



Old Boys' Assoc.
First established in 1964

Paduans' Newsletter

Padua College Old Boys' Assoc.
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Merry Christmas

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

Old Boys News

Race Day

The annual Padua College Old Boy's and Foundation Race Day was held on Saturday October 30 at Doomben Race Course.

This year was the biggest race day yet with over 450 old boys, parents and friends gathering for a great day of socialising and punting. 460 gathered in the Home Turn Bar whilst another 100 sponsors and their guests enjoyed the hospitality which was offered in the West Terraces.

Special thanks should go to old boy supporters and race sponsors:

Mick Hughes: Aitkenvale Medical Practice

Dan Gordon: NCA Insurance Services PTY LTD

Sam and Jeremy Festa: Rochele Painting and K D Art

Craig Beal: LC Loynes and Associates

Anthony Allen: Aspect Living PTY LTD



Thanks should also go to school supplier Tony Martin from TH Cock PTY LTD who also sponsored a race.

Tickets sold out weeks in advance this year so look out for this one next year and book early!!!

Welcome to the Class of 2010 – the newest Old Boys

(from the College Bulletin...)

The 2010 Seniors have made a wonderful contribution to Padua not only in what they have achieved, but even more in their Franciscan leadership and the happy considerate young men they have become. Outlined below are the major awards to the Seniors announced on Prize Giving Night.

Congratulations to these fine young men.

Professor Simonds Memorial Prize for Year 12 Mathematics

Michael McGarry

Legislative Assembly Members Community Service Award

Patrick Lally

The Peter Lincoln Memorial Shield for Contribution to the Senior Class

Thomas Whyte

Just Photography Best All Rounder Award

Samuel Foster

Board of Directors' Franciscan Spirit Award

Nathan Ketelhohn

The Provincial Minister's Award for the exercise of leadership in the College

Samuel Foster

Parents & Friends' Association Award to 2010 Dux of College

Samuel Weston

Old Boy History

From the 1980 Paduan...

The Old Boys' Association is flourishing, with vigorous support of Fr Barry Kirby and Fr Paul Rout. A very keen committee under the presidency of Mr Peter Stark, Padua Year 7 teacher and member of the College Council, and My David Cunningham, Padua Year 7 teacher and treasurer of the Old Boys Association, has been able to organise over the last three years a number of very successful social functions – dinner dances, cricket matches, music hall varieties – which have served as a rallying point for many past students and kept the Padua spirit alive. The Association frequently assists deserving causes from its funds. In October 1980 it moved directly into the spiritual area with an Old Boys' retreat. For the Silver Jubilee Year (1981), the Association is working on a mailing list to contact every past student.

It was a pleasure to rejoice with Fr Paul Smith, ofm (Padua 1964-1972) and Fr Michael Bradley ofm, when they were ordained to the priesthood on 29 August 1980 in Little Flower Church, Kedron, and celebrated mass for the Padua students.

The Padua Peloton

With the sun peeking through the clouds and rising across the Story Bridge early on the morning of Sunday 7 November, we finally put rubber to road for the Wilson HTM Brisbane to Gold Coast Bike Challenge.

Along with almost ten thousand other keen cyclists, staff from Padua with some friends, Old Boys as well as some students, headed off for the 100km ride in support of the Heart Foundation and Diabetes Australia.

Thinking he had missed the group at the start Mr Duffy was out in front for the first 40km only to find the group had started 20 mins behind. After that Mr McNamara took the lead and Mr O'Driscoll looked a picture in his Welsh dragon gear while Mr Sitarz worked hard with a "dodgy" bike as he put it. All made it safely to Southport apart from a few cramps and even had enough energy to do another 12kms to Helensvale to relax on the train home.

You can still support the cause simply by going to www.everydayhero.com.au/padua_peloton. Every little bit counts. All donations \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Past Staff

Mrs Josephine Oh (Primary/Eastern Campus Librarian 70s-80s)

Mrs Oh started working in the Primary library as volunteer, along with Mrs Iris Box, around 1974. At that time Fr Alexis Barlow was running the Library. Between them they also organised a number of other mothers who worked as volunteers. Many years later, during which time Mrs Oh became a member of staff, she to work in other fields.

Since leaving Padua, Josephine has worked in tertiary libraries and also the State Library.

Josephine still keeps in touch with a number of friars and teachers from her era. These days she often 'collects together', for lunches, parents with whom she 'bonded doing tuckshops, sweet stalls, making lamingtons shelving books, etc'

Mrs Oh is the mother of Padua Old Boys Chris ('73), Reynold ('75), Sherman ('77), Preston ('78) and Xavier ('80).

Around the College

(from the College Bulletins)

Assisi Pilgrimage

An historic first! Paduans make a pilgrimage to the Franciscan holy places of Italy. For the first two weeks of October, thirteen boys and three staff walked in the footsteps of Saint Francis. It began in Rome with a guided tour of the imperial city, then to the Lateran Basilica where Francis received approval for his Rule. Mass at Saint Peter's Basilica was an especially sacred time, then a full tour of the splendours of Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel. Within our busy schedule we had time to visit the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon and the Spanish steps- the boys being sustained by loads of pasta and pizza.

From Rome we bussed to the sacred valley of Rieti, visiting Greccio, where Francis constructed the first Christmas crib, and what a feast of a lunch after that!! In the afternoon we spent time at La Foresta in its beautiful garden setting, with a challenging talk from Andreas on Mondo X and its program for addicts of all types.

The next day we were in Assisi- the heart and soul of our pilgrimage, a place of holiness and quiet. On arrival we made straight for the tomb of Saint Francis, and in the sacredness of the lower chapel we spent time in prayer and wonder at this blessed moment.

Assisi was all we hoped it would be- pilgrims not tourists, unhurried and prayerful, and we in the midst, celebrating with the townspeople the feast of Saint Francis, in part, on our own, with Mass at the hermitage of the Carceri just outside the town. The climb to Rocca Maggiore gave us a splendid vista of Assisi, the Basilica of Saint Clare at one end, and the Basilica of Saint Francis at the northern end.

One of the great experiences was our opportunity to visit the "mother church" of the Friars – Our Lady of the Angels and the Portiuncula. We celebrated Eucharist there as Francis did some 800 years ago.

Then to Florence and its renaissance marvels- first stop Michelangelo's "David" then the Franciscan church of San Croce, burial place of Galileo, Michelangelo, Machiavelli, Rossini, and works of art commissioned by the Medici family. The architectural masterpiece of the Duomo and Baptistery were appreciated by those whose climbed the five hundred steps to its cupola. For the inventive, the working museum of Leonardo da Vinci was a great attraction. Time too for shopping, and more pasta and pizza.

A near unnerving bus trip took us to Padua- after visiting the Scrovegni Chapel overloaded with Giotto's paintings, we prayed at the tomb of Saint Anthony of Padua within the elaborate Basilica built in his honour. We joined Padua's university students who were celebrating their graduation (in bizarre fashion) then taking a drink break in the gracious squares of this university city.

A half hour on a fast train took us to Venice- our accommodation by one of city's many canals. We headed for the magnificent Byzantine Basilica of San Marco and its pigeon laden square. The top of the Campanile bell tower gave us a panoramic view of this one time ancient republic. A lively French guide took us around the Doge's Palace- sculptures, paintings, and artillery pieces of its five hundred year history. Some took a vaporetto ride to Lido – a quieter beach island, a half hour away. All enjoyed just strolling this unique city, with its many shops, crowded alleyways, neverending bridges, culinary delights, and the second largest church in the city, the Franciscan church of Santa Maria Gloriosa de frari.

Many thanks to the boys who entered into this pilgrimage in such a positive way; their quiet devotion during times of prayer, reflection and celebrations of the Eucharist. Unfailing good humour at all times took away any stress that such an undertaking can involve.

Thanks too to all who supported this pilgrimage, especially Mr Michael O'Brien, Mr Robert Out, and Fr John Boyd-Boland – then too the pilgrims' families, office staff, and Fr Paul Smith ofm, our Provincial Minister.



FCIP

GALA NIGHT SUCCESS!

What people had to say about the FCIP Gala Night.....

- “We had a fantastic night – great music, wine, company and my husband enjoyed the Guinness too”
- “I had a really great night out and on top of that we came home with a 3 night holiday package”
- “The FCIP put on a great Gala. We’ll definitely be back next year”
- “The Oz Hornz played great dance music. We haven’t had such a good night out in a long time”



THANK YOU to everyone who supported the inaugural FCIP Gala night in so many different ways. Especially to everyone who came and supported us and to our sponsors.....

- Ellaways Music
- The Outdoor Furniture Specialist
- Marcoola Beach Resort
- Dreamworld
- Billy Hyde
- Queensland Jewellery Auctions
- Chesterfield Law and Accounting
- Music Masters
- Gillmeister Family
- Sirromet Wines
- Qantas Link
- Amart All Sport
- The Fame cast
- Australian Performing Rights Association



FRANCISCAN COLLEGES GALA COMMITTEE
Wishes to thank our major sponsors

We also wish to thank our other significant sponsors

James Morrison Concert

Our sincerest thanks to all those who attended the **James Morrison concert** Tuesday 19 October. The FCIP Senior Big Band opened the concert which included two brilliant solo performances followed by James Morrison complementing the band with his brilliance. The various songs played by the James Morrison Trio including the magical voice of Emma Pask and the phenomenal bass player Phillip Stack, along with their onstage banter, made for a most memorable and unforgettable evening.

Padua College is very pleased to be in conjunction with Ellaways to bring internationally recognized artists to our campus with the bonus of reduced ticket prices. So watch this space for upcoming artists visiting Padua in 2011 for your chance to purchase tickets for you, your family and friends.



In the Habit

(Keeping you informed of what the *Padua Past Friars* are up to.)

Name NORBERT PITTORINO O.F.M.

Something about me people might not know

I was primary school teacher at Padua College for 15 years, spent 23 years in PNG where I used my teaching experience. I write spiritual books and music. Collecting PNG postage stamps is my passion.

What I did before I became a friar

After leaving school, I worked in several jobs: Overseas Telecommunication Commission; Hoffnungs Warehouse and in a milk bar, travelled overseas for a year when I met now St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina.



What drew me to the Franciscans

The desire to be a priest has always been with me. Padre Pio inspired me to be a Franciscan. I had a great love for the poor and needy so the poverty of St Francis attracted me.

Years I was at Padua

1963 to end of 1978

The first thing I remember about the Padua community

We lived in very poor conditions. The classrooms were very crowded. I had 78 children in Grade 5 in 1963. The Friar community was close-knit; the children were from poor families so many financial concessions were made for them.

My most unforgettable memory of Padua

The close relationship the teachers had with the parents of the children in my classes. We visited every home of the children and had many parent interviews to discuss the children's progress. I still keep in contact with some parents and their children and I value their friendship.

The question I'm most often asked about Padua

How long was I there?

Something about Padua that still makes me laugh

I remember Peter Stark was a great one to work tricks on others. One day I came in for morning tea and discovered an ice-cream cone spilt on the piano. I immediately went out to get a cloth to clean it up, but when I came back it had disappeared. I went out and put the cloth back. When I returned, I discovered the ice-cream back on the piano. I became suspicious and discovered it was only plastic! We all laughed about it, anyway.

My advice to current Paduans

To be loyal to your school and remember the spirit of St Francis will always stand by you.

My advice to Old Boys

Try to keep in contact with each other, particularly your own classmates. They often become lifelong friends to fall back on.

What am I up to now

I still work for missions, continue my teaching role as spiritual assistant to the Secular Franciscan Order and in preaching.

Final comment

I am thankful for the years I spent at Padua which I count as some of the happiest years of my life. I look with interest to see what the students, past and present, are doing now. I congratulate you on carrying on the Franciscan tradition that you have come to value.

Things Franciscan

An Introduction to

FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY

Drawn from the life and writings of

St Francis of Assisi

by

Campion Murray OFM

8. Admonition III: Perfect obedience

A single remark can be misleading. On one occasion Francis said that obedience meant being like a skeleton that can be put wherever one wishes. So an obedient person is one who accepts without question the circumstances of life. To take this remark as Francis's whole advice on obedience would be most misleading.

Francis showed a broader attitude towards obedience when he wrote a short letter to his companion, Brother Leo. Leo and Francis had been walking from one town to another. As they walked Leo told Francis of a difficulty he had. After the journey Francis wrote a letter to Leo. In the letter, Francis speaks to Leo as a mother speaks to her children, that is, he speaks kindly not looking for faults but anxious to help Leo. Francis' advice to Leo then is kindly and considerate. He encourages Leo to come back and talk to him if he ever feels the need for this and this would have encouraged Leo. Francis then gives the surprising advice that Leo is to decide on what to do by listening to his conscience. Francis wrote: 'In whatever way it seems better to you to please the Lord God and to follow His footprint and poverty, do it with the blessing of the Lord God and my obedience'.

This advice should not surprise us because Francis himself found his obedience by following his conscience. Many people advised Francis to adopt one of the tried and approved rules for religious life. In his conscience Francis was not free to do this and by following his conscience he gave us the Franciscan way of life.

9. Admonition IV: Let no one make being over others his own

A strong tendency in our society is for personal independence, even for living on one's own in a unit or house. Perhaps we may not want to be in charge of other people but we can be reluctant to have other people over us. Be that as it may, it will always be necessary to have someone in charge of work, of government, and to be in management. It was the same for Francis. He founded an Order and was in charge of the Order he founded. He was its founding father.

Like anyone else Francis had to work out how best to be a superior. In his fourth Admonition he shows how he worked this out; he then advises us how we are to act when in charge. He said: 'Let those who are placed over others boast about that position as much as they would as if they were assigned the duty of washing the feet of their brothers'.

More than that, he advises us not to be upset should we lose a position of authority. In fact, Francis resigned from being the head of the Order and asked that one of the brothers be appointed as his superior. He said that he would be happy to obey a novice who had just entered the Order if he were appointed his superior. Francis founded an Order that was to be a group of brothers but within this group he laid down that there be superiors to regulate the life of the Brothers. While Francis did go away to caves for times of prayer, his life was a life of obedience. This is a long way from wanting an independent lifestyle.

Francis gave a new way of life to the Church. He did not do this for the sake of being independent but for the sake of trying to live the Gospel in a literal way and to follow the footprints of the Lord who was obedient even to the point of death.

Where we've come from...

(from The Paduans annual magazine)

Sport

1960

- Sports Houses were Blue (St Peter's), Gold (St Anthony's), Green (St Joseph's) and Red (St Francis).
- Sports included swimming, athletics, Rugby Union, Rugby League and Australian Rules.
- 'As you may see... sports activities have improved this year. The Swimming improved out of sight and the Junior football teams won more games than they lost, for the first time – a fair record against larger Colleges. The IV B team was undefeated.

The Australian Rules team won the Premiership a second time and the Rugby League Under 14 team won its way to the final four.

The Athletics improved too, but less noticeably; we have a long way to go yet.

The Tennis Court has at last been completed and Mrs Fancutt has been conducting the coaching once a week.

So much for sport, the least of our activities, but still essential for the balanced growth of boys. One cannot have discipline of mind and soul without discipline of body. Courage, unselfishness, and humility are virtues that sport ought develop in a boy.' – Director's Report

1970

- the introduction of a sports uniform of a Padua T shirt (brown with gold edging) and black shorts
- sports included basketball, swimming, athletics, cricket, tennis, Rugby Union, Rugby League, Australian Rules, Soccer and sailing.
- '...when the school deems it fit to devote as much time to sporting activities as it does to individual subject material, it does so with an end in view. Moulding character and promoting leadership qualities are important traits catered for in achieving this end. Often, however, time spent in pursuing this end does not gain its equivalent reward.'



1970 - The sod is turned for the swimming pool (looking to the north-west - note the oval in the background)

1980

- Sports included basketball, soccer, Rugby League, cricket, Australian Rules, swimming, cross country, athletics.

1990

- Sports included Rugby League, touch football, cricket, soccer, swimming, athletics, cross country, tennis, seven-a-side, squash, volleyball, baseball and surfing.

2000

- Sports included cricket, volleyball, Rugby Union, soccer, tennis, swimming, cross country, athletics, Rugby League, touch football and Australian Rules.

Religious/Cultural/Academic

1960

- Cord Bearers of St Francis – numbers 55
- Hobbies Day held in September
- Choir – consists of nearly forty; regular singers on ABC radio

1970

- YCS – various charitable drives; three holiday camps (Bribie Is, Stradbroke Is and Mt Barney)
- ACS – meetings, charitable fund-raising and camps
- Astronomy Club – work has begun for the observatory on the hill behind the Church, overlooking the oval
- Padua Orchestra

- Electronics Club – lectures delivered by Mr Dick Thompson (an Old Boy)
- Music Department – looking to the possibility of introducing a recognized Syllabus into all classes

1980

- *‘The talent of the boys and girls in our Franciscan schools and the energy of a number of gifted people were combined very effectively to produce such shows as “Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat”, (a farewell to Fr Alban Mitchell ofm), “all For the Best”, “Hail, Hail, Rock and Roll”, “Frank” (for the Jubilee of the arrival of the friars and sisters at Kedron), and recently “Can’t Stop the Music” (a Year 10 Production). Special thanks to Mr Les Jones (musical director), Mrs Dolores Jones, Mrs Rosemary Garvey and Mrs Shirley Coe (pianists, Fr Gary Russell, Miss Erica Williams, and a sizeable number of other skilful people...*

1990

- ‘Big Vinnies’ – Yr 11s, along with some Yr 12s and 10s, volunteer on Tuesday nights at the St Vincent de Paul Hostel for Homeless Men
- Environment Group – recycling in action; an Environment Dance; involvement in Science Week; tree planting at Raven Street Reserve in Franciscan Week
- Music Department – embark on their second tour of New Zealand

2000

- International Food Day
- Reconciliation Ceremony
- House Eucharists (Beirne, Grigg and Mitchell)
- Community Service – Yr 9 and 10 students weekly attend a number of aged care and nursing home facilities to spend time with older people
- Charitable fundraising – Caritas Australia (Lenten Campaign) Qld Cancer Fund, Life Line, Salvation Army, Red Nose Day for SIDS Research, Daffodil Day for Cancer Research, World Vision 40 Hour Famine, Amnesty Candle Day, St Gabriel’s Centre for Hearing Impaired Children, St Vincent de Paul
- Environment Club – involved in the Clean Up Australia Campaign cleaning up the banks of Enoggera Creek; cleaning up Wavebreak Island; establishment of the first Eco-Civics Committee; members attended Kids Congress 2000 in Adelaide
- The Company – produces One-Shots, a collection of one act plays; performs Much Ado About Nothing in the Western Campus assembly area
- Debating – 11 teams from across the Western and Eastern campuses
- FCIP –12 bands/ensembles; second year of instrumental music at the Eastern Campus; camp at Amaroo; lots of performances; End of Year Concert



Are you in the process of looking to get some work done? Why not consult the **FOTH Community Business Directory**? There is a variety in the 76 businesses advertised. Each business has a relationship with Padua, St Anthony’s and/or Mt Alvernia. There are a number of Old Boy businesses, which can be searched separately, included.

The **FOTH Community Business Directory** can be located through the College website, www.padua.qld.edu.au.

Mention you got their contact details through the FOTH Community Business Directory. You never know, you may even get a discount...

The Crib at Greccio

Closely associated with Francis' love for all the creatures of God is the way he prepared to celebrate the feast of Christmas at Greccio. Francis explained to a man named John, his friend, that he wanted to celebrate the Christmas mass in a way that reproduced as literally as possible the crib in Bethlehem. Francis added that he also wanted to see an ox and an ass standing by the crib. The mass was celebrated with many people attending and rejoicing with the saint who preached the homily.

We are familiar with building and putting a crib at Christmas in every Church but when Francis did this it was something new. For doing this we owe Francis a debt. The feast of Christmas is a feast we celebrate with ease because, as well as its family aspect with the birth of the child Jesus, the crib makes the feast more homely and easier to understand and enjoy.

Francis had his crib built in a cave on the side of the mountain that overlooks Greccio. In itself this was a humble and poor setting for a Christmas Eucharist but it was surely a setting that fitted so well with Francis' meeting with the leper when he experienced the Lord in the poverty of a leper. More than that, Francis who praised God in his Canticle of the Creatures was at ease in a cave with animals. Here he wanted to celebrate the birth of the Lord to whom he had given his life.

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***May God's love and the spirit of peace
be in your heart and in your home
this Christmas.***

Do you know of anyone not receiving the Newsletter? Encourage them, and every other Old Boy, to get their email address to Susan Skoien at the College.

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3. As you know, from time to time, the College, and the associations engage in fundraising activities to help the College. The information received from you may be used to make an appeal to you. If you do not agree to this, please advise the College now.
4. The College and the associations may publish details about you in their publications. If you do not agree to this, please advise the College now.

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

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