

Padua

Newsletter

Spring / Summer 2016 -17

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





Fr John Boyd-Boland

Dear Paduans,

Fr John

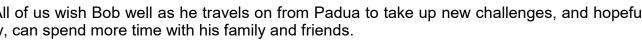
Padua comes to the end of a significant era in its sixty year history, as Mr. Robert Out completes a record 16 years as Rector of the College. Thursday's full College Assembly (3rd Nov) was the whole school's final chance to say farewell to their beloved Rector. A time of thanksgiving to Bob for his ministry to the boys, parents and staff over these years. More than a touch of sadness as we recalled the myriad ways in which he has contributed to the life and spirit of the College. The Assembly heard testimonial speeches from Ethan Down, 2016 College Captain, Fr. John Boyd-Boland ofm, College Chaplain and from Mr Ian McDonald retiring Principal of St. Laurence's College.

All spoke of his dedication to the Franciscan charism of the school, his pastoral sensitivity extended to staff and students, and his supervision of the extensive additions to the facilities of the school during his 16 year tenure.

He leaves Padua at the end of a crucial time in its expansion - now with 1300 students and over 100 staff. In spite of

these numbers, Bob has not overlooked that Padua is essentially a community-family, and not some amorphous institution.

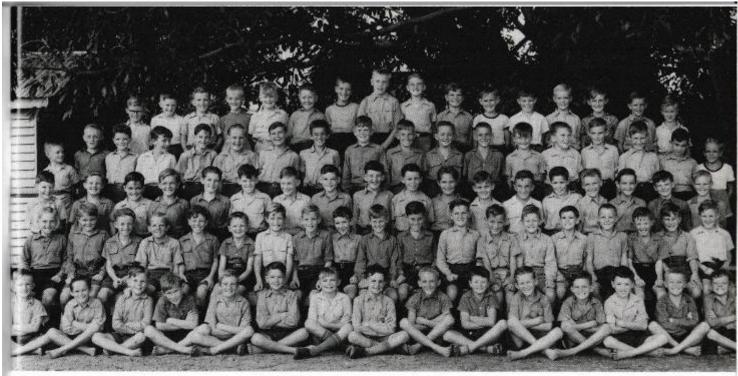
All of us wish Bob well as he travels on from Padua to take up new challenges, and hopefully, can spend more time with his family and friends.





The First Paduans





The First Paduans

Front Row: W. Kusnierz, D. Smith, L. Russell, B. Walters, L. Gummings, T. Thompson, A. Hammil, B. Greentree, ______, G. Hottes, K. Thomson, P. Farrell, P. Doo,

M Branch, E Duffy

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R Brewer, B Mitchell, R Cole, P Bowden

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B Honeywill, F Brunker, _ Stewart, M Jones, R Wilkes, B Crowley

Fourth Row: T. Kinson, J. O'Meara, P. Woodward, T. Stewart, B. Carvey, L. McCormack, G. Brassington, M. Saptich, J. Crowdey, G. McCabe, B. Farrell, P. Crows.

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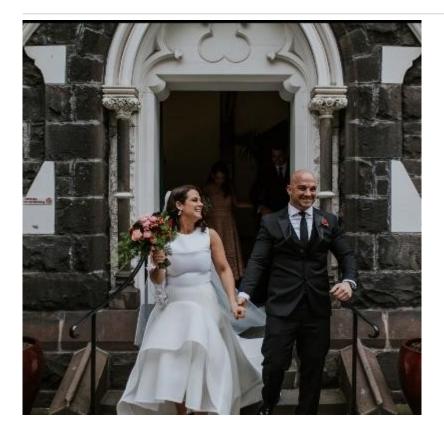
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M Golden, G Weldon, R Garvey, D Barron

A very fitting Photo to commemorate the College's 60th Anniversary
Later in this newsletter you will see the latest whole school photo... A BIG difference!

WEDDINGS

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



John Shillington
(OB 1998) married
Jade Camilleri on
Saturday 24 September, at
St Augustine's Church,
Melbourne.



John's brothers,
Mark (OB 1997),
David (OB 2000) &
James (OB 2003)

were groomsmen.

WEDDINGS

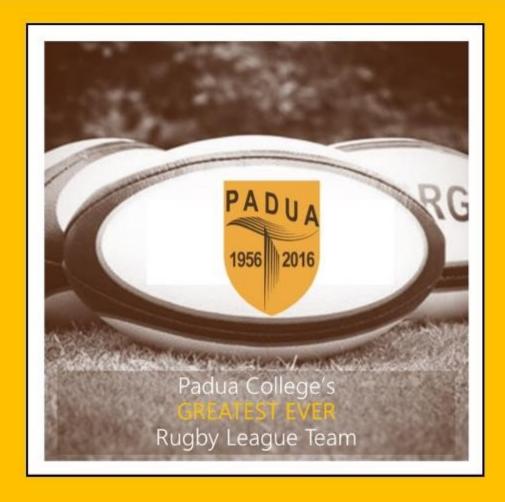


Gabby and Liam Roach (OB 2004)



with Paduan Old Boy Groomsmen

Aaron Rycroft (2004) Peter Fay (2004) Brodie Eyre (2004) Conrad Harris (2000)



DATE CLAIMER!

Hotel Grand Chancellor
April 28 2017

An event to name

Padua's Greatest Ever Rugby League Team



Follow the Facebook discussion on the Old Boys' FB page and vote for your favourite player!

PADUA HONOURS VIETNAM VETERANS

Mr Brian Cunningham (OB 1965)

On August 18, 1966, Private Dennis J McCormack was Killed in Action in a rubber plantation in Vietnam during the Battle of Long Tan. Dennis was the first Padua Old Boy to be Killed in Action in the Vietnam War.

On February 8, 1971, Private Peter F Kowalski's platoon was patrolling along the edge of a different rubber plantation when a powerful mine was detonated. Peter became the second Padua Old Boy to be Killed in Action in the Vietnam War.

To mark the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, Padua College Rector, Mr Robert Out, thoughtfully decided to have a Memorial Plaque placed in the school grounds to honour all Padua Old Boys who had served in the Vietnam War in the Navy, Army and Air Force. The Kedron Wavell RSL Sub Branch kindly offered to pay for the manufacture of the Memorial Plaque.

A small committee of 10 Padua Old Boys from the Vietnam War era was given the task of producing the list of names to go on the Memorial Plaque.

Padua College commenced in 1956 with 89 students in Grades 4, 5 and 6. Over the following years, the college grew in size but was still a relatively small school. So everybody involved in the search for names was astonished when the committee of Padua Old Boys confirmed 40 names to go on the Memorial Plaque.

On Vietnam Veterans' Day August 18, 2016, the Padua College Old Boys Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Plaque was unveiled and blessed in front of 200 guests and 1300 students.

For us Padua Old Boys Vietnam Veterans, the two most important names on the Memorial Plaque are those of Dennis McCormack and Peter Kowalski.

The Plaque Dedication Ceremony was at times emotional for all of us. In particular, it was a very emotional time for Dennis and Peter's families who had lost their sons, brothers, nephews, cousins and uncles.

It is comforting for all Padua Old Boys Vietnam Veterans to know that the supreme sacrifice made by our two former schoolmates has never been forgotten by Padua College...and never will be forgotten.

Brian Cunningham

Project Manager Padua Old Boys Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Plaque Project



PADUA HONOURS VIETNAM VETERANS



























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?

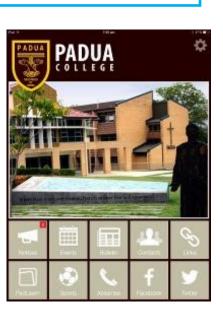
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Greg Lowe (OB 1975)



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/





The Graduates—
Robert Cook,
Michael Kennedy
and Geoff Harding
performing at the
Vietnam Veteran's
Remembrance
Day

'The Graduates' & music at Padua

On 18 August 2016, the ceremony commemorating the battle of Long Tan was attended by many old boys, including three of whom sang during the ceremony. These were Robert Cook, Michael Kennedy and Geoff Harding.

The involvement of the these Old Boys, in the musical aspect of the ceremony at the invitation of Mr Sam Sammartino, reflects the role of music at the College over the years.

Within the first few years of its existence, Padua benefitted from the skills of Fr Odoric who set up a boys choir in the primary school. The success of the choir in these early days was evidenced by its achievements in the Brisbane Eisteddfod competitions. Eventually a secondary school choir was also established and this was under the guidance of Mr Les Jones (the pianist was Mrs Whitlock). The combined choirs had much success in the Australian Eisteddfod (held in Sydney in 1963) and also established itself as a presenter of a number of musicals which were performed in both Brisbane and Sydney.

Michael Kennedy, David Cunningham (1968), Geoff Harding (1968), Michael Garry and Gary Russell (1967) (later Fr Gary Russell) were all members of the choir and inevitably went on to form singing groups in various combinations as a result of the their musical upbringing. They performed at Autumn Fairs as well as at other school functions and also began performing at floor shows in various hotels and places of entertainment in and around Brisbane as well as on the Gold Coast and as far away as Bundaberg.

David, Geoff, Michael Gary and Robert Cook were all members of a group called 'the Graduates' and sang professionally in the clubs in Sydney in the early 1970s. After returning from Sydney, they also performed at the Lord Mayor's Command Performance in Brisbane in 1975.

A number of other students of both Padua and Mt Alvernia followed in the footsteps of 'The Graduates" and these included the brothers Liam (1979) & Damian (1982) Garvey (well-known TV personality), Rob Stranks (of "THE in crowd") and many more. There are numerous other students who have continued on making popular music an integral part of their adult life, in addition to those who took up classical instruments as a result of their involvement the various student orchestras at the College.

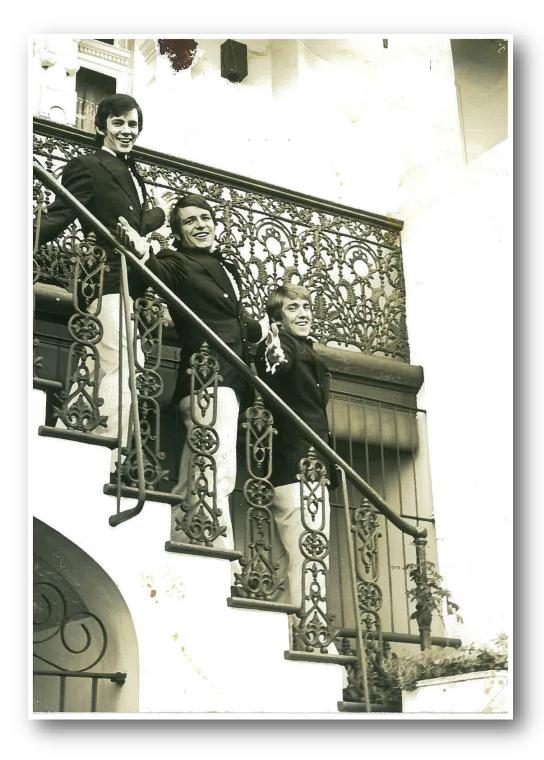
The invitation for three of 'the Graduates' to perform at the Long Tan ceremony was welcomed by them as an opportunity to honour those ex-students who participated in the Vietnam War and especially the two who gave their lives in that conflict. They saw it as an opportunity on behalf of all the musicians of Padua to help enrich the ceremony with the power of song and harmony, learnt in listening to each other.

Geoff Harding (and Michael Kennedy)

More on 'The Graduates' ...

Look what we found in our archives...This picture was taken when the boys went to Sydney to perform in the clubs.

From top down, Geoffrey Harding, David Cunningham and Michael Garry.



Reminiscences of a Paduan Old Boy

from the 50s and 60s

With this years' 60th anniversary of dear old Padua, it is appropriate as an Old Boy who studied at Padua in the 1950's and 1960's, to reflect on my most poignant memories of the old school. As an old boy enrolled in Padua in 1957



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Sade Row: P. Cross S. Van der Heide, P. Marray, J. Ahlers, C. Johnson, P. Jennings, W. Callindo, Sadeous Row, E. Firs, K. Roberts, P. Sade, S. Sammartine, J. Abbott, S. Carranted, R. Sodly, J. White. Ferrer Review, J. Oos, L. Carranted, S. Willey, J. White. Ferrer Review, J. Oos, L. Carranted, S. William, J. Whitem, P. Serter, M. Ook, A. Flansage.

at grade 4 followed by an 8 year stint at Padua, I can only reflect with amazement as to how we actually learnt anything! I recall being enrolled in classes of over 50 students. How the teachers coped with such a large number of students still amazes me. I recall the arrival at the school about 1958 of Father Odoric OFM and Father Alban OFM. Both very fine teachers. Father Alban taught us at the last Scholarship class which would have been in 1962. I also have recollections that one of the priests was overly found of using the strap. Frankly I still have memories of being disciplined by the priest (not Fathers Alban or Odoric!) for poor performance in my studies of French. I found that corporal punishment never improved my French! However, of my teachers over the period of my eight years at Padua, my fondest memories were of Father Edwin Nally, OFM. He was a wonderful and gifted teacher. He would have been in his mid 30's when he started at Padua. He was a gentle and devout priest - I cannot recall him ever using the strap. His teaching style was very different from the other teachers. He actually referred to his students by their Christian names! A real novelty. Up until then we were always referred to by our surnames – I was always referred to by both teachers and my fellow students as 'Hernie' (a derivation of my surname). Father Edwin actually called me 'Jeff'! And the name has stuck ever since! Father Edwin took a real interest in his students – and I found that he took a particular interest in my studies. The only shortcoming that I can recall is that he sometimes lost control of the class. In hindsight, my fellow students could be a challenge! They were a really rough bunch. I recall that Father Edwin took such a keen interest in my work that he fell into the habit of turning to me and singling me out in the class after he explained something on the blackboard. He would turn to me and say 'Get that Jeff!'. I would stand up respectfully and reply 'Yes. Thank you Father'. This became such a regular occurrence that the class finally erupted with everyone saying in unisons 'Get That Jeff'. It became so bad on one occasion that Father Edwin simply stormed out of the class and sent in the Principal, Father Alban, who lectured us for a quarter of an hour about giving respect to Father Edwin. I recall that in 1963 Father Edwin awarded me with the class prize in Christian Doctrine. This meant that I led the class up at Prize Giving Speech Night. I recall kneeing and kissing the ring of His Grace, Archbishop Sir James Duhig, who gave me a Missal. The following year Father Edwin gave me the prize as the Most Improved Student in the class.

I remember that I was very distressed when I learnt that Father Edwin had passed away at Brisbane on 3 September 1999 at the age of 72 years. He entered the Franciscan Order at the age of 20. He was ordained a priest at the age of 26. After leaving Padua, he undertook pastoral work in North Queensland where he was close to his family – he was born at Mareeba, North Queensland.

Vale Father Edwin (James) Nally OFM, a gifted and talented teacher and devout priest. Surely one of the Icons of Padua College. God rest his gentle soul!

Jeff Ahern, B.Bus. (QIT), Grad. Dip. Industrial Rels. (BCAE)



Padua College Class of 1997 20 Year Re-union 2017

Expressions of Interest to be emailed to Chris Webb

Date and Venue TBC

cwebb@padua.qld.edu.au



On Saturday 15 October an enthusiastic group of Paduans (for as Fr Odoric always stressed there is no such thing as a past Paduan) from the Class of 1991 came from far and wide (from Sydney to Perth, Townsville to Kakadu) to converge on the Breakfast Creek Hotel to celebrate their 25 year reunion. It was a great catch up, full of laughs, memories shared and just a few drinks! Looking forward to the next gathering - with murmurings about making it an annual event, leading up to our 30 year reunion in 2021.

Steve Fields (OB 1991)















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Where are they now?



Jonathan Campbell (OB 2000)

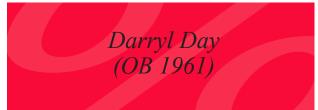


I finished year 12 at Padua in the year 2000. Some of you might recognise the name of one of my class mates that year..... I am still great mates with Matt Hardy and he is undoubtedly one of Padua's finest and well liked teachers! ;-)

I now live in London, having first moved here in 2006. The original idea was to find some work, see a bit of the world and most importantly, have a load of fun along the way. Although I managed to achieve these things in the space of a few months, I never expected that I'd still be living in the UK more than 10 years later! These last 10 years have given me some amazing experiences. I've seen almost all of Europe, some of which I have visited multiple times. I have been particularly impressed with Lisbon and the Dalmatian coast in Croatia. Neither destination was high on my to-do list when I left Australia but I am now very glad that I've managed to see them and will certainly go back again.

I've also been lucky enough to meet some good friends in my time here. Not just new friends from this side of the world but many Aussies too who had come here with similar ideas and faced similar challenges. Initially life isn't easy in a big town like London. It forces you to stand on your own two feet and the adjustment to this kind of environment took some getting used to. Having a bunch of friends that were facing the same obstacles made things easier and in the end, the hard work is worth it. I now have a good job, been married (to an English girl) for 5 years and we have a 9 month old daughter. Although I miss friends and family back home, I do really enjoy living in a city as vibrant as London. It isn't for everyone but I can honestly say that I don't look back on my decision to stay here with any regret at all.

Jonathan Campbell | Associate Director - European Structured Finance | Fitch Ratings



I attended Padua College from 1957 to 1961 and then transferred to Villanova College when my parents relocated from Everton Park to Stones Corner. After Villanova, I joined the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) and served 10 years in various locations including Vietnam and Malaysia.

After leaving the RAAF, I worked for two aviation companies in Singapore and in 1980, was employed by Mobil Oil Corporation (MOC) in an aviation department, again based in Singapore. In 1987, I was transferred by MOC to Indonesia and spent three years based in Aceh followed by three years in Jakarta. In 1993, I was transferred to MOCs corporate headquarters in Northern Virginia and remained there until the merger of MOC and Exxon Corporation in 2000. Following the merger, I was transferred to

Dallas, Texas to manage a new department providing support and oversight to the 100+ aircraft supporting Exxon Mobil Corporation worldwide. I remained in that role until I retired in December 2013.

My wife, also originally from Brisbane, and I continue to live in Texas however we travel back to Australia every year to visit relatives and friends. Our three children and families are scattered and our eldest son lives in Melbourne, our daughter lives in New Jersey and our youngest son lives nearby in Texas.

We live about 15 minutes from the Dallas Fort Worth (DFW) Airport and offer an open invitation to any Padua "old boys" to look us up if they are ever transiting DFW so that we may offer some good old Texas hospitality!

Email: darrylgday@yahoo.com

Where are they now?

Jack Peoples (2015) & Bart Ritchie (2011)



Jack Peoples & Bart Ritchie played together in the Queensland University team this year.



Chris Mitchell recently completed 20 years as editor of various newspapers in Australia. His last assignment as editor-in-chief of THE AUSTRALIAN. He reflects on his professional life in his book, MAKING HEADLINES. He does us all a favour in writing of the machinations in Australian political life and culture. https://www.mup.com.au/items/191887

He records his conversations with the likes of Rudd, Latham Carr, Keating and Abbott among others. It is a fascinating work by an old boy much admired by his professional colleagues. Well worth a read!

Fr John Boyd-Boland

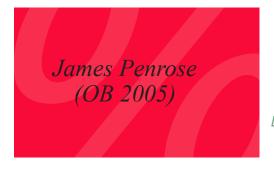


Where are

Heath Gabbett has just been awarded a scholarship under the Australian Government's New Colombo Plan (only 100 given out nation-wide each year) - he will live and study in Japan.







Linkedin

James Penrose has just completed a Master of Law (Hons Class I) at Cambridge University.

He was also awarded 1912 Senior Scholarship, Fitzwilliam College. He was elected Honorary Senior Scholar 2016-17, Fitzwilliam College and awarded Houston Putnam Lowry Prize for law.

James was Associate to the Hon Justice PA Keane AC High Court of Australia and now works at Clayton Utz, Brisbane





Professor in Law, School of Law-UNE

Mark Lunney re-joined UNE School of Law in July 2012. He trained as a solicitor in Brisbane before obtaining an LLM from the University of Cambridge. Between 1991-2003 he was lecturer, senior lecturer and reader at the School of Law, King's College London. He was an Associate Professor in the School of Law at UNE between 2003-2011 and from 2011-2012 he was Professor and Director of Research in the ANU College of Law. His research interests are the law of tort, and the history of the common law and legal profession, and he has published extensively on the law of torts in both Australia and the United Kingdom.

https://www.une.edu.au/staff-profiles/law/mlunney



1968 – Franciscan Minister General, Fr. Constantine Koser, accompanied by Frs. Brendan Rogers and Thomas Pearson on the occasion of the opening of the first science block (Secondary) 19th May, 1968.

2016 – Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor, Fr. Michael Perry on the occasion of the official blessing of our Greccio dome 16th February, 2016.



Were you one of these guys?



Fashion and field might be a little different but despite the 50 years between these Athletics Carnivals, they're still off and running - 1960's Gibson Park to our 2016 House Carnival at QSAC.

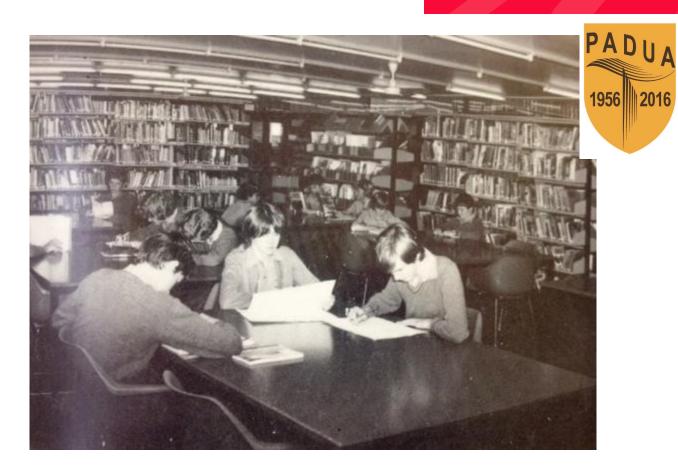


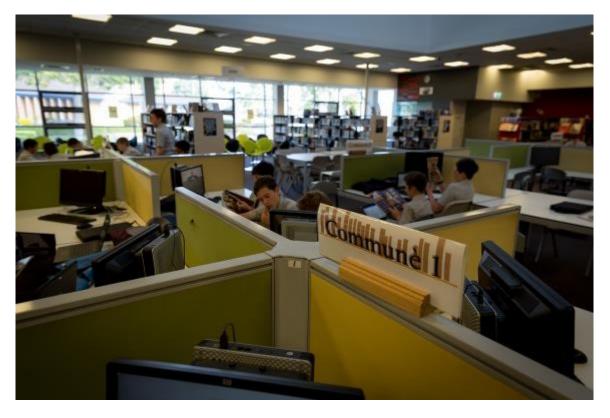


Amaroo Outdoor Education CentreDuring construction in 1990 and today



Libraries 1981 & today





Flashback -Celebrating 60 years!

55 Years between the generations -

A momentous Padua College photograph recreation.

From the original 1961 photograph (opening of Padua Primary) with Archbishop Duhig to today's recreated photo celebrating our 60th Anniversary Eucharist with Archbishop Coleridge, Fr Michael Perry, Fr Paul Smith, Fr John Boyd-Boland, Mr Robert Out and students – taken earlier this year, Tuesday 16th February, 2016.

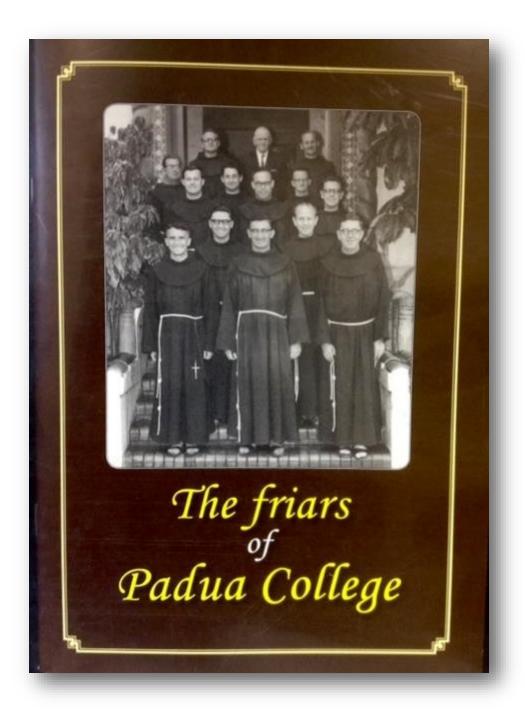


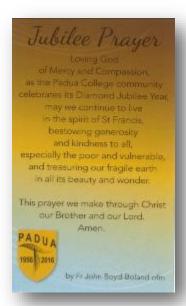




Gerard Sammon (OB 1979)

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.







TELL US HOW IT WAS..

Padua College Race Day 2016

Luke Emlyn-Jones Photography ((OB 2000)

























Our College Rector, Mr Robert Out (OB 1974) was presented with a 2016 Stafford Queensland Day Community Award by Hon Dr Anthony Lynham, State Member for Stafford. Mr Out was one of 21 recipients nominated from within Stafford, in appreciation for his outstanding contribution to our community.





Arran Mc Namara in year 12 has an original song on JJJ which has hit No18. Some fantastic talent at this school. Have a listen and promote him on the web site. Link below.

https://www.triplejunearthed.com/artist/arran-mcnamara

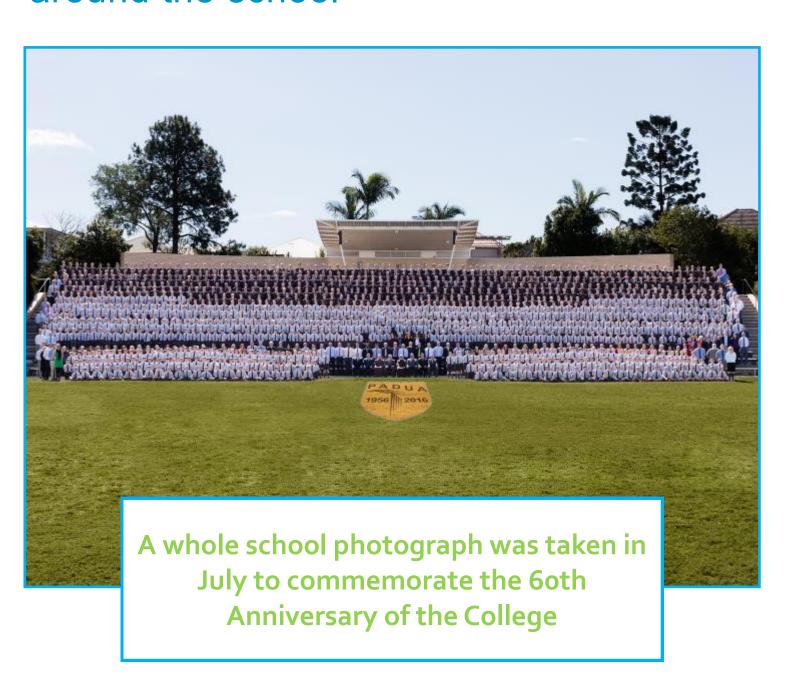


Vanessa Gunn | School Liaison Coordinator | Queensland University of Technology

Ethan Down (Year 12)recently participated in the QUT Future Leaders Farewell and Reflection Celebration hosted by our Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Carol Dickenson AM. This is a photo of Ethan receiving his program completion certificate from Professor Dickenson.

Ethan was a member of our second intake of QUT Future Leaders and had the opportunity to participate in up to 11 official Future Leaders events and a number of additional exclusive invitations to QUT-wide activities. Ethan was provided with a good mix of leadership and life skills, and made many lasting connections with his peers from other schools and within the QUT community. It was a pleasure having Ethan take part in the program and we wish him well in his future endeavours.

Your school is still well represented in other cohorts within QUT Future Leaders, with Daniel Caulfield currently participating in our Year 11 program and Daniel Paddison, who is currently in Year 10, having recently been accepted into the program for 2017-2018.



Courtesy of Capricorn Photography



THE FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE

Twenty two Paduans, Mr Michael O'Brien, Miss Marina Mantini, Mr Jeremy Duggan and Fr. John recently completed a two week pilgrimage to Franciscan Italy. They visited Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi, Greccio and Rome. The highlight was clearly celebrating the Feast of Saint Francis (4 October) in Assisi. There was a chance to pray at the tombs of St. Francis and St. Anthony of Padua, as well as celebrating Mass in Florence, Greccio, the Carceri (Assisi) the Portiuncula, and at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

The boys were a credit to their families and their behaviour much impressed all those they met.









Sons of Old Boys 2016

Grandsons of Old Boys 2016

What is happening around the school?





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RU OK day is the 8th September 2016. It's a national day of action and a reminder to us all to regularly check in with our family and mates.

The day signifies a time where the Paduan community get together to learn about, and start conversations to better manage mental health and prevent suicide.

It's a time where we ask our mates, RU OK?

This year we are showing that the Paduan community is one that cares by saturating social media with images of mateship, things that make us happy, having meaningful conversations and just anything that promotes mental wellness.

Assist campus students have been asked to post images to social media (Facebook and Instagram and #ruokpadua. You are invited to check out the Facebook album @ Padua College Official or Instagram paduacollege_official



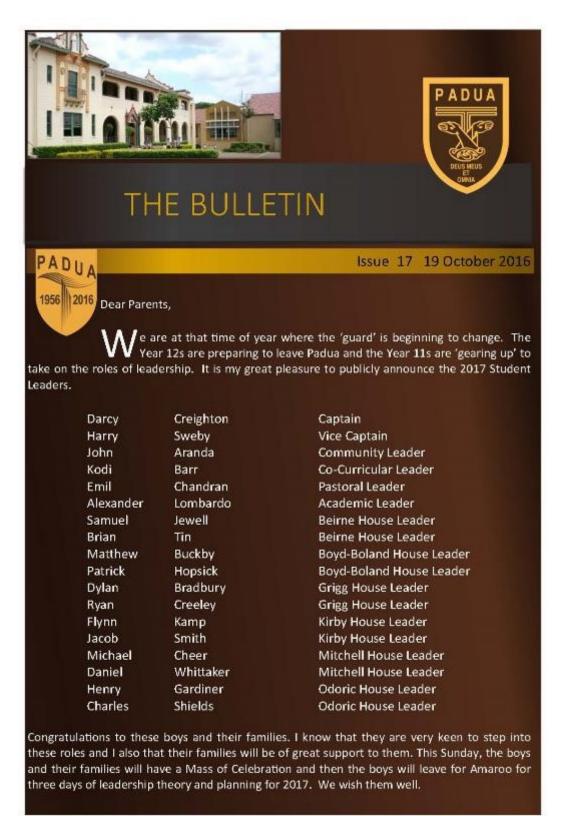






2017 Student Leaders

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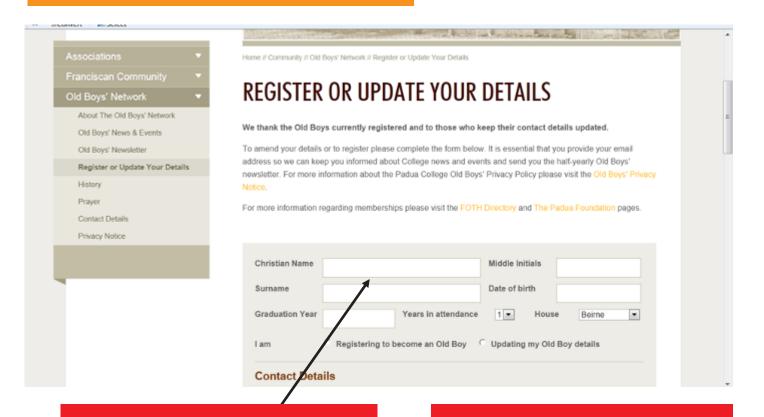


Chris Webb (OB 1997)



Fr Joseph (with students) blessing the new Wellness Garden on the Greccio Campus.

Padua Old Boys



Update your details

Old Boys 'Pages

