



Old Boys' Assoc.
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Paduans' Newsletter

Padua College Old Boys' Assoc.
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*The Padua College
Foundation Corporate Lunch
held on 17 October
at Tattersall's.*

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

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Padua Old Boys Association 2008 Wrap Up

Well this year has seemed to have gone quicker than most but the Old Boys Association has had another successful year.

The highlight of 2008 for the association had to be the Sportsman's Dinner, with guest speaker Kerry O'Keefe attracting record numbers. The former Australian cricketer was a fantastic speaker and had the whole audience laughing throughout the evening, even more so with his own famous laugh! The event was held at the College's new sports hall which was a great venue for the dinner and by all accounts will be one of the best remembered events for a long while. The Sportsman's Dinner was also an excuse for many Old Boys to get a first hand look at the College's latest facilities.



The other main events were well supported throughout the year which included return of the Padua College Race Day for the second time after a year's interruption from equine influenza.

Once again I would like to thank those involved in all events this year but would like to make special mention of Simon Stower, whose efforts over the past many years have been directly attributed to the success of the Old Boys Association. Many of the events would not happen without Simon's assistance. Many thanks should also go again to Chris Fitzpatrick and

Robyn Alexander for their efforts in co-ordinating the Old Boys newsletter and disseminating information to old boys.

A reminder to 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.

Thanks again to those who have contributed to the successful events in 2008 and I look forward to seeing you all next year!

All the best to you and your families for Christmas and the New Year

Clayton Hill
Old Boys Chairman

Padua 10 Year Reunion Report: 1998 -2008

10 years..... I can't believe it. Wow! Time has gone fast. I wasn't sure what to think about our 10 year school reunion.... Would it be an awkward event? Would we slip straight back into the old school dynamics? Would everyone get along?

The night was held at the Breakfast Creek Hotel on the evening of the big Broncos vs Storm semi final which provided a fantastic atmosphere. It was a great evening filled with beers, food, camaraderie, laughter and a lot of reminiscing. It was really enjoyable to catch up with so many guys I hadn't seen in so long. Everyone had followed their own different pathway into many varying fields but we all got along and shared each others company. There were many stories of the old schoolyard and a lot of questions regarding fellow Paduans. It was amazing to see how much we had all grown up from just ten years ago. Some of the guys were married, some had travelled the world, some had children. Everyone seemed in good spirits.

A few things I learned from the night were: Matt Van der Muelen is still unable to drink liquor, Patrick Dare should not be left alone near security guards and it's a long walk from the Breakfast Creek Hotel to the heart of the Valley with 20 people in tow. Next time we're catching taxis...

Many thanks go out to Daniel Gordon for coordinating the event and getting in touch with everyone. It was much appreciated.

Danny Procopis

School Captain 1998

Around the College

...from the College Bulletins

2009 College Captains and Vice-Captains

Western Campus

Anthony Cau - College Captain
Liam MacAndrews - College Vice Captain
David Longhurst - Beirne Captain
Tom Gurney - Beirne Vice Captain
Giuseppe Pastore - Grigg Captain
Liam O'Donnell - Grigg Vice Captain
Dean Bilton - Mitchell Captain
Joel Fernandes - Mitchell Vice Captain
Tom Gibbs - Odoric Captain
Trent Corley - Odoric Vice Captain

Eastern Campus

James Weston & Liam Attwood – Beirne House Leaders
Aaron Bell & Jack Woodbridge – Grigg House Leaders
Edward Hess & Cameron Caldwell – Mitchell House Leaders
Adam Battams & Gurkirat Shergill – Odoric House Leaders

Padua 40 Year Reunion

The re-union started on the Saturday afternoon with a tour of Padua by Barry Keegan, who is the business manager at Padua. He showed a group of the boys and girls from the 1968 senior class as well as Father Benignus, who came from Melbourne, around Padua and then later Rell McNee showed the group around the Mt Alvernia facilities.

In 1967 the boys from Padua went to Mt Alvernia to do Botany and Ancient History and the girls came to Padua and did Physics and Chemistry, and one girl Rhonda Morahan did Maths B. This was the first time this had been done.



After the tour the group attended mass at the Little Flower Church at 6pm which was said by Father Benignus. After mass the group went to the Kedron Wavell RSL for dinner to have a pleasant evening.



35 boys did Senior in 1968 and in 2008 all of the 35 boys are alive which is outstanding. (Phil Taylor recalled the talk in 1968 by a policeman from the Qld Transport who asked us to look at one another because 1 in 7 would be dead from road accidents by the time we turned 21 years old. We all turned 57 this year and the 35 boys are still alive. A great effort!) Only 19 were able to make it including Col Waring, who had left at Junior, with several coming from Interstate. 10 girls from Mt Alvernia attended. A most enjoyable night was had by all with the group wanting another in 5 years rather than wait 10 years for the 50 year re-union. The gem of the night was when Phil Taylor produced the photos of the boys at the Mt Alvernia grade 11 school dance in 1967. How much thinner we all looked.

Michael "Ski" McMahon



Left and above: Photos from the 40 Year Reunion

Below: The Seniors in 1968

Far below: Photos of the Co-Institutional classes from 1968 (as referred to in the 40 Year Reunion report)



GRADE 12

FRONT ROW: P. Willsted, P. McLean, K. Perkins, Fr Declan, W. Neighbour, D. McIvor, P. Fletcher.
SECOND ROW: P. Bourke, A. Sheather, R. Whitlock, M. Gilbert, D. Shanahan, D. Evans, J. Connolly, P. Taylor.
THIRD ROW: P. Abbott, P. Coe, F. Raadschelders, G. Harding, D. Kent, D. Cunningham, S. Labruniv, R. Timmins.
BACK ROW: J. Elliott, M. McMahon, P. Grey, F. Van der Heide, J. Coates, R. Thompson, T. Doolan.



GRADE 11

SEATED: E. Casey, J. Dunphy, R. Morahan.
STANDING: S. O'Connor, B. Wright.



GRADE 12

SEATED: R. Kelleher, T. Butler, M. Baartz, M. Flynn, P. Kenny.
STANDING: J. Stapleton, N. Flanagan, M. Hunter, K. Carew.
ABSENT: A. Stevens.

FOUNDATION NEWS

The Padua College Foundation, in association with the Padua College Old Boys association has recently hosted two very enjoyable social occasions. These were the Padua College Foundation Corporate Lunch which was held at the Tatts Club on Friday October 17 and the Padua College Race Day which was held at Doomben Racecourse on Saturday Nov 1.

THE CORPORATE LUNCH

Although numbers were down this year, the 95 old boys and friends of the college that were able to attend had a great time. Highlights of the lunch included the entertaining work of MC Greg Martin and the stories and songs that were provided by our main speaker Richard Champion. Special thanks must go to our sponsors, Tony Arnold from the Bank of Queensland Windsor and Mark Butler from Optus World Stafford.



THE PADUA COLLEGE RACE DAY

500 old boys, parents and friends of the college gathered at Doomben Racecourse for a great day of socializing and racing on Derby Day Nov 1. Special thanks should go to all our race sponsors:

Race 1:	Rochele Painting
Race 2;	Concept Window Fashions
Race 3;	Queensland Civil Contractors
Race 4;	Big Dog Racing Supplements
Race 5;	Aitkenvale Family Health Centre
Race 6;	AAED Electrical Accessories
Race 7:	David Reid Homes
Race 8:	Aspect Living PTY LTD



Old Boy Andrew Wren (85) and his wife Leanne with the winning horse from Race 2 the Concept Window Fashions Handicap.

Race Sponsor Dr Michael Hughes (Old Boy 85) and his partners with the winning horse from their sponsored Race 5 the Aitkenvale Family Health Centre Handicap.



The Padua College Foundation would like to thank all the old boys who attended one of our fundraising events this year and look forward to seeing even more of you in 2009.

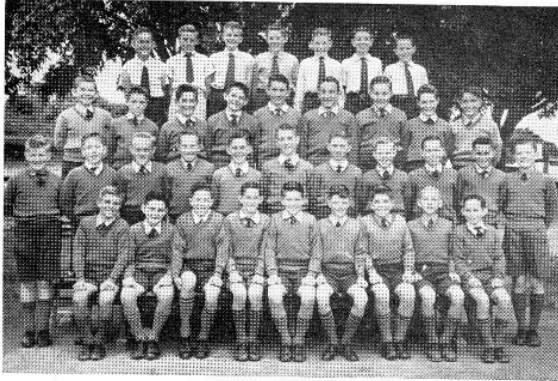
Where we've come...

Some photographic memories and quick notes from the *Paduan* annual magazines.

Does anyone recognise themselves, anyone else, the events? Let us know.

1958

Grades VII and VIII



BACK ROW: D. McCormack, P. Walsh, I. Denack, B. Spillane, R. Walters, J. Boyle, P. Metcalfe.
SECOND ROW: P. Cregan, R. Morgan, T. Robinson, P. Hearty, Z. Devlin, B. Honeywill, T. Kelly, M. Sours, O. Sannard.
THIRD ROW: B. Bacon, B. O'Connor, I. O'Meara, G. McCabe, P. Cross, I. Robinson, J. Kiasca, B. Crowley, P. Cosgrove, D. O'Keefe, B. Flanagan.
FRONT ROW: S. Simpson, S. Greentree, M. Sears, B. Carvey, T. Thomson, P. Woodward, E. Farnport, R. Fisher, D. Smith.

Grade VB — Undefeated Premiers

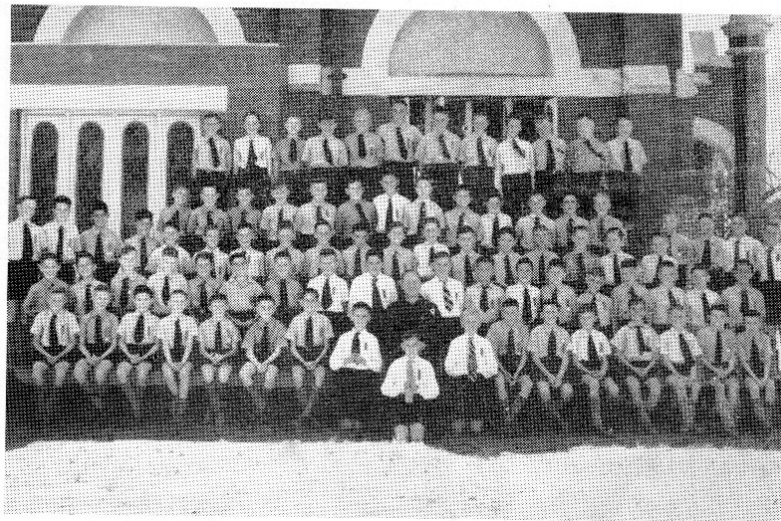


BACK ROW: J. O'Keefe, T. O'Hara (V.C.), R. Crowdey, D. Birch, R. Nikola, M. O'Keefe, E. Kusnierz.
FRONT ROW: M. Branch, W. Lee, T. Thistleton, T. Stewart, R. McQueen (Capt.), M. Stark, D. Day, J. Doherty, B. Cunningham.

SPIRITUAL



ACTIVITIES



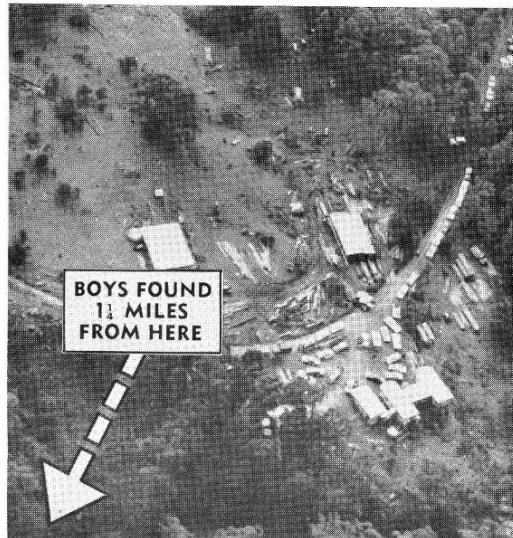
Confirmation 1958

BACK ROW: J. Gorman, J. Grace, B. Flanagan, A. Pyne, W. Williamson, B. Honeywill, D. Craig, D. Birch, M. Potts, P. Ryan, B. O'Connor, M. Cross.
SECOND ROW: L. Cummings, P. Metcalfe, P. Otago, G. Wheldon, B. Tonks, J. Crowdey, R. Brockel, R. Morgan, B. Maguire, B. McKay, A. Townsend, B. Greentree, R. Tucker.
THIRD ROW: R. Cosgrove, T. Thomson, A. Paradiso, XX, B. Nolan, D. Day, P. Ryan, B. Walters, P. Stark, T. Fallis, W. Cullinan, R. Cole, A. O'Hara, P. Doo, W. Haddley, P. Devlin, D. Smith, P. Birch, B. Crowley, P. Woodward, R. Brewer, M. Branch.
FOURTH ROW: B. Metcalfe, R. Stroud, M. Vincent, J. Aspland, J. Abbott, M. Beeston, P. Hottes, K. Thompson, XX, XX, D. Hume, P. Gray, M. Gallagher, S. Simpson, J. Struthers, P. Murdoch, R. Carvey, E. Baran.
FRONT ROW: R. McCafferty, D. Barron, G. Chalmers, A. Kinson, J. Doherty, I. Russell, A. Crawford, XX, XX, Father Thomas, XX, A. Flanagan, P. Thistleton, F. Scriven, K. Seymour, W. Kusnierz, S. Humphreys, R. Simon.

- The Intraschool House names are St Peter's (Blue) and St Joseph's (Green)

1968

The lost hiking group. (...although Fr Odoric always claimed he knew exactly where he and the group were.)



1978

Padua's first
Senior Debating team.



SENIOR DEBATING TEAM
LEFT TO RIGHT: M. Kelly, M. Hennessy, A. Wray, P. Taaffe.

- Fr Norbert's last year – the end of 16 years
- Clubs included: Rock Club, Electronics Club, Astronomy Club
- *Outward Bound* introduced at Lake Cootharaba, Cooloola National Park
- Skate Board Championships held in the College grounds – Channel 10 filmed it and it appeared on Jackie's show

1988



The Bicentenary Mural

- Expo 88 – Senior Concert Band performed in Opening Ceremony, Choir on River Stage
- Open air mass for the Feast of St Francis – organised by Br Robert Stewart ofm and attended by students of Padua, Mt Alvernia and St Anthony's; Peter Clifford ofm celebrated
- Intraschool House names – Bernadone, Quintavalle, Masseo

1998

Ernie the Eagle
begins his legacy



- Mark Taylor (teacher) promotes Social Justice in the College and organises *Keeping Hope Alive* – \$18250 is raised by the students for cattle for struggling families in Vietnam
- End of CTC and beginning of Vocational Education

Poverty and Humility of the Son of God – The Crib

Francis' highest intention, his chief desire, his uppermost purpose was to observe the holy Gospel in all things and through all things and, with perfect vigilance, with all zeal, with all the longing of his mind and all the fervour of his heart, "to follow the teaching and the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ." He would recall Christ's words through persistent meditation and bring to mind his deeds through the most penetrating consideration. The humility of the incarnation and the charity of the passion occupied his memory particularly, to the extent that he wanted to think of hardly anything else. What he did on the birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ near the little town called Greccio in the third year before his glorious death should especially be noted and recalled with reverent memory. In that place there was a certain man by the name of John. Blessed Francis sent for this man, as he often did, about fifteen days before the birth of the Lord, and he said to him: "If you want us to celebrate the present feast of our Lord at Greccio, go with haste and diligently prepare what I tell you. For I wish to do something that will recall to memory the little Child who was born in Bethlehem and set before our bodily eyes in some way the inconveniences of his infant needs, how he lay in a manger, how, with an ox and an ass standing by, he lay upon the hay where he had been placed." When the good and faithful man heard these things, he ran with haste and prepared in that place all the things the saint had told him. The manger was prepared, the hay had been brought, the ox and ass were led in. There simplicity was honour, poverty was exalted, humility was commended, and Greccio was made, as it were, a ne Bethlehem.

Celano, First Life



*A happy, holy and safe
Christmas and New Year
to every Old Boy and their family.*

Do you know of anyone who missed out on the last Newsletter because they hadn't sent their email address to, or phoned, Robyn Alexander at Padua? Encourage them, and every other Old Boy, to get in touch with Robyn.

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The Newsletter is produced four times a year (Autumn, Winter, Spring & Summer).

To make sure that it is interesting and informative there is a need for relevant information to be included. To this end please send along information about yourself and other Old Boys – what you've been up to, where you've bumped into Paduans – and what you would like to see in the Newsletter.

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

Chris Fitzpatrick (Class of '83) – Editor