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Raising and educating boys

Boys are in the news, but for all the wrong reasons. They outnumber girls by two-to one in the low-achieving and remedial classes, truancy and suspension rates and, sadly, in the number of accidental deaths and suicides. For more than a decade we have heard that "Girls can do anything", and it now seems they believe they can. Boys, on the other hand, seem to be losing ground in a feminised world where they are taught by women through primary, and outperformed by their female peers at secondary.

This topic was addressed recently by Ian Lillico, an educator and adviser to the Australian Federal Government, during a day he spent with the combined staffs of Sacred Heart and Glendowie Colleges, then with nearly 400 parents in the evening. He challenged his listeners to recall the characteristics of the best teachers from their own school days - they were remembered because they cared about their students and were passionate about what they taught. Some of his key points about boys and learning were:

- Boys learn teachers before they learn subjects.
- They need to establish secure relationships with teachers and parents that provide a learning platform.

- They learn by doing, taking risks.
- They are competitive rather than cooperative, speculative rather than reflective and need clear and consistent boundaries.

The full presentation is available on the college website, www.sacredheart.school.nz, and other relevant material on www.boysforward.com

Any teacher or parent, male or female, needs to know how the world looks through a boy's eyes if they are going to educate and raise them to be (in the words of the Sacred Heart College Vision Statement)

"outstanding, mature young men ... grounded in their Catholic Faith, confident and prepared to be active in a changing and complex world".

Boys have been educated at Sacred Heart College in the Marist tradition for 101 years. St Marcellin

Champagnat understood boys very well, and formed his brothers to teach them. His words to them are as relevant today as they were in the 19th century. "To bring up children properly we must love them; we must love them all equally...whatever they may do, keep loving them as long as they are with you, since this is the only way to work with any success at reforming them."



Philip Mahoney,
Principal



Ian Lillico: nearly 400 parents packed the Sacred Heart Hall to hear his message about boys' learning.

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A Lovelock Oak in a sacred place

The planting of a special oak in memory of a legend of Sacred Heart College, Br Theophane, took place at the school on Saturday, 29 May. Reflecting Br Theophane's popularity, the ceremony was well attended with about 70 guests gathering in the Old Boys' Lounge to learn of the significance of the tree - a Lovelock Oak, named after New Zealand's first track and field gold medalist, Jack Lovelock.

In his time at Sacred Heart (1944-58), Br Theophane was a popular master of athletics, music, and discipline. He went on to become the leader of the Marist Brothers in New Zealand, Fiji and Samoa. He passed away in 2000.

The young tree, which was planted in the copse alongside the main Sacred Heart entrance, was propagated from the original oak presented to Lovelock after he won gold in the 1500m at the 1936 Berlin Olympics, in a then world record time of 3min 47.8sec. Lovelock's oak was brought back to New Zealand and planted at his old school, Timaru Boys' High, in 1941. Seedlings have been propagated each year since.



Planting the Lovelock Oak: Brian Bartram, left, and Br Albert.

Three years ago, Sacred Heart old boy Brian Bartram was a recipient of one of these. It was his idea to donate it to the school in memory of Br Theophane. "He just gave so much to the college, and is thoroughly deserving of this memorial," Brian says.

The tree was jointly planted by a great nephew of Br Theophane, Jordan Chapman, who is in Year 9 at Sacred Heart, and Brother Albert, a long-time colleague.

Preserving our heritage



Betty Phillips with letters from Br Borgia.

Out of the Sacred Heart College Centenary last year, archivist Betty Phillips was inundated with requests for historical material. "I'm happy to advise that having worked for a full 12 months on it, all the requests for information that were made during the centenary have been met. At least I hope so - if anyone is still waiting, please let me know!"

With this massive task done, Betty is now looking forward to getting back into her

primary job of developing the college archives. She says a key need is to name and number hundreds of photographs, then scan them into albums.

Betty works from two offices in the old administration building, and is surrounded in riches. Some of the treasures include a relic of Marcellin Champagnat, the cross and rosary beads of former principal, Br Maurice, and a collection of letters from Br Borgia written on his travels between 1923 and 1953. The letters were gifted by the Gilhooly family, relatives of Br Borgia, and Betty welcomes any memorabilia that the college community may wish to donate. She would also welcome financial donations.

"We need funds to help us bring the archives up to a standard that is as good as that in other schools," she says. "Ideally we should have a purpose-designed environment, with temperature control, steel filing cabinets, and a computer database so that records are easily retrievable."

An idea born in Botswana unfolds on the embankment

A new seating system on the embankment above the 1st XV rugby ground is a gift from Sacred Heart College old boy Greg Shalfoon.

Greg says he had always wanted to give something back to the school that helped to shape him. His gift, called Gladiator, has been much appreciated by the 300-odd spectators of 1st XV matches who use it.

He says the idea for Gladiator grew out of his experience in Africa where he worked for a British consulting engineer for 18 years. One of his projects was to develop sports stadia for the Botswana Government. "I came up with an idea that was based on the ancient Greek amphitheatre, which suited playing fields that had embankments. It was always my dream to bring this design back to New Zealand, because there are so many embankments in this country."



Greg Shalfoon, designer of the concrete seating system he calls Gladiator.

Greg's gift was accepted with appreciation by principal Mr Philip Mahoney and Board of Trustees chairman Mr Warren Long at a function in the Old Boys' Lounge on Saturday, 29 May. (On the day, the 1st XV obliged its comfortably seated audience with a win over St Paul's, 24-12.)

To contact Greg, email gshalfoon@hotmail.com

When is faster food better?



The refurbished tuckshop is part of the PTA's two-year development programme for the lower quad.

In the daily life of a Sacred Heart College student, a visit to the tuckshop has traditionally been one of the more time-consuming, if not rewarding, tasks. Lately, the experience has become a whole lot easier.

After 40 years the shop has been refurbished. Established in 1956 when the College moved from Richmond Road to the present site, the little room in the Lower Quad has provided thousands of boys with morning teas and lunches over all these years. But with a growing roll and changes in food fashion, improvements to the facility were well overdue. Many old boys will remember the never-ending lines queued up for the standard kiwi pie and donut lunches. It's not quite the same now - the more health-conscious menu includes paninis, wraps, pizza, chicken burgers, filled rolls, sandwiches, nachos, orange juice and milk drinks,

to list a few.

The refurbishment has nearly doubled the size of the facility by taking over a room next door, in what was once part of the careers area. The larger space has allowed separate areas for preparation and display, improved working conditions for the staff, and given students a fast and efficient customer service area. There is also a new till and eftpos outlet, new cooler display unit and freezer. The PTA has spent \$13,500 to date and a further \$11,500 will complete the refurbishment, providing a new sink, preparation bench and flooring.

The tuckshop development is part of the PTA's two-year programme for the lower quad, which will also see the inclusion of seating and shade.

- - Kelvin Mephan, PTA president

Boys bask in the literary limelight

When the Year 7 and 8 team from Sacred Heart College won the Auckland section of the Kidz Literature Quiz, there was much talk and excitement, as there was in *Hobbiton* the day that Bilbo Baggins announced his eleventh birthday.

The connection between the two events is not coincidence, for it was the boys' knowledge of Middle Earth and the Lord of the Rings that helped them to victory in the competition, held in mid June. Sacred Heart is the first boys' school to ever win the event.

Under the tutelage of Mrs Margaret Graham, director of Year 7 and 8, the Sacred Heart team had been preparing for the competition in their lunch hours. They had to broaden and deepen their understanding of an eclectic range of literature, in order to be able to answer 10 questions from 10 genres, the nature of which were unknown until they arrived at the contest.

The team of Joseph Izzard, Alex McKay, Michael Orr and Carlo Salizzo went on to come fifth in the 'international' final of the quiz, which featured 16 teams from other New Zealand schools as well as the winner of the UK section, Dunblane School in Scotland. Dunblane won the final.



Literary champions from Sacred Heart: Joseph Izzard, Alex McKay, Michael Orr and Carlo Salizzo.

Happy Days!



The Happiest Days of Your Life, August 2004

Tuesday 17 August saw the opening of the first drama production in 14 years at Sacred Heart. *The Happiest Days of Your Life*, by John Dighton, a three-act farce, was a sell-out before opening night. The audiences were treated to superb performances by a very mature cast of students from Sacred Heart and Baradene Colleges.

Led by directors Ross Gerritsen and Juanita Farrelly, the cast brilliantly conveyed the problems encountered when a boys' school is unintentionally billeted

with a girls' school. Tim Carlsen led the cast as the Headmaster of Hilary Hall, supported by his masters, James Metherell and Matthew Thompson. The remaining four parts were played by Sam Shallcrass, Ben Corbett, Chris Ward and Adam Hearne.

Thanks to the Sacred Heart staff for working together to produce such a professional and successful show.

- - Ross Gerritsen, Director of Music

St Marcellin celebration

As the feast day of St Marcellin Champagnat fell on a Sunday this year, it was decided to transfer this celebration to the feast of the Sacred Heart, Friday 18 June. Founder's Day is traditionally celebrated by abandoning scheduled formal classes and spending time together in a range of religious and cultural events. This year was no exception. Years 7-9 began their day with Mass in the chapel led by Monsignor Brian Arahill. While the Year 10 boys spent time in homeroom competitions, Years 11-13 students attended a debate between a current staff/student team and former head boys. **Simon Fitness** (1999), **Hamish McCarroll** (2000), and **Michael Thompson** (2001) affirmed the moot 'That sport at Sacred Heart College should be abolished'. Mr Chris Hayward, Mr Kris Morris-Vette and Year 13 student Alexander Wright negated it. **Steven Shapland** (2002) chaired the entertaining and memorable occasion. Adjudicators, Mr Ross Gerritsen and old boy **Luke Kelly** (2003) awarded the debate to the school team, which argued forcefully that sport is an intrinsic, traditional and holistic part of the Sacred Heart spirit.

While juniors later watched a video, senior classes celebrated Mass led by chaplain, Fr John Allardyce, and at which Year 13 students Antonio Cozzolino, Kolo Mahe, Kelly Maka and Taako Ratima were all presented senior leadership badges.

In the afternoon, the school combined in the gym for an SHC talent show and were party to a host of artistic performances including staff items from Irish dancer Miss Bernadette Connolly and vocalist, Mr Mike Steedman.

We were fortunate and grateful to have old boy **Dominic Bowden** (1994) of NZ Idol return to the college and comper the event with



confidence and panache. Guest judges Mr Brendan Pongia and Mr Howard Taylor awarded top SHC performance to rock band Milk and Cereal: Ben Bamford, Barney Chunn, Elroy Finn and Waata Pehe.

The prefect responsible for galvanising a team of staff and students to ensure the event went off successfully, Tim Carlsen, was justifiably pleased with the outcome of the occasion, which was designed to build school spirit and celebrate our talent.

Following school dismissal, staff met in the brothers' community room to celebrate the work that is done for students at the college and to remember fondly and with affection the man who 187 years ago brought our tradition to birth.

Brothers at SHC

Br Albert Kennedy who first came to SHC in 1945, celebrated 60 years as a Marist brother on 12 September, 2003.

Br Richard Dunleavy (1946) is the Head of the Brothers Community at the College. Brothers teaching at the College are Anthony Walker, Dunstan Henry and Murray Kelly. Boarding Masters are Brs John Koorey, Michael Taylor and Gerard Mahony. The infirmarian is Br Terence Maney. Other brothers at SHC are Marcel Hall, Conrad Ryan, Reginald Burgess, Cyril Pender, Mark Chamberlain, Brian Wanden and Joachim Dwyer. Br Giles was transferred recently to Epsom after 18 years at the college.

Jubilee for chaplain

Congratulations to Marist priest and old boy

Fr John Allardyce who recently celebrated the 40th jubilee of his ordination. At a staff gathering on the last day of the second term, Fr John was presented a small gift from staff and students. The school's recognition and gratitude for Fr John's priestly work acknowledges a humble man, doing an outstanding job in a vital and necessary ministry.



The centenary concludes



A special presentation was made by old boy Mr Leo Davis to Mr Phillip Mahoney, principal of the College, of a marvellous, coloured print of the opening of the centenary in May 2003.

Members of the SHCOBA Executive welcomed Bishop Pat Dunn, old boy priests and brothers, honorary members and honorary life members of the SHCOBA to the College for a special evening on Monday, 5 July that was a fine conclusion to the centenary celebrations.

The evening commenced with a prayer service in the chapel to pause and pray for SHC of the past, present and future. Bishop Pat read a prayer based on one read by Bishop Lenihan at the opening of the College on 21 June, 1903. This was followed with a reading from a 1909 school magazine, which called for the founding of an old boys' association. This was duly done in the same year. With music and prayer, the gathering prayed for what has been, and ventured to look forward with hope and energy for what is to come.

The group then moved to the Old Boys' Lounge where a roll call was held and honours went to Br Lawrence, who left SHC in 1929.

So SHC moves on, with great support, into the second 100 years of its existence.

Confortare esto vir.

-- Br Marcel, President, SHCOBA



Left to Right: Aaron Lawson, Jacob Vermunt and Sam Jennings

Cyclists drive their own success

Cycling as a sport at Sacred Heart is quietly building, on a base of a small but highly motivated group of boys.

"The commitment of the riders is inspiring," says Sam Jennings, cycling captain, rider for the senior A team and coach for both the senior A and junior teams. "Although three of the senior riders are in their last years of school, I believe the sport will continue to grow." Sam intends to assist in its growth by continuing as a coach next year, even though by then he will have left school. The teams are: (senior) Sam Jennings, Aaron Lawson, Cameron MacDonell, Ollie Mullane, Shane Renowden and Jacob Vermunt; (junior) Grant Jackson, Kyle Wright, Alex Cottier and Steve McDowell.

The main competition for the cyclists is the Auckland secondary schools team time trials. This fortnightly series commenced in May, and requires the boys to be at the Auckland waterfront by 6:30am on a Sunday morning. The senior team has ridden well, and is presently placed 11th out of 72 teams, while the junior

team is in 55th place. One of the senior team's best performances to date was the morning after the Sacred Heart Ball, when despite a long night socially, the team was placed 10th overall.

In July, the senior team of Sam, Aaron and Jacob competed in the U20 road race, at Ngaruawahia. All three had great rides, with Sam finishing fifth out of a field of 55 and Jacob and Aaron not far behind in the bunch.

Competing in the New Zealand secondary schools individual cycling championships in August was another great experience for the cyclists. A highlight was the 24-lap (28.8km) criterium race, in which the field of 72 riders was quickly reduced to 30. Both Sam and Aaron, although not in the medals, finished well in this test of endurance.

The senior boys are training hard for the national secondary schools cycling championships, taking place 18-20 September in Palmerston North, and look forward to achieving great results.

A winning feel for the breeze

Recently returned from Ecuador with a gold medal in his sailbag, talented young yachtsman Francisco Lardies has proven his skills in the Optimist class. Francisco was a member of New Zealand's U15 Optimist sailing team, which beat 52 countries over 15 races to win the world title in July. It was the first time New Zealand had won the competition.

Francisco got into sailing five years ago, with a friend, and quickly discovered he had a feel for the breeze. He is now a dedicated competitor, on the water every weekend throughout the year, and has his sights set on Olympic level competition and ocean racing.



International water polo at SHC

Sacred Heart College's strengths in water polo - the school is the national champion for 2004 - owe some credit to the quality of its facilities. It's not surprising then to find the Aquatic Centre in demand from organisations outside the school. One of the largest events ever held at the centre took place in the last school holidays, the Pan Pacific Youth Water Polo Championships. The tournament featured 106 teams and 1400 competitors from Australia, the United States and New Zealand. Several teams stayed at the Sacred Heart Hostel.

Sacred Heart boys who won medals (playing for Marist Auckland Club) were: Simon Cleghorn (silver and bronze; U20 and U18 mens), Ben Afeaki, Joseph Lyons and Todd Lambourne (silver and bronze; U18 mens and U16 boys), Byron Thornhill, Cameron Simmiss (silver; U16 boys), Matthew Bilderbeck, Kiran Davis (bronze; U18 mens).

1st XV 2004 season review

Although early-season injuries prevented the 1st XV from achieving its potential in the Auckland secondary schools competition, the team's last five games showed what it was capable of. Wins against St Johns Hamilton, Macleans, Gisborne Boys High School, Onehunga High School and a last-minute loss to Mt Albert Grammar gave a glimpse of what might have been.

In scoring 32 tries, 21 by the backs and 11 by the forwards, the team proved its all-round potential. Top try scorers were Hayden Buckley and Matthew Hodson, with five each.



The team together in Sydney, where it played two pre-season matches.

The team's eventual position was ninth. Many say this is the hardest competition in the world, and this was evidenced in the fact that only two forwards, captain Frank Afeaki and blindside flanker Thomas Chamberlain, started every game.

- - John Mahoney, Manager

Annual Giving 2004

Sacred Heart College values the support it receives for the Annual Giving programme, and thanks all those who have contributed in 2004. The programme runs until mid September, at which time a draw will take place for the prize generously donated by Bill Tapper European of Albany of a VW Beetle or Peugeot motor vehicle to drive around Auckland for the weekend.



Sacred Heart's Computer Assisted Literacy programme is at the cutting edge of literacy research in New Zealand.

One of the Annual Giving projects this year, the Computer Assisted Literacy programme, is at the cutting edge of literacy research in New Zealand. In conjunction with Speaking Solutions, the college is trialling a project using state of the art technology along with specially trained personnel to assist students to improve writing, reading and spelling skills. The approach engenders confidence and a growth in self esteem in the student, and with increased confidence the student can independently read and write better. It is a modern approach and the students involved have responded well. To be able to offer this opportunity to more students, the project needs funding for another year, and so it is a very worthy Annual Giving project.

Other 2004 projects are:

- Sports equipment, including a second high jump mat and rubber matting for the cricket pitch.
- Outdoor seating and shelter throughout the college in areas popular with students and to enhance recent building expansion.
- Educational software for senior media students to enable them to edit their video work and undertake industry-level courses while still at school.

Your investment in these projects is gratefully received. Please send donations to: Sacred Heart College Development Foundation, PO Box 18377, Glen Innes, or to the college reception. Every contribution will be receipted and most are eligible for a tax rebate.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please take your seat

In 1999 the Sacred Heart College Auditorium and Lecture Theatre plan was drawn. The existing hall was expanded and the senior and junior dining halls were relocated to the Hostel area. To begin the new millennium, an outstanding 231 seat auditorium and lecture theatre began to fill the remaining space. The SHC Development Foundation was at the fundraising helm working to bring this facility into being.

One of the ways people invested in the auditorium was by purchasing a seat that included an engraved plaque to record that investment for generations to come. This opportunity created an indelible memory of the students' and families' time at Sacred Heart College.

There are less than 40 seats remaining. This is a unique way to remind you of your involvement with the College. The cost of the seat is \$900 including the cost of an engraved seat plaque. Payments can be spread over three years if more convenient.

Contact Lyn Luxton 0-9-529 3743 or email luxton@sacredheart.school.nz for more information.

News by email

The Sacred Heart College Development Foundation has launched an email newsletter which is sent to every person in the College community whose email address we have. It provides current news and information (with photos) on a regular basis (three-monthly) about old boys (of all ages), reunions, special college occasions, development projects and some good reasons for everyone to take more interest in Sacred Heart College. To receive this newsletter please let us know your contact details, both email and postal by sending to shcdf@sacredheart.school.nz or PO Box 18377, Glen Innes.

We would also love to hear news, updates, achievements, interesting snippets, or anything you may wish to pass on - so don't be shy, use the contact numbers above to keep in touch.

Let's make it an annual event!

Everyone who attended the Year 7 Parents' 'Meet and Mingle Evening' held on Thursday, 17 June agreed it was great fun and a good opportunity to meet and network with parents, many of whom were new to Sacred Heart College.

The delicious hot and cold finger food provided by the Dining Hall was fortified by a variety of drinks and lubricated the quick quiz, which tested guests' knowledge of the college and triggered a few debates!

The evening was organised jointly by The Friends of Sacred Heart College and the Sacred Heart College Development Foundation. Both organisations are looking for future members and/or helpers to assist with the myriad activities that take place in a busy college. **Thank you to the parents who expressed an interest in being involved.**

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22 years and 7 sons later . . .

Year 12 media studies student Aidan Deam reports on an interview with Warren Long, the new chairman of the Sacred Heart College Board of Trustees.

Mr Long has had a long association with Sacred Heart College. He first became involved with the school in 1982 when his son (the eldest of seven) started. In 1988 he was asked by then principal, Br Roger, to join the board and thus began his close involvement with the running of the school. He stepped down from that job in 1993 but has returned this year as chairman.

In his time with the school he has worked with three principals, each with very different styles. Br Roger was the first, and Mr Long says he impressed him with his dedication, and the belief that school is an extension of the family. Next, Mr Brendan Schollum was appointed - a leader



Mr Long and Year 12 student Aidan Deam.

Mr Long describes as "excellent". Latterly, Mr Long has worked with current principal Mr Philip Mahoney, who he commends for his quiet and deliberate style of leadership.

Over the many years of Mr Long's involvement with the school, a number of changes and improvements have been made. He believes the changes to the physical environment have been

striking and the amenities of the school are a great asset. But he is more impressed by what stays the same at Sacred Heart - in particular the strong spirit and camaraderie of students and old boys.

Mr Long says he has many fond and varied memories of SHC, but the most memorable event was when he won a raffle for a trip to Rome and was a witness to the canonisation of St Marcellin Champagnat.

Outside the College he is a shareholder in an insurance broking firm he co-founded in 1974 and the proud father of seven sons who still live and work in New Zealand. His youngest son, Stephen, is in his last year but Mr Long's links to the school will not end there. He says he will continue for at least one more year as chairman and we hope his relationship with Sacred Heart College will extend long into the future.

-- Aidan Deam, Year 12

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Where are they now?

We welcome news of Old Boys. Please keep us informed by email: oldboys@sacredheart.school.nz, or write to PO Box 25393, St Heliers, Auckland 1130

Denis Baker (1983) has had good reviews for his first novel, *On A Distant Land*, about a New Zealander's OE and his strange ramifications and personal relationships.

Paul Barker (1975), is principal of John Carroll School, Baltimore (825 students).

Robert Berrill (1997), head prefect, LLB, BA, is with the law firm of Minter, Ellison, Rudd Watkins in Wellington and is also a 2nd lieutenant in the RNZ Infantry.

Dominic Bowden (1994), former presenter of Squirt, hosts several shows on TV targeting 18-24 year olds. He hosted the popular NZ Idol earlier this year.

Geoff Bright (1972), an uncle of Hamish and Hugh McCarroll, is principal of St Saviours College in Lagos, Nigeria, a school owned by Shell Oil.

Pat Brittenden (1990), a freelance broadcaster, is on the Real Life Show with Ian Grant and on Newstalk ZB network on Sunday nights. He was a finalist in the Radio Awards for the 'Best On Air Personality Sector' for his work on 'Coastline FR'.

Greg Burke (1973), director of New Plymouth's Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, was the commissioner for selecting New Zealand's entry for the coming Venice Biennale.

Mark Farnsworth (1968) is chairman of the Northland Regional Authority.

Toa Fraser (1994) was granted a Buddle Findlay Sargeson Fellowship in February 2003, allowing him to write full-time and live at a Central Auckland apartment for six months.

Bill Gavin (1953) worked on the production and business side of *Whale Rider* as executive producer, travelling overseas including to New York to publicise this film.

William Gianotti (1960) topped the poll when elected to the eight-member board of the Auckland Racing Club.

John Gilroy (1975), who works at The Reform Club, one of London's oldest clubs, recently visited his uncle's grave at El Alamein (Alan Gilroy) and we are grateful for the details he obtained of several other old boys' graves in war cemeteries.

John Kelleher (1984) owns Mukini, a Japanese restaurant in Customs St West on the Viaduct Harbour block.

Michael King (1960) died 30/3/04. His *History of New Zealand* was the 'People's Choice' Book Award for 2004 and has sold more than 100,000 copies. His autobiographical *Being Pakeha Now* has been republished since his death, omitting the section on his disavowal of certain beliefs, as he did have a burial service at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Ken Larsen (1954) Ltheol, MA, PhD (Cambridge), is associate professor of English and Head of the English Department at Auckland University.

Ralph Lattimore (1963) is dean of business and computer technology at the Nelson-Marlborough Institute of Technology.

Michael Laloli (2000) recently joined Duntroon Military College in Australia.

Peter McFetridge (1983) is a research professor at the University of Oklahoma School of Chemical Engineering and Material Science Centre for Biomedical Engineering.

Duncan McGillivray (1994), having completed his Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford, is now at the Centre for Neutron Research at Gaithersburg, Maryland.

Vince O'Sullivan's (1956) *Long Journey to the Border*, a biography of author Richard Mulgan, was the runner up in the biographical section of the NZ Montana Annual Book Awards. Vince is the first recipient of the \$100,000 Michael King Memorial Fellowship which will help him while he writes two novels and a short story collection.

Quentin Quin (1989) is chief executive of Tauranga design company, Design Model.

Greg O'Brien (1978), award-winning writer and poet, is director of the Wellington City Art Gallery.

Dominic Rejthar (2000), son of Chris, is setting up a web design business, Inoke Design, in Wellington.

Chris Rendle (1967) is regional managing director for Johnson Diversey, a multinational concern.

Nicolas Romaniuk (1989) has a video production company involved in musicals and comedies.

Denham Shale (1954) is chairman of Farmers, one of Auckland's oldest retailers.

Mark Sullivan (1974), former horse trainer, operates a medical laboratory supplies business based in Australia, and still races gallopers. His mother, Aynsley, whose eight sons all attended SHC, died on 26/9/2003.

James Thomas (1995) is education manager at Kelly Tarltons, and has visited the penguin colonies in Antarctica.

Phil Turner (1976), son of tennis champion Ron (1948), has joined his father in Australia, and works for a finance firm in Melbourne.

Michael Wilde (1980) is chief executive at Dubai Media City, an internet city operation. He works for the Dubai Government, supervising a \$2 billion housing project involving mechanical, technological and knowledge entities.

Roger Yee (1980) BE, has been in Hong Kong for 14 years working for a large construction firm building container terminals.

Events

Old Boys

Reunion dates

Well attended reunions of old boys have taken place this year in Samoa, Hamilton, Paeroa, Dargaville, Hawera, Cambridge and England.

Reunions are to be held in Papakura and Napier as this issue of Confortare goes to print. The next big event for old boys is the Annual Dinner, taking place on 17 September.

Reunion dates for the remainder of the year are as follows:

Auckland	17 September	Br Marcel	0-9-575 8588
Wellington	13 October	John Irwin	0-4-232 7789
Christchurch	15 October	Mark McHardy	0-3-344 0171
Kaitiā	22 October	Percy Erceg	0-9-408 1157
Edgcombe	5 November	Peter O'Sullivan	0-7-322 8033
Tauranga	12 November	Chris Rejther	0-7-577 6565
Whangarei	19 November	Vince Stead	0-9-435 1366
Rotorua	29 November	Graeme Dennett	0-7-349 4401

Jubilees

A number of old boy priests have celebrated significant anniversaries recently: 2003: Fr Louis Leuthard, 50 years. 2004: Fr Phil Keane, 60 years; Fr Albert Williams, Fr Peter Dunn, Fr Graham Alexander, 50 years. Fr John Allardyce SM (College Chaplain) and Fr Bernard Dennehy, 40 years.

At present there is only one old boy studying for the priesthood, John O'Brien (1981), from Glendowie. He is a fourth-year student at Holy Cross Seminary in Ponsonby. God bless you John.

SHC Old Boys Golf Day

Waiuku Golf Club

Br Maurice Cup and Non Registered Golfers Hamper

Sunday 3 October, shotgun start 8.45am. Report at 8.15am

Closing date for entry: 10 September, limited to maximum number of 100 players.

Contact Brian McPhail for details: 0-9-272 4000 or bmcphail@harts.co.nz.

SHCOBA Annual Reunion Dinner

SHC Dining Hall 17 September 2004

Doors open 6.30pm. Dinner from 7.30pm

Dress: Jacket and Tie. Tickets: \$50 (includes drinks)

Tickets are obtainable from the SHC Old Boys Association Secretary, ph 0-9-575 8588, email oldboys@sacredheart.school.nz. P.O. Box 25 393, St Heliers, Auckland. There are no door sales.



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From the sports arena

The Auckland Marist U21 team played the curtain raiser to the Gallagher Shield final at Eden Park on Saturday, 14 July and beat Ponsonby 34-8 to win the Auckland U21 championship. In this U21 side were: **James Somerset (2002), John Mills (2001), Oliver Bent (2001), Mike Thompson (2001), Steve Shapland (2002), Frank Passi (2002), Andrew Mailei (2001), Areta Tanoai (2001), Mika Futialo (2001), Robert Mules (2002), and Nick Blundell (2002). John Mills and James Somerset** (see page 11) also played several games for the Marist senior side.

Chris Bouzaid (1959), 1969 New Zealand Sportsman of the Year, recently returned to Auckland from his home in Massachusetts to take up the battle for the family marine business in Westhaven.

Peter Coleman (1974) is the doctor for the Auckland Blues this year.
Mike Elliott (1982) is the Auckland Rugby Union manager in charge of all clubs and competitions under the union.

Kurtis Haiu (1st XV 1999-2002) was lock for the New Zealand team that was a finalist in the U19 World Cup final in Paris in April 2002. He plays club rugby for the Auckland Marist senior side, and was in the Auckland 2004 NPC squad until he suffered a serious leg injury while on tour with the national U21 side that won the world championship in Scotland in June.

Bob Krietich (1956) last year retired after eight years as president of the Counties Racing Club and was made a life member along with his wife Olga, for their great service.

Nili Latu (1999) is playing very well at No7 for the Bay of Plenty NPC side.

Tonga Lee'Aetoa (1st XV 1995) played lock for Tonga on its recent tour of New Zealand and Australia, and in the Rugby World Cup last year.

Isitolo and Finau Maka (1993, 1995) played for Toulouse in the European Club Rugby final at Twickenham on 29 May. Wasps, coached by Warren Gatland, won in a closely fought match. Younger brother **Jeffrey (2001)** is playing well for Auckland Marist seniors.

Peter Hay-MacKenzie (1968) was the winner of the Auckland Golf Championship title in August 2003.

Bryan McCarthy (1963) is technical officer with Athletics Australia based in Canberra.

The Murphy Family of Howick has had an outstanding reputation in orienteering. The late **Bob Murphy (1940)** competed for New Zealand in his age group from 1974-92. Four of his sons have all been involved in this sport at national level, **Patrick (1974), Michael (1979), Peter (1980) and Robert (1993).**

Sonny Parker (1996), qualified to represent Wales after playing there for three years. He played three matches for Wales in November 2002, and was with the Welsh side in New Zealand in June 2003 but was unable to play because of an injury. He also played for Wales in the World Cup.

Ron Price (1962), originally from Rotorua, has lived in Australia for more than 30 years. He was recently inducted into the Brothers RFC Brisbane Hall of Fame for services to the Brothers Club and to Queensland rugby. He played for Auckland Marist in the 1960s, then in Queensland, and also coached Queensland B and the Australian Colts.

Xavier Rush (1995) has made a successful return to the All Blacks after having one test six years ago. He was captain of both the Auckland Blues, which won the Super 12 in 2003, and last year's champion Auckland NPC side.

Dave Eagar (1958) has been having much success as a trainer and owner with 'Small Town Boy', winning the Manawatu Cup in December and also running well in the Wellington Cup.

'Confortare', owned by John McGlade and Peter Huitema, whose sons **Shaun McGlade (1987)** and **Richard Huitema (1987)** were mates at SHC, rewarded his supporters by paying \$34 when he won at Te Rapa earlier in the year, and \$5.55 for third first up this season in August.

Kevin O'Connor (1946) still helps train some good jumpers including Sir Avion, former Great Northern Steeple winner.

Gerald Ryan (1948), former president and chairman of NZ Rugby League, together with his brothers, donated the Bill Kelly Memorial Trophy in 1996, which is awarded each time Australia and New Zealand play a league test. Bill Kelly played league for New Zealand and Australia and served in France with a fellow West Coaster, Serjeant Ryan, father of the eight Ryan brothers (seven of whom attended SHC).

William Ward (2002) made the last eight (quarter finals) of the junior singles section at Wimbledon in June.

Murray Williams (2001) is in the Auckland NPC side and played 1st 5/8 for Auckland in the Ranfurly Shield against Poverty Bay. He plays club rugby for Auckland champions, Ponsonby.

In the annual over-55s Schools' Old Boys Golf Tournament, which has been played in April at Pukekohe for the past seven years, representatives of 26 schools took part. SHC's four of **Des MacDonald, Maurice Churton, Peter Martin and Tony Loverich** - all old boys from the early 1940s - won the title this year. This same team won it in 1999.

Confortare - A Centennial History of Sacred Heart College

Copies of this wonderful history of Sacred Heart College are still available from the school. Please visit the website, www.sacredheart.school.nz to download an order form, or contact the college office, 0-9-529 3660.

There are some corrections to the Centennial History that need to be recorded:

p43 1906 1st XV. Back row is Br Fergus not Br Virgilius.

p277 Appendices Br Cassian (RIP) should be 1946-53,66-69.

p284 add Br Sylvester (RIP): final year at SHC 1927.

p286 add Rev David Blake 1953 (after Rev E Simmons).

p287 Rev James Kilbride SJ 1974: add L.

p291 Roll Of Honour World War 11: 1st Name Albertson, John Edwin (not Edward).

p306 Prominent Old Boys: last name McGreal, Maurice (omit OBE). Add Larsen, Kenneth J(1953-54), Assoc Professor of English, Head of English Department, Auckland University. Add Fraser-Smith, Anthony (1949) Professor of Electrical Engineering, Stanford University, California. Linehan, Brian (1951-55) last section should be ADMS (Assistant Director of Medical Services), NZ Land Forces with the rank of Colonel(not Colonel-in-Chief).

p313 National Sportsmen: under Yachting, add McCormack William-Ireland (1966-70).

p269 Donald Corboy should be Donovan Corboy.

p323 Br Bernard (Waters) should be Fr Bernard (Waters).

Annual Memorial Mass

The Old Boys' Annual Memorial Mass was held at SHC on Sunday, 25 April 2004.

Although it was school holidays, there was a good attendance of old boys and members of the SHC community. Several old boys and their families who lost loved ones during the war have been among the most regular attendees at this Mass. Jacob Vermunt, Head Prefect 2004, was present with his family including his grandfather, who was in the Dutch Resistance during WW11.

Hostel Supervisors

Applications are invited for positions as hostel supervisors for 2005. The job would suit old boys who are studying or working in Auckland. Meals and accommodation are provided, and living offsite is also possible.

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Rising star of rugby



James is pictured with members of the 7A side: at rear Jerome Fa'asau, left, and Kyle Wright, right, and in front from left, Tom Haussrer, Ben Fitzpatrick and Oscar Stewart.

Former 1st XV players **James Somerset** and **Murray Williams** were back practising on familiar ground in August, when the Auckland NPC side came to Sacred Heart College for a training session. While at SHC, James took time out to talk with members of the 2004 7A side. He said he had fond memories of his time in this team, under the skilled coaching of Br Dunstan. James has enjoyed a whirlwind year in rugby, representing his country in the U19 and U21 teams, both of which won world championship titles in 2004. Playing on the wing, James' speed continues to improve but he believes it is the psychological approach to the game that he must work on. "There are lots of talented players that don't make it, so success is probably as much mental as it is physical," he says.



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