, G
Hayden Jenkins, H
Denver Jensen, I
Kyle Jones, E
Lachlan Jones, F
Yannis Katsiotis, G
Lochlan Kellam, D
Aidan Kelly, D
Doug Kelly, R
Ciaran Kennedy, I
Ryan Kenny, I
Liam Ketter, F
Justin King, S
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Charlie Kittel, F
Jordan Klowss, I
Sebastian Leavy, I
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Billy Liebke, S
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Nicholas Malt, H
Archie Marles, G
Jake Marmotta, G
Connor Mavrick, F
Jake McCall, G
Ethan McDonnell, D
Aiden McFadden, H
Byron McGovern, R
Connor McIlwain, G
Angus McKinnon, S
Lewis McLachlan, G
Shaquille McLeod, S*
Harrison McMillan, E*
Jasper McPhee, F
Nicholas McPhee, S
William McVeigh, H*
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Henry Millington, E*
Dan Mohun, D*
Luke Moore, G
Oscar Murray, G*
Luca Murray, R
Riley Navarrete, R
Declan Neligan, I
Hayden Newell, D
Hamish Newton, G
Riley Neylan, D
Brendan Nolan, I
Lachie Nolan, R
James Noye, E
Liam O'Callaghan, I
Michael O'Connor, F
David O'Connor, R
Aidan O'Donovan, H
Nathaniel O'Hare, S
Liam O'Kelly, H
Riley O'May, G*
William Oostenbroek, G
Benjamin O'Rourke, I
Sunny P.A, D*
Salvatore Pappalardo, R
Sam Parry, E
Max Parsons-Young, S
Ryan Passmore, H
Duncan Paterson, G
Keith Paterson, G
Luke Perkins, E
Dougal Perrers, D
Rory Petersen, S
Sebastian Petroni, I
Henry Pietsch, I*
Sam Platt, D
Joshua Politylo, E
Caylum Potts, H
Harry Prouse, S
George Pullen, D*
Conor Purcell, G
Zachariah Radman, F
Teva Ramonda-Faherty, F
Jeremy Rawlings, I
Freddie Renouf, I*
Joshua Renwick, E
Dominic Renwick, I
Harrison Ritter, S
Matthew Roach, H
Hamish Roberts, E
Henry Rodgers, H
Fletch Roebig, H
Daniel Rooney, E
Brodie Rosso, H
Blake Roszka, G
Leo Ryan, F
Angus Ryan, H*
Jordan Ryan, I
Benjamin Scherer, I
Nicholas Schmidhauser, R*
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Lloyd Sheldon, H
Ryan Simpson, F
Ben Sinnott, I
Ben Sloman, F
William Sowby, E
Dominic Spain, S*
Nikolas Stanojevic, E
Laka Stephenson, G*
Noah Sterling, R*
Lachlan Tenison-Woods, E
Matthew Thiess, S*
Zac Thompson, R*
Declan Thomson, S
Noa Thomson, S*
Thomas Todd, I*
Tivon Toito'ona, D*
Timothy Toomey, G
Ben Trestrail, S
Hamish Trudgen, E*
Charles Truscott, R
Lachlan Tully, F*
Anthony Unsworth, I
Thomas Valentine, E
Kale Van Dugteren, I*
Tom Vosper, H
Spencer Wallace, G
Sebastian Ward, E
Mackenzie Warwick, D
Alex Watling, S
Nicholas Webb, R
Ben Weedon, S
Matt Wells, S
Rory White, E
Hayden Whyte, G
Jack Willis, F
Rhys Wilson-Hodge, D
Callan Wiseman, F
Joe Witzerman, I
Waynead Wolmby, D*
Larry Wratten, E*
Nathan Yaksich, R
Luca Zanardo, I

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

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Third Row: Jacob Huth, Cooper Benson, Patrick Birchley, Benjamin Geraghty, Liam Cook, Rhys Wilson-Hodge
Back Row: Jordie Brooks, Aidan Kelly, Mackenzie Warwick, Dean Humphreys, Ethan McDonnell, Jacob Heinke, Tom Eddy
Pastoral Leader: Mr David Meehan
Absent: Josh Greger, Xavier Heron, Sunny P.A.

Front Row: Ben Lynch, Kyle Colligan, Mackinley Scott, Joshua Politylo, Robbie Cooper, Kyle Jones, James Noye, Daniel Cristiano
Second Row: Edward Legge, Luke Perkins, Nikolas Stanojevic, Hamish Roberts, Andrew Frangou, Harry Hooper, Joshua Renwick, Hamish Trudgen, Lachlan Tenison-Woods
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Pastoral Leader: Mr Tony Byrne
Absent: John Downes, Henry Millington, Sam Parry, Daniel Rooney, Sebastian Ward

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Third Row: Benjamin Hunter, Liam Ketter, Connor Mavrick, Zachariah Radman, Lachlan Jones, Charlie Kittel, Michael O'Connor, Teva Ramonda-Faherty, Christopher Banning
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Second Row: Cyrus Goulter, Lachlan Maclean, Blake Roszka, Connor McIlwain, Christopher Hayward, Nick Anderson, Jake McCall, Oscar Murray, Riley O'May, Jake Marmotta
Third Row: Lewis McLachlan, Archie Marles, Hayden Whyte, William Gray, Conor Purcell, Spencer Wallace, Laka Stephenson, Fletcher Evert, Hamish Newton
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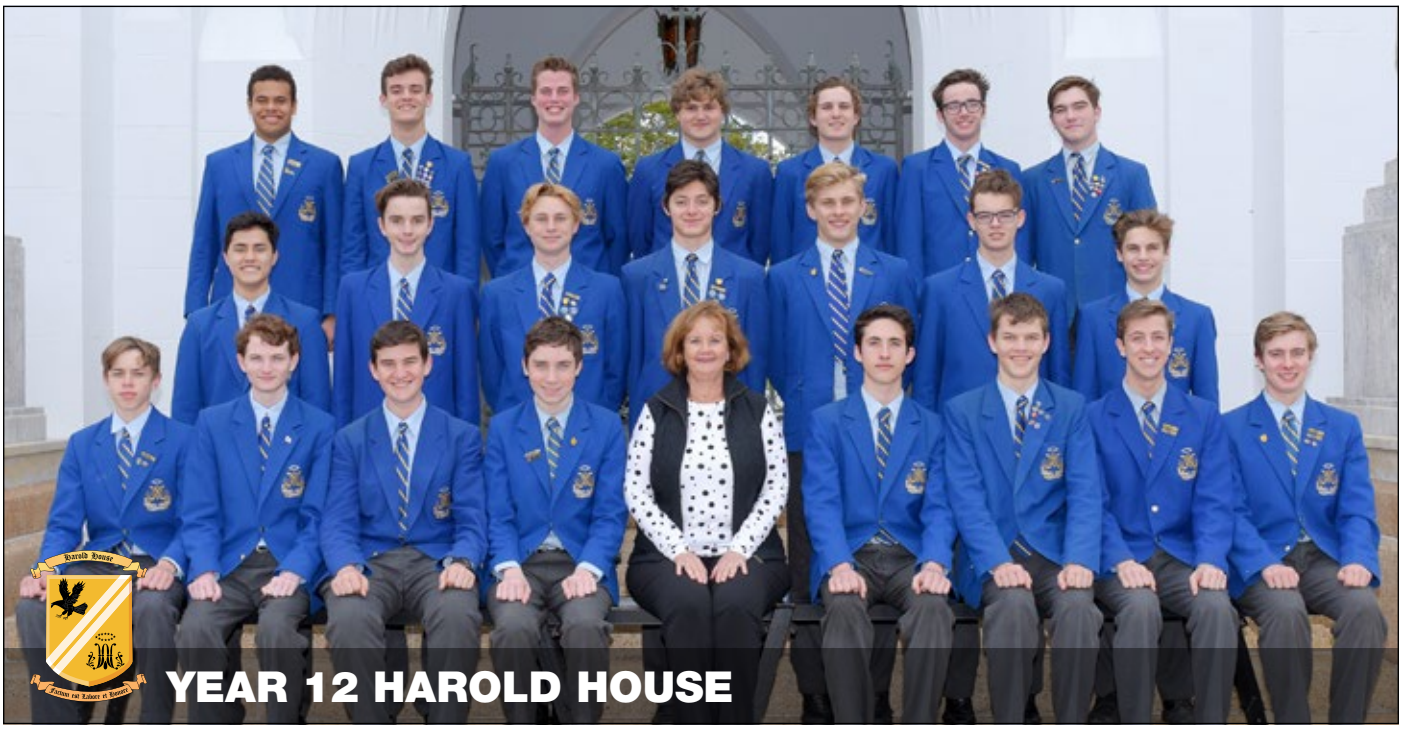

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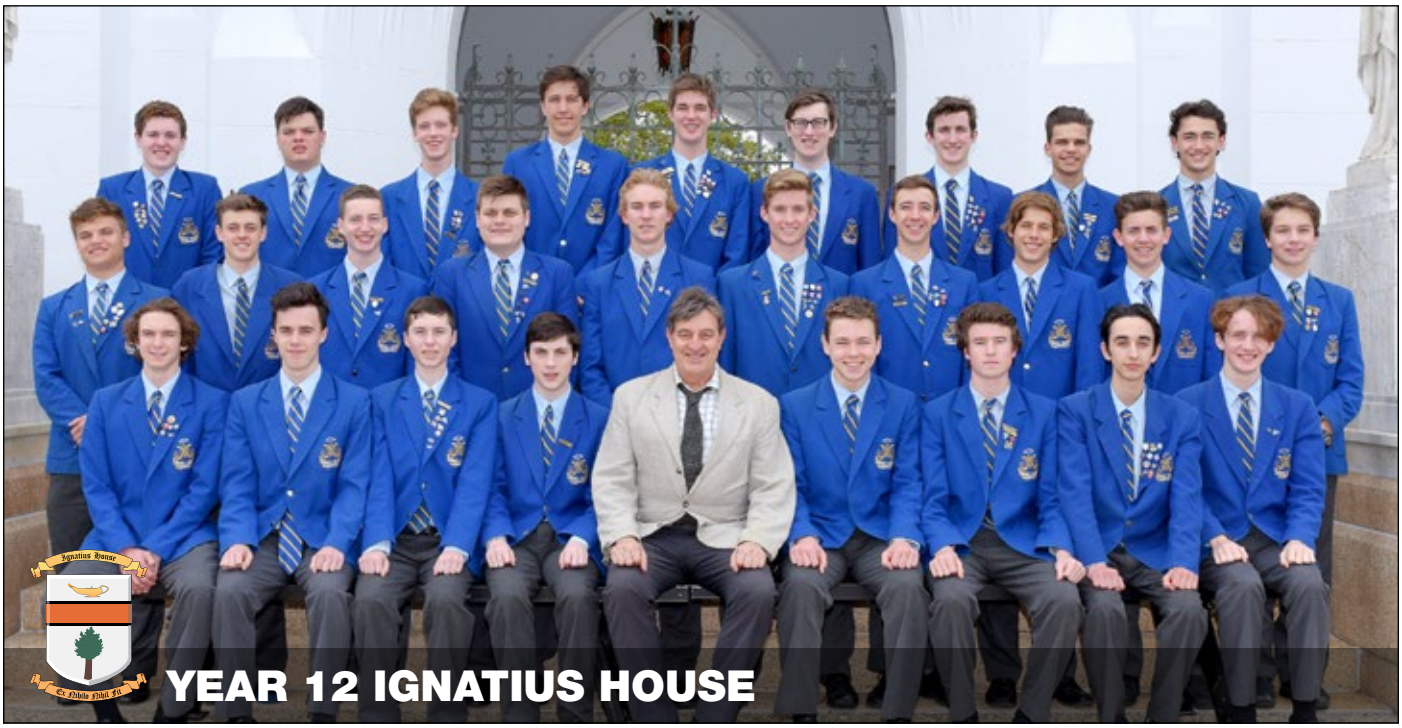

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Pastoral Leader: Mr Gerard Monsour
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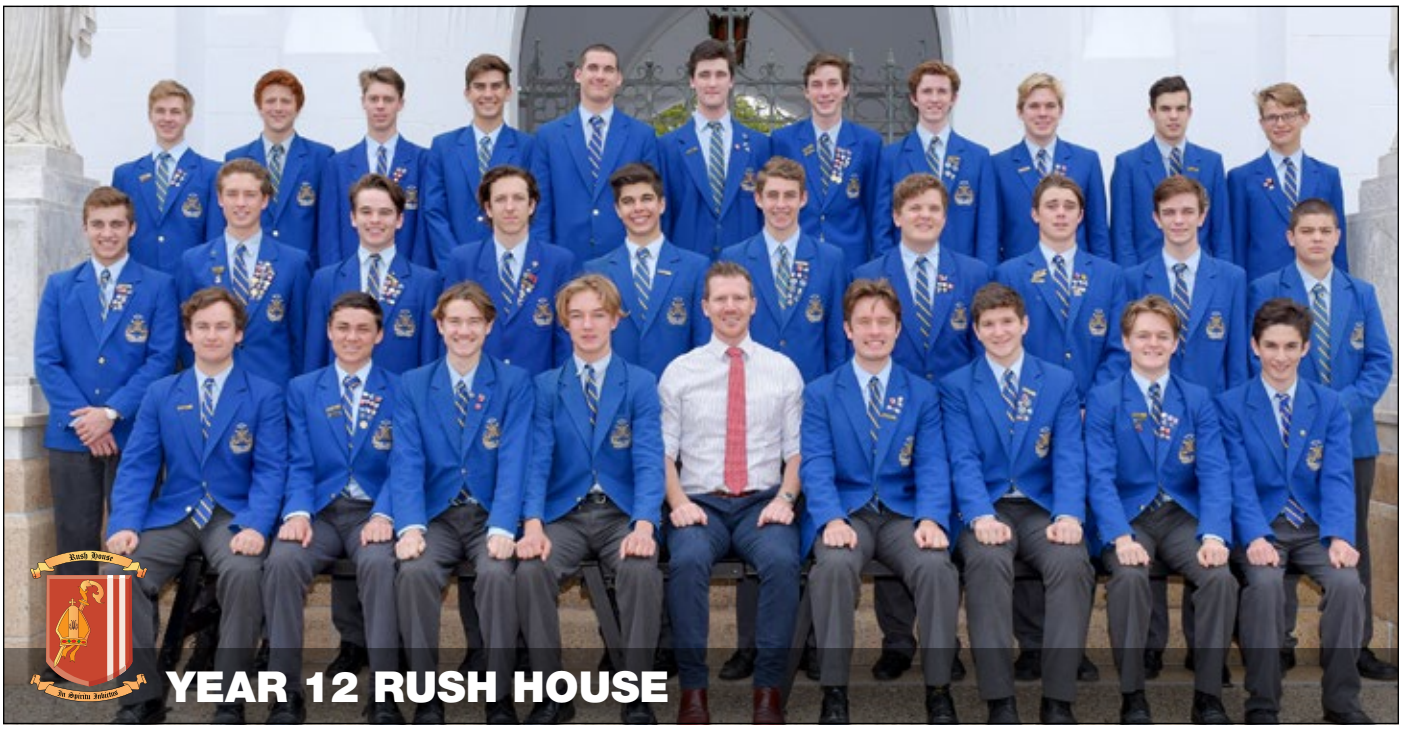

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Third Row: David O'Connor, Jesse Henley, Doug Kelly, Riley Navarrete, Noah Sterling, Zac Thompson, Luc Bruna, Nick Kirkwood, Harry Hastie, Lachlan Fowler, Jeremy Boyle
Pastoral Leader: Mr Phillip Holding
Absent: Byron McGovern

Front Row: Harry Prouse, Dominic Spain, Mitch Eaton, Matthew Thiess, Declan Thomson, Zedric Fernando, Max Parsons-Young, Matthew Choy
Second Row: Lucas Giacoboni, Thomas Garbellini, Ben Trestrail, Angus McKinnon, Rhys Alger, Alex Watling, Billy Liebke, Ryan Anderson, Sam Cope
Third Row: Nicholas McPhee, Ben Weedon, Noa Thomson, Connor Gibson, Oliver Easingwood, Hamish Geary, Joe Doyle, Harrison Ritter
Pastoral Leaders: Ms Megan Wandell
Absent: Zach Hogan, Justin King, Shaquille McLeod, Nathaniel O'Hare, Rory Petersen, Matt Wells

SONS OF OLD BOYS CONTINUE TO GRADUATE IN HUGE NUMBERS

The tradition marched on in 2018 with 32 more sons of Old Boys following in the footsteps of some very proud fathers.

Some famous Ashgrove families were represented including two from the third generation: Jeremy Boyle - son of Justin (1991) and grandson of Terry (1961) and Fletcher Evert - son of James (1978) and grandson of Vince Evert (School Captain 1950). There was also a Nolan, a Heinke, an O'Connor and a Tully thrown into the mix with a host of other names Old Boys will recall. The OBA welcomes to all our new members from the 2018 Seniors, but is particularly proud of our young sons of Old Boys who become life members of the greatest of all Old Boys Associations. We extend our most special welcome to young Jordan Ryan - son of the wonderful John (1987 R.I.P.) How proud would your Dad be!

Back Rows: Justin (1991) and Jeremy Boyle; Michael (1987) and Thomas Todd; Michael (1988) and Liam O'Kelly; Andrew (1983) and Tom Mellor; Stephen (1979) and Ben Geraghty; Kerry (1987) and Ryan Hampton

Middle Rows: David (1974) and Lachlan Tenison-Woods; Michael (1982) and Nicholas McPhee; Scott (1988) and Angus McKinnon; Gregory (1989) and Noah Sterling; Philip (1987) and Emrys Cowley; Garry (1981) and Brendan Nolan; James (1978) and Fletcher Evert; Stephen (1994) and Christopher Hayward; Michael (1985) and Joe Doyle; Timothy (1989) and Will Oostenbroek; Neil (1982) and Declan Ferguson

Front Rows: Jordan Ryan, (John (1987 R.I.P.)); Patrick (1982) and William McVeigh; Neville (1983) and Rhody Boland; Mark (1983) and Denver Jensen; Michael (1985) and David O'Connor; Anthony (1984) and Jesse Henley; Michael (1979) and Jack Donoghue; Brett (1982) and Sebastian Leavy

Absent but with us in spirit: David (1998) and Luke Ford; John (1977) and Jacob Heinke; Scott (1984) and Harrison McMillan; Andrew (1984) and Nathaniel O'Hare; Gerard (1987) and Rory Peterson; Stephen (1987) and Lachlan Tully; David (1986) and Matthew Allen; John Ryan (1987 R.I.P.)

GILROY HOUSE STARTS ITS OWN TRADITION

Legendary Headmaster Brother Terry Heinrich was known for his generosity and compassion, but like all Headmasters, there was an eye to the future. 25 years ago he implemented the modern day system of eight houses in the secondary school. When he did so, he knew that younger brothers would follow elder. But now, a quarter of a century later, sons are following their fathers. This year Chris Hayward, just like Dad, graduated from Gilroy House (although Chris is also very found of Slattery). Only the 2nd Father and son through the House System. Brother Terry and the OBA send their congratulations.

Stephen (1994) and Chris Hayward - Gilroy to their bootstraps

FATHER TOM ZARANSKI - FIRST OLD BOY PRIEST ORDAINED IN 30 YEARS

The Old Boys Association extends its heartfelt congratulations to Old Boy, Thomas Zaranzki (2004), on being ordained to the Presbyterate at St Stephen's Cathedral on 29 June 2018, by the Most Reverend Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane.

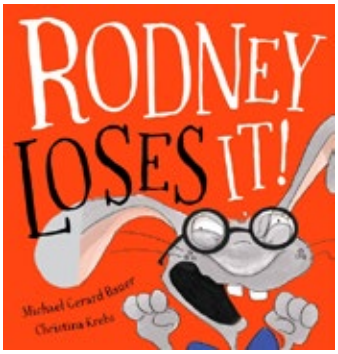
Thomas completed a Bachelor of Economics at UQ and then was employed at Qld Treasury. Tom also worked for Qld Treasury Corporation and Brisbane City Council. He is also qualified as a teacher. Tom entered Holy Spirit Seminary Banyo on 5 February 2012 where he completed a Bachelor of Theology and Master of Theological Studies. Tom thus brings to the priesthood a wealth of life experience.

A proud Ashgrovian, Tom will be returned to the College on Friday 17 August 2018 to celebrate Mass in advance of the annual Vintage Blue and Gold Lunch.

All Old Boys express their congratulations to Tom and thank him for his dedication to a life of service.

MICHAEL BAUER (1972) WINS PRESTIGIOUS CBCA NATIONAL AWARD

Old Boy and former teacher, Michael Bauer (1972) has received yet another prestigious award as part of an ongoing stellar literary career by winning the CBCA Book of the Year for early childhood with the wonderful production 'Rodney Loses it'.



After forgoing teaching to focus on writing, Michael won the inaugural Writesmall Short Story Competition in 2003; and his very first novel, The Running Man, was shortlisted as one of the top ten books for young adults in the 2004 Magpies Magazine. It won the CBCA book of the year in the older readers category in 2005.

'Just a Dog' was recognised as a CBCA honour book and also now won the Queensland Premiers Award. Other texts including 'the Running Man' and 'Don't call me Ishmael!' are compulsory reading as part of the education of young minds. Many have more than an 'Ashgrove' touch about them.

The OBA congratulates Michael on this magnificent award. More about Michael's storytelling and history can be found at www.michaelgerardbauer.com.

ENGLISH CHANNEL RECEIVES A SECOND ASHGROVE THRASHING

We all just love hearing stories of our Old Boys conquering the world. This year is something special.

Old Boys will be surprised, but very proud, to know that the English Channel has now been conquered TWICE by Old Boys: initially by John Jameson (1993) (18hrs.15m.15s) in 2013 and by Pat McGrath (1987) (16hrs.40m.40s) in July this year.

As history would have it, Pat was a boarding master when John was in Year 12. The Ashgrovian recently caught up with the achievers to find out how they did it.

Pat McGrath (1987) & John Jameson (1993) - Conquerors of the English Channel

Were you involved at all in the swimming program at Ashgrove?

Pat: In Senior I did all the training with the swim squad as part of my rugby pre-season program. I didn't make the final swim team though. My memory is I wasn't even close.

John: I didn't swim a lap.

What was the inspiration for even attempting the channel?

Pat: I had always had the English Channel in the back of my mind. I think when you hit mid to late 40's, you need to change things up in a very positive way. I needed to do something to challenge myself mentally and physically. I wasn't sure I could do it, so I spent six months researching. I read every book ever written about the Channel. When I decided it was possible, I found my coach. We are blessed in Brisbane to have Trent Grimsey as the current world record holder for the Channel and he is now probably the world's most successful Channel coach. Once I found Trent, I knew I was on the right path;

John: I was looking for a challenge. I had thought about lots of things such as climbing mountains etc. but finally settled on the English Channel. I thought it was a great way to raise money and in the end we raised nearly $100,000.00 for the Children's Health Foundation. I also trained for 3 years under fantastic coaches, Vlad Mravec and Charmian Frend.

Can you give the Old Boys a quick insight as to the thoughts when you are deep into the swim and the body is aching? Are there thoughts of quitting?

Pat: When you swim the Channel, you have to prepare for the inevitable low points. I would say swimming the Channel is harder mentally than physically. Physically, you can prepare for pain and make it your friend. Mentally it is a lot harder to prepare for. I had about three really low points - at 2 hours, 8 hours and 14 hours. My dominant thought at each of these points was a fear of failing. I got so worked up with the thought of explaining to everyone why I had failed. This lasted for about 30 mins each time. My coach, Trent, had worked very hard with me on how to get through these patches. We would do 8-hour swims and practice finding my "happy place" every couple of hours. I had told my son Finnegan (Old Boy 2014) who was on the boat, the only way he was allowed to get me back on the boat was either I had finished, or I had died. There was no option in the middle.

John: It was tough. Unbelievably tough. There are so many things that go through your head. You train as hard as you can to get yourself physically ready for the challenge but nothing can prepare you for the mental side. Whilst there are many things to try and keep your head in the right space, in the end it is the fear of failing that keeps you going.

What is the feeling like when you finally get out of the water in France?

Pat: I was a little bit "punchy" at the end of the swim. My right hand hit sand and I thought I was dreaming. I dug both hands into the sand and tried to grab hold of it to see if it was real. I didn't know that for the last couple of hundred meters my son Finnegan was swimming behind me. I tried to stand up and heard Finn's voice. I fell over and heard him again yell at me to take it very slowly. I stumbled up on to the beach, turned back toward my boat, threw both arms up and screamed " I did it". Finn got onto the beach and we hugged and cried for about a minute. The feeling was euphoric. I then had to get back into the water and swim a few hundred meters back to the boat. We had a 3-hour boat trip then back to Dover. Once back in Dover it was 10:00pm. Myself, Finnegan and Steve Flemming (Old Boy 1987) who was also on my boat, bought a bucket of KFC, ate that and then tried to sleep. I didn't sleep for 2 days due to pain.

ENGLISH CHANNEL RECEIVES A SECOND ASHGROVE THRASHING (CONTINUED)

John: I had swum between 50 and 55 kilometres with some massive tides. It was good to feel the stones under my feet when I got to the French coast. It is a certain euphoria combined with relief combined with pain. The pain lasts for a long time. But the sense it is over is all consuming.

The boys recently caught up in Sydney to discuss what few of us will ever experience. All Old Boys are proud of their inspirational performances.

Pat McGrath - July 2018

Support on hand from Pat's son Finn McGrath (2014)

ASHGROVE COACHES DOMINATE BRISBANE RUGBY

After producing the two opposing captains in the Brisbane First Grade cricket grand final (see Ashgrovian edition 1, 2018) our brilliant Old Boy rugby coaches followed it up with Anthony Mathison (1998) GPS opposing Michael Heenan (1990 University) in the First Grade Hospital Cup. GPS turned the tables on last year's result with a 23-16 win. The GPS squad included: Michael Richards (2010) Capt, Dan Gorman (2005), Jono Kent (2011), Pat Nicholson (2012), Mitch Treleavan (2013), Nick Richards (2012) and Josh Collins (2014).

Dan Gorman (2005) and Michael Richards (2010) - brilliant leadership.

Do you know of any outstanding achievements by our Old Boys?

If so, please email secertary@ashgroveoldboys.com.au

Opposing coaches Anthony Mathison (1998) and Michael Heenan (1990)

OLD BOYS EXTEND THEIR THANKS TO MRS RONNIE GRANT AND MR GERARD MONSOUR

Old Boys have always appreciated the gifted and dedicated staff who have shaped generations of Ashgrovians.

When Br Terence Heinrich implemented the House System in 1993, he needed special people to make it work. Far beyond the teaching world, it was to be the bridge between the boys, the teachers, the parents and the College. Brother Terry turned to Gerard Monsour as the foundation Head of Ignatius House. A quarter of a century later Gerard is to bring the curtain down on his Ignatius duties. But, thankfully, he will be staying on to teach.

Gerard commenced at Ashgrove in January 1981 teaching English, Social Studies, Geography and RE, mostly in the middle school. Since those days he has taught a variety of other subjects, including Film & Television and History.

Gerard told the OBA:

"My earliest memories of MCA included driving along Grevillea Rd in December 1980 to meet the Headmaster, Br Alman (Jack) Dwyer and admiring the aesthetics of the campus, in particular, the Tower Block prominent above the Kauri Pine trees. Br Alman, in his usual laconic manner, finished the 10-minute interview with, "You're coming to work for us!" and so it has been for 36 years later. Ten years as coach of the First V Basketball was thrown in there along the way.

The spirit here has truly been inspirational. I have always admired the 'busyness' and passion with which things are done at Marist and having a boarding component adds significantly to that spirit. We often talk about a 'well-rounded education" and it's my belief that we offer just that at MCA, academic, spiritual, Vocational Training, sporting, music, cultural pursuits, various clubs, charitable works, now enhanced by the MATES Program."

Ronnie Grant arrived at the College in 1989, under the guidance of Brother Christopher Wade, to teach English and Legal Studies. Even though Ashgrove in those days was a huge Boys Catholic College with only 12 female teachers, Ronnie made such an impression in the years that followed that she was eventually appointed as the Head of Harold House in 1998.

It was a visionary choice. Ronnie brought her own compassionate style to the boys of Harold but was also an active part of the broader College life from teaching to pastoral to the Fashion Parade to two immersions to Cambodia – notably the place where Brother Terry has changed so many lives. Ronnie, however, informs the OBA that her most treasured memory has been to be able to work alongside other dedicated staff who genuinely have the boys' interests at heart.

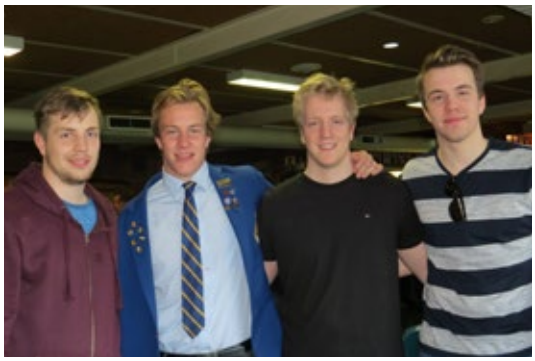
And so has Ronnie always had young Ashgrovians' interests at heart. All those Old Boys from 1989 onwards, and particularly those of Harold House (many of whom have sent, and will continue to send, their sons back to the College), thank her for your dedication and compassion. The OBA wishes Ronnie the very best in retirement.

GERAGHTYS WRITE THE LAST CHAPTER STEVE (1979) HEAVES A SIGH OF RELIEF

A large collection of brothers from the one family is far rarer this century than the last. Back in the late 70's, Steve Geraghty (1979) had been surrounded by many Ashgrove families consisting of 4 or 5 sons. A determined fellow, Steve, and wife Cath kept the tradition going. In 2005, young Sam walked in the gates before gratuating in 2012. He was followed by Michael (2014) and Matthew (2016). And now 2018 sees the last of the crop, Ben, make his graduation. There were a couple of years where all 4 boys were in attendance at Ashgrove and many with 3 brothers at the same time.

The Old Boys congratulate the Geraghty family on their huge contribution to life at the College. We welcome Ben as the 5th Geraghty to become a life member from the one family.

But the Geraghtys are not lost to the College, as Cath continues as a valued member of the primary teaching staff and the coordinator of swimming. As for Steve – no more school fees!



The Geraghty Brothers - contributors

MCA OBA VINTAGE BLUE AND GOLD LUNCH 2018

Friday, August 17, 2018, saw another sell-out annual Vintage Blue and Gold Lunch at the Cyprian Pavilion with many also attending Mass in the College Chapel immediately preceding lunch.

We were fortunate to have Fr Tom Zaranski (2004), MCA's newly ordained Priest celebrate Mass with two Old Boy Concelebrants, Fr John Begg (1956) and Fr Michael Carroll (1970). Assisting the celebrants was Br Roger Burke (1953), while former MCA Headmasters Br Alexis (1971-76) read the Epistle and Br Neville (2003-18) provided the musical accompaniment as organist and led the Responsorial Psalm. Jeff Joy, Headmaster from 1965-70, was joined in Prayer of Intercession readings by Phil Apelt, Alan Taylor (1949), Bernie Knapp (1958), Jim Lucey (1959), Chris Muir (1968), Paul Martin (1968), and Peter Selwood (1978). Geraldine Knapp, wife of Bernie (1958) and mother of four MCA Old Boys led the Offertory Procession with Tom Treston (1947) and Noel Saunders (1968). Geoff Lambkin representing the 25 Rosalie Old Boys in attendance assisted with the second reading. Peter McLoughlin, the current, MCA Headmaster, welcomed the congregation and provided a short tour of the newly restored Tower following Mass which was very well received. Father Tom Zaranski also kindly recited Grace before our main meal.

The Class of 48, 58, 68 and 78 attended as part of their 70, 60, 50 and 40 year respective reunions and special thanks to their respective year coordinators, Don Law (1958) and Bernie Knapp (1958), Chris Muir (1968), Alex Kosiek (1968), Mark Casey (1978), Shane Harkin (1978) and Greg Treston (1978). Old Boys from 1958, 1968 and 1978 who has passed away were remembered. Our great friends included:

1958: Peter Brain, Brian Coll, Deran Hood Martin Moynihan, Bill Storman, Demo Vslimas, Brian Wilson

1968: Gary Anderson, Bryan Flynn, Anthony Fry, Edward Houston, William Klink, John Metzroth, Terrence O'Brien, Christopher Palmer, Anthony Sapiecha, Keith Swinton, Peter Wallace.

1978: Terrance Cunneen, Mark Donaldson, Wayne Hagarty, Chris Harris, Matthew Heenan, Ian Nichol, Jim Stack.

Alan Taylor (1949) was presented with the MCA OBA most prestigious award, the Arthur Apelt Memorial Service Award. Br Roger Burke (1953) detailed Alan's involvement with MCA over his many years and Arthur's brother, Colin Apelt (1946) was able to honour Alan with a framed certificate signifying his great achievement. Arthur's wife Jill, daughter-in-law Yolanda and sister Phil also witnessed the occasion.

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

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

1968 - 50 YEAR REUNION

The years may have rolled on, but the laughter and the memories remain. There were 64 originally and 12 have passed from the magnificent 1968 year. There were 32 of the magnificent year arrived at the Vintage Blue and Gold lunch on Friday 17 August and an excellent turn out of twenty-nine, including four wives/partners, at a BBQ lunch in the Cyprian Pavilion on Saturday 18 August. Great credit to the diligent and meticulous organisers, Alex Kosiek and John Hollamby, and an indication of the continuing cohesion of the group, many of whom started in Grade 4 under Br. Jarlath in 1960. It was very evident that there was great joy in seeing each other whether this was after a gap of only a month or two or, as was the case for quite a few, after many years or even decades. There were tall tales and true of life at school and since leaving school to entertain us and those of us at the Mass were also treated to a very moving service, concelebrated by recently ordained Old Boy Fr. Tom Zaranski and Marist Fathers John Begg and Michael Carroll. Father Michael Carroll, who was only two years behind, gave a superb and gently humorous homily which also reminded us of many of the events and personalities of Marist Ashgrove in the 1960's. The 1968 cohort were especially pleased to be able to spend time reminiscing with Geoffrey Joy (Br. Phelan) and Br. Alexis on the Friday. Br Alexis was also a most welcome and honoured guest at the BBQ lunch where he gave an entertaining insight into life at the school from his and the Brothers' point of view. The boys finally asked to vacate the Cyprian Pavilion so that it could be prepared for a wedding that evening but resolved to meet again at least in five years time and perhaps even before.

Chris Muir - School Captain 1968

1998 - 20 YEAR REUNION

1998 was certainly a year of high achievers. Many have gone on to great success. It was great to see the boys get together of a celebration still looking as today as ever get together to talk about the great years at Ashgrove.

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2018 MCA SPORT RESULTS

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

AIC GOLF - Ashgrove Premiers

BASKETBALLERS, GOLFERS AND ATHLETES TOP OFF SENSATIONAL YEAR IN SPORT

One thing Old Boys can be proud about the 2018 cohort is their teamwork. Nothing is treasured more highly at Ashgrove. After winning a joint premiership in the Cricket and then the Rugby, the second half of the year saw yet more of the team efforts we treasure with victory in the overall Cross Country, followed by the rare 1st V undefeated Basketball premiership (only the ninth ever for MCA). This was followed up by a brilliant all-round achievement to take the Athletics. Not to be outdone, the golfers also bought home the AIC Championship.

The OBA sends their congratulations to all of the boys who contributed to and supported such a stunning year in sport.

PRAYERS PLEASE

Please pray for the following who have deceased recently.

- William Henry Tunny (1944), late of Kenmore, passed away on August 5, 2018, aged 91 years. Husband of Helen (dec'd), Father of Jonathan, Jane (dec'd) and Andrew Bill was a student at Eagle Heights, 1942-44 and retained a great affection for the Marist Brothers.
- Leo Malone (1949), passed away peacefully on July 22, 2018, aged 86 years. Classmate, Alan Taylor (1949) provided this insight, "Leo's family had a farm at Pullenvale and early on, life was not easy. Leo was very appreciative of the Marist Brothers kindness to his family when at school (1945-49). After school, he became a man of many talents- Farmer, Cattleman, Teacher and Builder."
- Peter Michael Casey (1966), late of Everton Park, passed away peacefully on August 3, 2018, one month shy of his 65 years birthday. A former primary school classmate, Fr John Kilinko (1972), officiated at Peter's funeral
- Danny Ring (1968) - Danny was remembered fondly by his Class of 1968 at their 50-year reunion on August 17-18, 2018. Having passed away suddenly just prior. Danny was a cricketer of renown when he left school after completing Junior.
- John Francis "Jack" Tehan (1949), late of Ashgrove, formerly Mitchelton, passed away peacefully on September 9, 2018, aged 85 years. Husband of Gloria and Father of Damian (1976), Luke (1979), Deidre and Benjamin (1987). Cherished Grandfather of Ned (11E), Rory (9E) and Great- Grandfather. Jack was a Boarder from Brisbane in 1948-49. His funeral service was held at the MCA Chapel on September 17, 2018.
- Br Cyrus FMS (John Callaghan). Br Cyrus passed away peacefully on October 21, 2018, aged 90 years. Br Cyrus was a long-term member of the MCA Brother's Community. Br Cyrus attended Marist College Rosalie as a student.
- Br Ray Mulvogue FMS passed away in October, 2018, aged 79 years. Br. Ray Mulvogue was also a long-term member of the MCA community, who also had two periods as Headmaster of Marist College Rosalie in 1977-82 and then 1988-90.
- Ruth Florence Margaret Holohan, late of Alderley, passed away peacefully on July 26, 2018, aged 95 years. Wife of Frank (dec'd), Mother of John (1967), Patrick (1969) and Merrilyn, David (1972) and Leticia, Fr. Luke (1975), Annabel and Joe.
- Zelda Cooper, late of Sunnybank Hills, formerly of New Farm, passed away peacefully on January 8, 2018. Wife of Noel (dec'd), Mother of Kim and Peter, Drew and Ina, Scott (1974) and Jill, Peta and Stephen. Adored Grandmother of 10 and Great-Grandmother of 18. Roger Reid (74) is Brother-in-law of Scott Cooper.
- Daphne Beattie, born February 28, 1928, passed away peacefully in Sydney on July 28, 2018. Wife of Jim (dec'd), Mother of Carmel, Margie and Neil (1975). Br Alexis was able to record these kind words: "Daphne was a delightful lady with a magical smile and a big heart. I remember her so well. She was one of those Ashgrove super Mums- one of those magnificent Marist mothers at the College who was always there when the Marist family swung into action."
- Ken Douglas Webster, late of Kilcoy, passed away peacefully on June 27, 2018, aged 66 years. Husband of Veronica ("Ronnie"), Father of Pat (2000) and Bec, Matthew (2002) and Angela, Emily and Ben.
- Margaret Cranitch, passed away peacefully at home on September 9, 2018, aged 93 years. Wife of Patrick (dec'd). Adored Mother of Patrick (dec'd), Margaret, Leonard, Peter, Mary, Frances, Carmel, Matthew, Catherine and Thomas. Beloved Grandmother and Great-Grandmother and Cherished Mother-in-Law. Margaret's Funeral Mass and Life Celebration was held at St Finbarr's Catholic Church, Ashgrove on September 18, 2018.
- Elizabeth Craig, passed away peacefully on August 17, 2018, and was laid to rest in Toowoomba on August 23, 2018. Elizabeth was mother of Michael (1975) and Justin (1976) Craig.
- Terence Maguire, late of West End, formerly of The Gap and Kauri Road Ashgrove, passed away peacefully on September 27, 2018, aged 86 years. An affiliate of the Marist Brothers, Terry was the much-loved Husband of Patricia, and Father of Michael (1974), Gerard (1976), Carmel, Frances, Paul (1990), and Tim (1990). Grandfather of 22 and Great-grandfather of 3. Terry experienced the MCA Amberley disaster of October 11 1975.

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

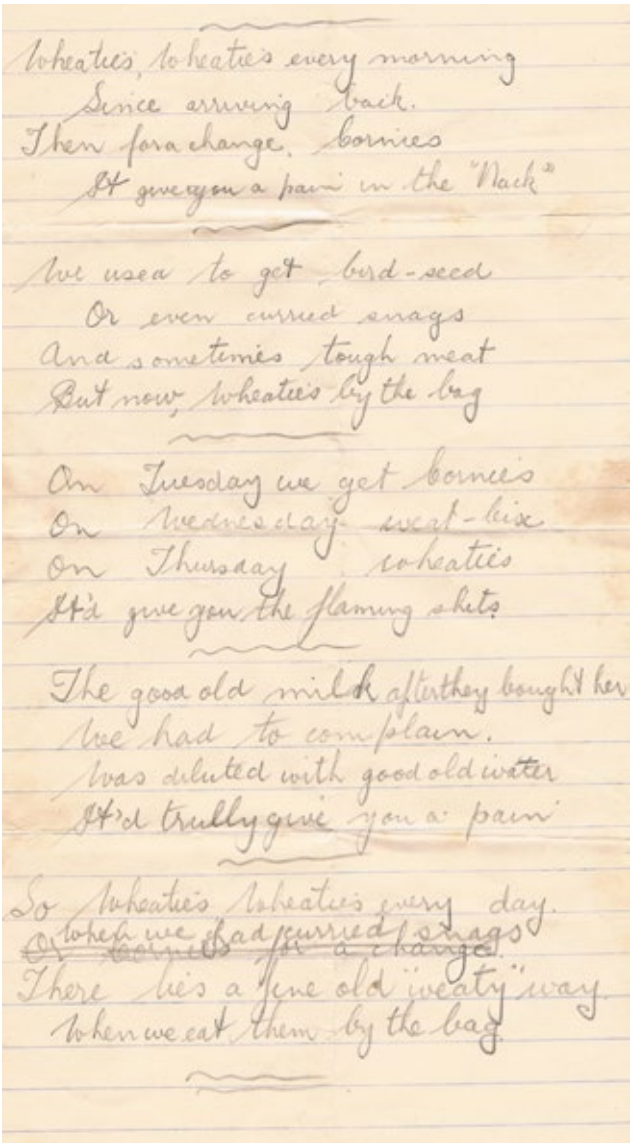
www.ashgroveoldboys.com.au/vale

BRIAN NORMAN PANITZ (1947)

The Old Boys regret the passing of one of our great Eagle Heights boys, Brian Norman Panitz (1947).

One of our very first life members, Brian, from Beaudesert, passed away on 9 August 2017. Brian was at Eagle Heights during World War II and, in perhaps a sign of his years at the College, returned to Tamborine Mountain for the last 19 days of his life. Brian and Cathleen had 6 children, 19 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Brian's family have provided a rare picture into boarding life with a copy of his poem 'Wheaties, wheaties'.

May perpetual light shine upon him.



Wheaties, Wheaties every morning
Since arriving back.
Then for a change, bornies
It gives you a pain in the "Back"

We used to get bird-seed
Or even curried snags
And sometimes tough meat
But now, Wheaties by the bag

On Tuesday we get bornies
On Wednesday sweat-bix
On Thursday Wheaties
It's give you the flaming shits

The good old milk after they bought it here
We had to complain.
It was diluted with good old water
It'd truly give you a pain

So Wheaties Wheaties every day.
~~Or bornies for a change~~ when we had curried snags
There lies a fine old "weaty" way
When we eat them by the bag

VALE JOHN (JACK) FRANCIS TEHAN

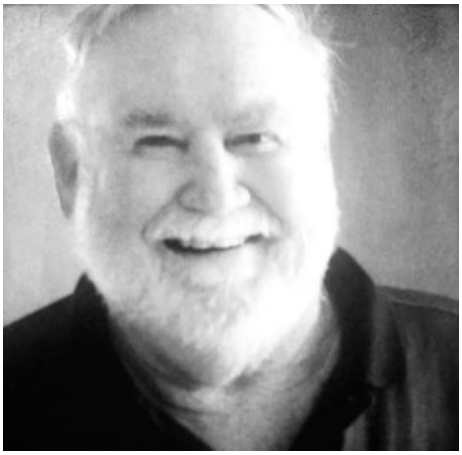
The Old Boys were saddened to learn of the passing of one of the great stalwarts of the Ashgrove tradition, Jack Tehan (1948).

An Ashgrove man to the end, Jack was a boarder in 1948 and 1949. He was inspired by the Marist Brothers but particularly by his mentor, the legendary Brother Cyprian. A hard worker and a great sportsman, Jack loved the College so much he sent his three sons Damian (1976), Luke (1979) and Ben (1987) to be educated in the Marist tradition. Jack was also proud to have two 'third generation' grandsons currently in residence with Ned (Year 11) Ephrem and Rory (Year 9).

Jack's funeral was held at the College where Damien gave a moving eulogy which can be found on the Old Boys website.

The Old Boys passes on its condolences to Gloria and the Tehan family.

May perpetual light shine upon him.



HISTORY OF THE TOWER BLOCK

As the Tower has now come back to life, College Archivist, Dave Cameron has put together a short history.

What every student of Marist College Ashgrove knows as the Tower Block is the iconic building on the Ashgrove campus. It can be seen from several suburbs in the area, and takes the eye with its imposing presence. It is obviously a building of religious significance, but many people are surprised to learn that it was not built by the Marist Brothers, and had been in existence for almost a decade before the Marists purchased the Ashgrove property in 1939.

The Tower Block was in fact Brisbane's first seminary, a place where missionaries could be trained for service in foreign lands. The Tower was the creation of a Roman Catholic priest, Father Walter Cain, who had himself been a missionary in the Philippines for sixteen years. A Briton by birth, he left his order in controversial circumstances in 1921, vowing that he would found his own missionary society to win converts in Asia, specifically in the Philippines, but also ambitiously later in China and Japan.

Cain met the Catholic Archbishop of Brisbane, James Duhig, in Rome in 1922, and managed to persuade him to support the idea of his missionary society, in essence if not with finance. (Duhig, who had his own empire-building in mind, saw the advantages of enhancing his own reputation by sponsoring a new religious family in his diocese. He would remain a staunch supporter of Father Walter Cain, though it was made clear from the outset that Cain in financial terms was on his own.)

Cain was an energetic, determined man, capable of great personal charm, and convinced that God watched over his endeavours in the matter of the missionary society – but he needed mortal help also if anything was ever to come of his dream. Acting in his capacity as a chaplain to the Sisters of Mercy, Cain met a newly arrived young lady from England in 1923, one Miss Gertrude Spencer Wilson. She had migrated to Australia with some vague ideas of the religious uplifting of the "noble savages" of the land. Cain in conversation with Gertrude revealed her obvious mistake – she was to do the "uplifting" not in Australasia but in Asia. She was immediately entranced with his tales of the Philippines, and with his vision for a missionary society. She became his secretary and his loyal supporter, as well as co-sharer of his dream. Together they would forge, against all odds, a partnership that saw the missionary order established, based in a building as fine as any in Brisbane, if not Australia; together they would share its leadership and its growth; together they would see their dream turn to tragedy and dust; and after the disaster, together they would remain.

Cain hit on the idea of a magazine to raise funds and win popular support for his vision. The inaugural edition of "Filipinas" came out in October 1923, with the cover making clear the intention of the order: Jesus gestures towards a map of the Philippines, underlined by a quote from St John, "Behold I say to you, lift up your eyes, and see the countries, for they are white already to harvest."

After an initial slow start, the sales of "Filipinas" steadily increased, to the point where the fledgling order was able to purchase a building of its own, a house at 267 Gregory Terrace, with a large sign proclaiming it as the Filipinas Centre, residence of Fr Walter Cain. (Part of the income from the magazine came from it also being distributed in America, with Father Cain going on lecture tours there. As the Philippines were by now under American control, his vision of what his missionary order could achieve there proved very popular with sections of the American public.)

Next, Cain decided that nothing less than approval from the very top was necessary, so in September 1927 he left for Rome to obtain Papal blessing for his endeavour. (It says much about Cain the he knew his sponsor, Archbishop Duhig, was already in Rome, and that his support would carry far more weight than that of a mere ordinary clergyman.) So it came to pass that, in mid-November 1927, Papal blessing was indeed given to a society of priests and lay brothers, to be known as the Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist, and equally to a society of nuns, to be known as the Sisters of the Most Holy Eucharist. Cain's dream had achieved lift-off.

Cain knew his enterprise to be favoured with divine approval, especially when he wrote a two part article on his patron saint, Saint Jude, in an edition of "Filipinas". Jude was a cousin of Jesus, and venerated as the "Hope of the Hopeless." According to Cain, the response to his article was "astonishing", with many letters arriving confirming "cures" wrought through prayer to St Jude, and donations and subscriptions to the magazine going ever upwards. Vocations to join the order were also on the increase, to the extent that Cain purchased the house next door to 267 Gregory Terrace, and had a chapel constructed between the two dwellings. (A measure of the success of the magazine is that Cain was able to pay 2,000 pounds cash for the purchase of the additional dwelling.) On 21st July 1928, Archbishop Duhig blessed the new chapel and gave the habit to the first group of sisters to join the order – most significantly, Gertrude Wilson became Mother Margaret Claire and the leader of the Sisters of the Most Holy Eucharist.

HISTORY OF THE TOWER BLOCK

Though the Gregory Terrace properties were a solid base for the fledgling society, Cain needed more land on which to construct his seminary, further out from the centre of the city. He looked first at Alderley, but negotiations were unsatisfactory, then heard of a deceased estate at Ashgrove, the residence and extensive land of a Doctor Taylor. It comprised 44 acres on the northern side of Enoggera Creek. The price was high, 4,400 pounds, yet Cain was again able to pay in cash for his purchase. Cain, however, in the "Story of Filipinas", written in 1931, claimed that he had taken a bank loan, and that "the (financial) noose was placed securely around my neck to the melody of another six per cent." Why? The conclusion is inescapable that Cain was trying to win more donations by pretending he was in debt and in dire need of help. His private financial dealings and his public pleas for assistance were at odds, and would eventually bring Nemesis upon his project.

For now, though, Cain's hour was at hand: he had (in his mind) Divine approval for his order; certainly he had Papal approval and vociferous support from his Archbishop; he had a solid base at Gregory Terrace; he had ample land, though it was overgrown and not developed in any way; he had a ready-made labour force in the persons of the male applicants eager to join his society; and he had the cash flow from the formidable magazine to finance his efforts.

It must be said that Cain was no small dreamer: his new mission centre/seminary would reflect both the Glory of God and the nobility of his enterprise in winning souls for Christ. On the highest point of the property he caused to have erected a Spanish-style dwelling two levels high, spacious, white in colour, topped by a tower reaching to the sky, with wide verandahs and ornate windows. Nor did Cain stop there – adding to the expense was a bridge over the creek, complete with magnificent gates, and a scenically winding road up to the building. Builders Hennessy and Hennessy were engaged, the foundation stone was laid on 14 October 1930, and construction proceeded apace. Just over a year later, 18 October 1931, the building was officially opened with great pomp and religious ceremony. As a final flourish, or perhaps as an acknowledgement, Cain caused a large, stylised letter "F" to be embossed on both the northern and southern sides of the new building – this was indeed the house that "Filipinas" built.

Cain was not finished yet, however. The building was still only a shell – now it and the surrounding grounds had to be filled with appropriate furnishings and religious paraphernalia, and again only the best would do. A massive sculptural group, with St Jude at the centre, made of Carrara marble from Italy, was positioned in the southern courtyard; a huge staircase led down to the road, again flanked by smaller religious statues; ornate mosaics decorated doors at the base of the tower; high up in the tower a miniature St Jude looked down on the proceedings. Inside was more of the same – no expense was to be spared. The Chapel, in the bottom western wing of the Tower Block, was decorated with vestments of the highest quality – no less than ten complete sets. Massive religious paintings decorated the Chapel walls, again commissioned from Italy. Eventually Cain would have another Chapel created across from the Tower, in much the same area as the present day Chapel. This became known as the Lamps Chapel, because it burned tray upon tray of votive candles continuously, under the constant supervision of worshippers of the order. (It was this Chapel which would again cause Cain grief in the financial sense, and end in the ruin of his dreams.)

Nor did the expenditure of money stop there: at least three other blocks of land were purchased by the order – one a little way north of the Ashgrove property, another at Burleigh on the Gold Coast, and the last, incredibly, in the Philippines in Manila, for the use of the order's missionaries there.

So Brisbane now had its first seminary. There was no doubt of its name – "St Jude's Seminary" and "Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist" were proudly displayed on the magnificent iron gates at the entrance to the bridge over Enoggera Creek. A wonderful building it was, and nobody could fail to look at it on the heights above Enoggera Creek.

Yet timing is everything in this life, and Walter Cain could not have been more wrong in his. At the very moment Australia was experiencing the most savage economic crisis in its history, the Great Depression, Cain was seemingly splashing money around like water. The Tower Block alone cost the enormous (in 1931) sum of 25,000 pounds, with the statutary/ paintings/vestments on top, as well as the expense of constructing the road and the bridge with its gates. The long drawn out agony of the Depression, with its soup kitchens, endless queues of unemployed, hunger, shanty towns, and social and economic bitterness was counter-balanced against the very apparent success of the new missionary order. Cain was certain not to be "flavour of the month" with those who felt the bite of economic uncertainty. If Australia had been riding a wave of prosperity, or even relative normality, perhaps events might have been different, but as we shall subsequently see, this economic crisis – and the jealousy and envy Cain unintentionally provoked- did much to contribute to the demise of the Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist in their bushland setting at Ashgrove.

THE GREAT MARIST ASHGROVE CHOCOLATE HEIST

William Coote (1966) has had a distinguished career as a Medical Practitioner and Economist. Bill was Secretary-General of the Australian Medical Association from 1991-99, and a Federal Ministerial Adviser. His friends, John Oar and Michael O'Halloran from the Class of '66 have agreed on the facts and also feel it's time for the great chocolate heist to be published.

Ronnie Biggs and his gang staged the Great Train Robbery in August 1963. Three years later, in October 1966, the Great Chocolate Heist was executed at Marist College Ashgrove.

In modern management jargon, the mission was to obtain chocolate for hungry boarders. The strategic plan was to exploit the distribution pathway through which commercial amounts of chocolate were distributed around Brisbane. The business plan required selection of the right occasion and subterfuge to deceive the staff of a wholesale distributor.

A little background information is necessary to understand how this exploit was conceived and implemented.

Beaudesert, let's face it, is not a very exciting town. I was very fortunate as I spent most school holidays from mid-primary years until I finished school in 1966 not at my home in Beaudesert but with my uncle and aunty, Mick and Annie O'Reilly, at what was then called O'Reilly's Guest House, in the heart of Lamington National Park.

(Many Old Boys would remember the O'Reillys who boarded at Ashgrove in the 1980s and 1990s including Shane, Pete, Tony and Greg. Mick and Annie were their grandparents.)

In the early 1960s O'Reilly's was not the sophisticated resort it has now become. Aunty Annie ran a small shop at the front of her home selling basics such as soft drinks, film, toiletries and, yes, chocolates.

I helped in the shop. Chocolate bars came in packets of 20. These had to be opened and the chocolate bars stacked on the shelves. Cherry Ripes and Violet Crumble Bars came in display boxes that had to be opened and placed on the counter.

I knew how chocolate supplies were obtained. Many times I had heard my aunty ring the Brisbane wholesale company, Tickles, and read out an order.

The Marist Ashgrove tuckshop also had an account with Tickles. Their vans, blue with gold lettering, delivered goods to the school tuckshop. The tuckshop was managed by Brother Jarlath, a Scotsman.

The great plan was hatched. I was the instigator. The three chocolate soldiers were Senior (Grade 12) boarders Michael O'Halloran, John Oar and I.

The school Parents and Friends Association staged a big Fete on the first Saturday of October each year. At about 4pm on the Friday before the Fete we rang Tickles from the public phone in a cubicle off the entrance foyer of the original Tower building.

Michael O'Halloran did the talking. He explained the crisis: the Fete was the next day and it had just been realised that there were insufficient supplies of sweets for the stalls. He read out an order I had prepared. We ordered about 30 packets of chocolate bars. I remember I included three packets of my favourite, Cadbury's Honey Crisp.

We were uncertain how things would evolve. At 6pm, as we were walking down to the boarders' dining room, a car pulled up near the steps to the main classroom building. A man dressed in office clothes got out, took a large cardboard carton from the back seat, marched up the steps, placed the box at the door of the Principal's office and then drove off.

After dinner we walked up the same steps, uncertain what to do. To his eternal credit John Oar displayed all the qualities of the legendary Aussie larrikin. He marched in, a picture of purpose and confidence (I can still see him) and picked up the carton. We walked around to the first stairwell on the side of the building at the bottom of which was a small door into the dark void space under the building. The carton was hidden in there.

Other students soon found out about the treasure trove and it was looted. Late one night we retrieved what was left from the cellar. The second home, after it had dwindled somewhat, was the most bizarre aspect of the saga.

Each classroom in that 1958 classroom block had a shoulder high, built-in storage cupboard between the door and the blackboard.

A religious statue was placed on each cupboard. Each statue stood on a wooden pedestal maybe a meter

THE GREAT MARIST ASHGROVE CHOCOLATE HEIST

long and maybe 20cm high. These pedestals were not fixed in place and had no back panel. For some days, maybe a week, the loot was stored in several classrooms, hidden in these pedestals.

If the Blessed Virgin was one of those standing guard over our contraband she may have thought that while she had ascended into Heaven these guys will one day be going the other way, down.

Later the remnants were moved again, this time to a hideout in the bush up towards Mt Taylor. The chocolates did not last too long as, through various channels, many students shared in the largesse.

I am not sure what motivated us. Some combination I guess of boredom, adolescent rebellion, the excitement of risk taking and the thrill of executing such a devious plan. Had our parents known of this exploit they would have been appalled, risking our reputations and possibly our prospects given the Senior public examinations were only a few weeks away.

I had won the TAS 800m that year, in mid-September. In mid-October I ran in the State Schoolboy Athletic Championships. I had stopped serious training and, laden with chocolate, ran third in a time about five seconds slower than my TAS time.

I had clashed with Brother Jarlath earlier that year. On February 14th 1966 Australia changed from pounds, shillings and pence to decimal currency. A shilling, twelve pence, was deemed equal to ten cents in the new coinage. But twelve does not go into ten. The Government had published tables indicating that two penny coins should be exchanged for two cents and that a threepenny coin should also be exchanged for two cents.

On the big day Brother Jarlath set himself up as a money changer at a table near the tuckshop. I gave him eight threepenny coins and in exchange he, with legendary Scottish canniness, gave me only 16 cents, two cents for each threepenny coin. I argued, to no effect, that I had given him 24 pence and therefore should get 20 cents in exchange.

After the October heist I remember thinking Tickles probably billed Brother Jarlath's tuckshop for our chocolates. My brother Leo, the priest, once told me there is a Catholic theological principle called "occult compensation". In the circumstances surrounding the Great Chocolate Heist, I do not know whether that principle overrode the Seventh Commandment.

One always presumed that the MacRobertson's confectionery company that introduced chewing gum and fairy floss to Australia as well as creating iconic brands such as Snack, Freddo Frog and Cherry Ripe ceased their generous MCA Blue and Gold magazine sponsorship after the 1966 edition (see page 70) as in 1967, MacRobertson's was acquired by the Cadbury Group, which then merged with Schweppes two years later. Whatever, Br Jarlath continued to stock the tuckshop into the seventies with those craved for delicacies, notwithstanding 'The Great Chocolate Heist'

SECOND XV

Back Row: C. Ciccotelli, E. Bryant, P. Carlile, W. Coote, L. Seeto, W. Stewart, J. Babao, M. Golding
Seated: A. Peake, P. Prain, M. Fleming (Capt.), L. van Oeveren, I. Atkins, A. Law

Article author: William Coote, backrow, fourth from left.

ARTHUR APELT MEMORIAL SERVICE AWARD

It is sometimes said that the presentation of an important Award such as the ARTHUR APELT MEMORIAL SERVICE AWARD brings great prestige to the recipient... as it will today.

On the other hand, it can be also proclaimed that the recipient can add great lustre to the Award itself. Such is the case with this year's recipient. It must be important if 'so-and-so' wins it!

Of course, it can be both. And that is the case with this year's presentation. No one who knows this year's recipient would doubt the Association's decision for 2018… and I know that, if you are not already convinced of it, you will agree with me by the end of this address. You will be convinced in Alan Taylor we have a loyal Old Boy and a very generous person, a worthy recipient.

This year's recipient of the ARTHUR APELT MEMORIAL SERVICE AWARD is a loyal Old Boy of Marist College Ashgrove, or of St Mary's College, Ashgrove as it then was known. I have great pleasure in announcing that the 2018 winner is none other than ALAN TAYLOR.

He is a true Ashgrove local, a loyal Ashgrovian. He started school in kindergarten at the old homestead known as 'Grantuly' which still stands at the front of Mt St Michael's College as part of the administration office area; then Alan attended St Finbarr's Primary School along Waterworks Road Ashgrove for seven years (1937-43); and then the Marist Brothers School at Rosalie in 1944 at that time when St Mary's College Ashgrove was closed, one of several Queensland schools which were commandeered by the U.S. forces at the time of the Japanese advancement in Wartime; and then after the immediate threat of War subsided and St Mary's re-opened in 1945, it was back to Ashgrove for his secondary. Alan progressed through to Senior, our present-day Year 12. Alan left school in 1949.

Alan's attachment to the College and to the Old Boys' Association goes right back to these school days at Ashgrove. Alan has never forgotten a huge favour done to him while he was a student here, and this, coupled with his own innate sense of integrity and gratitude, has somewhat coloured his life and his outlook on life ever since. Alan was 4 or 5 years before me at school, but I looked up to him then as someone you would describe as a 'very good person'. At that time and since that time, a thousand others would regard him likewise. a very good person. He is much like the honourable Old Boy after whom this Award is named. Never would I have thought that, more than nearly 70 years later, I would be honoured to pay this tribute to him.

This tribute to Alan Taylor could be summarised under many different headings, but I have reduced them to 5. What follows is: firstly a description of what Alan has done for the Old Boys Association and the College generally, and secondly a summary of what Alan has done as an Old Boy for society and the community at large. In much of what is said from now on, you listeners have to understand that by profession Alan is a Chartered Accountant.

No.1 The Old Boys Association and the College Generally

Alan began his connection with the Old Boys Association in the late 1950s, helping to lay the foundations for future executives to build upon. Alan was President in 1960; an Executive Committee Member from 1961 to 1964; Treasurer 1958-1959; and then returned on the Committee for some years in the 1970s. The general format of the Reunion in those early years was two-fold: a Dinner at New Farm which the Archbishop would attend; and a Dinner Dance at the Bellevue. In Alan's year as President, the Association decided also upon a Sunday retreat including the celebration of Mass. In 1979 Alan became a paid Life Member of the Association. Some years later (1990) Alan was one of the chief organisers of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations to mark the past 50 years of achievements of which he had helped to lay the foundations in the second half of the 1940's.

Alan and his wife Margaret have stayed close to the College throughout. They have raised seven children, Michael (80), John (81), Anne, Suellen, James (86), Richard (88), and Kate. Their four sons followed in dad's footsteps by attending school here, stretching over a 17 year period, 1972 -1988. Then on two special occasions, they witnessed two of their sons married in the College chapel, with Chaplain Fr Tom Maloney as the celebrant. In addition, Alan became a very regular taxi driver at weekends, taking Br Cyprian to that sacred field at Ballymore for rugby contests, for those mighty tussles between Queensland and NSW, but, more so, between Brothers and University. Br Cyprian looks at us now from the portrait at the back of this room, and in the pavilion named in his honour. Indeed he would be very pleased that his driver holds centre stage today. Alan played a major role in organising the Marist College Golden Jubilee celebrations in 1990.

No. 2 The St Vincent de Paul Society

Alan has a huge association with the St Vincent de Paul Society both here in Brisbane, a member since 1967, and throughout Queensland as the State Auditor for the Society for some 30 years. Alan has been a member of the Society in various parishes – Aspley- Zillmere Parish, St Finbarr's Ashgrove – and to this day, 51 years after he began, he remains active in the St Finbarr's Conference of the Society. Alan spent thirteen (13) years in St Matthew's Conference which is responsible for the No Interest Loans conducted by the SVDP.

Is it any wonder that at the start of 2017 Alan became an Associate Life Member of the St Vincent de Paul Society in

recognition of meeting the needs of Christ's poor!

No. 3 The Community at Large
Let me now list only some of Alan's contributions to the local community.

- A volunteer with Meals on Wheels since 1997
- Volunteer Auditor with Meals on Wheels, 1974-1994
- A current member of the Ashgrove Historical Society, and its Honorary
- Secretary/Treasurer 2004-2007
- Formed the Ashgrove suburb Sesqui-centenary Committee, 2006
- Board Member and Treasurer, Queensland Council of Social Services, 2003-05
- State Chairman of the Institute of Chartered Accountants

Is it any wonder then that just a few years ago that Alan was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for his "meritorious service to society"! The judges would not have taken long to discern the merits of this nomination.

No. 4 The Game of Rugby
Alan's Rugby days started when Br Cyprian introduced Rugby into the College in the late 1940s. There was an Old Boys' Team called Maristonians who played Club fixtures at the weekend. Then Rugby was brought into the extra-curriculum area of school life on Saturdays, in addition to the normal M.C.S.A. competition through the week. Then in the early 1950s the Wests Rugby Club, with the full backing of Br Cyprian who would steer students in that direction instead of playing that other game called 'League'. In this other game, to use Cyprian's own words, all they did was put their heads down and barge ahead like bull-rushers.

Our Guest of Honour here today was a Foundation Member and Player for Wests Rugby in the early 50s. Since then, his Rugby involvement has been truly enormous, as shown by the following statistics:

- Life Member, Player, Coach, Treasurer, Western Districts Rugby Union Club
- Life Member, President, Vice-President, Treasurer (20 years), Coach, GPS Rugby Club, Ashgrove
- Life Member, President, Queensland Rugby Referees Association
- Life Member, Treasurer and Referee, Queensland Rugby Union

Let me sum all of this up: Four times a Life Member for organisations associated with the game they play in heaven.

Is it any wonder, then, that the game of Rugby in Queensland and even Australia owe him a deep debt of gratitude!

No. 5 Good Citizens of Church and State
One of the aims of St Marcellin Champagnat in founding the Institute of the Marist Brothers was for the members to form their students in becoming "good members of Church and good citizens of State." Obviously that would ideally be the aim of every Christian family. In the case of Alan Taylor, we sense that the College was building upon the solid foundations laid in his own family. Yet we can gather from Alan's life that the College had its rightful place in inculcating sound principle on which to base his life.

They don't give Life Memberships in the Church, but if they did, we all know who would be one of the early recipients. You have already heard of Alan's attachment to the work of the Church through his strong identification with the St Vincent de Paul Society. You have already heard about his contribution to the wider community. Indeed he has been an example to us all by his faithfulness of the Church in which he was baptised. St Finbarr's Catholic Parish in the past and the Jubilee Catholic Parish at present are deeply influenced by his unremitting presence and involvement. And we have heard about his extraordinary commitment to the wider community through charitable works and sport.

Therefore, St Marcellin Champagnat would proudly acknowledge Alan as a good member of Church and State, but 200 years on he would probably change the word 'good' to 'marvellous'.

Conclusion
From what has been said, it is obvious that the Association has chosen well for the recipient of this year's Arthur Apelt Memorial Service Award. Yet, when I met Alan a few weeks ago, he said: "I don't know why they picked me!" Such is the humility of this good person, a truly rare one, the product of a good home, a fine ambassador for this great College, someone who has contributed above and beyond the call of duty and someone we can all look to and be inspired.

It was said earlier that Alan has never forgotten a favour done to him and the family whilst he was a student here at Marist Ashgrove. What about all the thousands of favours that Allan has done for others throughout his lifetime… a very generous person, an Old Boy of whom we are all so proud, and whom we honour today. People like Alan don't come along too often, and we are all proud to be present on this occasion when we honour him with the Arthur Apelt Memorial Service Award. Congratulations Alan!

Br. Roger Burke

FR MICHAEL CARROLL'S (1970) HOMILY FROM VINTAGE OLD BOYS MASS

Readings: Ecclesiasticus 44:1-2,10-15, Colossians 3:12-17, Matthew 13: 31-33

Those of a certain age would find our gospel very apt. The mustard seed is one of the smallest seeds, yet the mustard tree is one of the largest trees. When Jesus' followers first heard this parable, they would have appreciated the contrast between the small seed and the large tree.

Ashgrove was like the mustard seed when it started. Small but with great potential. When the Brothers arrived here in 1940, there was only the Tower Block.

What was this potential?

The Brothers had come in 1940 inspired by their faith in Jesus Christ and the vision and example of Marcellin Champagnat to give boys a Catholic education in a state where many boys concluded their education at the end of scholarship, grade 8 or at the end of grade 10 or junior as we used to call it. The brothers worked hard making great personal sacrifices to give the students here an education. The story of their using the first Christmas holidays to dig out the hole for the swimming pool is well known.

In my capacity as the hospital chaplain at Royal Brisbane I often meet Ashgrove Old Boys. I met one recently who told me that his father was a station hand on a sheep property west of Quilpie. He was boarder here for two years, sub-junior and junior, grade 9 and 10. He told me that they were two great years of his life. He remembered Brother Francis 'a man's man' he called him and the Principal Br Ferrer. I remember he said to me that it was the low fees that allowed his father, a station hand, to be able to afford to send him to boarding school. Of course, we know that the sacrifices of the Brothers made the low fees possible.

Rosalie is a similar story. When it opened in 1929 very few boys went on to secondary education. Not only did the Brothers provide Catholic education they provided secondary education in a state which did not place much emphasis on secondary education until many years later. Throughout its history, Rosalie educated many first-generation migrants. In the 1990s Brother Anthony Hunt, known to many of us as Br Ireneus, used to invite me to celebrate the Multicultural Mass at Rosalie. It was very much an experience of the United Nations.

This year we, in particular, remember those Old Boys who finished their education 70, 60, 50 and 40 years ago. In particular, we remember those who left here in 1968. Some of them began their education in 1960 under a certain Celtic influence. In grade 4 Brother Jarlath the Scotsman and then in Year 5 the Irish Miss Quann, with frequent visits from Brother Remigius. Miss Quann, a former Sister of Mercy from Cairns, made sure that each of her students knew her spelling and tables. If you got 8 out of 8 for your spelling, you were knighted. She was not burdened by any dislike of the British Imperial System.

This primary school experience was only a prelude to the arrival of that colossus Brother Timothy. He arrived in 1964, and those people who lived near the swimming pool in Acacia Dr could testify to his arrival at that time. They would often hear his gentle and soft words of encouragement to members of the swimming team. The mystery surrounding the Brothers was a fertile garden for rumours. Very soon after Brother Timothy's arrival, there was a rumour that he had won a gold medal in Olympic wrestling, a rumour that did not do his class discipline any harm.

But during that time there was a continual effort to improve the facilities despite the constraints of a very small staff, the demands of a boarding school and a comparatively low fee structure. But the vision of Marcellin Champagnat continued to inspire. There is no doubt that some of us had positive experiences here, some negative experiences and most of us somewhere in between. But today we acknowledge the vision the Brothers had for both Rosalie and Ashgrove and the sacrifices they endured to bring about that reality.

It is fitting that we have here today the Principal from late 1964 to1970, Geoff Joy, and his deputy and successor as Principal Brother Alexis Turton. Today we acknowledge both of you and the many Brothers and lay staff who worked with you for your commitment to telling us about Jesus Christ, your self -sacrifice, and your vision for Ashgrove.

Our gospel today speaks of the small mustard seed growing to be the largest tree. We look around and see that this gospel has become a reality here. But there is a deeper question for us Old Boys here – when we passed through those gates for the last time did we take something of the generosity of the Brothers with us, something of the message of Jesus Christ with us so that seed in us is growing into the tree of the Kingdom of God.

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