



Padua

# Old Boys'

## Newsletter

Summer 2012

"Where there is love and wisdom there is neither  
fear nor ignorance" *St Francis of Assisi*

*Thanks to Chris Fitz for his wonderful work on this newsletter over a number of years.*

## Welcome to the new Old Boys' Newsletter

After many years as Editor of the Padua Old Boys' Newsletter Chris Fitzpatrick has relinquished this responsibility. This is the first edition under new editors. In this edition there is information about the new building program at the school, news about the last Pilgrimage of boys to the

Franciscan shrines in Italy, an update on sport at the College, a revision of the pastoral care, and leadership structure, as well as information about some recent weddings of our old boys, some recent events and a write up of the 1997 reunion.



## The Pilgrimage

Twenty four boys and four staff took off in late September for a two week pilgrimage to Italy. First stop Rome, with visits to the Franciscan Irish College, St Isidores, Sunday Mass and a fulsome lunch with the friars there, the day finishing with our visiting the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, and the usual tourist spots. Our other days in Rome included the Coliseum, the Roman Forum, Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, a climb to the top of St. Peter's cupulo, the Vatican museum and Sistine Chapel, The Lateran Basilica, and sampling the local cuisine. On our way to Assisi we visited Greccio, and La Foresta. In the late afternoon we were in Assisi- for all the boys this was the highlight of their pilgrimage. We reverently prayed at the tomb of St Francis, and joined the crowds for the celebration of the Feast of St Francis amid drums, trumpets, flag-throwing and general renaissance revelry. We celebrated Mass at the Carceri Hermitage in the hills outside Assisi, for some one of the highlights was the visit to the Chapel of San Damiano, the visit to the Basilica of Saint Clare, and praying before the original San Damiano Cross. Our final day we celebrated Mass at the Porziuncola, Saint Mary of the Angels.

*Fr John Boyd-Boland*



Florence was our next stop- this capital of the renaissance, with visits to the Duomo, the statue of David, the museum devoted to the inventions of Da Vinci, the Basilica of San Croce. Again the boys took much pleasure in the pasta and pizzas they liberally sampled, the staff delighting in some very fine Tuscany white wines!

A train trip of a few hours and we were in Padua, our accommodation just across the street from the Basilica of Saint Anthony of Padua. We took a guided tour of the Basilica and prayed at the tomb of Saint Anthony- at all the shrines the boys showed such devotion and a sense of prayer. Then close to the middle of town we experienced the wonders of Giotto, with a visit to the Scrovegni Chapel whose ceiling and walls are adorned with Giotto's paintings from the Bible. Finally a visit to the University of Padua, and its importance in the history of Medicine.

Forty minutes later by train and our last stop, Venice. Between visits to the Duomo, the Bell Tower, and the Doge's Palace there was time for last minute shopping at the Rialto Bridge, and our final sampling of Venetian cuisine.

In all, a splendid experience for the boys, whose demeanour and behaviour was exemplary. Thanks to the staff, Mr. Michael O'Brien, Ms Marina Mantini, Br. Matt Hufer ofm and Fr. John Boyd-Boland ofm, and parents for their support of their sons.



## The New Buildings

Work begins in December on Padua's largest building program, with the construction of two new buildings on Jardine Street. The two new buildings will accommodate:-

- Six science laboratories, and one demonstration room

- Two art rooms and Art outdoor Practice room

- Two music rooms

- One drama room, and one Film and Television room with one Digital Lab

- Uniform Shop

- Student amenities

- Additional staff room.

The plans for this \$11 million project are attached.



## WEDDINGS

*If you have any information about forthcoming nuptials of old boys, please let us know.*



In each subsequent edition of the Newsletter I would like to include an item about recent old boys.

I officiated as the Celebrant at two recent old boy weddings:-

David Shillington married Naomi Constantin at Saint Patrick's Church, Pomona, on Sunday 21st October. David was assisted by his brothers, Mark, John, and James. Guests included Padua graduates of 2000, Matthew Hardy, Adam Peek, Shaun Nodwell and Nick Serra.

Alister Jones married fellow medical doctor Katherine Lovat at Saint Kevin's Church, Bangalow, N.S.W. The best man was Alister's classmate Adam Stanfield, with Alister's brothers Andrew and Russell supporting the bridegroom.

On 2nd January, Paul Knight will marry Louise Green at Bath U.K. Best man will be Chris Humphreys, and old boys attending include Ben Furhmann, Chris Johnson, Chris Loth, and Michael Out. *Fr John Boyd-Boland*

# Old Boys Visit Padua

*Academic Assembly August 2012*  
*Article by Ms Trish Dwyer, Vice Rector Curriculum*



Padua's annual Assembly Honouring Academic Excellence was held Thursday, 2 August. We were pleased to welcome to the College the parents of the 110 students who received Academic Excellence Awards for their Semester One studies. This event is a significant statement to all members of our College that we value the effort our students make to succeed in their studies and we celebrate their successes.

We were fortunate to be joined on this occasion by two past students who have distinguished themselves academically. Mr James Sullivan, College Captain in 2009 was our Guest Speaker. He spoke about his fond memories of his time at Padua and the values he has taken from Padua and incorporated into his life, especially the value of service. Mr Michael Stevens, Padua College Dux in 2006, also joined us to present the Defence Force Scholarships to the successful applicants from Years 11 and 12. Michael Stevens, who has just commenced his PhD in the area of Bio-Medical Science, will be returning to speak to the academic excellence students at a later date.

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## Important Information Old Boys' Database

In 2010 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, 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, please encourage them to get in touch with the College by email, [sskoien@padua.qld.edu.au](mailto:sskoien@padua.qld.edu.au) or by telephone 07 3857 9999.



# REUNION CLASS OF 1997



The conclusion of 2012 marks 15 years for the Paduan Senior Class of 1997. A celebration of these years was held during August at both the College itself and afterwards at the Breakfast Creek Hotel. The 'Old Boys' marvelled at the significant changes to both campus' and fondly remembered times shared at the school. Around 35 past students attended the occasion, many who have set themselves up after school. Mechanics, Teachers, Accountants, Doctors, Administrators, Sales Reps, professional Sportsmen, Engineers, and a sole RAAF FA/18 Super Hornet Pilot were some who enjoyed a meal and a few frosty beers at the pub afterwards. We reminisced about our times at Padua both good and interesting. A huge thanks must go to Fr. John Boyd-Boland and Martin Raadschelders who gave of their time to speak to the 'old boys' and talk them through the changes occurring over the next few years here at the college. More gatherings are planned for the Seniors of 1997.



*Chris Webb*

## 1997 Reunion

# Padua Race Day



# Old Boys' Weekend @ Amaroo



# Chronicle 1982

(Taken from the  
Paduan )

By Fr Barry Kirby

## Chronicle

Fr. BARRY KIRBY, o.f.m.

### FEBRUARY

After the usual days of book sales, enrolments and staff meetings, the school got underway officially with inaugural liturgies and the presentation of badges to Primary and Secondary prefects. Several new teachers joined the staff at the beginning of the semester. Mr. Paul Frisby, Mrs. Maree Barton, Mr. Ian Davis and Mr. Anthony Maguire were the new teachers in the Primary, and Br. Kevin Lawlor and Mr. Michael Howard (part-time) joined the Secondary staff.

There was a touch of sadness early in the month with the deaths of two people who had been associated with Padua. Simone Willemen who had been the School Captain of Mt. Alvernia in 1974 met with a road accident, and Br. Anthony Boughton who was stationed for a good many years at the Kedron Friary died suddenly in Sydney.

Fr. Norbert Pittorino, a former Paduan teacher now working as a missionary in Papua New Guinea, visited the school and talked about his work in the missions. The usual combined Paduan Prefects and Mt. Alvernia Councillors' camp took place in the middle of the month, and the Old Boys held their first function for the year and election of committee members on 19th.

### MARCH

This was the month of Swimming Carnivals - C.I.C. and Q.S.S.S.A. Year 8 had their camp-retreats at Greenwood, and enjoyed a mini sport competition organised by the prefects. The Firsts went on a trip to Bundaberg, and demonstrated the potential they had for a good season. On 23rd an Open Night was held at the Secondary to give parents the opportunity of seeing over the school and meeting the teachers - this is now becoming a regular feature. In the middle of the month we said farewell to Miss Cele McLachlan, and welcomed her replacement teacher, Miss Connie Londero. The first Paduan-Mt. Alvernia dance for the year proved to be a successful occasion, and three students - Stephen Dunne, John Baartz and Lennie Doo - represented Padua in the Lions' Youth of the Year Quest.

### APRIL

Mid-semester tests occupied the first couple of days of April. As a preparation for Easter, Reconciliations were held in the R.E. Centre prior to Good Friday. Considerable alterations to the Auditorium began during the Easter break - this work was undertaken by Br. Adrian and several students who volunteered their services. During this same month, the barbecue area at the Secondary (S.O.F.A.) was completed, thanks to the energy of Mr. Peter Fazel. It was towards the end of April that the school community expressed its sympathy to the Rector on the death of his mother, Mrs. E. M. Clowes.



### MAY

Bishop John Gerry visited the Year 7 students at the beginning of the month and met with Primary staff members. On 16th the Year 7 students began their camp at Coolum with girls from St. Anthony's, in preparation for Confirmation which took place on Pentecost Sunday. Retreats were held for Year 12, Year 9 and the Old Boys, and all these were given by former Paduan teacher Fr. Peter Dillon, who is now studying in the United States. ROSBA seminars began in May, and for the rest of the year Secondary staff were busy writing their ROSBA programmes, some of which come into effect in 1983. We were saddened during the month by the death of John Doherty, a Paduan Old Boy; John was buried from the Kedron parish church, and his family appreciated the presence of a large number of friends and former Paduans.

### JUNE

Sporting fixtures dominated the June calendar. The Primary were involved with a Soccer Carnival, a Cross Country and a Zone Athletics meeting, while in the Secondary the Firsts made the Queensland semi-final of the Commonwealth Bank Cup and competed successfully in the Queensland Independent Secondary Schools' Rugby League Competition held at Corbett Park. A Year 8 social organised by the Prefects and Mt. Alvernia Councillors at the beginning of the month was a marvellous success. On 23rd the Primary and St. Anthony's organised a special Mass in honour of St. Anthony. After semester tests Years 11 and 12 had a week of work experience, and 11 CTC enjoyed their annual live-out. The staff concluded the semester with a river cruise - somewhere on the Brisbane River.

### JULY

This month began with the tragic death of Stephen Williams from Year 10. Although Stephen died during the holidays and in New South Wales, a number of staff and students were able to provide a



Padua contingent at the funeral. Other services were held after the students returned to school on 13th. The semester began with a staff discussion day, part of which was devoted to the amalgamation proposal. On 22nd a presentation was made to Padua by A.C.I. for being the school recycling most glass in Brisbane. Mr. Hewitt, Minister for the Environment addressed the assembly. The month concluded with two social events – a bush dance, and the annual Old Boys' Golf Day at Woodford. Work experience for Year 10 began during the month and continued each Monday for some weeks.

#### AUGUST

Early August saw quite a number of zone and metropolitan finals for teams from both Primary and Secondary. On 9th Mr. Nev Endicott, who has been associated with Padua over many years, was affiliated to the Franciscan Order. The Rector attended a Superiors' meeting in Sydney in the middle of the month – here he met all the former Paduan Rectors at the same gathering. Work began on the driveway at the front of the College and next to 11 CTC, and school photos were taken on 16th and 17th. During this month everyone appreciated a couple of days holiday for the Exhibition.

#### SEPTEMBER

Primary and Secondary Athletics Carnivals were held this month. Year 12 sat for their ASAT tests, and Years 10 and 11 had their retreats. The highlight of the month was a Peace Day on 17th, with all the activities reported on elsewhere. On the evening of 17th a special Mass was celebrated in the Cathedral by Archbishop Rush to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the birth of St. Francis. The Old Boys held their final social for the year on 10th, and the quarter concluded on 24th – later than usual because of the Commonwealth Games.

#### OCTOBER

A holiday was given on 11th for St. Francis Day, and school resumed on 12th with a Q.S.S.S.A. Athletics Carnival. Mr. Con O'Sullivan became the first Paduan teacher to take his long service leave – his place was taken by Mr. Phillip Dobson. The Senior Formal held at Lennox Hotel on 15th was a great success, yet signified that the year was drawing to a close. Year 7 students had their usual October tests, and orientation programmes were held for Year 10. By the end of October the final touches were being put on the landscaping at the front of the Secondary.

#### NOVEMBER

During the first weekend of November the newly elected prefects selected the Captain and Vice-Captain for next year – Stephen Kelly and Giga Jayawardhana. On 6th students entering Year 5 in 1983 were given assessment tests, and Year 6 Red put on a brilliant little production. The Primary held a special liturgy on 10th to honour St. Maximilian Kolbe, a recently canonised Franciscan martyr. School concluded for Year 12 with the Senior Graduation Dinner on 19th, and for the rest of the Secondary the following week. The Year 7 Graduation Mass took place on December 1st, and Christmas holidays began for the Primary on December 3rd.

# What happening around the school?

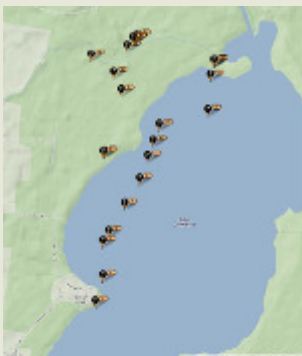
*Taken from the Bulletin Newsletter*

## **Winter Sleep Out** *(Article by Michael O'Brien, Vice Rector Formation)*

On Thursday 26 July 31 boys from Years 8 to 12 slept rough under the stars in the Lone Pine area in support of this year's St Vincent de Paul's Winter Sleep Out. A soup and bread roll supper was followed by a talk about homelessness which highlighted why such a night is held in the first place. Thanks to the generous support of Big W at Stafford, each participant was able to make some kind of shelter with cardboard as protection against the cold. The donation of a blanket from each participant has been distributed to Micah Projects Brisbane Homelessness Centre and Rosies Street Van.

## **800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year of St Clare**

On Saturday 11 August is the Feast Day of St Clare of Assisi. This year we have been paying particular attention to her involvement in the life of the church and the Franciscan movement. It was 800 years ago in 1212 that Clare left her wealthy Assisi family and joined the little band of brothers newly formed by St Francis. On Thursday 9 August at our College assembly each boy will receive a medal of St Clare to wear as a reminder of this special year. On 21 August I will be visiting the Poor Clare Sisters (the Order founded by St Clare herself) at their monastery in Campbelltown, west of Sydney, to present them with a Papal Blessing and a giant card signed by staff and students. I will take with me the very best wishes and prayers of Padua to the sisters on that visit.



## **Year 10 Camp** *(Article by Dan Rush—Outdoor Education Coordinator)*

This years camp was different to the previous years and groups were tracked electronically via a 'Spot' GPS / EPIRB allowing us to monitor groups progress. This is an image of their progress.

**REUNION  
CLASS OF  
2002**



YEAR 12 - 2002

10 Year Reunion  
Saturday 6 October 2012

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HOW IT  
WAS..**

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# What happening around the school?

*Taken from the Bulletin Newsletter*

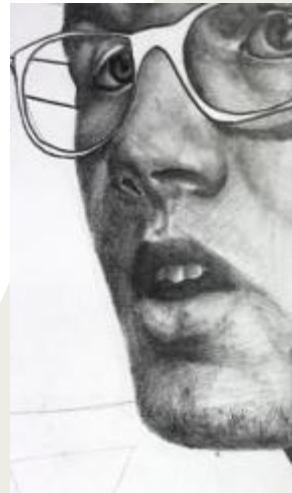
*Article by Julian Honeywill, Art Teacher*

## From the Art Department



2012 saw Creative Generations (formerly the Minister's awards for the Arts) run for its eighth year. The awards aim to showcase student work across the Arts and for Visual Art, schools are invited to submit the works of four sen-

judged by a panel of teachers and practicing artists. The panel choose between 30 - 40 students from across the state for the major prize, which is a five day workshop run by QUT and QCA on the September holidays. They also choose one student from each of the seven regions to receive a regional encouragement award - \$250 worth of art materials for both themselves and their school.



This year is the first occasion during my time at Padua that we have had a large amount of quality work to choose from to submit to the awards. Joe O'Toole, Callum McGrath, Nick Barnes and George Battams were the chosen artists with Dusty Howley and Fiachra Kissane unlucky to just miss out.

Callum and George both made it through the first round of judging, with George being awarded one of the only seven encouragement awards across the entire state. This is great recognition for a very talented and hard working cohort and for George in particular. He received his official award at Sunnybank SHS on Saturday and it is great to think that he has been adjudged to have produced one of the top 40 artworks in the state.

## REUNION CLASS OF 1982



## TELL US HOW IT WAS

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## What are Old Boys doing now?

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# What happening around the school?



*Taken from the Bulletin Newsletter  
Article by Greg Lavey*



## U/16 AFL Premiers

Building on the success of the U/14 side last year the U/16 Padua AFL team came away from the AIC season as premiers. After a brief yet intense season dominated by some outstanding team and individual performances the boys came out on top in the final game against traditional front runners Marist Brothers College, Ashgrove.

Throughout the season the boys approached each game with great enthusiasm and physicality, priding themselves on tackling other sides out of the contest.

Our AFL clubmen were a class above the opposition in all of our games, dominating the middle of the ground. With outstanding performances throughout the season from Zac O'Callaghan, Jeremy De Bortoli and Jackson Hanley.

Padua won out in clearances around the ground and out ran opposition midfields both offensively and defensively.

The grand finale against Marist was a see-sawing clash that saw our boys race out to an early three goal lead. To Marist's credit they pegged us back to within just one goal going into the final term, however, with continuing solid efforts from Jesse Gough, Zac O'Callaghan, Lindsay Collins and a Man of the Match performance from Lewis Smith had the boys coming away with a solid three goal win.

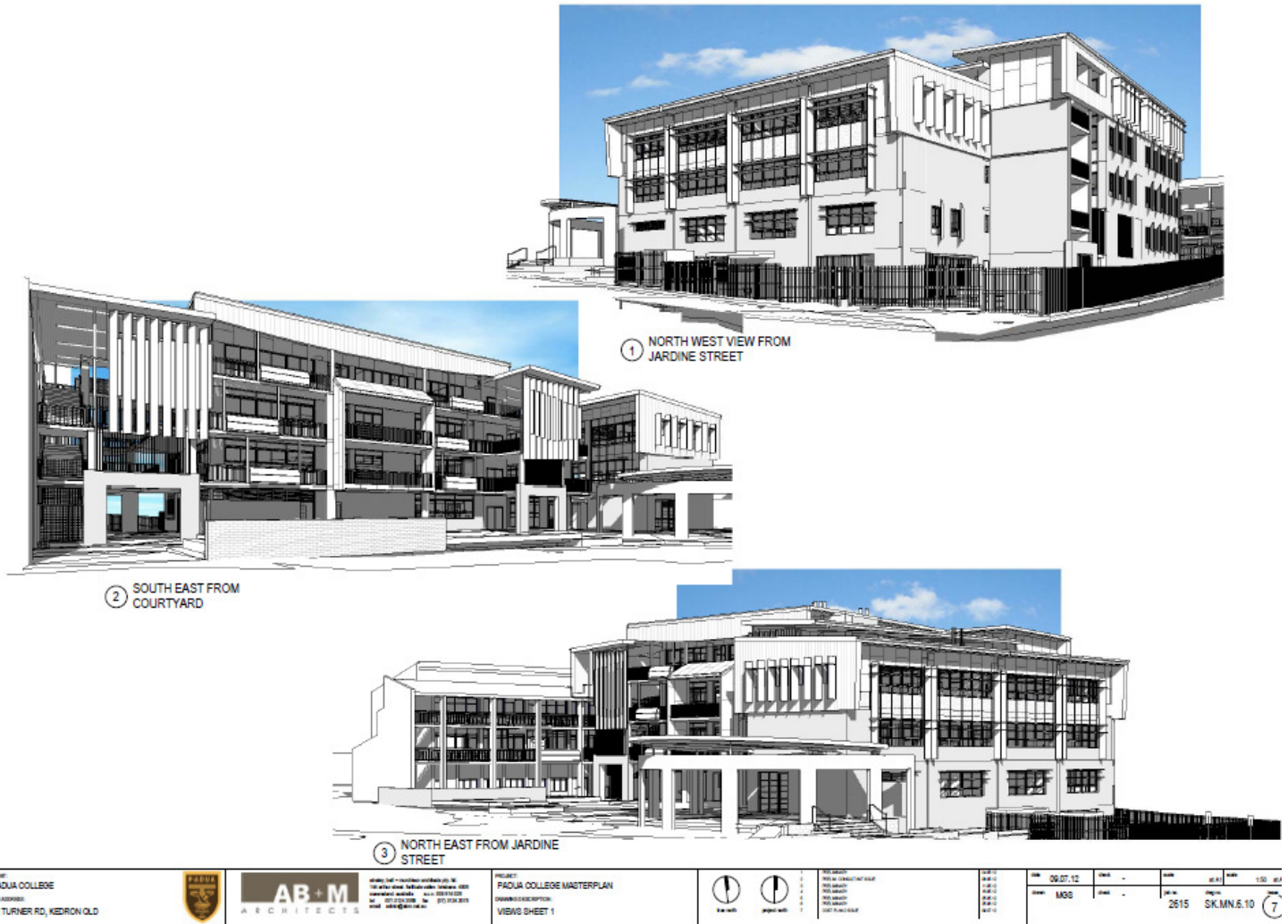
Best player for the season was Zac O'Callaghan and the coach's award went to Daniel Best who continually gave his all throughout the season.



## Padua AIC U16 2012

# What happening around the school?

New Building works 2013  
Jardine Street



The two new buildings will accommodate the following:

- 6 new Science laboratories and 1 Science Demonstration room
- 2 Art rooms and an Art Outdoor Prac room
- 2 Music rooms
- 1 Drama room
- 1 Film & TV room and 1 digital lab
- Uniform shop
- Student amenities
- Additional staff rooms

