



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

# Paduans' Newsletter

Padua College Old Boys' Assoc.  
PO Box 111  
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**Winter 2012**



## ANZAC Day liturgy

### 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*



Padua College Foundation

# Sportsman's Dinner 2012

*Strictly limited seating! Tickets won't last!*

*This event sold out for three consecutive years! Don't miss out this year!*

Friday 8 June 2012

The Grand Ballroom,  
Tattersall's Club,  
215 Queen St, Brisbane City

7:00pm to 12:00am

## ***This great night includes:***

- Including Calcutta for the Group 1 Stradbroke Handicap (raced the next day at Eagle Farm)
- A raffle and silent auction on the night including Melbourne Cup items, and Viv Richards signed and charred bat

## ***Costs:***

\$135 per person or  
\$1300 for a table of 10  
includes two course meal &  
4 hour drinks package

## **Major sponsor:**

**Harvey Norman**  
ROTHWELL SUPERSTORE



MC : Justin Karcher

Guest Speaker: Rodney Hogg

Rodney 'Rocket' Hogg, is one of Australia's great fast bowlers, up there in the pantheon with the likes of Dennis Lillee and Jeff

Blondie. He was a great fast bowler, ending his career with 387 test wickets at an average of 28.47, and in 71 ODIs he claimed 85 wickets at an average of 28.44. For such a quick bowler Hogg was remarkably consistent.

Hogg will also remind you he scored a test 50. During his career cricket was in turmoil with the advent of World Series Cricket and rebel tours to South Africa. Yet through all this, Hoggy was the spearhead of the Australian attack and frightened batsmen across the globe.

## ***Dress code:***

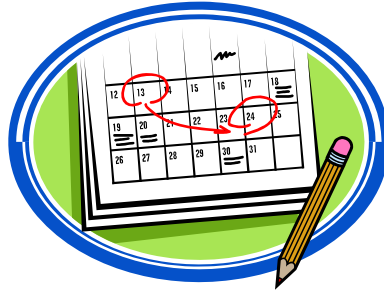
Jacket and tie

## ***Organise your table now!***

RSVP and payment (cash, cheque or credit card) to Sharyn Biddle on 3857 9907 or by email to [sbiddle@padua.qld.edu.au](mailto:sbiddle@padua.qld.edu.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 three years! No tickets sold on the night.

**Hurry - Only 100 tickets remaining!**

# Upcoming events (mark your calendars)...



**Thurs 24 – Sun 27 May**

**Dusty the Musical**

**Friday 8 June**

**Sportsmen's Dinner**

**\* Guest Speaker Rodney Hogg \***

**Wednesday 13 June**

**Feast of St Anthony of Padua**

**Sun 24 – Fri 29 June**

**Confraternity Rugby League Carnival  
(at St Patrick's Shorncliffe)**

**Sat 11 August**

**Feast of St Clare of Assisi**

**Thurs 4 October**

**Feast of St Francis of Assisi**

**Friday 2 November**

**FCIP Senior Showcase Night**

**Saturday 3 November**

**Padua College Race Day**

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## Race Day

The annual Padua College Old Boy's and Foundation Race Day will be held on Saturday **3 November**.

Tickets have sold out weeks in advance in previous years so look out for this one and book early!!!



# Old Boys News

## Ten Year Reunion

### Class of 2002

To be held in September / October,  
2012

Details TBA

Please provide your email address to [sskoien@padua.qld.edu.au](mailto:sskoien@padua.qld.edu.au) to receive further details.



If you know of any Old boy from 2002, *please* encourage them to get their contact details to Susan Skoien as soon as possible.

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## Class of '63 – Can You Help?

We are looking to locate contact details of the Senior Class of 1963. This was Padua's first Senior class. Next year it will be 50 years since this class graduated – a momentous occasion for the College!

So far we only have the contact details of three of the class of fifteen. Do you know the whereabouts of the following men, who would be in their later 60s? (The entire class listing is below.) They may be brothers, related to you, friends of the family, neighbours...

- Kev Boyle
- Des Finn
- Brian Flanigan
- Paul Goode
- Ken Henrick
- Greg McCart
- Joe Mula
- Peter Murray
- R (?) Roberts
- Brian Rout
- Geoff Shoring
- Hein Van der Heide
- Tom Waters
- Peter Webb
- Peter Woodward

*Please* encourage them to contact Susan Skoien by email ([sskoien@padua.qld.edu.au](mailto:sskoien@padua.qld.edu.au)), by telephone (07 3857 9999) or mail (PO Box 111 Kedron Qld 4031) *as soon as possible*.

## **REMINISCENCES – 50th ANNIVERSARY PADUA COLLEGE’S LAST SCHOLARSHIP CLASS OF 1962**

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the abolition of the Grade 8 Queensland Scholarship examination. At Padua College the class teacher of the last Scholarship class of 1962 was Father Alban Mitchell, OFM. Fr Alban was undoubtedly the best teacher at Padua at the time. It was considered essential to have a teacher for the Scholarship class who would bring out the best in the students as the very reputation of the school was at stake as the results of the examination were published in The Courier-Mail! Considering the calibre of the students in the class, bringing them to their fullest potential was a challenge.

The Scholarship examination was always conducted at a State School as the administration and marking of the examination was conducted by the Education Department. I can recall that on 30 November 1962 walking with the rest of the class of some 50 fellow Paduans to the Woolloowin State School and presenting ourselves for the examination. Like most of the class, I attended Mass that morning to pray for success in the exams. As we walked to the Woolloowin State School we had ringing our ears the admonishment of Father Alban that we should refrain from putting the initials 'JMJF', which we always placed at the head of all our school work, on the exam papers. (The initials stood, of course, for 'Jesus, Mary, Joseph and Francis'). I recall Fr Alban remarking that we should refrain from putting the usual initials on our papers to avoid any possible biases by the examiners as they could be prejudiced against Catholic school students!

Father Alban prepared us extremely well for the exams. The Scholarship class was known historically as the 'salt mines' because of the intensity of the work required. We even had classes on Saturday mornings in the lead up to the exams. The class room was located at the bottom of the old original wooden school building. I recall that it was extremely drafty and cramped. On reflection, how it accommodated 50 students is still a mystery.

There were three papers for the Scholarship examinations covering the disciplines of Mathematics, English and Social Studies. In the Social Studies paper, Fr Alban placed emphasis on the need to study the geography and history of Canada. He surmised that considering the areas covered in previous exams, Canada would be strong likelihood for the Social Studies exam. It turned out that he was 'spot on' and Canada was the subject of the 'British Commonwealth' section of the exam.

I recall that everyone in our class passed the Scholarship examination. I surprised myself by gaining 75% overall in the examination. In this we had Fr Alban to thank for his extremely hard work, dedication, commitment and the occasional personal coaching of individual students in that class!

The Scholarship exam had a long and distinguished history. It was originally introduced for State School students in 1873. Students who passed the Scholarship exams were granted funding by the State to go on to secondary school. The Scholarship funding was extended to Catholic schools in 1899. However, originally few Catholic students were put forward by their schools to sit for the Scholarship exam. This was at a time when many students left school at the completion of primary school. My research has shown that in 1907, of the 377 students who sat for the Scholarship exam, only 20 were from Catholic schools. Of these only 4 passed the examination. By way of contrast in 1962 at the final exam, 27,983 students sat for the exam and 87.5% passed.

The Scholarship exam was held in very high regard by the general community as a common determinate on the abilities and scholastic skill of students throughout the State irrespective as to their schools. The 'Lilly Memorial Medal' was awarded to the best State School student sitting for the exam. (Established by trust by Sir Charles Lilly in 1897.) The 'McDonnell Memorial Prize' was established for the best student attending a Catholic school. (Named after a politician, Mr Frank McDonnell, who in 1899 was successful in securing the extension of the Scholarship to Catholic school students.) There was also the 'Jack French VC Prize' for the the student with the best English results in the exam. Students who won any of these Prizes were much sought after by potential employers. These students were also lauded by their individual families and schools.

Perhaps the time is approaching when the community may seek the reintroduction of uniform state examinations to obviate any suggestion of biases in the assessment of students by individual schools.

### **Jeffery Ahern (Hernie)**

**Paduan Old Boy  
1957 - 1964**

## Sonny Guerinni (Class of '05)

Sonny was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma – a rare form of cancer found in the bone or soft tissue that can occur anytime during childhood, or young adulthood – in 2002 at the age of thirteen, while in Year 9 at Padua. When he was first diagnosed, his life changed drastically from soccer training, homework and school life, into a fierce battle with the ferocious disease. Since then Sonny has battled tirelessly to stay alive.



*Sonny (right) with his younger brother, Luke (Class of '07), in 2005*



Sonny has relapsed six times since his diagnosis in 2002, most recently in April this year. Along the way he has endured infinite hours of chemotherapy, operations, radiation and treatment recovery time, as well as suffering immensely from the symptoms of this form of cancer. When treatment was not effective in Australia, Sonny travelled overseas – to the UK, Turkey and Germany – for both alternative therapies and conventional treatments, including Cyberknife which unfortunately is not yet available in Australia.

There have been many tears of joy over the years, for Sonny, his family and friends, when wishes have been answered and treatment has been successful, but for most of the past ten years there have been many tears of sorrow – with every emotional and physical struggle that has confronted him over and over again. However, for every mountainous challenge Sonny has faced, he has fought back twofold. With an ever-smiling face and an ever-laughing heart Sonny brightens anyone's day.



*Right: Keep it Sonny Padua event in May*

Earlier this year some of Sonny's friends, including a number of Old Boys, started the 'Keep it Sonny' organisation. This is a non-profit organisation to raise funds for Sonny's treatments. It has held one event already, at Padua on 5 May, and another is happening on 2 June (see information below). The facility for buying tickets to the 2 June event, along with making tax deductible donations, is available on the website, [www.keepitsonny.com.au](http://www.keepitsonny.com.au).



**KEEP IT SONNY CHARITY BALL**

**02/06/12 7.30PM**

**SUMMIT EVENT CENTRE // LEVEL 1 // 157 GIVEN TCE**

**CANAPES & DRINKS INCLUDED**

**DRESS CODE: BLACK TIE WITH A TOUCH OF YELLOW**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FROM**

**DJ BENIBEE // MORGAN BAKER //**

**SKIPPEN BROTHERS // FREEDOM FIGHTA**

**UNLOCK MYSTERY PRIZES**

**TICKETS \$120**

**Lush** **Summit Event Centre**

Tickets available from [www.keepitsonny.com.au](http://www.keepitsonny.com.au)

# Old Boy Profile

## Chris Fitzpatrick



### Student at Padua:

1975 (Grade 4) – 1983 (Yr 12)

### Teacher at Padua:

1999-2005

### Since leaving Padua as a student:

1984-1986 saw me studying Primary Teaching at Brisbane College of Advanced Education with fellow old boys David Wren (teacher at Padua – Eastern Campus) and Paul Kelly (deceased).

From 1987-1998 I worked with, what is now, Education Queensland. During these years I worked in a number of towns across Queensland including Quilpie, Dalby, Toowoomba, Longreach, Chinchilla, Miles and Brisbane. I was lucky to work in small, medium and large schools as a teacher of preschool, primary and secondary students as well as a Teacher-Librarian. I experienced life as a teacher at a School of Distance Education working on radio with students across a quarter of the state. For a while I was also an Education Adviser for Libraries and Resources. A fortunate opportunity allowed me to tutor BEd students at QUT for a number of years.

In 1999 I returned to Padua, this time as a teacher on the Western (Secondary) Campus and in charge of the Library. Memories of the Primary and Secondary Librarians from my time as a student, Mrs Josephine Oh and Mrs Iris Box respectively, were quite close to mind. It was humbling and somewhat daunting to be taking on the roles of these dedicated women.

Through my years as a teacher at Padua I had the opportunities to be a Teacher-Librarian, Pastoral Care teacher, English and Religion teacher, a debating coach, assist in the music program, drama and musicals and many other activities. These were all opportunities that enabled me to interact with students, staff and parents. There was also the privilege to work with former teachers of mine and get to know a number of friars who were in Kedron, particularly Fr Alban, who had moved from Padua whilst I had still been a student in the Primary.

In 2006 I moved to Toowoomba and started working at St Joseph's College as a Teacher-Librarian and teacher of English and Religion. The years on The Range were wonderful. There were many opportunities as a teacher as well as in my life. To live in a climate that has four seasons each year is truly exhilarating! However, the time came to move on and in December last year I returned to Brisbane for a brief stay. Since February I have been doing relief teaching at Padua.

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### Editor's Note

In 2002, for a number of reasons, I decided that the old boys of Padua needed a regular newsletter. The words of Fr Alban, "There is no such thing as an ex-Paduan.", often rang in my ears. My aims of the Newsletter were to keep the old boys connected with each other through news and a database; with the College – past and present; and with Franciscan spirituality. This aim continued into '03, after which I took a break, and then from '07 until now. While the Newsletter has not always been as regular as I had hoped, my intentions of keeping connections has always been sincere.

My time of compiling and editing the Old Boys' Newsletter has run its course. I am bowing out as the editor for a number of reasons, but mainly because I am uncertain of what available time I will have to continue with the Newsletter.

I have made a successful application to the Order of Friars Minor and in July I commence life as a postulant. I'm joining the Franciscan Friars who have been a part of my life since long before I joined Padua as a student and have continued to influence me throughout my life.

Thank you for having taken time to contribute and/or read the various editions of the Newsletter over the last number of years.



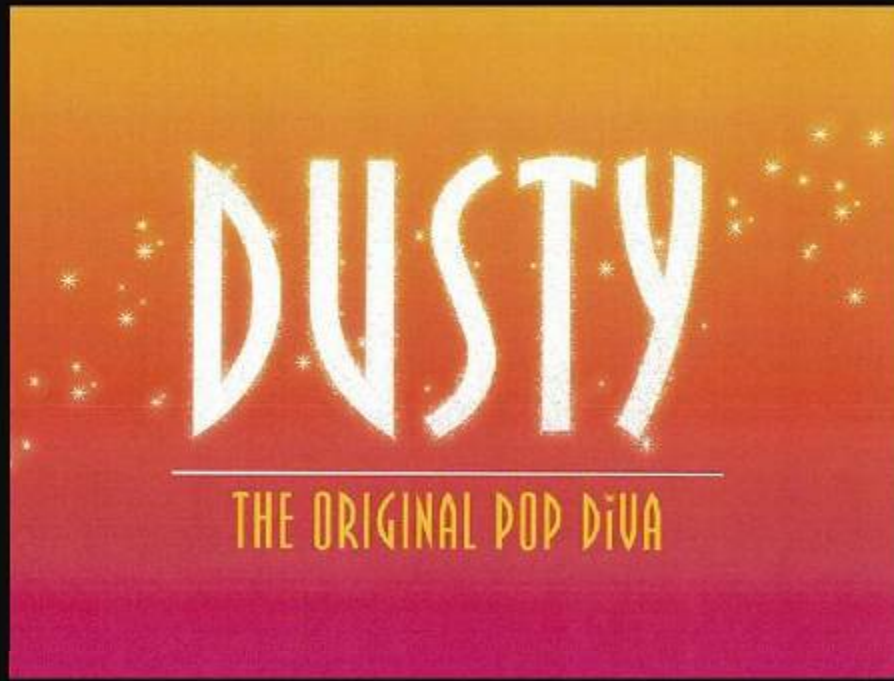
*Receiving a blessing from the St Joseph's College Chaplain, Captains, Vice-Captains and community last year*

Pax et bonum  
Chris Fitzpatrick ('83)

# Around the College

(from the College Bulletins)

MT ALVERNIA & PADUA COLLEGES PROUDLY PRESENT



Thursday May 24 - 7.30pm  
 Friday May 25 - 7.30pm  
 Saturday May 26 - 7.30pm  
 Sunday May 27 - 6.30pm

**BOOKINGS 3357 6000**

## Tickets

**Adults \$25**

**Concession \$20**

Opening Night Special!

All Tickets \$20

Book By John-Michael Howson, David Mitchell, Melvyn Morrow  
 BY ARRANGEMENT with ORIGIN™ THEATRICAL  
[www.origintheatrical.com.au](http://www.origintheatrical.com.au)

If you wish to purchase tickets for the Mt A / Padua Musical, PLEASE SEND CASH, CHEQUE or fill out CREDIT CARD details on the form below. Alternatively email completed form to: [hopfb@mta.qld.edu.au](mailto:hopfb@mta.qld.edu.au) (EFTPOS is available, telephone Mt Alvernia College). Additionally, students may purchase tickets during lunch. Please indicate your requirements below. **Due to demand, Box Office will not 'hold' tickets unless they are paid for.**

PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT - RETAIN UPPER PORTION FOR YOUR RECORD.

"Dusty: The  
 Original Pop  
 Diva"  
 TICKET ORDER  
 FORM

Date	Adults \$25	Concession (Student/Personnel) \$20	TOTAL COST
Thursday 24 May 7.30pm			
Friday 25 May 7.30pm			
Saturday 26 May 7.30pm			
Sunday 27 May 6:30 pm start			

PLEASE TICK YOUR METHOD PAYMENT (please tick)

Payment by CASH   
 Payment by CHEQUE  payment to "Mount Alvernia College"  
 Payment by CREDIT CARD

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Home Room: \_\_\_\_\_

CARDHOLDER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE OF CARD (please circle): VISA / MASTERCARD

CARD NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ CSC: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRY DATE: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ PAYMENT AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_



## Franciscan Appeal 2012.

The Franciscan Appeal has been launched! This is the most important of all fundraising activities at the College because the proceeds directly benefit the staff and students of St Francis of Assisi School, Timor Leste. With the Australian dollar at a record high at the moment (Timor uses the US dollar as its national currency) the benefits we can give our Timorese friends are even better! Last year we set a new Padua record of \$29 000. I wonder if \$30 000 is possible in 2012. Good luck!

### St Vincent de Paul food drive



The local Kedron conference of St Vincent de Paul had a large demand placed on their service over the Christmas-New Year period and asked Padua for assistance in restocking their cupboards. The entire College sprang to the response and in a week-long collection managed to make a big difference. Well done!



### Guest Speaker – Tony Mowbray

Padua College was fortunate enough to secure the services of Mr Tony Mowbray as a recent guest speaker. Tony addressed the Year 8-12 students on March 15. Speaking on the topics of Motivation, Leadership, Achievement and Commitment, Tony shared his experiences of sailing solo around the world and participating in the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race in 1998 - the year renowned as the having worst conditions in the races 84 year history.

### Rugby & Football Tours

During the last holidays two separate school tours overseas took place. Our Rugby squad travelled to England Ireland and France; while our Football squad toured Malaysia. All members and staff were welcomed back soon after their respective returns.



The Rugby squad had a wonderful experience during their weeks away. They played twelve matches with seven wins and five losses. Apart from playing rugby the staff and boys visited the Somme battlefields and enjoyed the sights and sounds of Paris, Dublin, Belfast and London. Thanks go to staff members Scott Maguire, Ben Lowrie, Simon Stower, Ryan Hanly, Mr Out, Fr John and Ty Casey for their wonderful organization and preparation for this trip.



Our Footballers, too, have had an eventful trip of their own – although somewhat overshadowed by the unfortunate motor accident they experienced. Until that point the trip was proceeding well with a visit to a local orphanage being one of the highlights. Three boys received injuries in the accident that required hospitalization, one boy requiring ongoing treatment for a further period of time yet. The dedication, care and concern shown by the staff in such trying circumstances were outstanding. Staff members Dan Cull, Grey Lavey, Neil Davissen and Chris O'Shea are commended for going above and beyond in their handling of this situation.





## 2012 Little Kings Collection

At a recent assembly we handed over a cheque for \$12 000 to representatives of Little Kings. They were astonished and very grateful and expressed that to the College community. I am pleased to announce in this bulletin the individual House amounts collected for this year's appeal. Mitchell - \$4072; Grigg - \$2956; Odoric - \$2804 and Beirne - \$1724. A wonderful effort from everyone!

## ANZAC Day in Canberra

Six students, from Yrs 10-11, were selected to represent the College at this year's ANZAC Day dawn service in Canberra. We had a great time in the nation's capital. The coldest dawn service in more than 50 years was solemn and the national ceremony was outstanding. A spectacular F-18 flyover brought an end to the official ceremony. I tried to find a media crew in the hope of getting us some air time but we were unsuccessful!

The afternoon was spent at Questacon where the group experienced many different scientific activities and novelties. Thursday was another great day that was very busy and fulfilling. An 8am wake-up made up for Wednesday's early start and our first destination for the day was Parliament House. Our boys stole the limelight at a mock parliamentary sitting where they debated the introduction of a bill in the lower house. We were greeted by two members of Mr Swan's office who apologized for his absence as he was in Brisbane! The afternoon was spent at the War Memorial.

This place never ceases to amaze. We took a short trip up Black Mountain to see the Telstra Tower and take in the panoramic views of the city.

Thank you to the Kedron-Wavell RSL sub-branch for sponsoring our students. From all accounts the trip was a great success and we have been humbled to have been given the opportunity to represent the College at such an event.

Ben Sitarz

History Teacher



## Yr 6 Grandparents Day



## P&F

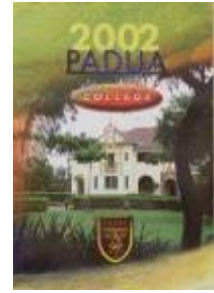
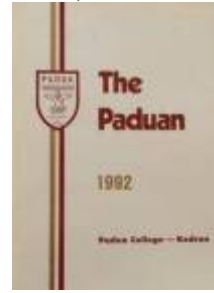
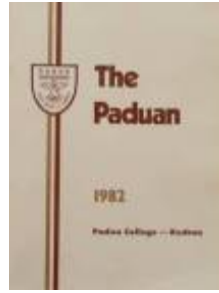
The College P&F are selling this year's "Entertainment Book". If you have never purchased a book or maybe have in the past, please take the time to look at the current offering as the savings are many.

The book is a great fund raiser for the College and its details can be viewed on the web at - [www.entertainmentbook.com.au](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au). You are able to purchase the books from the College office.



# Where we've come from...

(from The Paduan annual magazines)



1962

## IN RETROSPECT

It would be a pity to allow some of the finer moments of the College to pass into oblivion without mention.

Who could forget, for example, that first Parents' Meeting in the Friary in January, 1957, when Fr. Alban received his baptism of fire. Yet a solid bond was thereby forged.

Then there was the first ever football game, against St. James. The Fathers, and Mr. McCabe and Mr. O'Meara were painting the goalposts till eleven p.m. The same posts majestically arose as the umpire (looking frantically for signs of a football field) ran on to the ground. This was at Hickey's paddock.

Afterwards, we transferred to the well-known Gibson Park, eventually becoming members of the Gibson Park Committee, which has been a very happy association. We extend our thanks to this Committee for its help and interest over the years. The ground, to us, is invaluable.

But clearing those trees from Ground No. 3! No one who was on that tree-puller will ever forget it. The trees were not so bad, but the stumps were obstinate, beyond all reason; and that wire was stretched very tight, as Mr. McQueen philosophically observed.

The big burning-off of the field followed: wet sacks for all. It was all scientifically planned (probably by Fr. Odoric), but even so, the fire nearly got away. In the excitement that followed, Mr. McCabe was soused with Fr. Alban's wet sack. Mr. McCabe took it with his usual aplomb.

Nor should we neglect the painting of the old school, after the Tudor-England type windows had been replaced and Ye Olde stairs on the far side of the concrete steps knocked down. This painting job took the best (or worst) part of a year: or was it two? It certainly took longer than the painting of the sports shed in front of the new school, a job-much admired by Mr. Porter (even if not done in 44 minutes).

Fr. Odoric's flagpole (Highest in Kedron) gave us some anxious moment on its first uncertain ascent – and in subsequent descents and further ascents. But it stayed up and bore our assorted flags proudly until it had to go to make way for the new Primary building. "Where will it go next?" is the question that agitates every mind.

It seems incredible now, but we did actually play one (ONLY one) game of Rugby in the paddock next to the Friary- The racket was deafening and players had to be quick of eye to avoid (a) boughs, (b) roots, (c) twigs, (d) telephone pole, (e) fence, (f) concrete wall (end of field), (g) ditch, (h) gorse bushes, (i) spectators. For some unknown reason, the opposition (a State School) requested the return match at Normanby Park, to which we agreed. Despite the obvious homeground advantages of the first game, I think we lost both games. But these were the men who made the College: no trips to Sydney in those days. "Ave atque Vale]" class of '57.

Initially, we had two of the Sisters with two classes of St. Anthony's underneath the old building. As the sisters moved out to new quarters, we gradually filled up the underneath rooms ourselves. Eventually, we had to construct a middle room underneath, between the other two. This gave a very natural atmosphere to the Scholarship Saltmines. As the numbers further increased, we had to carve out a teachers' room upstairs at the end of the corridor, and make a small room for the top class at the top of concrete stairs: now passed into History as Fr. Isidore Hall.

Probably the first job done on the old school was to clean and hose out the room under the concrete stairs. This basement was gradually upgraded from junkroom to Science Room-cum-tuckshop. It was first used as a science room in 1960 when we had our first Sub-Junior: the school being then approved by the Department for holders of Scholarships. Nine out of eleven passed that first Scholarship, including the school's first prefect, Michael Stark.

The staff has changed, too, over this period. Fr. Alban and Fr. Angelo began teaching in 1957, with Mrs. Cameron; the previous year Fr. Patrick and Fr. Damian had started the school, with Mr. J. Fox and Mrs. V. Cameron teaching.

Fr. Angelo held the fort until Fr. Odoric arrived from New Zealand, and then Fr. Angelo went to study overseas. Fr. Cletus came in 1958, and Fr. Cormac in 1959, in which year Mr. Walsh joined us, and Fr. Isidore, who began the first Secondary class. In 1960 Brother Solanus increased the staff, and in 1961 Fr. Benignus and Fr. Declan joined the Secondary, Fr. Cormac going overseas to study Canon Law. Then, this year, Fr. Hugolin and Br. Donald joined us.

Some of the jobs remain to plague us: the annual marking of football and athletic fields – Sports Day – Concert. Which reminds one of the first concert in the two rooms upstairs in the old building. It was a trifle on the crowded side. The next year, we were at the Kedron Hall, which saw that unforgettable extract from David Copperfield (also nearly inaudible!)

The assistance of the Sisters in the early days set the standard for the co-operation between the two schools: a truly Franciscan spirit. So much so that the Sisters trained our tunnel ball teams this year, and the experts of Gr. VI here "trained" the St. Anthony's First XIII (Gr. III).

One thing is sure; it would be a poor school and this article would not (could not) have been written but for the self-sacrificing Christian charity and cooperation of the parents and friends of Padua. If you have teen concreting with Mr. Endicott, Br. Gervase, and Br. Jude, or selling soft drinks with the ladies on Saturdays, at football, or collecting bottles with Mr. Nugent and his team, you will know what I mean.

A final note on transport. Where would we have been (literally) but for Mr. McCabe in the old bus, groan though it did uphill. Mr. Crowdey and Mr. Parsons were the forerunners of those who have generously made their truck or car available at a variety of odd hours, for a variety of odd jobs.

So many have helped us that to those we have not mentioned, we can only say, "Thank you; and as St. Francis would say: 'May the Lord bless you'".

# The Leaders

1962



*SUB-SENIOR*  
to R. F. H. van der Heide, P. Webb, B. Hunt, G. McCart, T. Waters, G. Warren, P. Murray, K. Boyle, D. Finn, P. Goods, G. Shoring, B. Plantain, J. Mula, P. Woodward, K. Hestick, M. Cahill.



**GRADE 12A**  
BACK ROW: E. Clark, M. Watkins, P. Hansen, G. McMahon, N. Macgroarty, P. Bond.  
THIRD ROW: D. Frost, M. Cullinan, D. Cunniff, R. MacKinnon, J. Reed, A. Ajik.  
SECOND ROW: M. Abdul Rahman, K. Ryan, D. Simonds, S. O'Brien, R. Williams, S. Wilson, G. Price, A. Romano.  
FRONT ROW: P. Farrell, D. Lee, M. Sullivan, Fr. Benjamin Olowe, T. Oshery, P. McCaul, G. Kenny.  
ABSENT: P. Baker, L. Kraus.

1972



**GRADE 12B**  
BACK ROW: B. Longhurst, P. Sherry, M. Wray, D. Bowden, P. Taylor, D. Toll.  
THIRD ROW: G. Enslin, G. West (Vice-Captain), B. Rigby, P. Cadden, P. Fleming, J. Evans, M. Lewis, K. McLain.  
SECOND ROW: P. Smith, P. Cotter, B. Makoree, R. Fumar, B. Cleyden, W. Goddard, J. Box, P. Ugrinic.  
FRONT ROW: J. Gonzalez, S. Smith, M. Healy, Fr. Roderick Payne, L. Jowett, P. Thompson, G. Klean.



**MOUNT ALVERNIA - PADUA CD-INSTITUTIONAL STUDENTS GRADE 12.**  
BACK ROW: R. Williams, R. Lamb, M. Van der Heide, J. Dittmar, C. Lynch, K. Murphy, M. Stevens, G. Bourke.  
SECOND ROW: L. Higgins, C. O'Shea, A. Haynes, T. Blanchard, M. Starfield, D. Caraw, B. Minnow, A. Fitzpatrick.  
FRONT ROW: P. Kelly, S. Willard, P. Lingard, J. Eichmann, C. Williams, M. Coe, M. O'Shea, S. Morahan.

1982



**ADMINISTRATION AND PREFECTS**

*FRONT ROW: Wayne Halverson, Stephen Dunne (Captain), Fr. Benignus Cloves, o.f.m. (Rector), Fr. Barry Kirby, o.f.m. (Vice-Rector), Robie Jayawardhana (Vice-Captain), Lennie Doo.*

*SECOND ROW: Tony Madsen, Tony Paris, Tim Slinson, John Baartz, Sean Sweeney, Patrick Hoskins.*



1992

**1992 PREFECTS**

*FRONT ROW: Robert O'Toole, Tim O'Shea, Daniel Morey (Vice-Captain), Fr John Boyd-Boland, Jeff Hoare (Captain), Bryan Crawford, Sean Burke.*

*SECOND ROW: Matthew Dyer, Glenn Pereira, Luke Campbell, Adam Winstanley.*

2002



# In the Habit

(Keeping you informed of what the *Padua Past Friars* are up to, or in this case a past/present friar.)

## ***Name***

John Boyd-Boland

## ***Something about me people might not know***

I have never driven a car; I do have a Honda 125cc motor scooter.

## ***What I did before I became a friar***

I was studying Law at Sydney University

## ***What drew me to the Franciscans***

The spirituality of Saint Francis, his positive world-view. Meeting some Franciscan friars at a weekend retreat.



## ***Years at Padua***

1972-1973; 1990-2000; 2006-?

## ***The first thing I remember about the Padua community***

Their hospitality and gracious assistance to me as a first year teacher.

## ***My most unforgettable memory of Padua***

Having to be rescued by Fr. Ben from a feral Yr 10 class in 1972.

## ***The question I'm most often asked about Padua***

A couple of questions: "Did you teach my dad?" and "How did we get the Banyo grounds?"

## ***Something about Padua that still makes me laugh***

The boys' innocent naivety.

## ***My advice to current Paduans***

Get yourself involved in as many things as Padua has to offer – academic, spiritual, cultural and sporting areas.

## ***My advice to Old Boys***

Endeavour to sustain the contacts that you made at Padua; enjoy life and make the most of the opportunities that come your way.

## ***What am I up to now***

I am still teaching at Padua in Religious Education and History, as well as being Chaplain at the school.

## ***Final comment***

It is a great pleasure to be on the staff at Padua- my colleagues are an outstanding group of dedicated people, and the boys in their exuberance, enthusiasm and great sense of humour are loads of fun!

# Things Franciscan

This year is an important year as we celebrate 800 years since St Clare joined St Francis' fledgling Order.



***We praise you Saint Clare  
because you followed Christ  
by living your life in poverty and prayer,  
help us  
so that we too  
may learn to trust in the providence of God  
who never fails us,  
and to accept the divine will  
in all serenity.  
Amen.***

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## **An Introduction to FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY**

**Drawn from the life and writings of**

**St Francis of Assisi**

by

**Campion Murray OFM**

### **23. Admonition XVIII: Compassion for a neighbour**

Francis repeats the words of our Lord: *In everything do to others as you would have them do to you* [Mt 7:12]. We see a striking example of this in Francis' life. What he wanted for himself was to be left free in the Church to try and live the Gospels in a literal way. He wanted this because he believed that this was precisely what God was asking him to do. But, as has been noted, the Church was reluctant to give approval to such a way of life and even many of his companions tried to get him to adopt one of the older, approved Rules for religious life. The Church did finally give approval to Francis' Rule and so he was then free to shape the way of life for the Order.

When Brother Leo was troubled, Francis wrote a letter to him in which he said: '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' (I, 122). Just as Francis was left free by the Church to live in the way he believed God was instructing him to live, so Francis gave this same freedom to Brother Leo; Francis supported Leo in the way he had wanted to be supported and trusted.

Francis adds that a servant is blessed when the servant gives back to God every good that the Lord has given. The God who cares and provides for us has given us everything we have. So when someone is weak and troubled we know that the Lord cares for the person and we are to help this person as we would want to be helped ourselves. This is what Francis did for Brother Leo.

# Old Boys' Database

It is important that the Old Boys' database be kept up to date and as accurate as possible. *Please* make sure you contact Susan Skoien by email ([sskoien@padua.qld.edu.au](mailto:sskoien@padua.qld.edu.au)), by telephone (07 3857 9999) or mail (PO Box 111 Kedron Qld 4031) if any of your details change.

If you know any old boy who is not on the database, *please* encourage them to contact Susan to include their name and details.

It is only through an accurate database that old boys can be informed of information and events.



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](http://www.padua.qld.edu.au).

## Paduans for Sale... the magazine that is!

*Current and previous copies of Paduan\*  
are for sale (\$60).*

*Payment required on order.*

*Please contact Sharyn Biddle at the College on  
3857 9907.*

*\*Subject to availability.*



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