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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



Pool and Assembly Hall/Sports Complex.

(June 2007)

The Plan

*Looking eastward
from the oval.*

The Progress

*Left: From the Oval
looking eastward (St
Francis Hall – old
Friary - is visible in
the background)*

*Right: From St
Francis Hall
towards the original
classrooms*



Chairman's Word

Well 2007 seems to be flying by. We are already past the half way mark. As I had noted in previous newsletters, 2007 is a year in which we would be focusing on building our database of contacts to better keep Old Boys informed of upcoming events. We have been collecting information at all of the events so far this year and I would again like to encourage that all Old Boys ensure that their contact details are held in our database. If your details have changed or you know of any other Old Boys who are not on our database please send an email with your contact details to info@paduaoldboys.asn.au or call Robyn at the College on (07) 3857 2022.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Chris Fitzpatrick for taking on the role of newsletter editor. Chris recently volunteered for the role which is greatly appreciated by the members of the committee and I'm sure all Old Boys will appreciate Chris' efforts in keeping the newsletter rolling out on a regular basis.

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 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 on the 3rd of November.

Clayton Hill

From the Rector

Bob Out is currently on Sabbatical Leave. As a result you will have to wait until the next Newsletter for some words from the Rector.

Note – An Old Boy sent me an email in response to Mylton Burns' challenge, in the Autumn Newsletter, regarding the number of Old Boys from any one year in a particular career. Unfortunately the email was misplaced. I seem to remember that that the Old Boy was a member of the Nurses' Union. Sorry for the inconvenience to you, but could you *please* send it to me again for inclusion in the Spring Newsletter.
Thanks. Chris Fitzpatrick (Editor)

Old Boys in the News...

- **David McLean** (Class of '78) – Dave received the DHL Surf Lifesaver of the Year award. (See extract from the media release on Page 6.) This is an award that recognises the outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of Surf Life Saving activities in and on the beach capacity. Congratulations Dave.

- **Dan Procopis** (College Captain '89) & **Marty O'Brien** (Class of '89) – If you've been watching the Footy Show, Today or Kerri-Ann Kennelly lately or been to a number of hotspots around the country, you may have seen Small Mercies. (See article on Page 7.) Dan and Marty are members of the band recently signed by Sony BMG.

- **Greg Thomson** (College Captain '05) – If you live in, visit or are holidaying on the Gold Coast, Coffs Harbour, Tamworth or Newcastle areas, tune into Southern Cross Ten to support an Old Boy. As of 24 August, Greg will be presenting the latest news, sport and weather.

- **Danny Jackson** (Grigg House Captain '05) – Last year Danny took out the Australian National Irish Dancing Championship. After 9 years of continual attempts, Danny took out the big one in September, 2006. He has been the Queensland State Champion, for his respective ages, for Queensland for 11 consecutive years.
(Belated) Congratulations, Danny.



*Greg Thomson
will be on air
from 24 August*



*Danny Jackson
with his 2006
Australian
National Irish
Dancing
Championship
trophy*

Reunions

20 Years – Class of '87

A reunion is planned for 8 September. A number of '87 Old Boys have already been contacted by, or been in contact with, the organisers. If you're interested, or know of any Old Boys from this year level, contact Paul Wood.

p.wood@trilogyfunds.com.au

0404 616 432

25 Years – Class of '82

The 1982 year are having their 25th year re-union with their Mt Alvernia counterparts on 20 October 2007. Venue and details are yet to be confirmed but if you let Len Doo know your contact email address, he'll add it to the address database that Tom and Les Eckersley have maintained since the 20 year re-union. When final details are known later in the month of July, invitations will be sent to all and sundry.

Len's home email address is len.doo@telstra.com

Mt Alvernia Reunion– 20 Years

Mt Alvernia College Class of 1987 20 Year School Reunion being held on Saturday 28th July 2007 at Jade Buddha "Shadow Room," (upstairs – the old City Rowers) from 7pm. For details please contact Diane Hart at dhart@incoll.com.au or on 0413 595 695.

(If you know of any Mt Alverians who might like to know about this, please pass on the information.)

For the Calendar

Old Boy Events

July 31 (Tuesday) – *Old Boys Meeting*
- 7.30pm at Padua College

August 31 (Friday) – **September 2** (Sunday) – *Old Boys Retreat*
- held at the College Camp grounds, Louis Bazzo Drive, Pomona

October 9 (Tuesday) – *Old Boys Meeting*
- 7.30pm at Padua College

Padua College Events

September 14 (Friday) – *Padua College Corporate Lunch*
- Organised by the Padua College Foundation, but all welcome

October 26 (Friday) – *FCIP 'Showcase' Concert*
- 7.00pm at the San Damiano Centre, Mt Alvernia (Somerset Rd)

November 3 (Saturday) – *Padua College Race Day*
- Derby Day

Chris Relf Retires

For those Old Boys who were on the Secondary campus from 1970-1983, you may well remember Chris Relf, who taught Maths and Geometric Drawing & Perspective. After leaving Padua, Chris went to St Joseph's College, Toowoomba, as Deputy Principal where he remained until his retirement at the end of last year.

In his retirement, Chris and his wife, Catherine, will be doing much travelling in Australia and overseas. In Australia, they will be travelling around with their caravan. So, if you happen to be following, passing or view "The Grey Wolf," say hello to Chris.

Stop Press **Derby Day** Doomben Race Track, Nov 3

Tickets will sell fast. Bring along wives, partners, business colleagues and friends. To reserve your tickets or a block of tickets, or to enquire about your business sponsoring a race and enjoying a fully catered corporate box, email jgorringe@padua.qld.edu.au.

Around the College (from the College Bulletins)... *(Keep in touch with the College through its website: www.padua.qld.edu.au)*

Padua 'Shave for a Cure'

'Shave for a Cure' supports the Leukemia Foundation. It is an unfortunate fact of life that many families and friends of Padua have been affected by Leukaemia. To support *Find a Cure*, the boys on the Eastern Campus had set targets to either colour or shave certain teachers, including Mrs Hodge, Mrs Higgins, Ms Debenham, Mrs Ayre, Mr Bloomfield, Mr Beattie, Mr Wren, Mr Searle, Mrs Smith and Mr Webb. A price of \$1000 was placed on Mr Dobson's moustache by a friend of 31 years. The boys raised \$845.44, a little short of their aim, however, The Athletes Foot, Ascent Clothing and ASICS Sports donated \$1000 – and the moustache was gone. Please support these companies at Chermisde Shopping Centre.

The Western Campus had a target of \$4000 to raise in order to have Mr Out and the ten College Leaders shave their heads. A big effort raised \$4747.50. Special thanks are due to our major sponsors – Farmer Joe's, Chris Fitzpatrick, JB Floor Sanding, D & D Printing and St Anthony's who donated \$100 for 100 hugs with 'Ernie the Eagle' (Padua's mascot). The following people are also thanked: Luke Guerrini, the Senior in charge of the event; the Outreach Committee led by Chris Williams; Mrs Colleen Dalton, Mrs Trisha Redmond and Mrs Kay O'Toole, the hairdressers, and Mr Niall O'Toole who piped the shaves in. Special mention must go to Taylor Madgwick (Year 8) who raised \$257, an outstanding effort and display of social support. Taylor had the privilege of giving Mr Out a reverse Mohawk. In total, Padua College's support for the 2007 'Shave for a Cure' was \$6615.65. Well done to all!

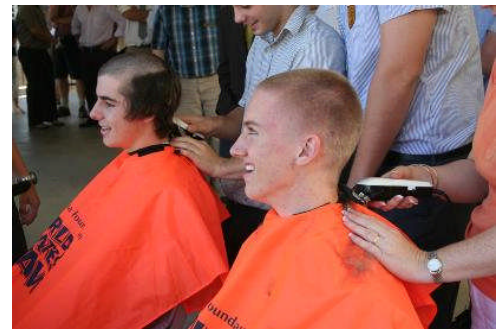
(Editor's note – For many years the students have faced the challenge of raising a prearranged figure that would mean Bob Out would have his head shaved. This is the first year the goal has been achieved. Congratulations to all those involved and to the College Leaders.)



Left - The College Leaders before the shave

Back – Rhys Young (College Captain), Chris Vickers (College Vice Captain), Dominic Morris (Grigg House Vice Captain), Patrick Jensen (Beirne House Vice Captain), Dean Coppolecchia (Mitchell House Vice Captain), Noah Honeywill (Grigg House Captain), Joshua Corley (Odoric House Captain)

Front – Peter Cowley (Odoric House Vice Captain), Sam Weeks (Beirne House Captain), Lachlan Creighton (Mitchell House Captain)



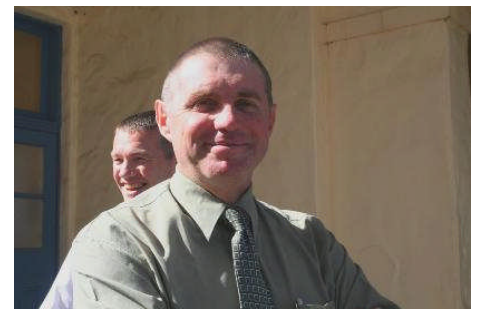
Above – Patrick Jensen and Rhys Young during the shave



Bob Out - Before



- During



- After

Franciscan Lenten Project 2007

The great tradition of helping those in need continued at Padua College in 2007. For the past 16 years Padua has raised over \$268 000 for Lenten Projects – a magnificent effort!

In 2006 Padua forged a special relationship with the St Francis of Assisi High School in Besusu, Timor-Leste. The Franciscan run school was devastated by the Indonesia militia group in September 1999. Padua's commitment is to stand in solidarity with their Timorese brothers and sisters and help rebuild their school and their community. They believe this will involve many opportunities including exchange programs and the development of lasting friendships.

Padua's response in 2007 was a contribution of \$21 500 towards rebuilding the school classrooms. Congratulations goes to all the members of the Paduan Community (Primary and Secondary) for their wonderful generosity.

Thanks go to all those who helped in the organisation as well as the major sponsors – *The Brisbane Bullets, Easts Rugby Union Inc, Bridge Climb Australia, and Harvey World Travel (Stafford City Shopping Centre).*

FutureScope

NEWS FROM THE PADUA COLLEGE FOUNDATION



SUPPORT ENCOURAGED FOR COMPLETION OF NEW BUILDING

In the October 2006 edition of FutureScope, the Padua College Foundation appealed for new memberships to help build a Multi Purpose Centre which would incorporate improved sports facilities, a much needed assembly area, classrooms, a gymnasium and a new pool. Thanks, in part to the support of the members of the Foundation, this new building is well on the way to completion. Pictures of the progress of the building have been included and are available on the College Website.

As the building comes closer to completion, the Padua College Foundation appeals to all parents, old boys and friends of the College, to give serious consideration to joining the Foundation. All funds raised through membership go directly to the College's Building Program. Membership can be gained from a contribution of two thousand dollars which can be paid over four years or paid off as easily as adding one hundred and twenty five dollars to your son's school fees each term. *All membership contributions receive a tax deduction.*

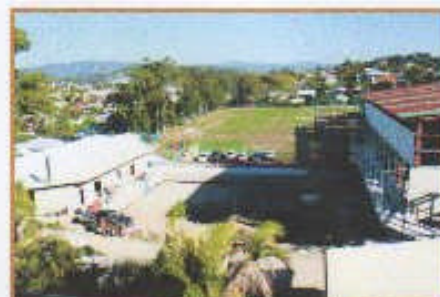
Please take this opportunity to join the Padua College Foundation by filling in the attached membership form and posting it to the given address. All members will receive Foundation clothing and be recognized in a plaque which will sit proudly in the new Multi Purpose Centre.

Join with other members of the Padua College Foundation and make a difference to the education of our young men at Padua College.

FOR YOUR DIARY:

The Padua College Foundation will hold a major fundraising lunch at the Tattersalls Club at noon on Friday, September 14.

To book corporate tables of ten or individual tickets, phone John Gorringer on 3857 2022 or email jgorringe@padua.qld.edu.au



Please see following page for membership form

Your membership of Padua College Foundation is an investment in the future.



Any form of payment can be arranged to ensure your membership. Parents may make a quarterly contribution in addition to normal school fees.

ALL MEMBERSHIPS & CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVE A TAX DEDUCTION

NAME.....

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- DONATION**
- One-off payment \$2000
 - \$500 per year over 4 years
 - Payment to be included in school fees, \$125 per term
 - I am able to make a larger donation of \$.....
- PAYMENT**
- A not negotiable cheque, payable to Padua College Building Fund is enclosed

- PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD**
- Bankcard
 - Mastercard
 - Visa

Expiry Date /

Card Number

Name on card.....Signature.....

POST TO: Padua College Foundation PO Box 111 KEDRON QLD 4031

IMPORTANT: For taxation purposes all payments should be made payable to PADUA COLLEGE BUILDING FUND

Anthony O'Brien Memorial Day 2007

The ASIC Eels are back!

Last year, I threw down the gauntlet to the Padua Old Boys community to put a team together to beat us and that's exactly what they did!

This year, I left things pretty quiet as we rebuilt the team with Old boys' sons, 83 year alumni and 1986 ers. Saturday kids sports has made it hard for most of the 82 ers, but this year was the sign of things to come for the ASIC Eels with Wayne Halverson's son, Ryan, lining up for us this year (after playing for the under 14s earlier).

Of course, there was a difference to the comp this year with the Memorial Day being held at the Banyo playing fields amongst a competition for all school grades in rugby against St Peters of Indooroopilly. We didn't get anywhere near as many touch teams this year and at one stage it looked like we would win by forfeit. The forfeit would have suited me as the day was getting hot and I'd had a bit of a card night the night before which left me a bit dusty.

Simon Stower, the consummate organiser that he is, managed to put a scratch team together with Greg Mclean as the referee and it was game on.

I was pretty confident the ASIC Eels would again regain the trophy. The team had tried and true veterans from past campaigns in David Wren, Steve and Ray Kelly, Damian Salmon, Wayne Halverson and his son Ryan plus our previous star recruit, Ben Maguire and his brother as well as Ross Searle, with Davo and Deegs the other debutantes.

Simon's side looked quite piecemeal on paper but was potent in practice. There was Clayton Hill, the captain of the winning team last year, big Webby whose speed is quite deceiving and did I mention that Greg McLean was reffing.... So before I knew it, we were one nil down. Then I saw the Milkman, Johnny Conlon, on the side of Simon's team and I thought we were really in trouble because having played footy with Johnny before, he delivers when it's needed.

Luckily, the ASIC Eels can also deliver and after reaching one all by half time, plotted on how to win the game convincingly in the second half. Now half time tactics should be kept quiet but it went something like this..."Steve, can you score another try this half to wrap it up?" That's basically how it went down – Steve Kelly scored a runaway try in the second half and our defence held and the ASIC Eels held the title again with a 2-1 victory.

Steve seems to be getting better with age and with two great individual tries to his credit – it was an easy Man of the Match decision. Of course, the rest of the ASIC Eels played a brilliant supporting role (if I don't say so myself) and Simon and Clayton's team put up a great fight.

Of course, the beers afterwards were worthwhile with the two teams having a few beers as we watched the up and coming Padua rugby players giving St Peters Indooroopilly a slight flogging.

I must thank the O'Brien family again for their continued support of the Memorial Day. It's always good to catch up for a yarn and get a lift home from you (thanks again Paul).

Finally, we have to thank Simon Stower for his organisation. He seemed to be running the touch footy tournament, the rugby games and at the end of the day he was still there making sure everything was all sorted.

Thanks also to the ASIC Eels who proved that half the battle is just turning up ready to play. Hopefully next year, when we're back at the school after the building work has been completed, we'll have more teams to try to regain the champion's trophy from us.



Len Doo
1982 Senior
ASIC Eels Player/Manager
Old Boys Committee Secretary

SURF LIFESAVERS RECEIVE TOP HONOURS FROM QUEENSLAND PREMIER AT SPECIAL RECEPTION

At a special reception hosted today by The Honourable Peter Beattie MP, Premier of Queensland and Minister for Trade, Queensland's finest surf lifesavers were recognised for their outstanding service.

The special reception held at Government House celebrated 2007 The Year of the Surf Lifesaver, recognising 100 years of voluntary Surf Life Saving services in Australia.

Surf Life Saving Queensland continues to set Australian benchmarks for its coordinated frontline operational service delivery, which is only made possible by the volunteer men and women who patrol Queensland's beaches.

Today three members from the Association received Queensland's highest honours for their outstanding commitment and dedication to the Surf Life Saving movement.

Dave McLean of Marcoola SLSC received the DHL Surf Lifesaver of the Year award, Mark Fife of Broadbeach SLSC was named DHL Volunteer of the Year, and Paul Barker from the Mackay region was presented with the DHL Lifeguard of the Year award.

The DHL Surf Lifesaver of the Year is an award that recognises the outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of Surf Life Saving activities in and on the beach capacity.

On the Sunshine Coast there are not too many surf lifesavers who do not know Dave McLean - this season alone he has completed more than 187 patrol hours. As one of the Sunshine Coast's Duty Officers, David takes his 31 years experience in Surf Life Saving beyond his own patrol, to assist all Clubs and Operational support services throughout the entire Sunshine Coast.

Not only does David hold numerous Club, Branch and State roles, as well as the patrol captain at Marcoola, he is also responsible for the 'After Hours Emergency Phone' that requires him to task and attend all calls from Queensland Police, Queensland Ambulance and the Water Police.

"To win an award such as this is a privilege. I know the high quality people involved in Surf Life Saving and to be recognised by your peers is truly an honour."

"What I enjoy most about Surf Life Saving is being down on the beach patrolling – knowing you may be the person who can save someone's life or even prevent them from getting in trouble, it really is a wonderful feeling," said Mr McLean.



David McLean, in the centre, with the Premier, the Governor and other dignitaries

Big start for Small Mercies

MAKING a name for yourself in the Aussie music scene isn't an easy task. But Brisbane band Small Mercies are well on their way.

After ten years of hard work, the band - including vocalist Steve Blaik, guitarist Danny Procopis, drummer Marty O'Brien and bassist Jeff Reeves - were signed with Sony at the start of the year.

Heavy into promoting their debut single *Innocent*, frontman Steve Blaik said getting used to the spotlight that comes with being signed was a lot to get their heads around. "It's hard to comprehend," Blaik, 28, said.

"We've been doing it for a long time but really only for the last four or five weeks we've (become) an entity that the public would view as a band, or a successful band, in terms of fame.

"We need to live it and learn as we go and hopefully not make too many mistakes along the way."



Like so many other talented and aspiring musicians around the country, Small Mercies formed when the boys met at high school, about a decade ago.

They've travelled a long road to get to this point, Blaik said.

"It's not easy. It's been a 10-year mission for us but we always had confidence in our music and we're passionate about music and had the feeling we would get there eventually."

And what better way to start your career than to have your debut single not only played on radio, but also on TV advertisements for the hot US drama *Prison Break*?

Like many great bands, Small Mercies are backed by a great producer who has helped them find their feet in the industry.

Hand picked by Matt Wallace, who also worked with Faith No More, there's no doubt the boys started with a pretty good shot.

After receiving their demo, Blaik said Wallace contacted the group through their MySpace page and couldn't have found a better match.

"We were punching air pretty much we were so excited. It was a perfect fit," he said.

"We had heard a lot of horror stories about bands working with international producers and them being quite harsh, thinking that Aussie bands aren't up to standard.

"We got along really well with Matt and he shared the same passion for our music and had the same vision."

The boys' vision is clear from their soft rock ballad *Innocent* that boasts a catchy chorus and thought-provoking lyrics.

They chose *Innocent* as their debut single because it was one they were all very connected to.

"It's just a song that we always felt really strongly about (which) really represents the band quite well. It has a rock edge to it because we're a rock band but it also has a melodic touch."

Currently doing promo around the country and playing on *The Footy Show* tonight, Blaik said they couldn't wait to tour in July and release an album in about three months time.

While staying true to rock, Blaik said the songs on their album would be diverse and would take listeners on a journey.

"There are some hard-hitting rock songs, some softer, more emotive moments and some other moments which are slightly left of centre to add some character."

Keep up to date with Small Mercies' developments at www.smallmercies.com.au

(Article from *Sun Herald*, www.news.com.au/heraldsun/story/0,21985,21901783-5006024,00.html, June 14, 2007)
(Photo taken from *The Courier Mail*, April 30, 2007)

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A Note from the Editor

It is aimed to make the Newsletter a seasonal production (4 times a year). To make sure that it is interesting and informative there is a need for relevant information to be included. To this end I will need information to include in it – what you've been up to, where you've bumped into Paduans, what you would like to see in the Newsletter, etc.

Please let me know via email or send information to the College (address on the front page).

Chris Fitzpatrick (Senior '83)

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