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From acorn to oak

Sacred Heart College opened on the Glen Innes site 50 years ago this year with 11 Brothers and 250 pupils (including 146 boarders) transferring from Richmond Rd. Three of the Brothers, Cyril, Conrad and Albert, were young men in their 30s. In 2005, they live in retirement at the College. In 1955, they made do with little and had to do everything. They taught, coached, built, ran dormitories and administered. Over 50 years they have seen the College grow and change. Boarding peaked in 1971 at 320, and in 2005, there are 155 boarders.

The total roll has now climbed to more than 1000, made up of 990 New Zealand resident students, and 35 international students. The staff has grown from 11 Brothers who did everything, to 65 teachers, 35

administrative and support staff, and more than 20 staff in the hostel. Extensive additions have been made

to the original facilities. Auckland has grown and Sacred Heart is no longer at the end of the line.

Vincent O'Sullivan, pupil in 1955, and later professor of English at Victoria University, wrote at the time: "We see an acorn but we do not see the oak that it shall become; we see an oak not the acorn it was."



Philip Mahoney,
Principal

At this milestone in the history of Sacred Heart, we recognise and thank all those who have watered, pruned, and nurtured the oak we are today over the past 50 years.

To St Paul's College on the Richmond Rd site formerly occupied by Sacred Heart, our congratulations on your Golden Jubilee. Confortare Esto Vir.



Hundreds gathered for the opening weekend of Sacred Heart College at Glen Innes, which included a formal dinner in the brand new school hall.

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Ph 355 9543(day) 575 4104(evening)

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Sports Awards Dinner,
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Overseas experience



Br Murray with students travelling to Japan, left Emiliano Foliaki, Patrick Leafa, Joon Lee and Herman Cheung.

During the September holidays a number of students will be heading overseas on school trips.

For students of Japanese, two weeks of immersion in Japan will provide a valuable boost to their language skills and knowledge of the country's culture.

The trip starts in Osaka and takes in the futuristic Panasonic Centre, for a taste of what technology could bring to our lives in the decades ahead. A more spiritual tone will be set with visits to Miyajima, an island of retreat, and Hiroshima. The spiritual influences of Japan will be further explored in Kyoto and Nara, before heading east to Tokyo. Accommodation on the trip ranges from homestays to three nights in the traditional Japanese inn (Ryokan). The students will also visit two junior high schools in Idiaka, and the Marist Brothers International School in Kobe.

Fifteen students will visit Japan accompanied by their teacher, Br Murray, and Mrs Miriam Dunningham, director of international students.

Another group of eight students heads to Tonga, led by Br Marcel, to assist a Catholic secondary school, Takuilau College, on much-needed maintenance projects. The initiative is part of the College's commitment to helping people in need.

SHC old boy Terry Murphy was integral in the instigation of the Tongan trip eight years ago and has travelled with the group each year. This year the projects include painting and classroom maintenance.

Although there is plenty of hard work involved, the Tongan trip is a pleasurable experience for the students, who are all from Year 12. They spend the morning working, and then can enjoy exploring the surrounding locale, particularly the beach. They are billeted by local families, and treated to boundless Tongan hospitality. Their social programme includes a cultural performance, and kava ceremony. It is also a learning experience, as many of the homes in which the boys stay do not have what Kiwis would consider to be basics, such as running water.



Marimba magic

The Year 10 marimba group has made a big impression on the school stage a number of times this year. Under the tutelage of Mrs Helen Hyndman, the group is now working hard toward performing at the Marimba Festival, taking place in the Britomart Events Pavilion on 15 October from 2.30pm. More than 200 students from schools around Auckland will take part. Two leading conductors are attending from Australia, and one of them, Gerard van der Geer, will visit SHC in the lead up to the festival to run a workshop.

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Kirby tradition lives on



Top: James Pepping; left The Tricks: from left, Elroy Finn, Anthony Brownson, Chris McDonald and Barney Chunn; and right Schobuxthey: from left, Ben Bamford, James Metherell, Josh Bennett and Ben Pollard.

The Walter Kirby Music Competition, held annually in August, is the highlight of the school's performance calendar. Students are judged for the quality of their musicianship, and also have the chance to exercise their composition skills.

This year's event took place in the school hall, in keeping with tradition, and Mike Franklin-Brown of the kiwi band Pluto had the judge's seat.

With the PTA supplying food to accompany the music, it was a fulfilling day in all ways.

The PTA Prize for a Year 9-13 group was won by rock band The Tricks, and the Brother Theophane Christian Composition Award went to Schobuxthey. Both bands have had highly successful years so far, in June reaching the Auckland finals of the Smokefree Rock Quest, with The Tricks coming third. In the Walter Kirby competition, Schobuxthey lead singer James Metherell was also winner of the Spillane Family trophy for the Year 12&13 solo performance.

Other winners in the competition were:

Hyndman family award for Year 7 & 8 solo: Alex Polglase (piano).

Glynn family award for Year 7 & 8 group: Dominic Clark and Alistair Kreft.

Fisk family award for Year 9-11 solo: Frank Elies (piano).

The commitment of the performers was universally high, and some were outstanding, says Director of Music Delysse Glynn.

To underscore that, we include some lines from the composition by James Pepping, which recognised the College's 50th jubilee on the Glen Innes site.

*Fifty years, the college has grown in size
But what is our goal in life
We may be bright
But are we really wise
Fifty years my friends
Comrades I ask you, are we, who we
Set out to be
What is our top priority
Marcellin took his heart and opened
It to everyone now let's
Dig deep and discover the Sacred Heart*



Joseph Nelson

Maxing the grade

Three Year 13 students are succeeding at the highest level in Mathematics. Benedict Chiu, Joseph Nelson and Charles Ng have all passed the University of Auckland MAX programme, aimed at extending talented mathematicians. Joseph gained a grade of A+. "They're all to be congratulated for their achievement," says principal Mr Philip Mahoney.

Commenting on academic achievement at SHC, Mr Mahoney says the college has a goal of achieving above the national pass rates for Decile 8 to 10 schools at all levels of NCEA. It also aims to increase the combined levels of merit and excellence passes to the national levels for Decile 8 to 10 schools. "As we are a Decile 8 school, we are aiming high."

National honours

The following students have achieved national sports honours in recent months:

- **Dean Bartlett** - selected for the New Zealand Cricket Junior Academy, following his success in the national U17 and U19 tournaments. The academy involves three camps during the off season. A medium fast bowler, Dean was the fourth highest wicket taker at the national U17 tournament, and player of the tournament at the Australasian Marist Secondary Schools Cricket Carnival earlier this year.

- **Ben Afeaki** - 1st XV captain, a triallist and has a good chance of making it into the New Zealand secondary schools team as a prop. At around 130kg, he does make an impression.

- **Stephen O'Connor** - selected for the New Zealand U18 men's hockey team development squad, following selections for the Auckland U18 and Auckland U21 teams.

- **Francisco Lardies** - selected for the New Zealand junior sailing team that competed in the 2005 ASEAN Optimist Championship in Malaysia in August.

- **Luke Schuler**, a Year 9 student, went to Melbourne in the last school holidays with a New Zealand judo youth team that competed in two tournaments. Luke won gold medals in the Victoria open international junior tournament (U16, U55kg) and the Victoria open secondary school championship (U60kg).

Sports awards dinner

This event will take place on Thursday, 3 November, 6.30pm for 7pm in the Exhibition Hall, Waipuna Hotel.

This is always a relaxed and enjoyable evening, recognising the year's most successful young sportsmen.

For tickets and further information, please contact Director of Sport: Neil Penfold
Ph 529 3660 (ext 812), 021 180 9279
Email npenfold@sacredheart.school.nz

Judo exponents



Luke Schuler and Kyle Wright are at the top of their sport nationally. Kyle won a gold medal in the U50kg category at the national junior judo championships, while Luke won silver in the U55kg and U14 open weight categories. (See story "National Honours" for more of Luke's successes.)

Rugby grade finals



SHC once again hosted the Auckland secondary schools rugby grade finals day, and had five teams competing. The boys won three championships:

- 5As beat AGS 46-10;
- 4Bs beat Papatoetoe 30-5;
- 7As beat AGS 22-10.

The 4As lost to Kings 21-10, 5Cs lost to St Kents 17-10, and 6As lost to AGS 21-10.

The 5A side was exceptional throughout the season scoring 325 points for and only 15 against.

Trusts' role in sports development



SHC Director of Sport Neil Penfold would like to recognise the support of a number of trusts that have assisted sports teams to achieve their goals this year. Funding for sports teams has been provided by:

- Perry Foundation - Rowing
- Actives Charitable Foundation - 1st XI Soccer (pictured above)
- South Auckland Charitable Trust - 1st XI Soccer
- Century Foundation - Soccer
- Mt Wellington Trust - 1st XV Rugby
- Pub Charity - Basketball
- Southern Trust - Water Polo
- Lion Foundation - 1st XI Soccer
- Mangere Bridge - 1st XV Rugby
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Founder's Day celebrations - 17 July



Father Allardyce distributes communion.



Special recognition for Marist brothers, in front Br Richard, and behind him from left principal Philip Mahoney, and Brothers Marcel, Reg, Murray, Albert, Conrad and Michael.



The Sacred Heart Idol contestants.

Mass

This year's Founder's Day Mass, usually celebrated on 6 June, was incorporated into the celebration of the feast of the Sacred Heart. The Mass also commemorated the 50th Jubilee of Sacred Heart College at its present site in Glen Innes.

Highlighting the importance of St Marcellin Champagnat as the founder of Marist Brothers schools worldwide, as well as the role of our own Brothers in this college community, were key focal points of the Mass. We viewed a special presentation on St Marcellin Champagnat's life and legacy and as students were challenged to become his faithful followers through commitment to the religious life.

We pondered thoughtfully on where the next generation of Brothers was to come from if it were not from ourselves. Following this, the Marist Brothers of the three Sacred Heart communities stood, and led by Brother John, renewed their vows in front of the students.

Toward the end of the Mass, Father Allardyce read a blessing prayer that Bishop Pat Dunn had prayed over commemorative SHC Jubilee badges. The badges, given to students and staff of 2005, were designed to celebrate 50 years on the Glen Innes site.

At the senior Mass, Mr Mahoney also presented a number of gold medallions to Brothers Albert, Conrad and Cyril who were foundation members of the staff when the College moved here in 1955.

-- Stephen O'Connor

Other activity

The other main Founder's Day events were a debate between Old Boys and current students, and the Sacred Heart Idol competition.

Current students and Old Boys debated the moot that the Sacred Heart school ball should be abolished, with current students losing the affirmative. (And the ball went ahead - this year held on 6 August in the Britomart station in central Auckland.)

The whole school gathered in the gymnasium in the afternoon for the Sacred Heart Idol competition. First place went to guitarist James Coomb, second to rock band Schobuthxey, and third to opera singer Antoni Curin.

Keeping the faith strong

Recently 10 Year 12 students took part in a Marist Exchange Day, along with five other secondary schools. The event, held at SHC on 19 August, also included St Johns, Marcellin, St Paul's, Hato Petera and Pungaru Colleges.

The purpose was to learn about each other, differences and similarities, and explore the common Marist heritage, explains Leo Archer, one of the SHC students who took part.

"We were all somewhat astounded to hear about Pungaru's unique situation, which is a state school being staffed by Marist Brothers. Br Bryan Stanaway, one of the staff there, spoke passionately about the strength of faith at the school and the Hokianga's strong link with the early Catholic

missionaries." The Pungaru school is situated only a few kilometres from the final resting place of Bishop Pompallier, at Motuti.

"It is in Pungaru's example that one of the most important issues of the exchange day was derived: the struggle that we face in keeping the spirit of St Marcellin Champagnat, our Catholic identity and our Marist focus alive," says Leo. "Pungaru has been able to achieve this through the support of its tight-knit Catholic community.

"We see the challenge for our schools as keeping the faith strong while living in an intensely secular and consumption-driven age. Pungaru gave us the hope that this can be achieved if we are determined in bearing witness to our faith."

Br Dunstan: 50 years as a Marist brother



Br Dunstan: humble dedication to the College.

The 2005 SHC celebration of the Assumption was held in the school Chapel in the form of two Masses for Years 7-9, and 10-13 respectively. Both Masses were celebrated by the College Chaplain Father John Allardyce, and focused on the significant role Mary our Mother plays in each of our lives, and in the spirit of our school community.

At the conclusion of the senior Mass, Marcellin's motto: "All to Jesus through Mary" was displayed most aptly in the presentation of a gold medallion by the principal, Mr Mahoney, to Br Dunstan, in commemoration of his 50 years as a Marist Brother.

Students stood to acclaim the contribution and difference he has made in being here. His devotion and humble dedication to the College and its role model bear witness to a life founded on the values we strive for everyday.

-- Stephen O'Connor

The Baradene connection

The relationship between Sacred Heart College and Baradene College has been growing steadily in recent years and it has become traditional to compete in a series of events. On Friday 5 August, the College prefects squared off against the Baradene College Executive in what some netball commentators called a "clash of titans". The game proved to be an extremely gritty encounter, with Sacred suffering several "accidental" casualties in the first two quarters. Let it be known that our players bled for the cause. The home advantage and massive crowd support seemed to ruffle our shooters at the start of the game, however Josh Bennett and Jamie Chipman soon found some excellent form and ploughed through their corresponding defenders. It was a close fought battle with equal scoring in the first and second quarter but in the third quarter SHC pulled ahead slightly, ultimately coming out on top with a score of 17-13.

-- Marcel Correa

Friendship and fundraising

From mid winter feast . . .

The Friends of Sacred Heart College's mid-winter dinner in June brought together a large group of members who enjoyed a marvellous dinner, good wine and lively conversation with much laughter and reminiscing. The Friends committee has been busy not only with the dinner but in hosting and assisting at two other College events.

A Meet and Mingle evening for the parents of Year 7 students held last year was so successful it was decided to make this an annual event. Late in July Year 7 parents came together for a similar evening.

The atmosphere was friendly and relaxed as class parents, many new to the College, met each other and swapped notes about their sons.

The evening was hosted jointly by The Friends of Sacred Heart College and the

Sacred Heart College Development Foundation.

Good food and wine contributed to the evening as did the excitement and debate around a quick quiz which tested parent knowledge of the College and its history. The enthusiasm for the evening was such that a number of parents put their names forward to organise another gathering for Year 7 parents.

The same lively atmosphere was repeated a week later when Year 8 parents met up again for a Meet and Mingle evening. Organised by a group of Year 8 parents, led by Brigitte Oberndorfer and with assistance from The Friends, there was plenty of talk among those who had already met and those new to the event. The Year 8 parents committee is planning to gather parents together again to take part in the next PTA event.

Seat naming rights - just a few left!

The Development Foundation is encouraging families to purchase naming rights to an Auditorium seat. This is a unique way to mark your involvement with the College, and will appeal to anyone:

- Who would like to be remembered around the College for a long time.
- Who would like an opportunity to create an indelible memory of your family or boys' time at Sacred Heart College.
- Who would like a unique way to support the College development programme.

There are less than 25 seats remaining. The all up cost of the seat is \$900, and payments can be spread over three years.

Contact the Development Foundation office on 0-9-529 3743 or email lluxton@sacredheart.school.nz to seize this unique opportunity.

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From the PTA

The College community may be interested to know "where the money goes", in respect of PTA fundraising.

Projects that have been supported this year include: tuckshop refurbishment (\$15,276); Year 7 & 8 outdoor education (\$3000); Computers (\$20,000 +); Takuilau College - Tonga trip (\$870); SHC trip to Japan (\$250); SHC Hostel (\$1000); First Aid strapping for winter sports teams (\$525); Chapel donation (\$750); upgrade school server (\$5500); Panasonic 29in TV for Year 7 & 8 (\$622); digital camera for Arts Department (\$918); PA System for Music Department (\$3000).

These are just some of the items funded; to the end of August the PTA had invested \$56,866 on school equipment and projects.

The PTA's next fundraising event is the Irish Night - Christmas Party Theme, taking place at the College on Saturday 29 October. For tickets, contact Kelvin Mephan, ph 355 9543 (day) and 575 4104 (evening).

Christmas already!

Once a year The Friends of Sacred Heart College organises a Christmas Fair under St Michael's Church in Remuera. The proceeds from The Friends stall, the raffle and the café all benefit the College by way of major gifts - such as the two grand pianos' and the flagpole. The Fair abounds with wonderful hand-crafted products and many people who are looking for something different do most of their Christmas shopping there. Note the dates in your diary now - **Thursday -Saturday, 17-19 November**. Come and support the College through The Friends.

Recovering

Development Foundation office manager Lyn Luxton is at home recovering after surgery on a badly broken ankle.

Unfortunately, a road accident has sidelined Lyn for three months, up until November. In the meantime, any enquiries to the Foundation will be actioned by the principal's secretary, Mrs Liz Cable. The accident also resulted in the cancellation of a dinner the Development Foundation had planned for August. A new event is in the pipeline.

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Ongoing partnership

Fuji Xerox recognises the importance of developing a long-term, responsible relationship with Sacred Heart College. As a commitment to the College, Fuji Xerox will replace existing equipment to provide a total integrated solution using leading technology. This will allow Sacred Heart College to move forward on a single operating platform.

Fuji Xerox foresees supporting initiatives with the school, and on an ongoing basis demonstrating our commitment to move our association from a supplier to a true partner with Sacred Heart College. Fuji Xerox can provide support to the School in several ways including:

- Provision of equipment for short-term events or requirements.
- Work with Sacred Heart College in areas where our expertise in document production can further drive down costs and improve quality.
- Arrange for speakers such as Billy Graham to visit the school and talk to the students.
- Provide speakers for other school events such as Irene van Dyk and Norm Hewitt.

Fuji Xerox will provide a proactive approach to supporting Sacred Heart College on an ongoing basis and will look to drive initiatives in co-operation with the school. Such initiatives may include fundraising campaigns and school cultural and sporting events.

In all cases Fuji Xerox undertakes to identify opportunities in conjunction with Sacred Heart College where we can add value and become a close strategic partner of the school.



Br Gerard outside the Year 9 dormitory where he has welcomed 19 generations of boarders.

After nearly two decades at Sacred Heart and 26 years working with boarders, Br Gerard Mahony is moving on. "It's time to do something different," he says. Though the Dean of Year 9-11 Boarding is not sure where he's going at this stage, the "something different" will still involve schools, hopefully in Wellington where he can be near to his mother, and his favourite provincial rugby team.

What has kept him in boarding for so many years? "It's enjoyable working with children 24 hours a day; it's tiring but the rewards come in that you become part of boarders' families, and when the boys return as men, and stop by to say hello that gives you a real lift."

For the Year 9 boarders, Brother Gerard is like a security blanket when they first arrive, generally knowing no one and coming from different parts of the North Island. His challenge is to meld 32 individuals into a group, and into routines, which is novel for many. In that sense he has found boys have stayed the same over two decades.

But in other ways, they are dramatically changed, particularly by technology. Computers and television have replaced running around outside as the favoured pastime (though he says this year's Year 11 group of boarders bucks the trend, earning the nickname "energiser" because they are invariably outside playing). "Also, I think there is a different attitude now. Kids are less able to accept when they are wrong. Once, they would break some rule and would say, 'fair cop, let's get on with the detention'. These days, there often seems to be an excuse, and I think as a society we have become timid about how we deal with kids."

He believes boys need a challenge, and the harder it is the better. "At rugby practice they may moan, but the harder it is the more they like it. It's the sessions that aren't hard that they don't like."

But he does think the modern boy is "softer" compared with two decades ago, and so he's not as tough a taskmaster as he once was. "Every year I seem to get softer, and the older kids tell me so."

Boarding brings a special spirit to schools that offer it. Having students and staff living on site creates a place that is alive 24 hours a day, seven days a week. "It becomes more than a school," says Gerard. "It's a home, and that makes a big difference to the school spirit."

There are other factors that set Sacred Heart College apart as a boarding school. Gerard believes the broad range of cultures in the school provides valuable learning for living and working in a nation of many different cultures. And the Catholic Marist character gives boys an identity for their futures. "I like to think, once an SHC boy, always an SHC boy."

"Hamish McCarroll, our head boy in 2000, summed it up perfectly once when he said 'we have an insane pride in our school'. We really are the envy of other schools."

In his years at Sacred Heart, Br Gerard's contribution has not been limited to managing boarding. He has taught Mathematics and Religious Education, coached the 1st XV of 1996 that made it into the top 4, and coached the 1st XI cricket side for seven years, getting it back into the A grade (with the help of Old Boy Bob Burnes). His 6A rugby side last year won its grade, and this year he came back to 1st XV rugby, as co-coach with his brother, and school counsellor, John Mahony. "We had a team that could easily have made the top 4 this year, but it didn't take its chances when they were presented and the boys know that."

All the boys also know that Br Gerard has always had their interests at heart, 24/7. He will be missed.

New dean of boarding

With the departure at the end of 2005 of Brother Gerard as Dean of Boarding, and the unavailability of a Brother to fill the role, finding a suitable replacement has been seen as crucial to the future of the Hostel. The College principal, Mr Philip Mahoney, is pleased to announce that Mr Michael O'Donnell, currently Director of Special Character at the College, has been appointed to the position, beginning in 2006.

Michael has been on the College staff since 1987 and has taught mainly Religious Education. He had been in charge of pastoral care of students before taking over the Special Character role in 1998.

He brings a strong commitment and understanding of the Marist charism to this role. His students know that he has high expectations and will challenge them when they fail to meet them. Brothers John and Terry, who are continuing in their roles in the Hostel in Leonard House and the Infirmary, welcome the appointment and are looking forward to working with Michael in his new role.

Michael will continue as the Director of Special Character in the College but will relinquish his position as Head of the Religious Education Department.

Farewell to Br Gerard - all welcome

Br Gerard is known to a wide circle of families. To give such a wide group a chance to thank and farewell him, a Mass followed by a light luncheon will be held on Sunday 13 November from 10.30am in the College Chapel.

A collection will be taken up during the Mass and presented to Br Gerard in recognition of his outstanding service over the years.

Flashback to 55



'Foundation' staff at the Glen Innes site: Br Albert, 81, Br Conrad, 88 and Br Cyril, 88, now retired and still living at the College.

Reminiscence on 50 years ago, when Sacred Heart College opened on the Glen Innes site.

Brother Maurice began his six-year term as Principal at the new College in 1955. Like Brother Basil in 1903, he was 'the man for the job' - he was not afraid to make decisions - even though some may have been the wrong ones - and he would undertake menial domestic tasks at the College. Furthermore, he developed a lifelong love of SHC and all that it stood for.

Eleven Brothers transferred from Richmond Rd to Glen Innes in 1955 and three of these are still there today - Brothers Albert, Conrad and Cyril.

"Basically the brothers did everything, including cleaning and grounds," recalls Br Albert. "We would teach during the day and in the evening there was work to do around boarding. Because I was the youngest on staff, I had the job of looking after the boys, particularly the younger ones."

Br Albert says one of the major differences with the school today is the quality of the playing fields. In 1955, they were mostly covered in scoria. "But they were good days, the boys definitely had a pioneering spirit."

When he wasn't teaching, Br Conrad had a

role in the kitchen. "We had our stresses, with things like sparrows getting inside and when the milk or bread was not delivered, we would have to cycle down to Pt England to a store to get it."

Bathing facilities in the early days were also less than desirable. "I had to wash with a bucket, much to the amazement of motorists going past on Crossfield Road."

Br Conrad moved to Wellington after a year at Glen Innes and returned in 1982. "I worked on the gardens and cleaning up around the school. My fondest memory is when I got the garden under control!"

Br Cyril is legendary for his building skills. For the 2003 centenary he built all the tables for displays. Back in 1955 he built desks, beds and tables, and carted truckloads of loose bricks across town from New Lynn. He remembers the time with fondness. "We built the school up around the kids, and they were wonderful. No one seemed to worry about the way it was." [Except, perhaps, Br Leonard, whose lovingly planted Norfolks would get stolen at Christmas]

Official Opening, Sunday 5 June 1955

At 2.30pm on a fine Sunday afternoon about 3000 people attended the official opening ceremony. Many had to stand, while the pupils assembled by the main entrance where the cadet unit formed a guard of honour.

Official addresses were made by Brother Maurice, the Governor General, Archbishop McKeefry, Archbishop Liston, Hon R M Algie - Minister of Education, Hon Walter Nash - Leader of the Opposition, Mr J H Luxford - Mayor of Auckland and Mr GNT Greenbank - Headmaster of Kings' College and President of the Auckland Secondary Schools' Headmasters Association.

The Governor General described the new college as "the most ambitious undertaking in the history of Catholic education in New Zealand.

"Be proud of your school. I am a firm believer in tradition and SHC has already established a great tradition."

Connections with St Paul's

The celebration for SHC of 50 years on site at Glen Innes has a natural correlation with the celebration of 50 years in the life of St Paul's College, which occupies the former SHC site in Richmond Road.

Br Marcel Hall, immediate past president of the SHC Old Boys Association, has strong connections with both schools and has been integral in arranging the St Paul's jubilee celebrations, held over the weekend of 9-11 September. Events included a jubilee dinner, and a Mass celebrated by Bishop Pat Dunn.

Students of the two schools have also been involved. The annual 1st XV match is now played for the St Paul's Golden Jubilee Rugby Trophy, introduced by the St Paul's Jubilee Committee this year. This adds to a cultural event, where students compete for the St Paul's Founder's Day House Competition trophy, which has been a tradition for more than 20 years.

From the President

The death of SHCOBA President, Peter Hancock, on 17 May 2005, just eight months after taking over, meant that I have had to assume office sooner than I expected. But with your support I am sure I can cope.

Many thanks to all those Old Boys who responded to our request for annual subs and bought dinner tickets after receiving the May Confortare. We need to sell more dinner tickets if we hope to break even.

The Old Boys Dinner is on Friday 23 September at SHC from 6.30pm. We have set aside special anniversary tables for the leavers of years 1945, 1955, 1965, 1975, 1985, 1995, Croatian descendants and the 1965 champion rugby team.

-- Kerry Morley

PETER ALAN HANCOCK 1949-2005

Peter had a long struggle with cancer but felt well enough to take on the presidency in August 2004. The last Old Boys function he attended was the Annual Old Boys Memorial and Anzac Mass on 24 April at the College Chapel. Those present at that Mass were greatly impressed by Peter's presence and participation even though he was in obvious pain. Twenty six days later on 20 May, he was buried from the College Chapel where he was given a great send-off including a haka from the 1st XV. He died at his home in Waiuku on 17 May aged 55. He is survived by his wife, Pam, his two sons, James and Blair, both of whom attended SHC and his daughter, Kate. A brother, Ken, also attended SHC.

Peter grew up in South Auckland-Onehero and Waiuku where his parents farmed and was a boarder at SHC from 1963-66. He later worked in exporting farm produce. Both he and his wife Pam were very supportive of the College. Pam was masseur for the 1st XV for several years.

His grandparents had a long association with the Marist Fathers when they had the hotel near the Highden Novitiate.



News of Old Boys

If you have any news on the deeds of Old Boys which are of interest to others then please advise us. **Kerry MORLEY (58-63)** is our new president. He lives in Ponsonby and runs his own construction business. He has two sons at SHC.

Queen's Birthday Honours 2005

Judge Anand SATYANAND was one of five New Zealanders made Distinguished Companions of the NZ Order of Merit (DCNZM). This award replaces Knights and Dame Companions. Thus Anand joins distinguished Old Boys; **Sir James HENARE**, **Sir Barry O'REGAN**, **Ratu Sir Kanusesse MARA**, **Sir Ian BARKER** and **Professor Vincent O'SULLIVAN**, all Old Boy recipients of this supreme honour.

Anand (57-62) was a prefect and won the Hackett Cup for Senior Declamation, was runner up in the Walter Kirby Senior Singing Contest and was a lead singer in the Gilbert and Sullivan Operas. He proposed the toast to the College at the Centenary Dinner.

He has had a distinguished career in law: a district court judge since 1982, serving in Palmerston North and Auckland; member of the Criminal Law Reform Committee from 1977-84; the District Law Rules Committee 1980-82; deputy chairman of the Parole Board 1992-94; chief ombudsman 1995-04. He retired as ombudsman last year and has been succeeded by SHC Old Boy, **John BELGRAVE (55)**.

His family came from Fiji and his father who was for a while the College doctor.

Sir Ian BARKER (51) is chairman of the board of trustees of the Good Shepherd College in Ponsonby, the national theological college which teaches the B Theol degree for the Sydney College of Divinity.

John O'BRIEN (84) is a recent graduate. John is helping out at St Joseph's, Takapuna - by the grace of God he could be our next Old Boy priest in 2006. It is four years since our last Old Boy was ordained a priest.

Steve NELSON (67), formerly with NZ Cooperative Dairy Company Bay of Plenty, is now with Bonlac Foods Ltd in Melbourne.

Maurice MCGREAL (36) P/O RNZAF WW11, aviation historian, has completed another book, *History of Civil Aviation in Fiji*. Maurice flew on the Pacific Coral route in the 1950s before becoming assistant director of Civil Aviation in New Zealand. *A Noble Breed*, about his war-time experiences, and *History of Civil Aviation in New Zealand*, are former publications written by him. Maurice has donated copies of all his books to the SHC Library.

Rowan CANN (99) is still dancing with the Royal New Zealand Ballet.

Vincent O'SULLIVAN (56), on 22 July, won the Montana Poetry Award for his latest collection, *Nice One Adam*. One poem, 1945, was about the end of the second world war, when he was a pupil at St Joseph's Convent, Grey Lynn. A former English professor at Victoria University, Vince now lives in Carterton.

Greg O'BRIEN (75) won the best children's book for his book, *Welcome to the South Seas*.

Greg BURKE (73), originally from St Heliers, was the subject of a three-page feature article in a recent *NZ Listener* (June). He is described as New Zealand's most important art curator. Having studied at the Elam School of Fine Arts from 1979-82, he extended his experience to being a curator and in 1998 was appointed curator of the Govett-Brewster gallery in New Plymouth, which he has developed into one of New Zealand's most prestigious art galleries. He is the commissioner for the NZ pavilion at the Venice Biennale Art Festival this year, one of the biggest exhibitions on the international arts calendar.

Gavin ABRAHAM (94) is now assistant editor of the *NZ Catholic*; the Church's national fortnightly newspaper. Gavin studied journalism while on a sports scholarship at a USA University. Returning to New Zealand, he worked for the *Eastern Courier* and the *Rodney Times* before returning to the USA from 2002-2004 where he worked as a journalist, sports reporter and newspaper editor.

Tom COTTER (52) is secretary of the NZ Fire Brigade Old Boys' Association. He recently was in the news for discovering the grave of the first New Zealand fireman to die while on duty (William Goodwin who died in 1878 while racing to a fire and was buried in Auckland's Symonds St Cemetery).

Lieutenant Commander Andrew LINCOLN (84) on 23 May was one of the officers in charge of 122 NZ Defence Force Staff who flew to Niue to help with recovery efforts after the devastation of last year's Cyclone Heta.

From the sports arena

Kurtis HAIU (02) was in the 1st XV at SHC for four years from 1999-2002. He is a tall, strong lock forward and an excellent lineout jumper.

His family originated from Wallis Is in French Polynesia. Wallis and its neighbour, Futuna Island, were visited by Bishop Pompallier and it was at Futuna that Saint Peter Chanel, who was left on Futuna by Pompallier, was martyred. These islands have had a strong tradition of loyalty to the Catholic Church ever since.

In his last year, Kurtis was captain of the SHC 1st XV. He had been an Auckland U15 rep in 1999 and each year since played representative rugby in his respective age group. In 2002 he represented Auckland secondary schools A team, Northern Region A team, and selected player of the year. He also represented New Zealand in the U19 team that played in Paris.

In his first year out of school he joined the Marist Rugby Club and has played for its U21 side, and its senior team for the past three years. He was in the

Auckland NPC team in 2004 until he suffered a serious leg injury while on tour with the New Zealand U21 side, which won the world title in Scotland last year. 2005 could be his first full season with the Auckland NPC side having played in all the early games so far.

(He could do with a hair cut - in a recent game the referee identified him quite easily for a serious misdemeanour because of his unmistakable lengthy mop top!)

Quentin QUIN (89), executive officer for Western Bay Finance, has signed up with Counties Manukau Rugby Union as its chief sponsor for 2005.

Jeffrey MAKI (01) is No8 for Counties Manukau after a good season with Patumahoe.

Tom O'HANLON (48) recently made a life member of Eden Rugby Club after 50 years service. Tom started his junior career with Marist and was in the 1952 Auckland 3rd Grade team, captained by future All Black, John Graham. Unable to make Marist Seniors, he played senior rugby for Eden from

1954-60. He later served as Eden's representative to the Auckland Rugby Union for 17 years and was president for three terms. In 1977 he was Auckland's liaison officer with the touring Lions. Tom is a Member of the Knights of the Southern Cross and is involved in much charitable work for the church.

James SOMERSET (02) was most impressive on the wing for Auckland NPC squad on the recent tour to Australia and could still be called upon to play for Auckland before the end of the season.

Kevin BARRY (53) is chairman of the Auckland Rugby Union, and **Denis MULLINS (58)** is chairman of the Auckland Rugby Union Delegates Committee.

Kevin O'NEILL (01), who plays for Canterbury, was selected for the Junior All Blacks and toured Australia last June.

Old Boys who played for Auckland Marist Rugby Seniors are **Kurtis HAIU**, **Steve SHAPLAND**, **John MILLS**, **Matthew SHEEHAN** and **Michael THOMPSON**.

Deaths of Old Boys

Over the last few months we have learnt of the deaths of the following old boys.

Kevin Francis ALLEMAN (57) d 2004 in Australia. Originally from Point Chevalier. Brother of Ross (Te Kuiti), brother-in-law of **Peter HEALY (47)**.

Tom ATKINS (42) d 1 May 2005 at his home in Taradale. He had been a stock buyer at Te Kauwhata before shifting to Hawkes Bay. His Requiem Mass was at Taradale. **Ray (Chook) FOWLER (45)** and **John PECKSTON** - local Old Boy contemporaries of Tom were present.

Norman POYNER (Sandy) BEACH (48) d 1 August at St Joseph's Hospice, Auckland aged 74. College prefect, 1st XI, captain 3A rugby. A most popular and caring gentleman, principal to the League of Gentlemen (retired male teachers social club). Poyner was a teacher, headmaster and school inspector. Two of his sons attended SHC - **Paul** who is an educational officer in Qatar, and **Mark** who teaches at Massey High School. Buried after a Requiem Mass at St Paul's, Waimumu Rd, Massey celebrated by his College contemporary, **Fr Terry DIBBLE**. Brother of Bill and the late **James BEACH**.

Peter McMath COLLIER (52) d 5/8/05 suddenly at Rotorua. At SHC he was a keen sportsman and represented the College at athletics and was a handball champion. He loved the outdoors and carried his enthusiasm for living throughout his life. Brother of **James** and the late **Brian**. Buried after a Requiem Mass at St Michael's, Rotorua.

Eoin (Owen) Cyril COONEY (31) d 3 May at Tauranga Hospital aged 89. RNZN WWII HMNZS Achilles. There is a photo of Eoin in naval uniform on p111 of the Centenary History. The last surviving brother of the first generation of Cooneys who attended SHC. Brother of the late **James (31)**, **Gavin (38)** and **Desmond (44)**. Father of **Brendan (69)**. Eoin had been on the family farm throughout his life. Buried after a Requiem Mass at Omokoroa

Esmonde Bennett (Es) COUPE (34) d 11 August, Calvary Hospital, Invercargill aged 87. Esmonde was transferred to Invercargill after joining the Public Service in Auckland in the 1930s. Brother of the late **Charles**, along with **Darcy O'BRIEN**, the late **John MOLLOY** and several others, were in 1932 the foundation pupils in Br Manual's first commercial class at SHC. This was in the middle of the Depression and by studying subjects for the accountancy profession they were able to find employment through their commercial skills.

Darcy became commissioner of Crown Lands, John a senior man at the Auckland Public Trust Office and Esmonde an executive in the Public Service.

Timothy Edward (Tade) DONOVAN (38) d 30 June at Ascot Retirement Home aged 85. Brother of the late Maurice and cousin of **Fr Terry DIBBLE** and **Rosemary MACDONALD** (nee SNEDDEN). Tade never married, studied with the Franciscans before working in advertising and with the *NZ Herald*. A champion 440yd runner while at College and always had an interest in athletics.

Terence DUFFY (42) d 30 July in Auckland aged 80. Captain, Auckland Reg. 2nd NZEF J Force 1946, a teacher in Japan and Canada, and ex member, Auckland Officers' Club. After returning to New Zealand, he taught at several schools, ending his career as a relieving teacher at SHC. Buried at Purewa-Auckland.

Paul FIRKIN (49) d 4 August at North Shore Hospital aged 71. 1949 1st XV. His mother worked as SHC matron for a while. Paul served in the RNZAF for a term and later worked as a mortgage office for several companies. Buried after a service at Red Beach.

Newton HEAD (61) d 5 June in Sydney. Prefect and 1st XV. Newton had worked in the motor trade in New Zealand and Sydney specialising in upmarket quality car marketing

Walter John HEERDEGEN (43) d 25 July at his home in Northcote. John was a regular

attendee at Old Boy reunions. He was a jeweller by trade. A long-serving Auckland and North Harbour rugby referee, there was a large attendance of prominent Auckland referees at his Requiem Mass. He was also a member of the Serra Club, a group of Catholic laymen who attend Mass each month to pray for vocations.

Brian Vincent MCNAMARA (48) d 8 May suddenly at his home in Parnell aged 76. Came to SHC from St Peters, was a member of champion 1948 1st XV and 1948 champion rowing eight (the only SHC eight to win the Maadi Cup). Brian played senior rugby for Auckland Teachers but rugby league became his main interest. The grandfather of Ethan Cooper (SHC Year 8) he was buried after a packed Requiem Mass at St John's Parnell attended by many Old Boys.

Brian was the fourth member of the 1948 1st XV to die during the past two months. The others were **Quinto ALLEN**, **Tony YATES** and **Gordon DEVCICH**.

Leo Michael MCNAMARA (41) d 23 May at Whangarei Hospital aged 80. RNZAF WWII, father of **Peter (72)**, cox for champion 1939 rowing eight, older brother of **Brian Vincent**, who predeceased him by 15 days. Leo was a teacher at Bay of Islands College for more than 30 years. Buried at Paihia.

Raymond Bernard MILES (41) d 30 May at Gracedale Hospital, Auckland. Corporal NZ Division Signals WWII. Ray was a well known musician.

William (Bill) T MURPHY (39) d 22 November 2004, NZA WWII. He worked in Edgecumbe and Whakatane as an interior decorator throughout his working life.

Desmond Lawrence PETRY (38) d 4 August at Taupo. A keen boatman.

Vernon Alfred TAIT (45) d 11 August suddenly Auckland Hospital, brother of **Cliff**.

John J MURPHY (76), son of **Pat (39)**, who died in a tragic accident in Perth on 11 November 2002, has had a pohutukawa planted in his memory at the College.

Events

Old Boys

Reunion dates

London

Held on 9 July at the Prince Alfred, Maida Vale, London, Present were Nick Guise (90) John Rodger (90), Jeremy Fenwick (86), Jenny Crang (88), Shane Linehan (95), James Kennedy (96), Andrew Grace (95), James Kennedy (96), Matt Goodin (96), Raphael (Billy) Hillbron (88), Cameron Holden (84).

Dargaville

Held on 13 May. Present were Nick Matich (66), Dr J Matich (43), M Farnsworth, P Dysar (51), Peter Cyprian (51), Neil Mulhern, Clif Francis (44), Bill Vodanovich (46), John Juretich (71) Kevin Nash (67), Kevin McCarthy (47), Kerry Sloane (69), Br Marcel.

Napier

Held on 18 August. Present were Frank Crotty, Phil Jordan (36), Tony Peckston (49), Peter Scott (36), Peter Dennehy (48), Stan Finchan (50), Peter Mooney (71), Ray Fowler (45), Dave Pryor (58), Dick Jordan (54), Bill Ward (54), Brian Clark (44), Peter Coleman (52), Richard Heasley (53), Dr Tony Foley (41), Brothers Marcel, Rupert, Camillus and Fidelis.

Papakura

Held at Marist-Ardmore RFC clubrooms, 19 August. Present were: Maurice Farrell, Philip Franklin, Steven Culpán, Chris Lynch, Kevin Payne, Stephen Payne, Martin Devoy (Friend) Bill Morrison (Friend), Hugh Chapman (Friend), Luke Kell (Friend) Philip Kelly, Scott Cossey, Grant Cossey (Friend), Steve Temm, Steve Burrows (Friend), Br Marcel, Br Terrence Costello, Paul Franks, Robert GLen, Chris Park, Brian Park, Malcolm Urquhart, Rob Archibald, Christian Knudson, Kent Smith, Kevin O'Sullivan, Des Clarke, Terry O'Brien, Bill McEntee, Derek Stretton.

Taranaki

Held on 6 August. Present were chairman Ray Edwards (50), Bernard Whittingham (50), Terry Leahy (60), John Crow (50), Sean Crowley (84), Jack Goodin (47), Dick Roberts (59), Barry Landrigan (56), John King (50), Malcolm Cotter (51), Brendan Kavanagh (47), Luke Goodin (47). Brothers Richard and Marcel represented the College.

Further branch reunions planned in 2005 include Wellington, Kaitaia, Edgecumbe, Whangarei, Tauranga, Pukekohe, Rotorua.

First regional reunion

The first Old Boys reunion outside of Auckland was in Wanganui in January 1928. In the 1927 Magazine, Old Boy Dave CASEY of Taihape advertised for Old Boys in the North Island to come to a reunion to be held in Wanganui. The agenda listed the promotion of the Old Boys badge and to agree on a special blazer to be worn by Old Boys. The 1928 magazine mentions that this reunion was held but there was no record of any discussion re the badge or blazer nor of the formation of any branch. Dave presented the Casey Cup for athletics - a winner of this cup was his nephew Laurie O'KEEFE in 1948.

The first Old Boys' branch with its own president and committee was the Wellington branch formed in 1929 by Old Boy Father EVANS. They held annual reunions during the 1930s. In 1931, Dr Paul FOGARTY (aged 99), our oldest living Old Boy, was on the committee and entertained the Wellington Old Boys at their annual dinner with a song recital.

A Hamilton Old Boy branch reunion was first held in 1945. Bay of Plenty, Pukekohe and Taranaki branches were all formed in 1946 but only Taranaki has had a reunion every year since 1946, this year being the 60th. The late Jack GOODLIN (31), who was at the centenary celebrations in 2003, was a member of the original Taranaki committee and the third generation of Goodlins now attend these Taranaki reunions.

Old Boy Priests

Fr Bernard KIELY is stationed at St Benedict's while St Patricks is closed for restoration.

Fr Bernard DENNEHY is temporarily at Waiheke Island.

News Of Brothers

Former Brother Mark Field who taught at SHC from 1993-7 and was director of Religious Studies at Aquinas College, Tauranga has entered Holy Cross College Ponsonby to prepare for ordination to the priesthood. Mark says: "Please remember me in your prayers." He is an old boy of St John's, Hamilton.

Father Francis EGGLETON, who taught at SHC from 1970-76 as Brother Francis before he became a priest, is now parish priest at Hamilton Cathedral.

Death of Brother

Brother Canute OLSEN died at Kaitaia on 26 April aged 76. He did not teach at SHC but with Brother Theophane founded the Lomeri Novitiate in Fiji in 1971. From 1981-1997 he was at Tuakau where he was popular, befriending all with whom he came in contact. He was buried from the College Chapel on 28 April.

Unveiling of memorial to Bishop Pompallier

In April a plaque in memory of Bishop Pompallier was unveiled near the corner of Pompallier Terrace and Redmond Street in Ponsonby on what was part of the old Ponsonby Rugby ground. The plaque was donated by the Auckland French Club.

Father Henare Tait did the blessing, attended by boys from Hato Petera. Apart from the Pompallier Catholic Centre this is the only memorial in Auckland to New Zealand's first Catholic Bishop.

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