

Fr John Boyd-Boland

Padua

Old Boys' *Newsletter*

Autumn/Winter 2016

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

THINGS FRANCISCAN



Dear Paduans,

Mr **Robert Out** at the end of this year completes his 16 year tenure as the first lay Rector of Padua College. When he graduated from the University of Queensland, he was offered a position at Padua, where he had been a student. So after many years as teacher, he became Vice-Rector, then with the retirement of Fr John Boyd-Boland in 2000, he began his term as Rector.

Not long after his appointment the College began a new and significant building phase, with the opening of "La Cordelle" as a Assembly Hall, sports complex and venue for liturgical ceremonies. The Saint Bonaventure Resource was opened at 2006, and houses the Assisi Library, Seminar Rooms and the Teaching and Learning offices. Later La Foresta garden and fountain was built at the rear of Saint Francis Hall.



More recently the four storey Santa Croce complex was completed. It comprises, in air-conditioned comfort, space for Science Rooms, Music, the Performing Arts, and Visual Arts, as well as space for receptions and gatherings. Earlier this year the 'Greccio Dome' was completed, this is a wet weather cover for basket ball/tennis courts on the Greccio campus.

More importantly, Mr Out has involved the College in "The Leuven Project" on Enhancing Catholic School Identity Project, so to maximise the Catholic and Franciscan identity of the school. Padua has much to thank Mr. Out for: his quiet and unassuming mindfulness, and the overall servant - care he has shown to the boys and staff will be much missed.

Fr John



WEDDINGS

If you have any information about forthcoming nuptials of old boys, please let us know....oldboys@padua.qld.edu.au

New Rector in 2017

MR PETER ELMORE

Fr John Boyd-Boland

Fr Paul Smith ofm, Minister-Provincial and the College's Board of Directors have appointed Mr Peter Elmore as Rector of the College. Mr Elmore will begin his term at the beginning of 2017. He has had distinguished educational and leadership roles. Currently he is Principal of Saint Thomas More College, Sunnybank. He has been the recipient of the Excellence in Leadership Award, presented by Brisbane Catholic Education. In his teaching he has specialised as an economics teacher and has served as Deputy Principal at Clairvaux MacKillop College. Presently he is President of Queensland Independent Schools Rugby League.



The College looks forward to his continuing the Franciscan tradition that is inherent in the charism of Padua.

The Leuven Project

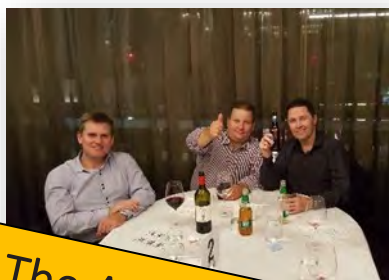
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Last year Padua College entered into an agreement with the Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium) on Enhancing Catholic School Identity Project. After successfully completing a survey with staff, students and parents, as well as examining the school's policy documents, the university gave Padua feedback on its catholic school identity. It reported Padua as a strong faith community. They presented data, which has given the college a template for further enhancing its catholic identity. This in the areas of teacher professional development, student learning, and opportunities for the Catholic faith and tradition to be better understood and appreciated.

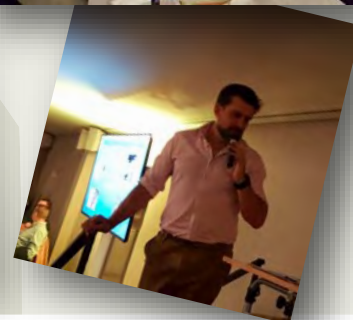
Mr. Michael O'Brien, Vice Rector, Formation recently spent two weeks in Leuven together with teachers from other Queensland Catholic schools. He will be driving this project at Padua working closely with old boy **Simon Mahaffy (OB 1998)** from Brisbane Catholic Office. A small working party of staff has been set up at Padua, and it will proceed in terms of recommendations put forward by the University of Leuven.

PADUA COLLEGE SPORTSMAN'S DINNER 2016

Paul Mansfield—Bulletin



The Annual Sportsman's Dinner held at Gambaro's was a great success with Jeff Thomson and Lenny Pascoe entertaining over 200 guests. A great way to start Padua's 60th Celebrations



The Class of 1965

Mr Brian Cunningham (OB 1965)

Jim Doherty has been a close mate of mine since we first met in Grade 3 at St Anthony's Primary School Kedron. Back then, Jim's large family had just arrived in Australia after emigrating from Ireland. On his first day at school our teacher, Sister Mary Pacifica, sat him down beside me, telling me to look after the new boy. Jim was a tough little character, and he soon let me know that he didn't need any looking after.

When we advanced into Grade 4, the boys and girls were segregated, and the boys were sent to Padua Boys' School, later called Padua College, next door to St Anthony's.



I had volunteered for National Service when I was still 18 years old. At the completion of three months' recruit training followed by three months' Infantry Corps training at the Third Training Battalion Singleton New South Wales, I was posted to Fourth Battalion Royal Australian Regiment (4RAR) at Enoggera Barracks. When 4RAR arrived in Vietnam, we were joined by two companies of Kiwis and became 4RAR/NZ (Anzac) Battalion. In July 1969, my two-year stint in the army came to an end. During that time, I had spent 12 months with 4RAR/NZ at the two-way firing range called Vietnam.

Jim Doherty was at the Third Training Battalion completing his Infantry Corps training when I arrived home from Vietnam.

In August 1969, Jim came home for his seven days' pre-embarkation leave. Whenever I wasn't at work, I spent all my spare time with him. During that time, I gave Jim my one and only piece of advice: "Jim, when I was out in the jungle, I saw hundreds of bullet scars on trees. I soon noticed that most of the bullet scars were above knee-height. So, Jim, when the shooting starts hug the ground and stay down low."

In September 1969, Jim was posted as a reinforcement to 6RAR/NZ: the battalion that had replaced my battalion, 4RAR/NZ, four months previously. Jim spent nearly nine months in Vietnam as a forward scout.

Pete Kowalski joined Jim and me at Padua College at the start of high school. Four years later, in 1965, we finished Senior (Year 12), at which time Pete and I joined the Commonwealth Bank. Pete and I were partners in the first car we ever owned: a 1954 Vauxhall Tourer. It cost us 25 Pounds (\$50). I already had my driver's licence, and I gave Pete his first driving lessons in the Vauxhall.

After Jim, Pete and I finished school in 1965, we spent most of our free time together: playing Rugby League, tinkering with our cars and going to the monthly 60/40 dance at the hall next to the Little Flower Church Kedron.

Pete was also called-up for National Service. At the completion of Infantry Corps training, Pete was made a machine-gunner in 2RAR which was stationed at Lavarack Barracks in Townsville.

In April 1970, I was saying goodbye to Pete at Brisbane Airport. Pete had been home on seven days' pre-embarkation leave and was returning to 2RAR in Townsville. Pete's battalion was about to relieve Jim's battalion in Vietnam. During his period of leave, I gave Pete the same piece of advice that I had given to Jim: when the shooting starts hug the ground and stay down low. Although I knew Pete would face many hardships and dangers throughout the next 12 months, I fully expected him to return home to us alive.

Pete's battalion didn't sail to Vietnam aboard HMAS Sydney as I had. Instead, 2RAR was flown to Vietnam in company groups of 150 Diggers at four-day intervals on chartered Qantas Boeing 707s. The 6RAR Diggers returned to Australia on the same aircraft.

On May 12, 1970, Pete's company arrived in Vietnam. Jim was still at the Aussie base at Nui Dat when Pete arrived, so they were able to spend some time together, and Jim got to meet some of Pete's mates.

On May 16, 1970, the last arriving company of 2RAR replaced the last departing company—Jim's company—of 6RAR, and Jim flew home on a Qantas Boeing 707. When he arrived home, Jim was due for one month's leave but then had to go to Lavarack Barracks in Townsville to join up with the rest of 6RAR to complete his time as a national serviceman.

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The Class of 1965

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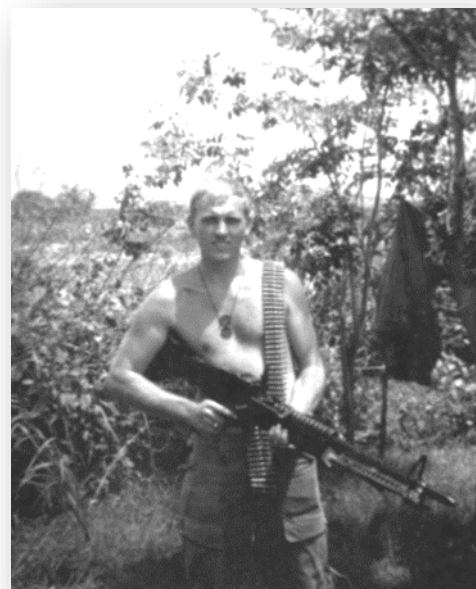
In January 1971, Jim was discharged from the army and returned to Brisbane. By that time, Pete had completed about eight months of his year-long tour, and we were all looking forward to his return home.

On February 9, 1971, Jim phoned me with the tragic news that Pete had been killed the day before. Pete's body was returned to Australia about a week later, and Jim asked me to go with him to view the body at the funeral parlour. Pete's body was lying in a casket. Part of the lid of the casket was left open to allow visitors to view Pete's body from the chest up. The funeral director explained that a mine explosion had killed Pete, and both his legs were missing.

On February 20, 1971, Pete was buried at the Nudgee Catholic Cemetery. As his coffin was slowly lowered into the grave, I remembered with sadness the well-meant advice I had once given to Pete: when the shooting starts hug the ground and stay down low. Frustratingly, I knew that none of those useless words could have protected Pete from the horror of a mine explosion.



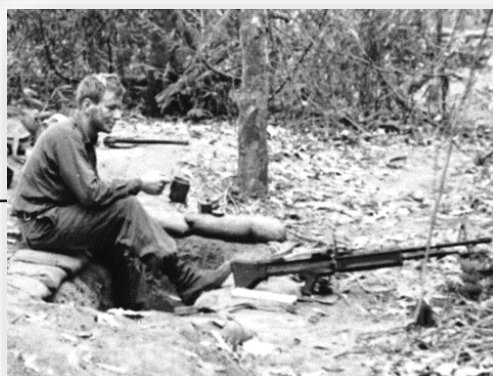
Author's note: Out of the twenty-five students in the Class of 1965, six were conscripted into National Service; five served in Vietnam.



Private James Doherty

6RAR/NZ (Anzac) Battalion

1969 - 1970



Private Brian Cunningham

4RAR/NZ (Anzac) Battalion

Private Peter Kowalski

2RAR/NZ (Anzac) Battalion

1970 - 1971

Old Boys Database

We aim to develop our Old Boys Community as fully as possible. **Unfortunately, in the past, some of the contact details of Old Boys has been lost. Please help us to rectify this.** 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, oldboys@padua.qld.edu.au or by telephone 07 3857 9999 or to change their details via the website. Thank you!

Do you know???

I'd love to know if anyone has news about what happened to Mr Dick Thompson who helped us with the electronics club, etc. in the 1970's?

Please email oldboys@padua.qld.edu.au

Greg Lowe (OB 1975)



The Padua App

Find out about the app on the College website.

<http://www.padua.qld.edu.au/technology/padua-college-app/padua-college-app/>



A large orange circle with a white scalloped border containing the text "25 year".

25
year

1991 Reunion @
the Brekky Creek
Hotel on
15 October @ 4pm
(watch website for further details)

A wide orange banner with a white border, angled upwards from left to right, containing the word "REUNION" in large white capital letters.

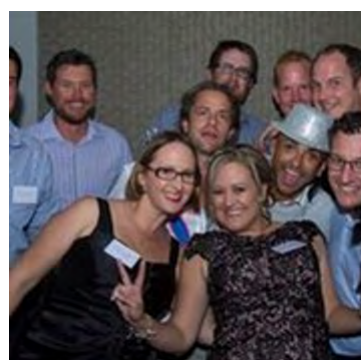
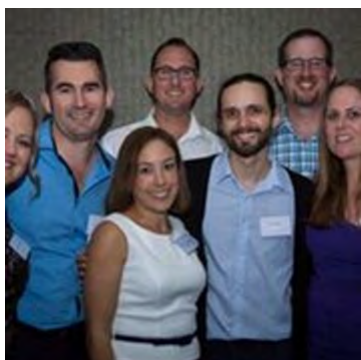
REUNION



We had our 20 year reunion on Saturday 21 May. It started with around 30 - 40 (1996) Seniors up at Padua, hosted by Gary and Ang O'Brien. We then moved into the Port Office Hotel meeting up with around 60-70 Mt Alvernia '96 Seniors. Around 50-60 Paduans enjoyed the celebrations.
Chris Humphrys (OB 1996)

You asked for any recollections of the 1995 reunion. That was the 20 year reunion for our guys (Year 12 1975).

My clearest memory was about leaving the event. Matt Herzig (also 1975) and I were walking out through the carpark and two young guys asked what year we were from. We told them 1975, and they had a laugh and said "we weren't even born then". But that part that made us both feel old is that these guys were old boys too....
Greg Lowe (OB 1975)



the photographs



50th Reunion

Is there anyone out there who is in contact with any
Seniors from **1966**?

This year marks the **50th anniversary** of this graduating
class. We plan to have a semi-formal get together
somewhere in Brisbane in Oct/Nov.

We have managed to get contact from about 10 old
boys so far.

Dalton Kelly
email dmkell49@hotmail.com
mobile 0413079832.

1987 Seniors

Informal Catch-up

Albion Hotel

Saturday 3 September @ 6.30pm

Contact Russell Maddock

ph 0400 998 048

Or Paul Wood ph 0404 616 432

Where are they now...

Catholic Leader
March 2016

Education & Religion 19

First student returns for diamond jubilee in Kedron **Padua College celebrations**

By Emilic Ng

SCHOOL days were exactly 60 years ago, but Padua College's first student admits he's never left the community.

Michael Stark, 71, walked through the gates of Padua College in Kedron in 1956, becoming the school's first enrolled student.

"They were the best years of my life," he said.

So good, he and younger brother Peter Stark, who started Year 4 in 1956 and returned to teach at Padua College after university, chose to grow old with the adjoining Franciscan community as lay parishioners.

"We haven't left really," Peter Stark, 69, said.

"I spent two years in Rockhampton playing football, came back here and worked at Padua.

"Working back into here was fantastic."

"We still come to Mass here," Michael Stark

said last week.

"We never want to break with the Franciscans."

Both brothers excelled in sports at the college, heading triumphant wins against competing Catholic schools on Brisbane's north.

Despite leaving the school in Grade 10 to finish their senior years at Kedron State High School, the Stark name has "stuck around" at Padua College.

"I've got four grandsons here now," Peter Stark said.

"My sons, four boys, went to Padua, and two of my sons have boys in here.

"We will have seven or eight in three, four years time.

"We've all kind of stuck around."

The entire family came together at the school's 60th anniversary Mass on February 16.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge presided at the Mass with special guest Franciscan Friars' minister general Fr Michael Perry.



Happy returns: Padua College's first enrolled student Michael Stark (left) finds his name in the school's original register, with brother Peter Stark.



International visitor: Franciscan Friars' minister general Fr Michael Perry with students and Padua College rector Robert Out.

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*Michael Stark
Peter Stark*

*Anthony (Tony)
Gray (OB 1962)*

After leaving St Anthony's Tony attended Padua from 1958-1962. He left at the end of the school year in 1962 due to unavailable course. He attended Kedron State High and obtained Junior certificate. He then commenced work in 1965 in the Television Industry. Tony retired after a career in the industry spanning 50 years. His son also attended Padua through to his senior year. 'Great school, fond memories.'

Where are they now?

*Craig Wright
(OB 1987)*

Wikipedia



*Shawn Rowlands
(OB 1995)*

Shawn Rowlands IS a Postdoctoral Fellow in Museum Anthropology at The Bard Graduate Centre: Decorative Arts, Design History, Material Culture/ New York, New York.

He is currently exhibiting in New York...see flyer below



Did Craig develop the Bitcoin??

*Jason Healy
(OB 1991)*



Jason Healy has experienced entrepreneurial success in the United States, founding the electronic cigarette company blu ecigs which was recently sold for \$135 million US. The company has almost 30% of the electronic cigarette market cornered.

Frontier Shores:
Collection, Entanglement, and
the Manufacture of Identity in Oceania
On View April 22-September 18, 2016



Tāwhiao (mask for funerary ceremony)
Maori culture, New Zealand, 19th
century. Photo: New Zealand, 19th
century. Wood, shell, pigment,
plant fiber, wool, cotton, bark cloth,
paper. Courtesy of the Division of
Anthropology, American Museum of
Natural History, 2011/2012.

Bard
Graduate
Center
Gallery

Where are they now?



*Sam Purvis
(OB 2006)*

Sam Purvis was living in Europe working and playing rugby union, now he is a recruitment consultant and plays for USRC Tigers Rugby

*Brendan Lavercombe
(OB 1996)*

2016 Padua Rugby Tour Blog

On the final day of the tour the boys travelled to Dublin for a day of sightseeing. All of the boys enjoyed a bus tour of Dublin before being given free time to explore Dublin or do some last minute souvenir shopping.

Later in the evening the group went to their last hotel for the tour where some presentations were made to the best forward and back, best team man, best tourist and best player for each of the three teams. Padua Old Boy from 1996, **Brendan Lavercombe**, who now lives in Ireland was in hand to present each of the best players with their award.



Where are they now?

*Luke Cross
(OB 1999)*

LUKE CROSS HEADS AN IT COMPANY, AND MARRIED A LOCAL GIRL IN CALGARY, CANADA,. HE IS SETTLED THERE WITH THREE CHILDREN.

*Bryce Schneider
(OB 2005)*

BRYCE SCHNEIDER HAS RECENTLY FINISHED AN ADVANCED DEGREE IN ARCHEOLOGY IN BERLIN, GERMANY AND HAS RETURNED TO BRISBANE.

*Dominic MacAndrews
(OB 1996)*

DOMINIC MACANDREWS AFTER WORKING IN IRELAND WITH N.E.T. HE RECENTLY MARRIED A LOCAL GIRL IN IRELAND. HE IS CURRENTLY ON HONEYMOON IN ITALY, AND WILL SHORTLY BE RETURNING TO BRISBANE

*Stephen Jones
(OB 1991)*

STEPHEN JONES IS TEACHING IN LEESBURG VIRGINIA , USA



Special Events

60th Year College Anniversary
Old Boys' Mass & Tour

Thursday 6th at 7.00pm
Little Flower Church

Old Boys' Weekend

Friday 7th October 2016 – Sunday 9th October
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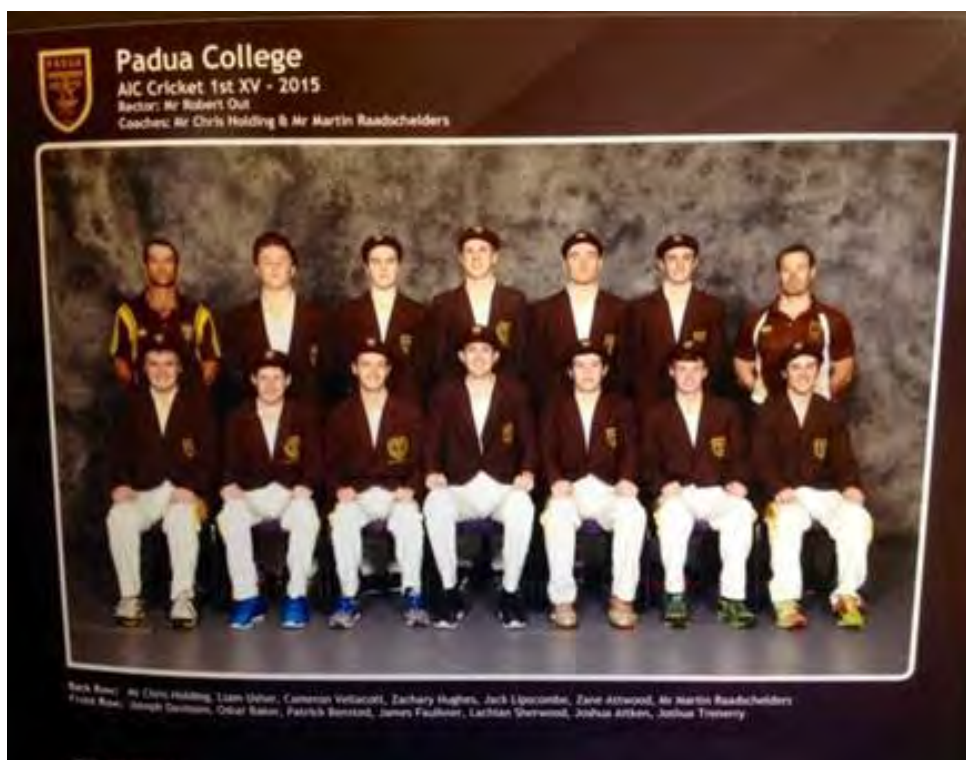
Please look for further information on the website and Facebook page closer to the date.



To commemorate the 60th Anniversary,
we have been sharing some memories
on social media!

Hair cuts are a bit
different now ...

Flashback Friday - Celebrating 60 years!
1st XI Cricket Team 1974 / 1st XV Cricket Team 2015



To commemorate the 60th Anniversary,
we have been sharing some memories
on social media!

Where were
your shoes?

Flashback Friday - Celebrating 60 years!
40 years between the hoops right here - 1974 Premiers / 2014 Premiers!



AIC 1st V Basketball - 2014

Back Row: Conor Smith, James Faulkner, Harris Andrews,
Fraser MacDonald,
Liam Oudenryn

Front Row: Thomas Mainwaring, Braydon Retchless, Nicholas
Caulfield, Aaron Bell, James O'Gorman,
Jordan Slinger, Nathan Francey

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on social media!

More missing
shoes..

Flashback Friday - Celebrating 60 years!

Cross Country season is warming up...Memories from Padua's Cross Country run from Gibson Park - July, 1962 to our Year 5-9 House Cross Country this year.



Flashback Friday - Celebrating 60 years!
Our 1st XIII - 50 years between these pics 1965 -
2015 Premiers!

Lots of pride



Flashback Friday - Celebrating 60 years!
 25 years between these blazers....and our Senior cohort has
 doubled!
 1991 Seniors / 2015 Seniors.



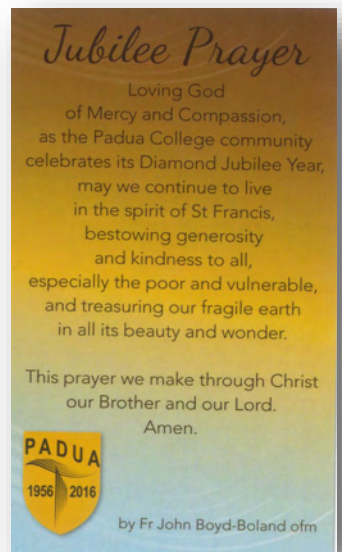
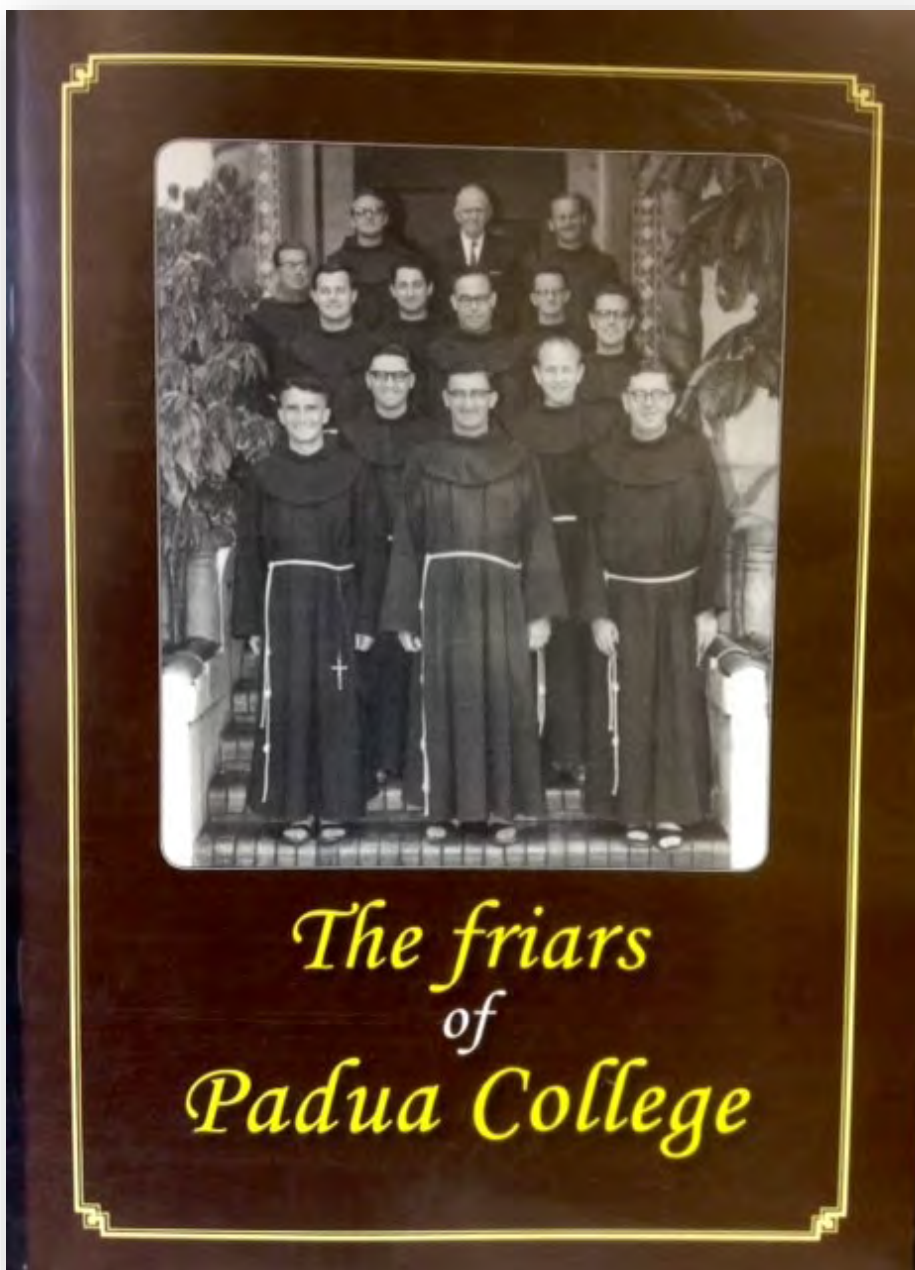
Flashback Friday - Celebrating 60 years!
Strength of 59 years here between these beautiful smiles and the
gold and brown Padua pride! Imagine if our 1958 Junior Rugby
Team could meet our current 5A Rugby Team

Cutest pics



Gerard Sammon (OB 1979)

Gerard Sammon has written a book "The Friars of Padua College". The book profiles every Padua College Friar—52 of them in total, and the contribution each and everyone has made to our College. This is a wonderful keepsake and historical document released to celebrate our 60th anniversary. If you would like to purchase a copy, they are available from the College Office for \$10.



**HAD A
REUNION?**

**TELL US
HOW IT
WAS..**

What is happening around the school?

Bulletin 17

Mooting

The boys involved are Ethan Down, Lachlan Caldwell, Andreas Pruonto, Jarrod Craig. The competition is the Bond University High Schools Mooting competition. They competed against Somerville House at the Commonwealth Courts complex.



Mr Out , Mr Keegan & Mr Thompson accepted delivery of the new Padua College bus this week.

What is happening around the school?



Spirit Assembly Term 1 2016



Bulletin 8 2016

Bob Out (OB 1974)

If you were at Marist Ashgrove last Saturday afternoon on McMahon Oval, you would have been a part of Padua history. The First XV defeated Marist Ashgrove 19-17 in a thrilling and at times controversial game. This is the first time we have beaten Marist at First XV level on their home ground. Well done to the boys and their coaches, Ben Lowrie and Ty Casey.

Whilst the victory was gratifying, the cheering of the younger Paduans was even more gratifying. It was great to see the Padua spirit amongst the boys and to see the enthusiastic cheering and support. Well done to all of our supporters—students, parents and 'Old Boys'.



What is happening around the school?

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Bob Out (OB 1974)



Dear Parents,

What a wonderful celebration of 60 years of Franciscan education at Padua Sunday turned out to be! It looked very dodgy right up to 1.45pm but then Fr John turned up, called on his connections and the weather cleared, the crowds came and everyone had a great time. The whole point of Sunday's celebration was to allow the Padua Community of 60 years to turn up, catch up and enjoy a social occasion. It could not have been more successful.

Throughout the afternoon and evening, I met people of various eras of Padua's history. There were Old Boys from 1956 right through to 2015. Former parents expressed amazement at how Padua had changed over time. Teachers from past eras also came back to celebrate and reminisce, and of course, there were many families from 2016, who were enjoying each others company.

Naturally, such an event does not just happen. There were many Padua staff who formed the organizing committee but the leaders of that committee were Sue Weston and Michael O'Brien, whom I thank very sincerely for their time, expertise and dedication to the intent and execution of the May Day Festival. Many thanks to our volunteers, including Dr Anthony Lynham and his wife and staff, P&F committee members, past and present parents, current students, FCIP musicians, Padua staff and old boys who helped out so magnificently on the day. Another person who deserves Padua's sincere thanks is Daniel McGahan along with Belle Property at Wilston. Daniel and Belle Property came on board as the major sponsor of the event and also enjoyed the celebrations as much as anyone. I would also like to thank our community for their generosity. One kind Padua family arrived unexpectedly, in the rain, with 5 tents for us to use; an old boy and his wife donated the ATMs for the day and a current parent and her friends kindly performed the Flamenco for us.

The weekend's celebrations also included the Sportsman's Dinner on Friday night and the 'Back to Banyo' round on Saturday. Both events were very well attended and both were very successful. Many thanks to all of the staff who contributed to the success of the events, in particular, Scott Maguire, Ben Lowrie and Paul Mansfield, who played pivotal organizational roles in one or both events.



What is happening around the school?

Mike Willet
(OB 1965)



Hi Padua

Some of the old boys from the 1960's, including myself, would like to give The School a very big "Thank You" for the Old Boys Room Display and associated activities at the Padua 60 Fete from two weekends ago.

This was very well done and well appreciated by all of us who wandered through it, and met some old friends, and had a nice memory lane trip viewing the various displays.

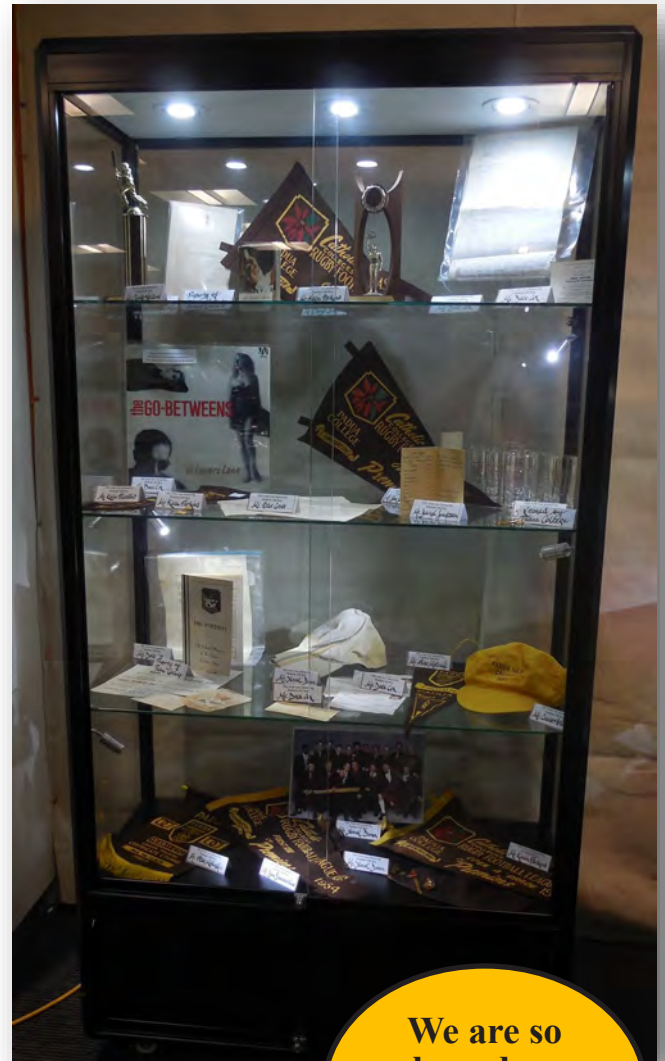
For Lorraine Gardiner a special thank you for the display about our Padua Vietnam Vets, and from my senior class of 1965.

For Trish Dwyer, thank you for making us all so welcome.

You may not get many emails back, but I can assure you all that there were many smiles and misty eyes on the day.

Well Done.

Best wishes
Mike Willett
Senior Class of 1965



We are so pleased you enjoyed it!



What is happening around the school?

Bulletin 16



Dear Parents,

I hope that the Easter Break was a relaxing time with family and friends and that you are refreshed for the rigours of Term 2.

I was privileged over this holidays to spend time in the company of 57 students on their European Rugby Tour. I am sure that you will be able to read full accounts of this trip in other reports, but for me, there were three highlights. The first was the behavior and attitude of the boys on tour. They were a pleasure to be with displaying a significant level of maturity in recognizing that they needed to contribute to a great tour through their cooperation and responsibility.

The second highlight was finding the grave of Robert Sutton on the Somme Battlefields. Robert Sutton is the great, great uncle of Daniel Whittaker. Having the close connection to one of our tourists added significant poignancy to our tour of the battlefields, setting the scene for many of our tourists for ANZAC Day commemorations.



The final highlight for the tour was meeting up with Tom O'Toole and his family in Belfast. Tom was a student at Padua from 2009 until last year. His older brothers also attended Padua. The family decided to return to Ireland last year and Tom attended Campbell College in Belfast. Tom played a significant role in the undefeated First XV Premiership last year and has continued his rugby in Ireland, being selected in the Under 18 Irish Schoolboys team this year. Tom asked to speak to the tourists after their game against Methodist College. He paid tribute to Padua for all of the opportunities the school had given him and

acknowledged the value of all of the friendships he had made whilst at Padua. He then presented his Irish Under 18 jersey to the school. It was quite a moving moment on the tour. The jersey will be framed and kept at the school. Tom is our second rugby international. The other is Dominic Maguire who played for the Wallabies in 1989/90, representing his country on 13 occasions.

Also over the holidays, Padua held Rugby and Football clinics, attended an Open Football Carnival and went to the Armidale School Rugby Carnival. Many thanks to the teachers and staff who helped organize these opportunities for the boys.

Today, the boys experience their annual ANZAC commemoration. The ceremony was very good, made more so by the presence of seven Vietnam 'Old Boys'. Sam Sammartinio presented an excellent speech, which will be reproduced in the Paduan at the end of the year.

Term 2 has begun in earnest. I hope that everyone makes the most of all that is offered. Best wishes for the next fortnight.

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Bob Out

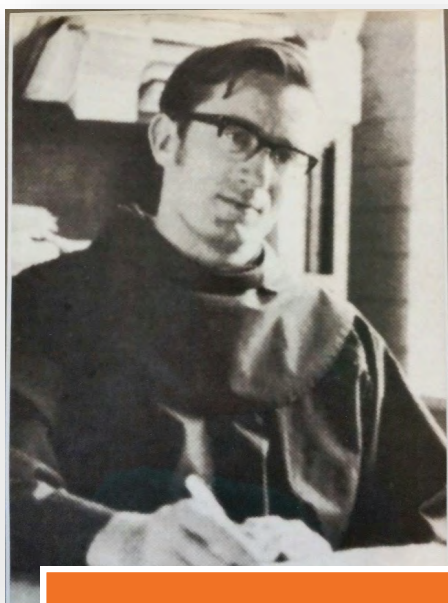
Last Tuesday (16 February) was a very special occasion for Padua College, as we celebrated the 60th Inaugural Mass. What was so significant was that the Mass was concelebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, the Minister General of the Franciscans, Fr Michael Perry ofm and the Provincial Minister **Fr Paul Smith ofm**. Also present was Fr Gregory Redoblado ofm, the General Definitor for the Franciscans in Oceania.

During his homily, Archbishop Mark spoke passionately about the relevance of St Francis and St Anthony to Padua College and its students. He encouraged the students to incorporate the greeting of St Francis, 'pax et bonum' (peace and good things) into their lives and make it true for those that they meet.

At the special school assembly that followed the Mass, Fr Michael Perry began his address with a music video 'Remedy' by Adele. He also delivered a message from Pope Francis to the Padua Community. He went on to present the College with a Tau Cross made of olive wood from the surrounds of San Damiano and he also presented the College with a special Franciscan medallion. Both of these presentations are being set up for display in the College foyer. Additionally, Fr Michael imparted a special 'Seraphic Blessing' upon the College community, which was recorded on a certificate, once again to be displayed in the foyer. The official part of the visit concluded with the blessing of the Greccio Sports Courts (Grecciodome) by Fr Michael. All in all, the 60th Inaugural Mass and visit by the Minister General was a very auspicious day for the boys to witness.



Last week, we also held the annual House Swimming Carnivals. They were fiercely competitive events with exuberant cheering from all Houses. Congratulations to Mitchell House on their win. **Fr Alban would have been proud.**



Fr Tom Murtagh ofm

Last Monday, I represented Padua College at the funeral of **Fr Tom Murtagh ofm**. Fr Tom first came to Padua College as a teacher from 1967 until 1969. He was then appointed as the Rector of the College from 1970 until 1972. After a brief hiatus, during which he taught at Daramalan College in Canberra, Fr Tom returned to teach at Padua from 1974 until 1977. Fr Tom joined the friars in 1953 and was ordained a priest in 1960. Whilst at Padua, he taught Maths and Science and, after leaving Padua, studied at St Bonaventure University in New York. When he returned to Australia he taught at the Yarra Theological Union, Melbourne. Fr Tom suffered a serious stroke in 2005 and passed away on the 15th February 2016. We pray that Fr Tom rests in God's loving embrace and that his family experiences some comfort and peace in their grief.

What is happening around the school?



Padua College Inaugural Eucharist celebrating our 60th Anniversary

Fr Michael Perry ofm, Arch Bishop Mark Coleridge & Fr Paul Smith ofm concelebrating Mass.

Fr Gregory Redoblado, Fr Finian Perkins, Fr Benignus, Fr Paul Smith, Fr Michael Perry, Fr Joseph Nguyen, Fr Anthony Selvaraj and Fr John Boyd-Boland

Fr Michael blessed the new Greccio Campus undercover sports area.

The 2016 recreation of a 1961 photograph of Padua College.

Fr Michael & Fr Greg were presented with welcome gifts at Assembly.

Welcome to Country Ceremony performed by the Guruman Dancers.

Arch Bishop Mark Coleridge's homily at the Inaugural Eucharist.

Fr Michael presented the College with a Tau cross made from the wood of an olive tree from near San Damiano.

What happening around the school?



Bulletin 17

Ben Lowrie

Celebration Weekend

Much has been spoken and written about the College's fantastic weekend of 60th anniversary celebrations. One particular moment that resonated with me was seeing the First XI Football and the First XV Rugby teams accompanied by the Year 5 Football and Year 5 Rugby Teams onto the field before their respective matches.

While eager family members were quick to capture the moment on camera, it was the smiles of anticipation and belonging in the same family member's eyes that provided me with a moment of reflection. A young man's time at Padua is a journey. It begins with the uneasiness of an unfamiliar surroundings and metamorphosis's into satisfaction and elation some 6-8 years later as he graduates in Year 12.

For each individual, the fuel for this journey will come from all areas of College life. Each student will choose their level of involvement in the College. Some will choose a little, while others will choose a lot. Here, maintaining an appropriate academic/sporting/cultural/social balance

Padua College recently received wonderful news of a \$31,000 grant from the Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund. Sincere thanks and congratulations must go to our P&F Association. Our Rector, Mr Bob Out welcomed Dr Anthony Lynham, State Minister for Stafford and our P&F President Mrs Lisa Marini this week, pictured here with a few of our junior band members. The grant will assist towards the purchase of new musical instruments for the College's Year 5 Music Immersion Program.



is important. Generally, though, whilst maintaining this balance, the more each individual student chooses to embrace during his time at Padua, the further he is likely to go on his schooling journey.

In reflecting on those parents of years 5 and 12 students taking photos to mark this unique occasion on Saturday, I can honestly say that it was great to see the excitement in the smile of the Year 5 parents, just starting upon their Padua journey. While the smiles that came from the Year 12 families were no doubt representative of the fact that their sons journey was beginning to culminate and they had proudly encouraged their sons to be involved in all that Padua has to offer.

What happening around the school?



*Do you remember the old tennis courts at the Primary school (Greccio campus)?
Here is the new sports facility on that spot...fondly known as the 'Greccio dome'*



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