

**Old Boys' Assoc.**  
First established in 1964

# Paduans' Newsletter

Spring 2008



*Dominic is pictured here presenting Kieran Rooney with his award for the Overall Winner – Secondary Fr Leo Michael Grigg Memorial Writing Competition (Kieran also happens to be the son of old boy Gerard Rooney, Class of 1979.)*

Flight Lieutenant Dominic Walker (Class of 1992) was the guest speaker for the Academic Excellence Awards in August. Dominic's address is on page 2.

## 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*

## **Dominic Walker's Address for the Academic Excellence Awards**

It's an honour and humbling experience to be welcomed here today and especially to be part of the Paduan Awards ceremony. On the next occasion I promise to bring an F-111 to the school – but we'll need to ensure that Turner Road is flattened out and at least 2 km long.

When I look around at the magnificent facilities, it seems that in the 15 years since I left the school much has changed. From my early days at St Anthony's, Padua Primary and Secondary the landscape seems to have transformed. However, I still notice some of the same faces on the teaching staff – which is a tribute to the contribution that some have made to the school over a long period.

Much may have changed on the surface, but out in the community the same old friendly Paduan spirit is there. I recently bumped into the staff and students at Sydney Airport returning from an Overseas Rugby trip – it seems no matter where you are, you'll meet a current Paduan or Old Boy and the same courteous nature is present. Paduans are indeed respected out there in the community.

Thanks to Michael O'Brien who invited me here today because I have excellent memories from my school days and never expected to be back here in this capacity. I was actually hoping it was because I was now a multi-millionaire on the public speaking tour.

I graduated from Padua in 1993 and attended the Defence Academy in Canberra for three years where I gained a degree in Science and received expert training skills in attitude adjustment and professional toilet cleaning. That aside, life skills learnt were tremendous.

Over the next two years I went to Perth to complete pilot training and then spent one year in Newcastle. I returned to Brisbane in 1999 to start F-111 conversion and since have had numerous instructional tours before returning to Brisbane in mid-2006.

I am now lucky enough to instruct on the F-111 and am one of two Old Boys who are currently flying the jet – so the school is developing quite a history of producing fast jet aviators for the Defence Force.

I think myself extremely fortunate to have attended Padua and then had a career where I've been able to live out a boyhood dream. To fly a fighter jet at Mach 2.0, travel all over the world and get paid to do it has been extremely rewarding, but also grey hair producing at times.

Some career highlights for me have been flying the F-111 from Australia to east coast USA for various exercises with other Airforces, doing the Gold Coast INDY car, but by far it's knowing that I'm doing a job that is respected by the community and protects the nation if required. The icing on the cake of my career will be doing a flypast of the Brisbane River during this year's Riverfire festival.

While the glamorous portrayal of the movies paints a picture of aircrew that recruiting would love, it's a long, difficult, pressure cooked journey to aviation in the defence force. I'd like to share with you some advice that has allowed me to achieve my goals over the years:

Do something that you enjoy and stick to it no matter the setbacks; work to the adage that "Nothing worthwhile is ever easy" and that will keep you in good stead for your career; and finally, a wise teacher at the College once told me, "God helps those who help themselves" – I'm sure you all know what that means come exam time.

I want to congratulate the award winners today and wish all the best to every member of the College in their future endeavours and the seniors in their formal tonight.

I encourage you to achieve your goals and hopefully we'll soon see some future fighter pilots carrying on the Paduan tradition.

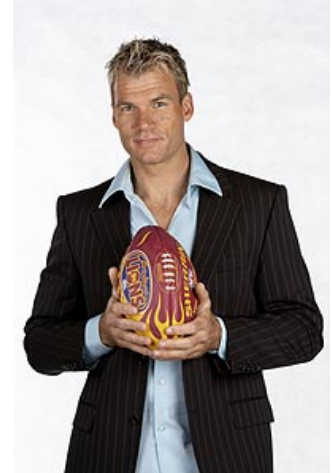
# Social Events

## 1. THE PADUA COLLEGE BUSINESS LUNCH

Tattersalls Club - Friday 17 October.

Hosted by Greg Martin and featuring  
Richard Champion as the main speaker.

Please contact Amanda Rose on 3217 9347 for  
bookings and enquiries.



## 2. THE PADUA COLLEGE RACE DAY

Doomben - 1 November (Derby Day).

Tickets only \$20 per double!!!

Includes entry into the racecourse and the  
Padua College Function Room.

Please call Pam on 3857 9907. Tickets selling fast.



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## 10 Year Reunion



The class of  
1998 got  
together at the  
Breakfast Creek  
Hotel on 20  
September. The  
photos, here, are  
from the night.



## *From the Padua College Bulletins...*

### **World Youth Day 2008 – The journey is not over!**

When everyone was preparing to return to school for the beginning of Term 3 twenty students and three staff members were heading to Sydney for World Youth Day (WYD). This group and several other Paduan students who travelled with their families or parish groups, joined 400 000 youths from around the world for the biggest celebration of young people on earth. Filled with enthusiasm they have returned home with a deeper understanding of their faith and a new eagerness to spread the message of Christ – in their own way!

“World Youth Day was an eye opening experience” Henry Budd said. “It helped me to see that I belonged to something much bigger!”

“The many liturgies, especially the Vigil Prayer Service on the Saturday night at Randwick Racecourse moved me in a way I had not felt about liturgies before,” recounted Tom Gibbs.

Pope John Paul II started WYD in 1984, as an event rooted in the belief that youth are the future of the church. The event held in a different country every three years, gathers thousands of young people from around the world to build bridges of friendship and hope between continents, peoples and cultures.

“Although only a week in duration, World Youth Day will resonate in Australian hearts for a long time to come and will forever be remembered in the lives of the young pilgrims”, WYD Coordinator Bishop Anthony Fisher reflected.



During the week the Great South Land of the Holy Spirit welcomed with open arms 223 000 pilgrims – including more than 110 000 from 170 nations. And we all didn't go hungry! According statistics released by WYD, 215 000 meat pies, 360 000 lamingtons and 100 000 litres of milk were consumed during the week and at the WYD Big Aussie BBQ, 220 000 slices of bread were eaten.

Padua's pilgrims were Fr John, Mr John Butterworth, Mr Luke McKenna, Mr Michael O'Brien, Alex Calligan, Ben Murphy, Ben Neville, Cameron Pickering, Dan Kelly, Duncan McInnes, Dwayne Monteiro, George Higgins, Giuseppe Pastore, Jacob Scott, Joel Fernandes, Joel Howley, Liam MacAndrews, Patrick Hill, Patrick Reardon, Sam Jesson, Tom Gibbs, Tom McLean, Tim Keegan, Henry Budd and myself. Several other students from Padua travelled to WYD with their parish groups or families. They were: Joseph and Liam Allen, David Maloney, William Hitzke and Stephen Cox.

For the final word on World Youth Day I leave it to our group guru Giuseppe Pastore, “One word – amazing. Two words – life-changing!”

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The two most significant destinations for the College Seniors of last year were university studies (44%) and apprenticeships (21%). Of the remainder, the vast majority are engaged in further training, mainly through TAFE.

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In September the Year 11 and 12 students were involved in the Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Secondary Schools Moot competition. They did very well to reach the Queensland final, which they, unfortunately, lost to Kenmore State High School. Congratulations to Michael Kirby, Sebastian Briguglio and Pawan Chandra for a superlative effort and to Mr Fields for his coaching.

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

### **Queensland Catholic Colleges Music Festival**

The weekend of the 16 and 18 August was a busy one for the music students of Padua College as they participated in the Queensland Catholic Colleges Music Festival for 2008. The boys represented our College with flair demonstrating the outstanding music ensembles we have as part of our music program. The results from the weekend are as follows:

#### **Instrumental Groups**

FCIP Jazz Ensemble: BRONZE AWARD

FCIP Intermediate Concert Band: BRONZE AWARD

FCIP Percussion Ensemble 1: SILVER AWARD

FCIP Percussion Ensemble 2: SILVER AWARD

FCIP Wind Ensemble: SILVER AWARD

PJMP Junior Concert Band: SILVER AWARD

#### **Choral Groups**

Vocal Ensemble SILVER AWARD

Thank you to all students who competed over the weekend and to the parents who did the running around to get students there on time. Such results cannot be achieved without the dedication and enthusiasm of the outstanding arts educators we have at the College. Well done to Mr Trevor Beyer, Ms Marian White, Mr John Parker and Mr John Babbage for the time and effort you put in with preparing the ensembles for the weekend and the outstanding results that were achieved.

Chris Dodemont

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### **QUEENSLAND KALEIDOSCOPE CLASSIC SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008**

The following boys were selected to represent Padua College in the Queensland kaleidoscope Classic School Championships 2008. A Year 8 and a Year 9/10 team travelled to Coomera Anglican College, Coomera to compete against other schools from Queensland.

#### **Padua Team 1**

Sam Foster  
Myron Monteiro  
Lachlan Fitzpatrick  
Yuichi Tamuro  
William Simpson  
Justin Kennedy  
Ryan Halverson  
Philip Ines  
Ben Quetcher  
Sean Titmarsh

#### **Padua Team 2**

Henry Tey  
Ian Parsons  
Harrison Jones  
Hirotsugu Takahashi  
Joshua Costello  
Anthony Briggs  
Nathan Crooks  
Jared Atwood  
Brendan Cooper  
Lucas Brankovich  
Zac Brankovich

The Championships involve the use of the incredible Kaleidoscope Classic Puzzle. This internationally acclaimed and multi-award winning puzzle provides over 7000 challenges through the manipulation of the 18 unique pieces. The puzzle appeals to left brain, right brain, memory and creativity aspects of intellectual functioning. It is truly the challenge that everyone can solve but no one can conquer.

#### **Awards/Results**

Overall Team Champions – Padua Team 1

Overall Senior Champion – Philip Ines

1st Place - Medium Challenge – Philip Ines

1st Place - Difficult Challenge – Philip Ines

2nd Place - Difficult Challenge – Harrison Jones

3rd Place - Difficult Challenge – Myron Monteiro

3rd Place - Easy Challenge – Myron Monteiro

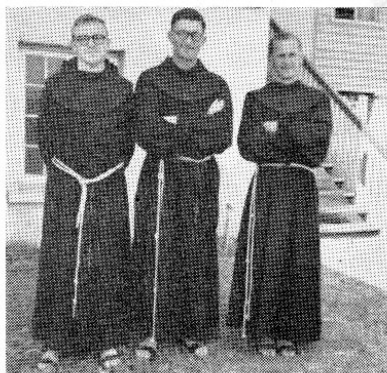
Congratulations to the 2008 Queensland champions, Philip Ines and Padua Team 1. Thank you to Jan Marks for her support with the Gifted and Talented program, and Stephen Thrum who helped support the boys on the day.

# Where we've come...

## From *The Paduan* annual magazines

### 1958 – The Staff

THOSE FAMILIAR FACES



A recent photo of Rev. Fr. Alban, Director of Padua College (centre), Father Odoric on the right, and Bro. Cletus, who will shortly be ordained to the Priesthood, on the left.



MRS. V. CAMERON—IN PENSIVE MOOD.

### Contributions of the Committees

**1958** – contribution by the **Padua Boys' College Committee** through Jumble Stall, Cake Stalls, a Barbecue, a Bottle Drive, 1957 Christmas Stocking and the "usual Saturday evening Euchre Tournaments"

- a Gestetner (*ink duplicating machine*)
- a typewriter
- a film projector
- £15 on books for the class Libraries
- Sports – 8 cups for football, 6 cups for athletics, cricket bats, footballs, jerseys and swimming caps, 2 tumbling mats, one springboard, 2 stop watches
- magnificent flag pole (reputedly seen for 5 miles) obtained by Mr. Pat Maloney
- "£80 was spent on grading Gibson Park where there are now four playing fields."
- Pres – Mr Birch, Sec – Mrs Russell, Treas – Mrs Vincent
- "...if numbers warrant, the Fathers will begin a Secondary School."

### **1968** – General Committee Parents and Friends' Association

- "Fund-raising activities have been successful enough to permit the construction of a new tuck-shop, a contribution to be made to the furnishing of the new science block, the provision of science films, further ground improvements..."
- Management Committee – Mr F McLean (Pres), Mr R Doherty (VP), Mr L Stevens (Sec), Mr Bath (Treas), Mrs E Fleming, Mrs G Hennessy, Mr R d'Arx, Mr A Hennessy, Dr N G Johnston, Mr P Maguire, Mr P Ryan

#### – Ladies' Committee

- Mrs Honor Brown (Pres), Mrs Bette Fleming (VP), Mrs Norma Cantrell (Treas), Mrs Dawn Eldridge, Mrs Veronica Evans (Providore)
- new Tuck Shop under the new Science Block
- annual lamington drive – 1498½ dozen made
- \$2000 was raised – half from functions and the remainder from tuck shop and book sales

### **1978** – Parents & Friends Association

- Mr A Mitchell (Pres)
- Fundraising through Tuck Shop, Thrift Shop, Autumn Fair and Show Stall
- Funds provided for tennis courts, swimming pool and Gibson Park amenities, maintaining sporting equipment, sports ovals and pool requirements, (with CTC) precast concrete seats around the oval

#### – Ladies Auxiliary Committee

- Carmen Baartz (Pres), Kath Devlin (Treas), Carmen Baartz (Tuck-Shop Conv), Esme Fegan (Social Organiser), Margaret Nally (Thrift Shop)
- Functions – Barn Dance, a Cabaret, Dinner Dance
- active with the fete, library, thrift shop, learn-to-swim classes, show stall, Cent Auction
- functions and tuck shop raised \$10 000

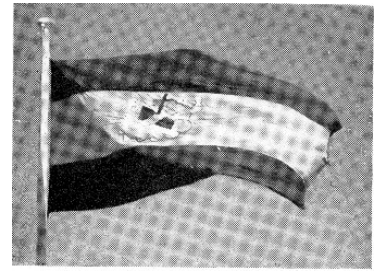
**1968**

- Michael Grigg  
joins the staff



Mr M. Grigg

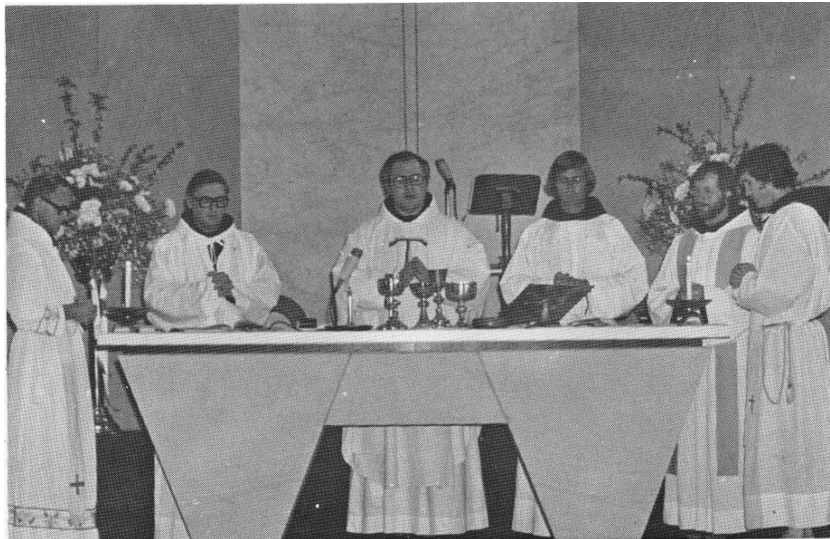
- The College flag



- “The Senior examinations this year will see the first classes of co-educational students from Padua and Mt Alvernia completing their class...”

**1978**

“On the 17<sup>th</sup> of August, 1978, Fr. Noel Fauth was ordained priest in St Joseph’s Cathedral Rockhampton. The occasion was of special significance to Padua as he is the first of our lay teachers to join the Friars. Before he returned to duties in the south, Fr Noel con-celebrated mass for the College and a special holiday was granted to celebrate his ordination. The College community joins together in wishing him a joyous priesthood.”



*Left: Friars Odoric Fathers, Benignus Clowes, Noel Fauth, Barry Kirby, Roderick Payne and Paul Rout*

**1988** – acquisition of property at Louis Bazzo Drive, Pomona

“Another dream has been realised in 1988 has been the acquisition of a property suitable for retreats and outdoor education. This search has been one which has extended over quite a number of years, and the task of finding the ideal property has been an exhausting and, at times, a frustrating one.

The property which has been acquired is situated on Louis Bazzo Drive between Pomona and Boreen Point. It consists of 150 acres of mostly cleared land, with some clumps of trees, a reasonably large area of rainforest and a small creek. Two dams already exist on the site, and there is potential for a lake development. State forests adjoin the property of three sides thus providing ample privacy. From the central ridge, which will be the building site, there are views of mountains to the south and west, and the sandhills of Lake Cootharaba are visible to the north east.”

**1998**

- The College purchased 7.2 hectares at Elliot St, Banyo, to be their sporting grounds. These had been the sporting grounds of St Columban’s College, Albion, until it moved to Caboolture.

- Kevin Perkins (1969) was the guest at Academic Excellence Awards



## *Where we've come...*

### **The Old Boys** (...as reported in The Paduans)

#### **1968**

For the Old Boys' Association, 1968 has proved to be a breaker of previous records. The year commenced with a General Meeting of Old Boys when a new Committee was voted into office. Mr Tony O'Hara, a prominent member of the past, had a close win over ex-president Mr Bill Barron for the position of President. The Association was again fortunate in having Father Hugolin as spiritual guide and adviser for the year. The Constitution met with only a few minor changes to improve the essential goals of spiritual welfare and social contact of the members and of aiding the development of the College.

The Autumn Fair gives the Old Boys their best opportunity to benefit the College. They made the most of this chance and were able to organise a dance for the younger set on the Oval. This proved to be one of the most successful enterprises of the Fair, both financially and entertainment-wise, even though Father Alban's couch grass was subjected to some very severe treatment.

The social climax of the year was the Annual Ball, which was held at the National Hotel's "Chandelier Room" in July. The Friars, led by Father Hugolin, had a tremendous night, being well cared for by a record crowd of Old Boys and friends. The new idea of inviting parents to this night was, beyond doubt, a success and a trend for the future-they almost had more fun than the Old Boys. This event will become even more enjoyable as the Association's ranks increase in the future.

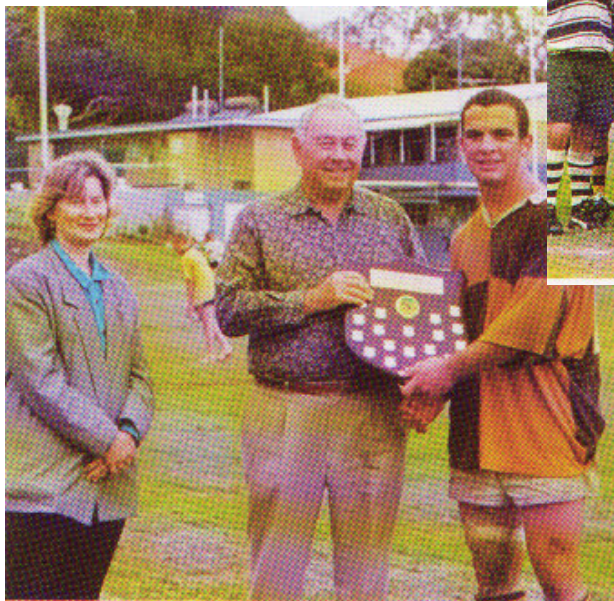
The works of this relatively new Association have come a long way in a very short time, and it is hoped that 1969 will bring even more members and greater achievements.

#### **1988**

The Senior class of 1978 held its ten year reunion.

#### **1998**

Anthony O'Brien Day



## The Feast of St Francis (4 October)

Last week was a special one in the Padua College calendar as they celebrated the feast of the founder of the Franciscan Order, Francesco Bernadone (St Francis of Assisi). The week was full of celebratory events but the most important was the Eucharist on Wednesday, 8 October. As always the ceremony was special and very well organised by Mr Michael O'Brien. Fr John, as the celebrant, delivered an interesting and provocative homily. The choir and musicians under the guidance of Ms White and the invited musicians from Emmanuel Worship performed exceptionally. The invited friars and sisters were very appreciative and complimentary of the Mass.

### **From the Transitus – The Passing of Francis into Paradise** celebrated at St Pascal's, Box Hill, on the evening of 3 October

Then he spent the few days that remained before his death in praise, teaching his companions whom he loved so much to praise Christ with him. He himself, in as far as he was able, broke forth in this psalm: *I cried to the Lord with my voice: with my voice I made supplication to the Lord.*<sup>424</sup> He also invited all creatures to praise God, and by means of the words he had composed earlier,<sup>425</sup> he exhorted them to love God. He exhorted death itself, terrible and hateful to all, to give praise, and going joyfully to meet it, he invited it to make its lodging with him. "Welcome," he said, "my sister death."<sup>426</sup>



The hour therefore came, and all the mysteries of Christ being fulfilled in him, he winged his way to God.

From *Thomas of Celano's First Life of St. Francis of Assisi*

### **From the poem, *Transitus***

*Teach us, Saint Francis, to walk up the gospel way  
Lit with the light that the Lord came to give,  
So when our senses like sun-light fade away,  
We in our Transitus, dying may live.*



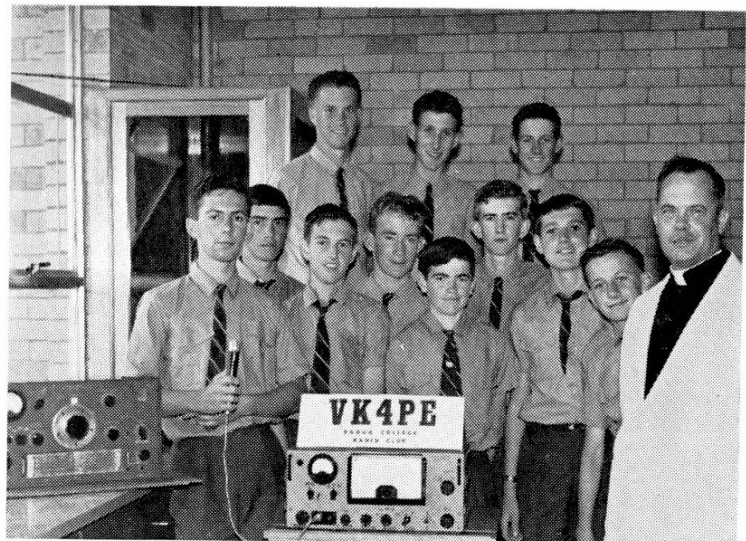
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## **Vale Fr Rupert Dawson ofm**

Some of you who went through the College in the 1960s will remember Fr Rupert. Fr Rupert was a member of the Franciscan community at Kedron and never an official member of the College staff, but he ran the Radio Club, call-sign VK4PE.

Fr Rupert was called to God in August.

*The photo is from the 1964 Paduan.*



PADUA RADIO CLUB

Back Row: J. Sutcliffe, A. Hedemann, P. Devlin.  
Front Row: R. Stroud, M. Riley, M. Connors, M. Brosnan, Kyle,  
M. Willet, G. Daly, T. Stewart, Fr. Rupert, O.F.M.

## **Br Matthew Hufer's Solemn Profession**

On the feast of Saint Francis, Saturday 4 October, Br Matthew Hufer ofm made solemn vows into the Order of Friars Minor. The liturgy was celebrated at Saint Paschal's College, Box Hill in Melbourne, with his family and a large congregation of friars and friends. The ceremony was very special as Br Matt is the first Australian friar professed in nine years. (The last one was Fr Paul Ghanem, also known to many Old Boys from the 2000s.)

Br Matt first came to Padua in 2001 as a postulant. He returned in 2003 as a friar and stayed until the end of 2005. He is currently teaching at Aquinas College, Ringwood, in suburban Melbourne.

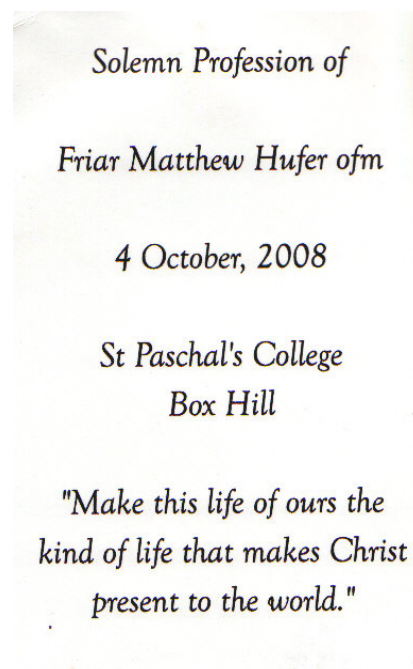
Bob and Julieanne Out were in attendance. Three Paduan old boys who are Franciscan friars, Paul Smith, Paul Rout and Mario Debattista were there along with a number of Paduan 'Old Friars'. (See the pictures) John Knap and Chris Fitzpatrick, former staff members, were also there.

We all wish Matt blessings of happiness, peace and joy as he continues his journey with the friars.



*Left: Matthew delivering his speech*

*Below left and right: Front and back of Matthew's Solemn Profession card*





### **Paduan Friars and guests at Br Matt's Solemn Profession**

*Above:* Old Boy Friars, *from left to right*, Paul Rout (Class of 1966), Mario Debattista (Class of 1976), Paul Smith (Class of 1972)

*Left:* Fr Tom Murtagh

*Below left:* Friars Benignus Clowes, Paul Smith, James Fitzgerald, Norbert Pittorino, Robert Stewart, Angelo O'Hagan

*Below right:* Brendan Frankcombe, John Knap, Julieanne Out, Fr John Boyd-Boland, Bob Out.





Left: Friars Robert Stewart, Norbert Pittorino, Ignatius Hickson, Paul Smith, Barry Kirby, Benignus Clowes, Matthew Hufer, Paul Rout, Mario Debattista, Cormac Nagle, John Boyd-Boland, Patrick Henigan.

Some of the Friars, from the previous photos, as they appeared in *The Paduans*

1968

Fr Benignus



Fr Kenan



Fr Hilarion



Fr Norbert



(Above: Fr Tom Murtagh)



Fr Benignus



Fr



Fr. NORBERT PITTORINO,

1978



FR. PAUL ROUT



BR. JAMES FITZGERALD



BR. ROBERT STEWART

1998



# Reunion

## 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](mailto:michaelshane.mcmahon@bigpond.com.au) or (07) 32663939.

## Events for your Diary

<b>October 17</b>	<b>Foundation Corporate Lunch</b>
<b>November 1</b>	<b>Foundation Race Day (<i>Derby Day</i>)</b>

## College Events for your Diary

Friday October 24

*FCIP (Franciscan Colleges Instrumental Group) Senior Showcase Concert*  
7pm, San Damiano Centre (Mt Alvernia), Somerset Rd

Sunday October 26

*FCIP End of Year Family Concert – Junior Groups*  
2pm, San Damiano Centre (Mt Alvernia), Somerset Rd

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### *Last bit...*



MR. A. SAUVAGE

Those of you at the College during the late 1970s, 1980s and early 1990s will remember Alain Sauvage. For a number of recent years Alain has been principal at St Columban's College, Caboolture. At the end of this year he will be heading to a new job, just south of the border, in New South Wales.

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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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