A Prayer for the Intentions of Padua
(The College, its students, past pupils, parents, and teachers)

Lord, fill our hearts with your grace, that we may understand and support young people, as we would like them to understand and support us.

St Anthony of Padua, patron of our School – Pray for us
St Clare of Assisi, model for praising God – Pray for us
St Francis of Assisi, model of Gospel living – Pray for us
Blessed Mary MacKillop, compassionate educator of the poor and disadvantaged – Pray for us
Our Lady Help of Christians, patroness of Australia – Pray for us

Holy God, source of all goodness we place before you the needs of Padua College. May it continue nourishing the spiritual, physical and educational needs of the boys it serves.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Last Print Delivery of the Newsletter
Time to get your email address into the Old Boys’ database.
See details on p2.
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There are currently over 2300 names on the database. Of those about 670 have email addresses. The cost, both financially and in the time preparing for mail outs, is starting to become slightly overwhelming. To reduce this all future Newsletters will be emailed.

Make sure you register your email address with Robyn Alexander who maintains the database. Robyn’s email address is ralexander@padua.qld.edu.au

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**Chairman’s Word**

Well we’re already half way through 2008 and the end of the year doesn’t seem that far away. This year has been another successful year so far in terms of Old Boys events with the most successful Sportsman’s Dinner being recently held with Kerry O’Keefe attracting record numbers. The event was held at the College’s new sports hall which was a fantastic venue for the dinner and by all accounts will be one of the best remembered events for a long while.

A reminder to keep your details up to date so we can continue to stay in touch regarding upcoming Old Boys events. If your details have changed or you would like to join the Old Boys email database, please send an email with your contact details to info@paduaoldboys.asn.au or call Robyn at the College on (07) 3857 9999.

Thanks to those Old Boys who have continued to support the events throughout the year. Remember to keep checking the Old Boys website for up to date information on events and reunions. I have had several enquiries about reunions again this year which is great to see.

I wish everyone a successful second half of the year and look forward to seeing some of you at the upcoming events such as the Padua College Race Day in November.

Clayton Hill

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**Opening of La Cordelle**

On Friday, 6 June, La Cordelle was officially opened. The realisation of a dream that was many decades in the making had come true. Speeches were made by Bob Out (College Rector and Old Boy of 1974), Fr Paul Smith ofm (Provincial Minister and Old Boy of 1972) and Greg Maclean (Chairman of the Padua Board and Old Boy of 1973). Fr Paul also blessed the new building. All spoke of how long in the making the facility had been and the importance of a facility for the present and future students.

Many people were there to witness this historical event, including many friars, old boys, parents and staff members. Refreshments after the opening allowed many conversations and catch ups to occur. A great night was had by all who were there to witness the event.

The new centre (designed by architect Peter McCabe – Board Member and Old Boy of 1973) includes a six lane swimming pool, gym, indoor basketball/netball courts as well as outdoor ones and three classrooms. The indoor area also enables the entire College community of students and teachers can also fit inside for assemblies and liturgies.

(Photos of La Cordelle and the opening are on pp6-7)

**The History of the Name La Cordelle**

The name “La Cordelle” comes from a Franciscan church in Vézelay, France, called the Holy Cross Chapel of “La Cordelle”. This church, built in 1150, was given to two Franciscan friars, Br Pacifique and Br Louis, in 1217 by the Benedictine monks as a place to stay and from which they could beg for their livelihood. The words “La Cordelle” are a reference to the cord which the friars wore as a belt.

The name of the sport/assembly complex at Padua, La Cordelle, invokes the Franciscan image of the cord as a symbol of belonging to the Franciscan family. It is also, by inference, a place of welcome as Vézelay was to the first friars; a place of vibrancy and activity in the Franciscan spirit as Vézelay was a crossroads in medieval times and a place where the Franciscan values of joy, celebration and respect for all are fostered.
The ASIC Eels retain the trophy!  
(Anthony O’Brien Day report)

Last year, the ASIC Eels narrowly won against one challenging team.

This year, I took matters into my own hand and started playing competitive touch footy to make sure we did not rely solely on our previous stars (like we had always done).

Saturday kids sports has made it hard for most of the ASIC Eels to play and this year was no different. This seemed to be a problem for a lot of the teams as we only had one team ready to challenge us.

That was Michael Jones and his composite team comprising a few years around the late 80’s and some young old boys keen for a game. When Damo Fall turned up looking fitter than his playing days in the early 90’s - I got a bit worried.

Again, the Memorial Day was being held at the Banyo playing fields with the Firsts playing at 11.00am. We didn’t get anywhere near as many touch teams as we thought this year with a lot of no shows but Jonesy’s team stood up to be counted.

Again this year, Greg McLean was the referee and it was game on.

I was very nervous about the ASIC Eels retaining the trophy as injuries had robbed us of Halvo’s son and Groz’s knee had ‘gone’. However we had tried and true veterans from past campaigns in Steve Kelly, Damian Salmon, Ray Kelly, Ben Maguire, Ross Searle, Wayne Halverson, Tom Eckersley and myself. Simon Stower seeing that we were short on reserves, took the opportunity to make his welcome debut for the ASIC Eels.

Jonesy’s side got off to a one nil lead from the opening play and it looked like a dire day ahead of the Eels.

Luckily for us, the stifling heat of the midday sun slowed the game down to our pace and we took back control of the game with my two tries. Obviously, the year of running around in a touch comp with mad twenty-somethings was paying off.

The half time tactics were pretty basic and involved catching our breath and recruiting one of Ryan Halverson’s friends as his father, Halvo had done a hammy!

The second half provided a stunning spectacle of football watched by about ten people as most people had left after the Firsts game. Nevertheless, the Eels proved the stronger of the teams, coming away with a 6 to 3 win.

Being modest… I thought I deserved the Man of the Match award but in reality, everyone was a winner on the day as the game was played in great spirit but still competitively. On that note, I must apologise to Woody on Jonesy’s side as I had a brain explosion and wrenched the ball from him thinking it was the sixth tackle when it was only the fifth. It happens...

Of course, the beers and lunch afterwards shared amongst the players and the, by then, 6 spectators, were enjoyed by all.

I must thank the O’Brien Family again for their continued support of the Memorial Day. The boys and I always enjoy catching up for a yarn with Brendan, Kathy and the family.

I must also thank Simon Stower for his organisation of the day and Greg McLean for reffing – it was a great job in very hot conditions although I swear we had a Volvo try of the match disallowed and the final pass was ‘only’ a metre forward. That’s Rugby though.

Thanks also to the ASIC Eels who proved that half the battle is just turning up. Thanks to Jonesy’s team for the game – it was played in great spirit and we hope to see you there next year. I’ve overstepped my literary licence this year (by awarding myself Man of the Match) so all new authors of the day are always welcome.

Hopefully, in 2009, we’ll be at the school and have more interest from the Old Boys and possibly an unbiased Old Boys newsletter contributor.

The Memorial Day is not only about touch footy but getting together for a beer as well as watching the Firsts play. This year, I saw Tony Arnold’s son score a classic centre’s try in the Firsts game against St Peters. It’s that sort of moment that we’ll miss if we don’t have enough support for the day next year.

There’s been some discussion about possibly changing the format of the Memorial Day next year. Please give your thoughts on the matter to Simon or myself in the next six months or so.

Regards,

Len Doo
1982 Senior
ASIC Eels Player/Manager
Former Biased Newsletter Contributor
Old Boys Committee member
On May 9 about 400 old boys and other supporters of the Padua College gathered at the new hall to support the Padua College Foundation, listen to guest speaker and have a look at the newly opened La Cordelle. The night began with a lot of catching up and inspection of the new hall. Once seated the guests were welcomed to the night by the Rector of Padua College, Mr Robert Out. Robert gave a brief history of the building process involved in the new hall and especially thanked all the members of the Padua College Foundation for their ongoing support of the College. The highlight of the night came through the performance of special guest Kerry O’Keefe who provided great entertainment through his dry sense of humour, his cricketing stories and most importantly his famous laugh.

The first Padua College Sportsman’s Dinner to be held in La Cordelle was a great success. We thank all those who attended and look forward to their support at next year’s dinner and at the annual Business Lunch that will be held at the Tatts Club on Friday October 17.
The Plans…

The Buildings…
Cordelle

The Opening…
1958
The first building (opened in 1929)

Buildings across the decades...

1968
STAGES IN THE BUILDING OF THE SENIOR-SCIENCE WING

1988
(The Primary Library and classrooms)

1998
(St Francis Hall – the former Friary – was blessed after its refurbishment.)
From the Rectors...

1958 (Fr Alban Mitchell ofm) “The growth of the mind by study, of the emotions by discipline, of the body by exercise and sport, all these aims must be subservient to the main aim, the growth of the soul in the likeness of God, by religion. As man is made, so ought he grow.

Any other education is but skin deep: it might make good technicians, but it won’t make good men. And it is good men the world needs. It is character that counts.”

“We have tried to develop character. Our activities have been undertaken with this object in view – “the moulding of the character of the boys.” When our ‘Old Boys’ – still very young ones no doubt – pass out, they will have received the foundation in virtue, study and physical well-being which will enable them to benefit to the fullest extent by their future training.”

1968 (Fr Hugolin Bourke ofm) “The Franciscan approach to education is one of optimism and joy. For life to be lived it must be understood; for life to be enjoyed it must be supported by a strong faith, a persevering hope and an active charity. Only thus can a boy be prepared to face the difficulties, the sorrows and the pleasures of life.”

“I believe that every student at Padua is endowed with part of the Franciscan spirit, the same famous spirit that enables the students to witness daily a unique phenomenon, that of a priest weeding the oval, that of a priest refereeing a football game, and that of a priest sorting dirty beer bottles to help finance the school. This is a spirit that closes the gap between the student and pupil and provides a type of friendship between the student and his teachers, thus establishing the unique Paduan education which is something more than a mercenary barter for knowledge that tends to exist in a number of schools today.”

1978 (Fr Benignus Clowes ofm)

“In all our decisions we rely on the kind inspiration of God who in His goodness has lavishly blessed Padua in the first two decades of its history. It is my pleasant duty to thank each and every person, living or dead, who has made a contribution towards establishing Padua as a valued apostolate of the Franciscan Order in Australia. “The wise leaders will shine with all the brightness of the sky. And those who have taught many people to do what is right will shine like the stars forever.” (Dan 12:3)”

1988 (Fr Barry Kirby ofm) “St Francis instructs us that knowledge should not be sought for its own sake. In his seventh Admonition he writes: “St Paul tells us, ‘The letter kills, but the spirit gives life’ (2 Cor 3:6). A man has been killed by the letter when he wants to know quotations only so that people will think he is very learned and he can make money to give to his relatives and friends. A religious has been killed by the letter when he has no desire to follow the spirit of Sacred Scripture, but wants to know what it says so that he can explain it to others. On the other hand, those have received life from the spirit of the Sacred Scripture who, by their words and example, refer to the most high God, to whom belongs all good, all that they know or wish to know, and do not all their knowledge to become a source of self-complacency.” At Padua, may we always accord God due place in our lives.”

1998 (Fr John Boyd-Boland ofm) “In this age of rising income inequalities, increasing health and child care inequalities, many of us are also aware of a sense of lost community. Of course whether anyone of these things is the cause of the other is not clear. But here at Padua College while our Mission Statement boldly proclaims us as “a Gospel community” this continually challenges us to match these words with reality.”

Confraternity of the Cordbearers...

1958 “The Confraternity of the Cord-bearers of St. Francis was formally established by the Franciscan Pope, Sixtus V, in 1585. The aim is to assist those who wish to follow St. Francis, yet who are not old enough (or do not wish) to join the Third Order of Saint Francis.

At present there are 34 members, none as yet formally enrolled. When enrolled, members receive the cord of St. Francis, and recite daily Six Our Fathers, Six Hail Marys and Six Glories.

The wearing of the cord entitles the Cordeliers to a share in the rich indulgences of the Franciscan Order. Prefect: M. Stark.”

1968 The ‘Cordbearers’ has been in existence for 10 years “Its main purpose now is the same as in 1585, namely, to bring the spirit of St Francis to bear upon the everyday lives of the members. Religion is not seen as a narrow subsection of knowledge, but as real life, life in practice, and so at the meetings held every week, there are discussions of everyday problems, Vatican Council Christianity, current affairs. Hikes and camps are held periodically.

The A.C.S. has helped Fr Alban with paper shredding for the missions and is currently helping the St. Vincent de Paul Society in drives for second-hand goods and food for International Relief.

Of particular mention are Leo Conlon, Greg Bath, Chris Eichmann and David Stewart, who have guided the groups throughout the year.”
Where we’ve come from…

Grades VII and VIII

1958

1968

Those who led…

1978

1998

In the Sporting Arena…

1978 – First XIII by Chris Relf

“Where does one begin to write about a team which has achieved greater heights and received more praise than any other team from Padua College? They were victorious in the Central Zone of the State High School competition. They were the champions of the Queensland Catholic Colleges Rugby League carnival held at Ipswich on the long weekend in June. They were finalists in the Australia wide Amco Shield.”

1998 – Ernie the Eagle was introduced to all Paduans as the official College mascot

“Why an eagle? The eagle was selected on its symbolic attributes. An eagle has no natural enemies. It soars above all below. Its majesty and grandeur are unsurpassed. The work that it does is tireless, but it appears effortless. It governs its domain. A proud and noble creature, it is protective of its young. From the heights it flies, the eagle can see well beyond the horizon.

These are the qualities that Padua College as an institution and the students should aspire towards – a proud College which attempts to look to the future to set standards for society, educating students to help those in need; a caring and strong student population who represent their College and themselves in all that is offered; a place where all students should feel safe and after they graduate, look back upon, as a place of learning and a place of enjoyment.”
This year’s musical by Mt Alvernia and Padua was *Oliver*. Performed from 29 May–1 June, it was a great success. With over 130 students involved, it was directed by Amanda Bopf with musical direction by Chris Dodemont. Many other staff from the FCIP, Mt Alvernia and Padua were involved. A number of old boys involved themselves by playing in the orchestra and also assisting backstage.

*Oliver* certainly lived up to the reputation of the musicals, particularly those in the last many years, through the quality of the sound (voices and instrumental), the tight direction and choreography, and the costuming. It was a visual and auditory delight. Congratulations to everyone involved and a special thanks to those old boys who went along to see it.

Look out for the next production in 2010.

Photographs taken and provided by Shannon Luk (Class of ’02)  
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Sharing St Francis’ gifts

STUDENTS from Padua College, Kedron, have made a marathon effort this year to raise money for their partner school in Timor-Leste (East Timor).

By gaining sponsorship to run in the college cross-country event, they collected $27,550, which was handed over to a Franciscan representative on June 12.

Padua’s Franciscan Project co-ordinator Mark Taylor said this was the third consecutive year the college had donated money to St Francis of Assisi High School, Besusu, and the highest amount ever to be raised.

But Mr Taylor said in future, once the political situation in Timor-Leste had settled, Padua hoped to develop more of a cross-cultural relationship with the school.

“Our eventual aim is to try and get over there and co-ordinate a student exchange program,” he said.

Since 2006, more than $70,000 has been donated from Padua to the Besusu school, which Mr Taylor said was in desperate need.

“When the militia left East Timor in 1999 they destroyed most of the country’s infrastructure,” he said.

“The school was just an abandoned shell but, with our first lot of funds, they started rebuilding and now it has students again and they’re back up and running.”

Year 9 Padua student Daniel Hurley was particularly exhausted from the marathon fundraising effort after breaking the record – his own from last year – for one student to collect in sponsorship.

Daniel spent months seeking donations and managed to accumulate $733, which he “felt pretty good about”.

“I just wanted to help rebuild the school for them so they can get a better education,” Daniel said.

“I also want to beat my record again next year.”

The project was run as part of Padua’s Lenten appeal and will be held again in 2009.
ART, FUN, FINE FOOD, A COUPLE OF DRINKS, ENTERTAINING SPEAKER, MEETING OLD & MAKING NEW FRIENDS, SUPERB COFFEE & HOMEBAKING TO DIE FOR! These are all phrases that spring to mind about the great weekend of Artscape held for the first time in “La Cordelle”. The new hall proved to be a fabulous venue, providing optimum facilities for enjoyment for all.

Thanks to…
- Everyone who came along to the Friday Opening Night.
- Steve Haddan, our guest speaker.
- Mr O’Shea and his volunteer Year 11 and 12 boys. Your hard work, politeness and diligence were commented on by many and much appreciated by the committee.
- “Hunter Valley Getaway” ticket buyers (and sellers). The winner was Cathy Boga of Geebung. Congratulations to Cathy. Have a lovely weekend.
- “Harrigans Irish Pub” and “Harvey World Travel”, sponsors of the art union.
- Sponsors of the weekend. (Please keep the catalogue to use as a business directory and support our sponsors.)
- The Rotary Club of Stafford, our long term partner in Artscape.
- The Padua College staff, who are unfailingly helpful and understanding.

“Plein Air”, painting in the open, was a great success on Saturday. How wonderful to see so many artists, young and the not so young, sitting in the grounds sharing their wonderful artistic talents with all. Congratulations to Michelle Bowden for the concept and organization. The winners of the “Plein Air” competition were: Junior - Abraham Tilbury
Senior - Helen Mills

With the College Open Day on Sunday it was wonderful to showcase Artscape in “La Cordelle” to the present and future families of Padua College. They were warmly welcomed into a vibrant school community. In all, a very successful weekend.
**EXPAT OLD BOYS…**

Recent marriages of Paduans overseas include Luke Callighan ('95) and Andrew Beattie ('98) in the UK and Jeremy Festa ('97) in Ireland. Luke works with a recruitment company in London, Andrew plays for Barrow Rugby League in Cumbria, and Jeremy with Oakey's in London.

Luke Jones ('02) and Matt Freney ('02) are using their trade skills with jobs in the U.K.

Paul Knight ('96) is teaching in Somerset.

Adam Hotckiss ('97) is a civil engineer, David Rooks (95) works in IT, Hamish Young ('02) is a chef – all three in London, as is Ben Durston ('92).

Jarrod Franklin ('97) is involved in post-doctoral medical research at Birmingham University.

Jamie Young ('02) plays 1st Division Football for Reading club.

Jonathan Thaw ('95) is a travelling author with most of his time in Europe.

On the sporting front, Dane Carlaw ('97) is with a Rugby League team in the south of France.

Matt Coco ('02) has returned from the US after the completion of a baseball scholarship.

Ken Dobson ('05) works at a ski resort in Japan.

**LOCALLY…**

Michael Guida ('03) (pictured) is an accountant and the president of an Italian Catholic youth group on Brisbane's northside.

On a recent visit to Sydney I was fortunate to visit the Friary at Waverley to catch up with Fr Hugolin Bourke ofm. When I arrived he was having lunch with Fr Benignus Clowes ofm and Fr Barry Kirby ofm. Three ‘Old Boy’ Rectors for one visit! A genuinely pleasant surprise! It was great catching up with all of them, albeit briefly with Fr Barry and Fr Benignus, and a number of hours with Fr Hugolin. (I was also lucky to have a really good catch up with Fr Paul Ghanem ofm whilst in Sydney.) All of them were in fine form!

- *Editor*

**College Dates for your Diary**

- August 11: *St Clare’s Feast Day*
- October 4: *St Francis’ Feast Day*
- October 24: *FCIP Senior Showcase Concert*

**Significant Anniversaries**

- 25 July (1993) – Fr Leo Grigg’s anniversary
- 4 August (1999) – Fr Odoric’s anniversary
- 3 September (1993) – Fr Isidore Beirne’s anniversary
Reunions

40 Years

Seniors of 1968 & Sub-Seniors of 1967
When: November
Where: It will most likely be at a function room at Everton Park Tavern.
Organiser: Michael McMahon (Ski) will be putting it together and the girls from Mt Alvernia will hopefully be joining us like the 1993 reunion.
Contact Ski on michaelshane.mcmahon@bigpond.com.au or (07) 32663939.

30 Years

Date: Saturday 6th September
Time: 7pm
Venue: Irish Murphys cnr Elizabeth & George Streets
Contact: peter.rimmington@horwath.com.au

20 Years

When: Sat October 11 @ 3pm
Where: Padua College
Details: Drinks later on at the Newmarket Hotel 6pm
Contact: Scott Maguire smaguire@padua.qld.edu.au
Or Cosi De Angelis Cosi.DeAngelis@esanda.com

10 Years

Where: Breakfast Creek Hotel
When: 20th September 2008
Time: From 6.30pm onwards
Cost: Buy your own steaks and beers
Detail: We will have a private area for our use only
RSVP: Daniel Gordon Daniel.gordon@newmancameron.com.au 0403 182609

Old Boys’ Events for your Diary

August 29-31  Old Boys Weekend - Amaroo
October 17  Foundation Corporate Lunch
November 1  Foundation Race Day (*Derby Day*)
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Please let me know via email or send information to the College (address on the front page).

Chris Fitzpatrick (Class of ’83) – Editor

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