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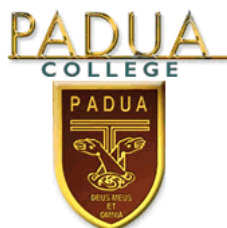
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Paduans' Newsletter

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Old Boys' Assoc.

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



Chairman's Word 2008

Happy New Year to all and welcome to the first Old Boys newsletter of 2008. This year is already shaping up as a good one with some great matches being played at the Old Boys Cricket day on 24 February.

The Old Boys Committee at our meeting in February had the opportunity to tour the College's new sports hall, swimming pool and sports facilities. These facilities are absolutely first class and with two of the upcoming events there will be the opportunity to check them out.

The Anthony O'Brien Memorial Day and touch footy competition is being held on 29 March back at the College this year and I would urge you all to support this great event whilst also having the opportunity to tour the new facilities. Numbers were disappointing last year so please get your teams organised for this year.

The sportsman's dinner on 9 May will also be held at the College's new hall this year with the added attraction of Kerry O'Keefe being the guest speaker for the night. This will be very popular so to secure a table or a couple of seats, please email Simon Stower – sstower@padua.qld.edu.au. Ticket prices will be announced closer to the event.

Please continue to keep up to date with Old Boys events on the website <http://www.paduaoldboys.asn.au> and feel free to send through any Padua related information that you would like to share with other Old Boys in the quarterly newsletter by emailing us at info@paduaoldboys.asn.au.

All the best for a great 2008.

Clayton Hill

Rector's Note

Fellow Paduans,

Welcome to the first edition of the 2008 Old Boys Newsletter. The year has begun very well.

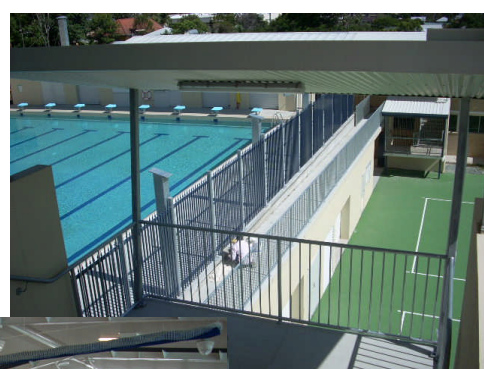
We are using the new sports centre (yet to be named), although there are some things to be finished, especially in relation to landscaping. The complex is a real tribute to the Old Boys. Many ex-Paduans have contributed their building expertise to the Centre. It is very impressive and I would urge you to come and have a look. The official opening will probably not be until late May or early June.

The newest Old Boys did well in their senior results for 2007. Four OP1s, three Vice Chancellor Scholarships to QUT, eighty-three percent of industrial skills students achieved a Certificate II in Furnishing and eighty-nine percent achieved a Certificate II in Engineering. Three students were accepted into the Conservatorium of Music. Ninety-six percent of students who applied were accepted into tertiary institutions.

The year is full of events, in which Old Boys can participate. I urge you to have a look at the calendar of events to pick, at least one, for which your year level can get together. Hopefully, I will get to see you at one or some of these events.

Best wishes for 2008

Robert Out



Anthony O'Brien Day – Saturday 29 March

This year sees this special day returning to the main oval at the Western (Secondary) Campus at Kedron. It promises to be a great day. Not only will there be the usual entertainment and camaraderie, not to mention the fun that all those who attend enjoy, there will also be the chance to wander around the campus and see the new and improved facilities.

Make sure you mark it in your diaries. More information about it will be placed on the Old Boys and the College websites as the day is organised. (Those who have listed their email address will receive the information as soon as it happens.)

DATE CLAIMER

An invitation to all Old Boys!

The Padua College Foundation and Old Boys Association are pleased to announce that they have secured a very popular guest speaker for its annual Sportsman's Dinner, the first to be held in our new hall. Come and see –

Kerry O'Keefe
Friday 9 May 2008 at 7:00pm
Padua College Sports Hall

This will be very popular so to secure a table or a couple of seats, please email Simon Stower – sstower@padua.qld.edu.au. Ticket prices will be announced closer to the event.

The sports dinner is proudly sponsored by the Stafford TAB.

1988 Seniors Reunion

Sat October 11 @ 3pm
Padua College
Drinks later on at the Newmarket Hotel 6pm

If interested contact Scott Maguire smaguire@padua.qld.edu.au
Or Cosi De Angelis Cosi.DeAngelis@esanda.com

Old Boys' 2008 Events

Mark them in your diary and calendars!

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| March 29 | Anthony O'Brien Day - Padua – Kedron (This will include the opportunity to take a wander through the new sports complex.) |
| May 9 | Sportsmans Dinner |
| August 29-31 | Old Boys Weekend - Amaroo |
| October 17 | Foundation Corporate Lunch |
| November 1 | Foundation Race Day (<i>Derby Day</i>) |



Padua Old Boys Cricket Day 2008

Sunday, 24 February 2008

Field One to be Renamed Khan Knee Field!

For the second year running field one saw a rematch of Simon Stower's team against team Beattie. Playing on the main field (a privilege held for those opposing Simon and his men), the day began late with a few stragglers turning up from the previous night's activities, three in fact arrived direct from the night before in a cab.

After getting under way about 30 mins late at 9:30am, Simon's team (dressed in matching old boys cricket shirts) started slowly but positively until a thought for a second run in the third over. Greg Khan running to the non strikers end suddenly went down like a sack of potatoes as his knee decided that it would be part of that second run. Greg was in a world of hurt as we all realised what had happened, with his knee cap not in the correct position. (The best way to describe what was an ugly sight!).

The call went out for an ambulance which Scott McGuire organised and we all took the opportunity to ensure Greg was as comfortable as possible as we downed a few cans of liquid gold. Greg actually, whilst waiting for the ambos, suggested we leave him on the side of the pitch and play around him as he was unable to move from his position. He did, however, remember to stretch over the crease and make sure he had made his ground after making that comment!

After a lengthy delay, the ambos arrived and Greg was assessed, placed on the stretcher and in the ambulance for transport to the RBH in good spirits (*see photo, right*). We gave Greg and the ambulance a guard of honour (*see photo below*) as he left the ground.

Play got back under way with Simon's team keen to play well for Khany. The match had been reduced to a Twenty 20 game and the team went on to make 164 from the 20 overs.

After a quick drinks break our team went into bat to try and chase this decent score. Hoiberg and DB raced off to a great start with Daniel making 33 and Hoiberg staying at the crease to see us at 82 at the 10 over mark. Our middle order chipped in with some quick 10 – 20 run spurts but in the end we could only manage 155.



Some great classic catches were taken on both sides and high drama meant that the day would be one we all remembered for a long time, and Greg one he would remember probably for the rest of his life! During our run chase, the news came in that Greg had actually torn the tendon that joins the patella to the tibia and would be in surgery that night with a lengthy rehabilitation ahead.

Greg, we wish you all the best and hope that you have a speedy recovery so that you can better your innings next year!

Clayton Hill

OLD BOYS CRICKET – Class of 72 Vs Class of 2007

Would guile and experience beat youth and enthusiasm? Could 400 years of collective wisdom win the day?

The oldies started proceedings well by ensuring there was no toss and simply took up their fielding positions, therefore forcing the other side in to bat first. This strategic decision guaranteed that the class of 72 could sit under the trees and sup on a drink or two during the heat of the afternoon.

Sterling bowling efforts by Tom Gordon and Neil MacGroarty had the youngsters struggling at 3 for 36. While age may weary them, all round athleticism held the 2007s to a paltry score of 124 as the clock marched towards the luncheon interval.

After partaking of one of the finest steak sandwiches this author has ever eaten (Thanks to Simon and the caterers.) the game resumed and it was now up to our batsmen to match the skill of the bowlers. With Pat Hannan (retired 30) scoring at will and Billy Goddard showing a skill which is normally well hidden it appeared as though a second win in 10 years was on the cards. However, as usual the middle order collapsed thanks to a series of run outs which unfortunately always appeared to involve Neil MacGroarty. Despite his poor judgement the 72s limped to 120 with 2 overs remaining. As usual the captain put the team first and made the decision to sacrifice his wicket in order to get Big Red out for the last over.



The large crowd, who I am reliably informed nearly reached double figures, was stunned into silence as Pat gave his all but time ran out and the class of 2007 were victorious.

Our thanks to the organisers, it was a great day played in good spirit and humour and we look forward to playing next year

Where we've come from...

From the **1958** Paduan (..the first one!)

- Director – Fr Alban Mitchell ofm
- 180 boys in the school
- Grade VIII Prefects – M. Stark, P. Cosgrove
- 4 teachers (3 friars)



The College crest, 1958

From the **1968** Paduan

- Rector – Fr Hugolin Bourke ofm
- College Captain – Kevin Perkins
- 25 teachers (18 friars)



The College crest, 1968

From the **1978** Paduan

- Rector – Fr Benignus Clowes ofm
- College Captain – Greg Lawrence
- 50 staff – 33 teachers (10 friars)



The College crest, 1978

From the **1988** Paduan

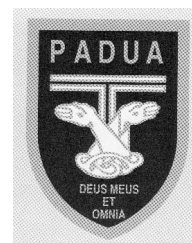
- Rector – Fr Barry Kirby ofm
- College Captain – Scott Maguire
- 71 staff – 48 teachers (7 friars)



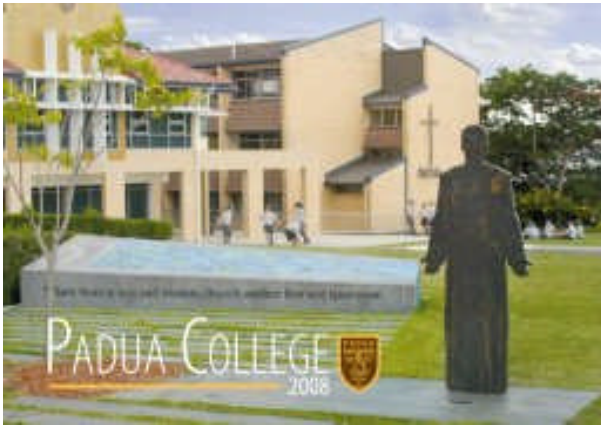
The College crest, 1988

From the **1998** Paduan

- Rector – Fr John Boyd-Boland ofm
- College Captain – Daniel Procopis
- 80 staff – 60 teachers (1 friar)



1998 – The crests, right and above, were in use.



1998

2008

Boys, been a while...10 years in fact, and it seems like only yesterday we were talking about a 10 year reunion and it seemed so ridiculous for us to be filling out those contact forms back in year 12...

But here we are and it's time to catch up, but don't start freaking out. It's not until the end of the year so for those who are late bloomers you still have a few months to do all the things you did not get around to doing, like finish that degree, get that dream job settle down, get married have kids, lose your dorky ways or invent the Frisbee...or do what I'm going to do and make it all up....

As they say in the movies...let's get the band back together, and we will have a catch up...

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
 0403 182609
Daniel.gordon@newmancameron.com.au



Boys, please feel free to pass this invite onto guys who may have changed addresses since leaving school and you are still in contact with.

College News

Seniors 2007

Four students – Daniel Pietrobon, Jake Samuels, Christopher Williams and Rhys Young – received an OPI.

Overall the results were as follows:

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| OP1-5 | 19.6% |
| OP1-1041% | |
| OP1-1568% | |
| Certificate II in Furniture Finishing | 83% |
| Certificate II in Engineering | 89% |

Multi Purpose Building and Pool

On Thursday February 7 the first official College Assembly was held in the new Multi Purpose Hall. At that assembly the Rector of Padua College, Mr Robert Out, welcomed the students of the College to their new building and explained that the building was the end result of 25 years of planning.

The complex has since been used for a number assemblies and sporting fixtures. It includes an eight lane pool, gym, classrooms, tuckshop, outside basketball court and the hall itself – which has a basketball court/two volleyball courts, tiered seating and sound and light facilities for liturgies/assemblies

Refurbishing of Classrooms

The refurbishing of the classrooms continued over the recent Christmas and summer holidays. A1-A3 were the most recent ones. (For those you who were around before the most recent numbering system, those are the classrooms on the uppermost level above the Auditorium.) Most of the classrooms have been refurbished over the last four years.

Open Day

If you haven't been to the College for a few years, it is well worth noting Sunday 18 May in your diaries. Between the refurbishing of the classrooms, the Bonaventure Centre (Library and computer rooms) and the sports complex the College has taken on a new feel. A visit to the College is now much more than a trip down memory lane.

2008 Events (for your diary)

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| May 16-18 | Artscape |
| May 18 | Padua Open Day 11-2 |
| | Mt Alvernia Open Day |
| May 29-June 1 | Mt Alvernia / Padua Musical |
| June 13 | St Anthony's Feast Day |
| June 29-July 5 | Confraternity Shield (Rockhampton) |
| August 11 | St Clare's Feast Day |
| October 4 | St Francis' Feast Day |
| October 24 | FCIP Senior Showcase Concert |



1968

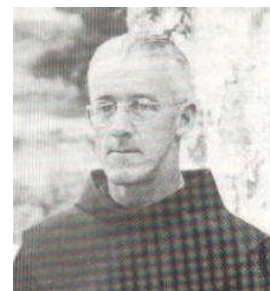


2002

Significant Anniversaries

Fr Alban Mitchell ofm – Called to God 2 March (2006)

Fr Sebastian Day ofm – Called to God 13 March (1965)



From the 1965 Paduan –

It was Father Sebastian's decision as Minister Provincial (with his Definitory) which launched the Secondary School firmly and finally. We owe the Secondary School to this decision, so it is that, as a perpetual reminder (and now, sadly, a memorial) his name is inscribed on the foundation stone of the building. It was also Father Sebastian's decision that we should carve an oval out of the hillside. Now that is a reality, it too shall stand as a memorial to his forethought. May this school never forget prayer for and praise of Father Sebastian Day, O.F.M.



Around the new complex





Inside the new complex



A couple of refurbished classrooms



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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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