



Old Boys' Assoc.
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Paduans' Newsletter

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*Archbishop John Bathersby and Fr John Boyd-Boland (College Chaplain)
concelebrate the College's Inaugural Mass*

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

Inspired to follow St Francis' way

From The Catholic Leader

Published: 26 June 2011

By: Robin Williams

FRIAR Paul Smith, provincial of the Franciscan Friars' Holy Spirit province of Australia-New Zealand, was in Brisbane recently to take part in the official blessing and opening of new classrooms and refurbished areas at Padua College, Kedron.

Along with the official side of things the visit also provided Friar Paul with an opportunity to catch up on what was happening around his old Alma Mater.

Friar Paul grew up in Wavell Heights, Brisbane, just down the road from Padua College.

"I came across here in Grade Five which would have been in 1965 and went through Padua College until 1972," he said.

Friar Smith said unbeknown to him his early education with the Presentation Sisters' Our Lady of the Angels School, Wavell Heights, also had links to the Franciscan Friars.

The school was named after the small chapel in Assisi from where St Francis sent his friars on mission and the parish church was named after a Franciscan saint, St Paschal Baylon.

"Wavell Heights was actually founded by the Franciscans. It was an outstation church of the Kedron parish for about ten years, became its own parish in 1946, so I didn't know that I was at a school that had a very rich Franciscan heritage in its title until much later on," he said.

Friar Paul told Padua students on June 10, during the opening of their new facilities, that their college stood on "holy ground".

"We call this holy ground not only because of the words of blessing that we have used and the holy water that was sprinkled in each classroom but because this is a special centre of education and learning named after St Anthony of Padua who lived 800 years ago and still has his influence amongst us today," he said.

"It is also a holy place because of St Francis of Assisi whom you have heard about and learned about so much.

"St Francis, who lived a long time ago, had very special values of compassion, care for creation and all those important things that make our world a better place."

Friar Paul said it was that Franciscan spirit that inspired him to join the order in 1973, the year after leaving Padua College.

"I think I came to join the Franciscans knowing more about the Franciscans than about St Francis," he said.

"(That's not to say) we didn't learn about St Francis at school but it was a case of we saw the friars doing the work of St Francis in the spirit of St Francis and that's what really inspired me, and there would be several Franciscans who particularly inspired me both in the Eastern Campus and across the road in the Western Campus (of Padua College)."

The provincial said he was probably one of the last of those to join the order straight out of high school - "which at that time was acceptable but later on it was encouraged that people would have some sort of work experience (and) discernment after leaving school".

That first year as a postulant was spent at the La Verna retreat centre in Melbourne before moving to "Maryfields" (near Campbelltown, Sydney) in 1974 as a novice.

Friar Paul said it was then back to Melbourne to the Yarra Theological Union for his training to priesthood and pastoral ministry.

"I made my final profession of vows as a Franciscan on July 1, 1979 here at the Little Flower Church, Kedron, and was then ordained priest on August 29, 1980, also here at the Little Flower Church," he said.

The friar said he had experienced a varied ministry life since being ordained.

"I spent a couple of years working in parish ministry in Sydney and then in school retreat ministry, also in Sydney, and for a period of about 12 years I was the vocations director for the order in Australia and later involved in provincial administration," he said.

Friar Paul was elected provincial at the provincial chapter in 2007.

The Holy Spirit province takes in Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and Malaysia, and Friar Paul said Australian Franciscans were represented in all those countries, with about 120 friars throughout the province.

"Singapore and Malaysia is developing its own entity now because there are a lot of young men joining the order up there but in Australia there would be about 75 Franciscans and in New Zealand we have eight," he said.

"My ministry, my work, is to keep in contact with those friars, to support and encourage them, to visit their ministries and their friaries and, with the provincial council, to set directions for the province."

Friar Paul said he enjoyed visiting Brisbane and returning to Padua College whenever possible.

"I would always be here for significant functions at Padua such as the opening of the school year, St Anthony Day, St Francis Day, the end-of-the-year prize-giving ceremonies and any opportunities I can have to come back to the school," he said.

"I just have a special affection for the place because of it's part in my history and also it's just incredible to see the growth that has happened since 1964."

The northside of Brisbane also has the added attraction of still being home to Friar Paul's two brothers.

"Actually they both live in the same street so when I come home for holidays or visits I can stay in one place and go and visit my other brother for meals and sometimes I swap over in terms of staying with the families," he said.

When it comes to choosing significant spiritual moments of his life as a Franciscan, Friar Paul said one of the most memorable highlights was his first visit to Assisi in Italy.

"Certainly the first visit was a very significant experience for me, just in terms of being in a place where the spirit of St Francis came alive - that was a highlight for me," he said.

"But the spirit of St Francis is not only found in Assisi, it's alive here at Padua."



Back home: Friar Paul Smith at Padua College, Kedron, where he was a student Picture: Robin Williams

Requiescat in pace

Christopher Brooks ('09)

Chris Brooks passed away in May after a very serious traffic accident. Chris was a 2009 Senior, who involved himself strongly in the life of Padua. Our sympathy and prayers go to the Brooks family. Please remember them in your prayers.



Paduan students' Guard of Honour for Christopher Brooks

Brendon Kruger ('07)

Brendon passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in early July as a result of meningitis. Our thoughts and sympathy are with the Kruger family. Please remember Brendon and his family in your prayers.

Old Boy Events

Upcoming events (for your diary)...

Old Boys Weekend

When: 7-9 October
Where: Amaroo, Pomona

Fr Barry Kirby will be in attendance.



Race Day

The annual Padua College Old Boy's and Foundation Race Day will be held on Saturday **29 October**.

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



Recent Events...

Cricket Day

13 March



Sportman's Dinner

27 May

Padua College Foundation
Sportsman's Dinner 2011
~ Racing Extravaganza ~
*Strictly limited seating! Tickets won't last!
This event sold out in 2009 and 2010! Don't miss out this year!*

Race Meeting Details
Friday 10 June
The Grand Ballroom,
Tattersall's Club,
215 Queen St, Brisbane City
7:00pm to 12:00am

Out of the stable

- Including a dinner for the Group 1 Sydney Cup (raced the previous year at Farm)
- Raffle and auction including a jersey signed by a State of Queensland cricketer
- Launch of Padua College's new website
- Guests DVP

Plus: interviews with Group One champion jockeys **Jim Byrne and Chris Munce**

Silks / Dress code:
Jacket and tie

Don't be beaten at the post!
RSVP and payment (cash, cheque or credit card)
by Wednesday 25 May

Bookings to Sharyn Biddle on 3857 9907 or by email to shibid@padua.org.au. Tickets will be issued upon payment. Please supply your postal address upon booking. Numbers are strictly limited, so book early - as this event has sold out for the last two years! No tickets sold on the night.

A SELL OUT!

Make sure you get your tickets early next year!!

Around the College

(from the College Bulletins)



2010 Seniors' Results

The results from our Senior students in 2010 were very good.

The OP eligible students achieved great results. There were 5 OP 1's. Congratulations to Lachlan Fitzpatrick, Sherman Leung, Michael McGarry, Liam Travers and Sam Weston. The other significant statistics are:

OP 1-5 25%

OP 1-10 56%

OP 1-15 90%

Altogether 94 Certificates were issued to the sixty-seven Non-OP students. This was the breakdown:

6 students achieved 3 Certificates 9% cohort

20 students achieved 2 Certificates 30% cohort

35 students achieved 1 Certificate 52% cohort

18 students were SAT Cert III apprentices 27% cohort

What the statistics indicate further is that no matter what pathway the students choose, OP or Vocational Education, both require dedication and hard work for the students to be successful.

These are very good results and all of our Seniors of 2010 deserve to be congratulated.

Commissioning of Leaders Liturgy

On Thursday 10 February our 2011 Student Leaders were commissioned in the presence of the Minister Provincial of the Franciscans, Fr Paul Smith ofm at a special liturgy. Besides the elected leaders, all Year 12 students received their Senior Ties and Badges and our College Special Ministers of the Eucharist will be installed. The call to leadership is an important one with the call to Franciscan leadership being even more so. Franciscan leaders are called to serve their community with care, humility and without prejudice. Congratulations to all our leaders in 2011.

On 11 March, Padua College celebrated its Inaugural Eucharist for 2011. We were privileged to have Archbishop John Bathersby preside for us. It was a special occasion for a variety of reasons, but particularly because this was the last occasion that the Archbishop would visit Padua in his official capacity, as his retirement is imminent. Towards the end of the Mass, Archbishop John was presented with the Inaugural St Francis Medal. On the recommendation of Mr Michael O'Brien, Padua College has struck a special commemorative medal to honour the efforts of those people outside the Franciscan Order, who have lived the values of St Francis and who

have supported the work of the Franciscans in a special way. The Archbishop said he was honoured and humbled to receive the award. He also said that it would be given a special place on his mantle piece in Stanthorpe.



Two very successful Yr 12 Camps were staged at Emu Gully Adventure Camp, Helidon, in late March. Up until last year there were no camps for the Seniors. This year's experience involved camping in one man tents eating from ration packs and participating in a range of physical and reflective activities organized by the staff at Emu Gully and representatives from a Catholic Men's organization called menALIVE. The boys were kept busy on a rotation from one activity to another throughout the day and night. Franciscan Fr Bernie Thomas, former Assistant Pastor of Kedron Parish and now stationed in New Zealand came along as our Camp Chaplain. For many the camp was a challenge on many fronts but all took it in their stride. I hope that this experience will galvanise the Yr 12 cohort even more to become a more cohesive and motivated Senior Year Level.



Mother's Day

The Year 5 boys took the time and opportunity on Thursday night, 9 May, to share and celebrate this special occasion with their mums. The boys did their best impressions of Picasso, drawing many fascinating portraits of their mums. Exciting acrostic poems were also written and shared with classmates, before final drafts were completed. I'm sure the highlight for many mothers would be the fascinating and enchanting 'pot plants' created by the boys. It was most pleasing to see so many of our mums attend mass with their sons, in what was a memorable night for so many. In talking to many mums after mass and during supper they were extremely taken back and most grateful for such a wonderful evening. Our many thanks to Fr John, Mr O'Brien, secondary musicians and choir, Year 6 PC mums and most importantly Mrs Hodge for once again organising a night to remember.



The Environment Club was invited to participate in the Brisbane City Council May Fair at Lanham Park, Grange on Saturday 14th May. The fair was coordinated by a number of local government councillors, including Councillor Fiona King. We had the opportunity to promote our anti-plastic bag program, which we are working in partnership with Councillor King. About 20 boys from the Environment Club gave up their Saturday afternoon, to collect signatures on a petition to replace plastic bags with biodegradable bags. The boys collected over 400 signatures. Some boys volunteered to work four hours straight. Congratulations boys. Your efforts were outstanding.



In late May Padua College had the privilege to host Fr Joel Pinto, Jannario Freitas (Year 12) and Joazito Soares (Year 11) from St Francis of Assisi School in East Timor (Timor Leste). Padua College raises funds annually through our Franciscan Lenten Appeal to help fund projects at St Francis School. Fr Joel is the Rector of the school and he has been spending many hours in classes talking with our students about Timor Leste and his school. Jannario and Joazito have spent their time shadowing students in their classes. All of this has been a part of our long term goal to have an exchange and cultural interaction with a Franciscan school from another country. Hopefully, over time, the relationship between the two schools can broaden and deepen as our experience and coming to terms with some difficult logistics improves. Many thanks to Mr Michael O'Brien for his passion for and facilitation of this enterprise; to the families who hosted Jannario and Joazito; to Mr Taylor for his organization of the Franciscan Lenten Appeal; and to the Padua Community for supporting it.



The primary students entered a horse in the AAMI Stradbroke Handicap – a painted horse called 'Awesome Horseme' into a prerace competition. The race was run at the 'Breakfast of the Stars'. The Padua boys competed in a very strong field and though they drew an outside barrier they featured in a photo finish to be pipped at the post. Well done and congratulations to Mrs Higgins and the primary lads on their artistic talents and dedication.



from the Northside Chronicle

Horsing around with talent

KEDRON'S Padua College students have called on their creative talents to create a masterpiece that comes in the form of a life-size horse.

Co-ordinator Jane Higgins said students at 23 primary schools across Brisbane were selected for a competition involving painting life-sized fibreglass racehorses as part of the Channel Seven Brisbane Racing Carnival.

"The students have done really well," Ms Higgins said.

"They've learnt all about team work and their designs look great."

Students were also encouraged to research and learn about the Queensland racing industry and further use that information to come up with top-notch artworks for their horses.

The AAMI Stradbroke Schools Painting Competition was initiated to create awareness about racing among students, teachers and parents.

Students have been working on their projects since February with winners due



to be announced at Eagle Farm on June 7. The finished School Paintings will be displayed on

AAMI Stradbroke Day and at Eagle Farm and Doomben Racecourses throughout the year.

RIDING HIGH: Padua College students Nick Caulfield, Anthony Bussa, Fin Caldwell, Julian Tinggee, Lachlan Caldwell, Michael McGrath and Lachlan McGrory with their life-sized horse.

In early June, David Searle (Eastern Campus teacher) launched his book. The afternoon was enjoyable, with about 60 people attending this special event. Also in attendance, was a representative from Keep Australia Beautiful, who have been kind enough to endorse the publication of my children's book.

Thank you to Robyn Mason, parent of Padua College, who catered for the afternoon tea. Thank you to Michelle Bowden, who donated her "Turtle" painting and raffling it to raise money for the conservation of turtles. Thank you also to those of you who have supported me by purchasing a copy of my book. The book, "Timmy Turtle's Dangerous Day" is currently on sale for \$15.95 at Dymocks Bookstore at Chermside or available from me by sending orders to my email address: dsearle@padua.qld.edu.au



Cody Newnham, Jake Stinson (Yr 12 2010), David Searle, David Curtin (KABQ)

On Friday 17 June the College celebrated the Feast of St Anthony with a Mass presided over by Fr Paul Smith ofm, the Provincial Minister of the Franciscans and old boy of '72. Concelebrating with him was Fr John, our Chaplain, and Fr Stephen Bliss, the parish Priest of Kedron.

The feast of St Anthony of Padua is special to the school because St Anthony is the Patron Saint of the College. Many may wonder why St Anthony, and not St Francis is the Patron. Apart from the historical connection of Padua to St Anthony's as the first Catholic school in the Kedron area, St Anthony of Padua was a noted scholar and brilliant preacher. St Francis appointed him as the first teacher of the friars in the fledgling Order. Thus, as a school we look to the academic, as well as the spiritual qualities of St Anthony for inspiration for the students of Padua.

Also on the day the two new classrooms and the refurbished facilities of the Eastern Campus were opened. The Federal Treasurer, Mr Wayne Swan, officially open the facilities, which were financed by the Australian Government under the Building the Education Revolution program. Fr Paul Smith blessed the classrooms and facilities.



New Padua buildings opened

From *The Catholic Leader*

Published: 10 July 2011

By: Robin Williams

FRANCISCAN Friars were joined by politicians for the opening of a \$2million project at Padua College, Kedron last month.

Friar Paul Smith, provincial of the Franciscan Friars Holy Spirit province of Australia-New Zealand joined Federal Treasurer Wayne Swan for the opening and official blessing on June 10.

Padua College rector Robert Out said the building, funded by a Federal Government Building the Education Revolution (BER) grant, saw the refurbishment of an existing east campus building and a new level added as well as a second two-level building also completely refurbished.

He said a new shade structure linking the two buildings was also completed providing the eastern campus with an undercover venue for assemblies and areas for staff and students to congregate.

Mr Out said during the mid 1960s that same site, although bare ground, had been a hive of activity.

"Students developed fine motor skills, learned important socialisation techniques, practised simple spacial mathematics and learned the rudimentary principals of economics," he said.

"In short they played marbles."

Mr Out said the eastern campus work had been part of Padua's planning for some time.

"The refurbishment and building was part of an overall plan of Padua College which would have taken place over a number of years, but the allocation of BER funds allowed the plan to be brought forward and enabled the college to complete its building projects on the eastern campus," he said.

He said although the global financial crisis was unfortunate it was opportune for Padua College that the Australian Government responded to the crisis by including funding for education through the BER in its stimulus strategy.

Mr Out said without the BER grant Padua College would not have the new and refurbished facilities and thanked the government for the decision.



Blessed day: Franciscan Friar Paul Smith blessing of new and refurbished facilities

The talk of Padua at the end of June is of course, the inaugural AIC First XV Premiership, which is shared with Marist Ashgrove and St Edmunds. Congratulations to the Frist XV squad and Mr Lowrie and Mr Maguire. It has been a great season for them and the less I say about the officiating in the last game against Marist the better. In the excitement of the success, we should not forget the U14B Premiership.

Congratulations to the boys and the coach Mr Raadschelders on a great season. I would like to give special mention to the U15A Rugby side and Mr Sean Graham, from Padua Primary. I have followed their fortunes closely this year and I believe they have improved out of sight. Thanks to all of them for this effort. I believe they will make a great contribution to the Open ranks next year.



Firsts XV at Suncorp Stadium

The Franciscan Spirit – Alive and Well!

Flood Appeal Casual Dress Day

Padua's generosity came to the fore on Tuesday 1 February when they held our Casual Dress for the Flood Relief Appeal. A total of \$3214.85 was raised throughout the college by wearing casual dress or buying a sausage at the sausage sizzles on the day. Some of the money was allocated to helping a local P & F Association in the Lockyer Valley associated with the Grantham community with the remainder of the proceeds being sent to the St Vincent de Paul Flood Relief Appeal.

Little Kings Appeal Collection

Just prior to the Easter holidays a letter was received from the Little King's Movement about Padua's collection efforts this year. In 2010 Padua created a new record in school collecting for the Movement by raising over \$9 000. Padua has outdone itself in its generosity again! This year the boys have collected an astonishing \$10 873! This is a fantastic effort given the number of appeals conducted early in the year for January's natural disasters.

Franciscan Lenten Project 2011

The great tradition of helping those in need continued at Padua College in 2011. For the past 20 years Padua College has raised over \$382, 000 for Lenten Projects - a magnificent effort!! In 2006 Padua forged a special relationship with the St Francis of Assisi High School in Fatuberliu, Timor-Leste. The Franciscan run school was devastated by the Indonesian militia groups in September 1999. Our commitment is to stand in solidarity with our Timorese brothers and sisters and help rebuild their school and their community. This will, and already has, involved many opportunities including exchange programs and the development of lasting friendships. Our response in 2011 was a contribution of \$29, 000 (our highest ever total!!) towards rebuilding the Timorese school. Fr Paul Smith ofm, Minister Provincial, was handed the cheque at the St Anthony's Mass. Congratulations must go to all members of the Paduan Community (Primary and Secondary) for their wonderful generosity.



Thank you Mum's Bakehouse

Since the beginning of this term Mum's Bakehouse has been donating their unsold stock of pastries, bread and pies to our regular St Vinnies Men's Hostel groups and Rosies Street Van nights. This is very generous of them. I would encourage all the Paduan community to support this business, and others like them, who help to support those in most need in our city.

Blanket Appeal Thank you

A huge thanks for your support for the one-off blanket appeal in June. I noticed the need when out on Rosies Van recently and your response has been overwhelming (two station wagon loads!). As well as leftover pastries, pies and bread from Mum's Bakehouse I have been able to take out much needed blankets, doonas, beanies and home made toiletries packs to people living rough on the street. *Michael O'Brien*

Toiletries Kits

Please take a look at the flyer for this in this week's bulletin. For those who travel and collect those small bottles of shampoo etc, spare face washers, toothbrushes & toothpaste (can you ask your dentist/orthodontist at your next visit), small soaps and packets of tissues. Donations can be left at the College office.





Ash Wednesday



*Leukaemia Council
Shave for a Cure*



ANZAC Commemoration





FCIP

Gala Night (in March)



The Franciscan Colleges Rock Band

Scholarly performers

From *The Catholic Leader*

Published: 1 May 2011

By: Robin Williams

HISTORY students from Padua College, Kedron, had a unique experience on Anzac Day, taking part in the Dawn Service at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

The Canberra history tour involved 20 students and three staff members and involved the students attending the national Anzac ceremony later in the day before touring the war memorial and being given a private viewing of Earnest Heathcote's memorabilia from the 1919 Russian campaign.

Students also took a walk down Anzac Parade during the late afternoon to view individual campaign memorials. Steve Thrum, from Padua College, said the trip also had the support of the local RSL.

"In late 2010, Padua College approached the Kedron-Wavell RSL for possible assistance with funding of the 2011 Canberra history tour, including paying for tour shirts," he said.

"Following a presentation to the RSL at one of their monthly meetings by Padua College's RSL representatives, Mitchell Caulfield, Jackson Hanley and James Lazelle, the members of the RSL voted in favour of providing \$2000 to support the tour."

Mr Thrum said the funds were handed to the students in a ceremony at the Kedron Wavell RSL on March 22.

"In addition, the RSL also supplied the participants with badges and poppies, and a special wreath to lay at the Anzac Dawn Service," he said.

Mr Thrum said that, while in Canberra, students also toured Parliament House and the National Museum.

Padua College students accept a cheque from the Kedron Wavell RSL Club to support their Canberra history tour

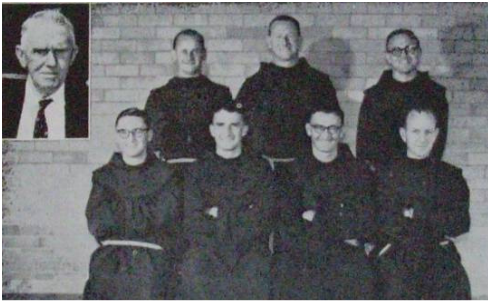


Where we've come...

(from The Paduan annual magazines)

The Rectors

1961 – Fr Alban Mitchell ofm



Padua Staff: Back Row: Fr Odoric, Br Solanus, Fr Cletus
Front Row: Fr Benignus, Fr Isidore, Fr Alban, Fr Declan
Inset: Mr Walsh

"...architects are already at work on the specifications for a separate Secondary School to be built on the land behind the Friary. Father Provincial has agreed to find the initial finance for this, and he has agreed to the establishment of this as a Franciscan College. Father Provincial has guaranteed us the extra Friar-Teachers for next year and the following year.

No doubt you have already seen the extensions at "Padua" – the new toilet block and classrooms. This fulfils a long-standing need and will relieve the pressure on the Primary School.

If the finance is available, we hope also to start work on our own oval, at the foot of the Secondary School, on our own property. Granted the finance, this would give us a school equal to any of its size in Brisbane."

"Our aim in education continues to be the bringing to maturity of the physical, intellectual and spiritual powers of the boys. It is the whole man, not any one part of him, which must be educated."

- Rector's Report

1971 – Fr Tom Murtagh ofm



"1971 has been a year of expansion at Padua, an expansion that has been planned for many years. Five years ago it was decided to add another class to every grade in the Secondary, and this year the increase has been completed with two classes in Grade Twelve for the first time. This has brought the enrolment figure to 445 in the Secondary; and with 384 in the Primary, a total enrolment of 829.

Increased enrolment has brought the need for more classrooms and more facilities. ... Earlier this year the new Primary classroom block was completed, and it is gratifying to see how well it is functioning in fulfilment of our hopes and dreams.

Recently work has started on a new three-storey block at the Secondary which will include classrooms, science laboratories, an auditorium, and music rooms. When this is finished, the two Eighth Grade classes at present in the old wooden building at the Primary will be able to return to the Secondary buildings, and full use will be able to be made of the capabilities made available to the Primary by their new building.

This year has also seen the culmination of the hopes and plans, going back many years, for a swimming pool at Padua. Thanks especially to the efforts of the Parents and Friends' Committee, the pool is now in existence, even though as yet incomplete, and we look forward to when it will be available for use."

- The Rector's Report

1981 – Fr Benignus Clowes ofm



"The period of change of unprecedented proportions through which modern man is living could well represent in the Providence of God a transition to a New Age in history.

...What are the unchanging verities, those permanent elements of the Franciscan charism, that are the guiding lights on our highway of change? ...In keeping with those permanent elements of the Franciscan charism are the fundamental enduring values of Franciscanism: the practice of the Gospel counsels (especially poverty), full availability for service to others, perfect joy always and everywhere, profound devotion to the Blessed Mother, and above all, full conformity to Christ on His way to the Father who is love."

- Rector's Report

1991 – Fr John Boyd-Boland ofm



"...Paul Johnson in Intellectuals went so far as to say, "beware committees, conferences and leagues of intellectuals... we must remember that (they) forget: that people matter more than concepts and must come first. The worst of all despotisms is the heartless tyranny of ideas."

How much this observation resonates with the spirit of Saint Francis that permeates and colours what we believe is education? How alien to this spirit is an education that is spoken about in utilitarian language and economic categories, as if the vocational dimension – that is getting a job – is the ultimate focus."

"There are exciting years ahead of us at Padua, and as we look forward to them we do so with the utmost confidence, for we have the advantage of being able to look back and observe the guiding hand of God's

Holy Spirit at work in the life of the College."

- Rector's Report

2001 – Mr Robert Out



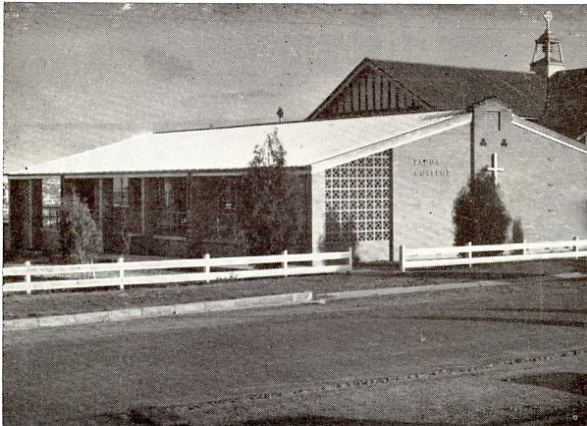
"The Franciscans have given the transition [from a Religious Rector to a lay Rector] a great deal of thought and support. Fr Paul Ghanem's appointment as chaplain was significant one for the College. Being their only ordination in 10 years and a young man, Fr Paul's placement by Fr Stephen Bliss ofm (the Provincial) has shown how important the Padua apostolate is to the Franciscans. Fr Paul has been generously supported by former Rectors, Fr Alban Mitchell ofm and Fr Barry Kirby ofm and with the arrival of Fr John Boyd-Boland ofm [former Rector] as parish priest of Kedron, the Franciscan spirit within the school is even more healthy."

- Rector's Report

The Buildings...

1961

The new classrooms



2011



1971



The (original) swimming pool (almost complete)

2011



The current swimming pool, in very close proximity, not visible, but behind the shrubbery



New Primary classrooms



The newly built/refurbished classrooms



Work begins on the new three storey block (classrooms, science labs and auditorium) at the Secondary



Photo from similar angle (site not visible!)

Through from a different angle, the eastern end of the original science building is almost visible, although the 'new' science block is not visible



1981



New 11 CTC building

2011



The current Vocational Education building

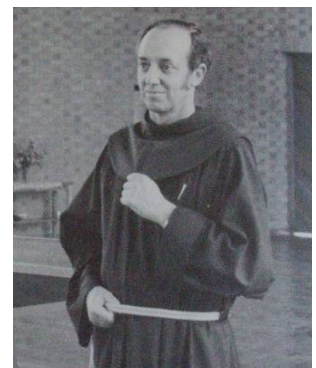
A Celebration...

1981

Celebrating Padua's Silver Jubilee

"Today Padua College is a landmark on Turner Road, and taken for granted. It is a well known and respected educational establishment. Yet, there are many of us who can remember the insignificant beginnings when there was just an open paddock beside the Friary, and hardly anyone beyond the parish confines had heard of Padua or realized that the Franciscans had begun a school apostolate in Brisbane. The growth is obvious. What has been achieved is due to the vision, hard work, and self-sacrifice of many friars, teachers, staff, students, and parents and friends over twenty five years."

*- Message from the Provincial, Fr Cormac Nagle ofm
(Fr Cormac was amongst the early staff at Padua)*



Things Franciscan

An Introduction to

FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY

Drawn from the life and writings of

St Francis of Assisi

by

Campion Murray OFM

6. Finding God in creation

Francis recognized the presence of Jesus in the sacrifice and sacrament of the Eucharist. But he also found God and the Lord in other people, in the world and in animals. This is a significant element of Franciscan spirituality and it is the reason why Francis has been declared the patron saint of ecology, of the care of the earth.

Francis met the Lord in a special and personal way when, standing before the leper, he realized that how he reacted to the leper indicated how he reacted to the Lord. He found the sight of lepers quite sickening just as all people feel about embracing the cross of the Lord. But when Francis generously kissed the leper and so responded to the Lord in the leper, he found that what had seemed bitter to him was turned into sweetness of soul and body for him. After this experience he began his religious vocation and retreated from his usual pattern of life.

In a remarkable way he also found images of God in fire, water, the sun and the moon and in the whole world that God has given us. He also found a peace with wild animals. On one occasion Francis was able to tame a wolf that had been attacking the people of the town of Gubbio. This showed that within his lifetime Francis had come close to becoming one with Christ. He was marked with the stigmata, the marks of the passion of our Lord to show that he had carried his cross to his Calvary; he showed that he had reached a state of peace in the kingdom of God. Long before in history, the prophet Isaiah had foretold this peace, namely, that the lion would lie down with the calf in the kingdom of God [Isa 11:6].

12. Admonition VII: Let good action follow knowledge

The letter kills, but the Spirit gives life [2 Cor 3:6]. To imitate Christ we have to know Christ and we learn of Christ from the Gospels. But we can know Christ for many reasons. For example, we can read the Gospels out of curiosity, out of a sense of duty, or simply to be able to tell others what the following of Jesus entails. This gives us knowledge but knowledge of itself is of little value. Knowledge must flow over into what we do.

Francis heard a passage of the Gospels read in church and the passage struck a chord in him. He heard the words that say a disciple of Christ should not have gold or money, but should preach the kingdom of God and do penance. When Francis heard these words from the Gospel of Matthew he said: 'This is what I want, this is what I seek, this is what I desire with all my heart'. Immediately, Francis went out of the Church and began to put these words into actions.

Franciscan spirituality entails knowing Francis, how he thought and what he did. Through this knowledge of Francis we have a road map showing us how to follow the footprints of Christ. But, with this map in hand, do we say: yes this is what I want to do and then go out and do it? It is all too easy to have knowledge, even to keep learning more and yet not put into practice what we know. We can know the letter of the Gospels but, unless we listen to the voice of the Spirit within us, the letter will kill us.



Life as a Friar

When you were at Padua did you ever consider what it would be like to wear the habit? Has one of the friars who worked at Padua over the years inspired you to consider a similar vocation either as a Franciscan brother or priest? If so why not follow up this thought with a confidential call or email to Paul Ghanem ofm on 0408163257 or vocations@franciscans.org.au

The Friars in Kedron, 2011

A number of new (and not so new) faces have appeared among the friars this year. Since their Provincial Chapter Meeting last October several friars have been transferred to Kedron. Br George Boggs is the Guardian of the Franciscan Friary in Adele Street. Joining Brother living at Adele Street are: Fr John Boyd-Boland (Padua Chaplain, and former Rector of Padua); Br Matt Hufer (Padua Teacher); Fr Finian Perkins; Fr Benignus Clowes (former Rector of Padua) and Fr Anthoni Sevaraj. Kedron Parish has also seen a change in staff with Fr Stephen Bliss (former Provincial Minister) taking over as Parish Priest. Fr Stephen will be assisted in the parish by Fr Joseph Nguyen.

Urgent Attention – Old Boys' Database

At the beginning of last year, changes were made to the Old Boys' electronic database at the College. There were a number of issues with this and, in talking with some old boys this year, it seems that some names and details have been lost. It is important that the database is as accurate and comprehensive as possible to keep all old boys informed.

If you are talking to any fellow old boy, please ask them if they are still receiving emails notifying them of events and the Newsletters. If they received emails in years gone by and no longer receive emails, encourage them to get in touch with Susan Skoien by email, sskoien@padua.qld.edu.au, or by telephone, 07 3857 9999.



Are you in the process of looking to get some work done? Why not consult the current **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.

Opportunity exists to be a part of the **new FOTH Community Business Directory**! See below!

Franciscans on the Hill



2011/2012

'FOTH' Print & Online Community Business Directory

Mount Avernus College, Padua College & St. Anthony's Primary School

About the FOTH Directory

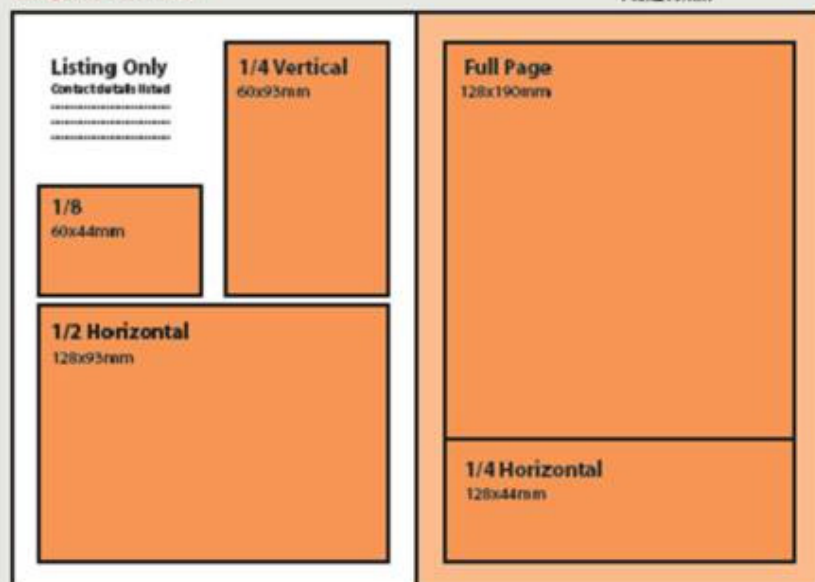
- **Franciscans on the Hill (FOTH)** – The goal of FOTH is to enhance and encourage wider community connection and involvement. A business directory is a great way to create a local FOTH network.
- **Handy Booklet** – There are 11 Print advertisement options with something to suit every type of business! The first step is to fill out your Business Listing contact details and then choose which size Print advertisement you prefer.
- **Website www.FOTHdirectory.com.au** – All Print advertisers automatically receive inclusion in the Online Directory! Your contact details will be displayed along with a colour logo and 5 bullet points describing your business. To make your listing stand out from the crowd there are 2 optional Online Banner ads to choose from.
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If you wish to supply your own ad it must meet our design specifications or a design fee may be charged. If you are not sure send in what you have and we can advise you.
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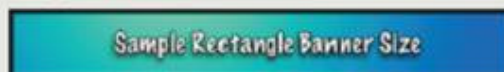
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2. The College and those associations need the information referred to, in order to keep you informed about those activities. If you do not want that information provided as described, it is necessary that you inform the College.
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The Newsletter is produced a number of 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 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 forward information, and photos if possible, to Susan Skoien via email, sskoien@padua.qld.edu.au or to the College (address on the front page).

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