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DATES TO REMEMBER 2012

Friday 17 August  VINTAGE BLUE & GOLD LUNCH for classes from 1940 to 1972
Friday 5 October  REUNION MASS AND EVENING FUNCTION at the Cyprian Pavilion
Saturday 3 November  ANNUAL RACE DAY

Check the Old Boys website at www.marash.qld.edu.au/oldboys for further details.
Fellow Ashgrovians,

I hope the year has been kind to you and your family. The Old Boys’ Association has begun the year with two very successful functions. The Annual Golf Day was a tremendous success with 76 starters enjoying great weather and company and some very ordinary golf. Our thanks go to Peter Casey (’74) for all his hard work.

The week end of May 19/20 saw a huge couple of days at the College. Besides the Walkathon on the Sunday, Ashgrove hosted St Laurence’s College in the AIC rugby and soccer competitions. This year was the reunion of the 1952, 1962 and 1972 1st XV teams from both schools, as well as Br. Alexis Turton, coach of 1972 team. The College and OBA hosted 36 guests from both schools and presented them with commemorative medals. A great day was had by all.

On the Saturday morning we saw the dedication of a number of significant areas within the College. The main road that runs through College has been named Fr. Tom Maloney Way. This is one of the ways the College community is acknowledging the tremendous contribution of Fr. Tom during his time at Ashgrove as College Chaplain. Whether you were a member of the 2nd XI cricket team, the 15B rugby team, or a student under his spiritual guidance, those of us who were present at the College during his time are better for his interest and concern for the boys at the College.

The College has had No. 3 Oval renamed ‘Matthew Hayden Oval’ in recognition of the achievements of Matthew in his cricket career. Matthew has maintained his close association with the College and is co-Patron of the Champagnat Trust. The new athletics precinct was named and dedicated to former teacher John Nunan who was a member of staff from 1989 to 2009.

Our functions for the second part of the year include the Vintage Blue and Gold lunch in August, the Reunion gathering in October and the Race Day in November. I would encourage all members to try and attend at least one of these functions as a great time can be guaranteed. While the October gathering does have a number of anniversary reunions we warmly welcome members from every year to join as for a night of memories.

This year the OBA has a number of diverse areas on which we are working. One of our priorities is the establishment of an interactive OBA website. It is anticipated this will be up and running in the next couple of months. While it will be our own website it will be linked to the College website site as well. As part of our drive to reach the 12000 Old Boys of Ashgrove we are calling on a volunteer from each Senior year from 1940 onwards to be the link or contact person between the OBA and Old Boys. The role is quite simple and entails passing on information to people from your graduation year. The OBA would also be grateful for information about members of your group. This will assist in improving communication between all Old Boys. It will also help at times when the OBA may be able to assist in any pastoral matters. Information regarding this request can be found in this edition.

Another area we are working on is the electronic display of all life members of the OBA. Due to the limited space available in the Cyprian Pavilion, members will be able to see their names recognised on a monitor during functions in the Cyprian Pavilion.

The College also runs an Immersion program for Senior students. A number of boys have the opportunity to experience a number of Marist communities throughout Central Australia, Asia and the Pacific Islands. Br Mark Fordyce, who is responsible for co-ordinating the program, has asked the OBA to contribute financially to assist boys who would otherwise be unable to participate in the program. It is with great pleasure the OBA is able to assist these boys gain a wonderful experience and bear witness to the mission of St Marcellin Champagnat.

Finally, one of the most significant projects the College will undertake over the next couple of years is the restoration of the Tower Block. Whist the Tower Block has been used for multiple purposes over the last 72 years, I am sure it holds a special place in the hearts of most Old Boys. To this end it is hoped that Old Boys of the College will be able to make financial contributions through various methods to assist in the costs of restoration. These costs are substantial and will be upwards of $4million dollars. The OBA will keep members informed of functions and other fund raising events.

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James Gardiner
PRESIDENT
FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear members of the Old Boys Association,

On Saturday 19 May, the Annual Old Boys’ Sports Day was held. We honoured the 1st XV teams from 1952, 1962 and 1972. It was impressive to see one member of the 1972 team wear his jersey and it still fitted him! As well on the day we opened and dedicated three areas of the College:

- Fr Tom Maloney Way
- Matthew Hayden Oval
- John Nunan Athletics Precinct

Fr Tom, Matthew and John have made significant contributions to the College in their own individual ways. It was heartening to hear both John and Matthew speak about what they had gained from their time at Marist College Ashgrove and the opportunity to give something back as a result of what they had received.

Mark Link, SJ, a Jesuit priest wrote the following comment about prayer:

“Prayer is like plugging a lamp cord into an electrical outlet. Plugging the cord into the outlet does not create the electrical power. It simply makes contact with it. It enables electrical power to flow from the outlet, through the cord, into the lamp. It is the same with prayering. Praying doesn’t create divine power. It simply makes contact with it. It enables divine power to flow from God, through us, into the lives of other people.”

That resonates with what Fr Tom, Matthew and John have done. Their divine power has flown through them into the lives of others as a result of their good works.

In some ways the Old Boys’ Association is like this. You can get connected by joining. Then you can do good for others by assisting others. Our great College has always been identified physically by the “iconic” Tower Block built in the early 1930’s; it has been a “physical” feature of the Ashgrove landscape. For it to remain this way we have to look after it. We would like to restore this iconic building to its former glory. We plan to refurbish The Tower with offices, a Board Room, and study centre for the boys as well as a family room for boarding families. There will be additional accommodation facilities for boarding supervisors. We are hoping and praying that our Old Boys will support our appeal to restore the Building. Full details on plans and how you can help will appear in the next Ashgrovian. I do hope you feel the need to be “connected” with the appeal to refurbish The Tower.

With every good wish
Yours in Jesus, Mary and St Marcellin,
Peter McLoughlin
HEADMASTER

PRAYERS PLEASE
Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

- Wally Diezmann, father of Peter (1970) and Michael (1972). Wally was P and F President 1969/70 and very active with the College for a long time.
- Mark Patrick O’Dea 1985 to 1988. Mark passed away suddenly on Sunday June 3, aged 41 years.
JOHN NUNAN ATHLETIC PRECINCT AND MATTHEW HAYDEN OVAL

DEDICATION AND BLESSING SATURDAY 19 MAY 2012
As previously mentioned, Saturday 19 May was a very busy and memorable day at the College. John Nunan and Matthew Hayden both expressed their thanks for the honour bestowed on them and Matthew spoke fondly of his association with Fr Tom Maloney and the high regard in which Fr Tom is held by all those Old Boys who knew him.

MATTHEW HAYDEN (1988), Mum and Dad Moya and Lawrie, Matthew’s brother Gary (1983) and Uncle Gary Jones (1953)
The lead up to the Golf Day always seems to be foreshadowed by inclement weather, not that I was ever worried, with the day being a resolute example of the power of prayer. In fact I must have prayed so hard that I had run out of any assistance towards my golf that might have been forthcoming from above.

This year we reverted back to an afternoon tee off which is much more popular with the masses. Again my team was brimming with confidence. I am not particularly sure why, in view of my past history at this magnificent course. We again had no luck at the $10,000 Hole-In-One, but as I have said to all if you have a club in your hand you have a chance. Perhaps Peter McLoughlin (Headmaster) may disagree with me in my case. For some reason my partner and my game seemed to fall away by about the 6th hole, I personally put it down to the wearying physical and mental requirements of the game and our age. But from the delighted whoops and cries of despair I heard throughout the day, it appeared to be another enjoyable experience for one and all.

This day just rolls on and there is yet to be one that I have not enjoyed. A big thank you to Stuart Laing who compiled endless photos of the day for me and acted as a sober spotter at the Hole-In-One. I don’t know how you do it - stay sober that is.

Winners on the day were the team from Platinum Electrical, Ryan Hardiker, Peter Collins, Damon Hardiker and Tony Mahoney, with a gross 59, net 48.45. As one of our sponsors I would like to thank Ryan, along with Tony Hogarth from Mullins Lawyers, Damian Tehan from TN Constructions and Wayne Hansen from the College Foundation, who were our hole sponsors on the day. Many thanks.

I would also like to extend my thanks to Ben Ellis from Suntory Wines for the “Cider Hole” with the Magners Cider tasting. It became somewhat of a distraction for several groups, I understand, who liked the cider so much they returned several times!!

I was also helped with donations from Anthony Herbert (golf bag), Michael Baker from Hotel Liquor Wholesale (various alcohol related paraphernalia), Dan Butler from Acushnet Golf (golf gloves and balls) Terry King from Bunya Sports Club (dinner voucher) Dan Lyons from Danny Lyons Sports (Canterbury shirts) and Wayne Hansen (Foundation) for wine and golf balls. To all a very big thank you.

My thanks also to Col Lansberg at the Keperra Country Golf Course and his crew. Although I have been running the event now for a few years, it is always heartening to know that with the lead up to and on the day, there has never been any reason to doubt the professionalism displayed and the confidence I have in Col and the Club. It is one thing on which I can rely.

I will leave with words of wisdom from Bob Hope “I went to play golf and tried to shoot my age, but I shot my weight instead”

316 more sleeps to the next day.

PETER CASEY
OLD BOYS GOLF DAY - FRIDAY 30 MARCH

Dan Lyons, Peter Selwood, Steve Burton, Keith Hall

Brian Griffin, Ralph Cols, Michear Gallagher, James Lye

Matt Casey, Wayne Hansen, Shaun Quinn, Terry King

Kirk Tehan, John Duncalfe, Damian Tehan, Luke Tehan

Peter Collins, Damon Hardiker, Russell Smith, Ryan Hardiker

Gary Apelt, Terry Ahern, Tony Hogarth, Paul Catlow

Lloyd Goves, Jim Spain, Darren Huntley, Darren Spies

Michael Baker, Sean Harkin, Daniel Harkin, Tim Kendall
The Headmaster, Peter McLoughlin, Old Boys Association and the College community were delighted to welcome back team members from both schools from 1952, 1962 and 1972 to the Ashgrove vs St Laurence’s College round of games. It was a perfect day and lots of old acquaintances were renewed.

Following a welcome and lunch for these teams, they were presented and acknowledged by the large crowd present. Most stayed on for the 1st XV match which was won by the home side 21-13.

At the lunch Bryan Kassulke presented his blazer pocket and his Team of the Century cap to the College. Bryan represented the College in the 1st XV and 1st XI for five years; tennis for two years and athletics for three years. Congratulations on an excellent record Bryan. He is pictured here with his wife Morna.
OLD BOYS SPORT DAY - SATURDAY 19 MAY

From the 1952 Team
Terry Kassulke; Bryan Kassulke (c); Brian Lindsay; Jack Laracy

From the 1962 Team

Front Row
Terry Darwin; Lyle Guilfoyle; Maurice Liussi; Paul Blaney

Back Row
Greg Dux; Kieran McCormack; John Costello

From the 1972 Team

Front Row
Hilton Hurst; John Loscher; Br Alexis Turton (coach); Paul Andrews (c); Marion Podobnik

Back Row
Michael Mackintosh; Peter Hollamby; Peter Malone; Tony McCormack; Bill Wieland; Ashley Selwood
On Friday 24 February, 900 people attended the Champagnat Trust Sport Lunch at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

A wonderful day was had by all in attendance and everyone thoroughly enjoyed entertainment provided by special guest Grant Hackett whose individual address to those in attendance was very well received; John Eales chaired the panel interviews with Corey Brown, Leigh Matthews and Cameron Smith.

Entertainer Darren Carr kept the crowd amused with his assistant, Luke. MC Rupert McCall interviewed other sport stars who joined us for the lunch - Alastair Lynch, Gorden Tallis, Tommy Raudonikis, Malcolm Johnston.

Raffles and auctions were very well supported and from comments received by those in attendance, a great day was had by all. Thank you to all those who donated raffle and auction items.

Early bird registration is available for next year’s lunch so if you would like to pre-book a table of 10 or a sponsor table please contact Kay Wells, Community Relations Manager, on 3858 4586

All monies raised go to The Champagnat Trust which assists financially strained families to access a Marist College Ashgrove education for their sons. Thank you so much for all your support.
The Ashgrove Class of ’77 Champagnat Institute Project is an initiative of the Old Boys from the Senior Class of 1977.

The project is designed to assist the Champagnat Institute at Raiwaqa, Suva, Fiji gain much needed resources.

The Champagnat Institute is owned by the Marist Brothers and administered by the Fiji Marist Brothers Education Trust Board. The vision of the Institute is to “empower marginalized students with life-giving skills, ready to participate effectively in family and society.”

The Institute is the only post-primary special needs school in Fiji, registered as a vocational school with the Ministry of Education. The Institute admits school leavers of teenage (and sometimes 20+ years) who cannot fit into a secondary school. The Institute gives preference to those from special schools, those with learning disabilities and those who have never been to school or dropped out early.

The Class of 77’s first attempt at a sponsorship project, has been in a project assisted by a generous donation from Tropical North Queensland TAFE, with the shipment of 50 second hand personal computers to the Institute, with some also going to the local Marist primary.

Ron Todd, a ‘77 Old Boy from Garradunga, North Queensland (one of five boys who came to board at Ashgrove) now Director of Business Development, Tropical North Queensland TAFE has been the liaison with TAFE. Through Ron’s assistance, we have managed to secure the computers that were being replaced as part of an upgrade program.

It is envisaged that the computers will be uploaded with current software, mouse and pads and will be ready for use, without any additional cost burden to the school.

To physically pack the computers, we have secured the support of Mr Brett Toombs Director of Mission of St Augustinies Cairns, along with the students from that school.

The Institute’s operating budget is around FD90,000, (approx $48,000 AUD) and relies on donors to help students with school fees and to pay for small improvements to the facilities. Sales of tailoring, woodwork, craft work and farm produce make up about 10% of the Institute’s income.

Very soon we shall be seeking support of our Old Boy network, to assist in the shipping, packing and possible pc accessories costs associated with this project. Other sponsorship activities will be pursued and we would welcome any assistance from the Marist community.

Br Kees Van der Weert, the co-ordinator of the Marists in Fiji, together with Mr Francis Varea Principal of the Institute are very much looking forward to the shipment, that will see the replacement of an existing system of very old computers. Even if the lifespan of the replacement computers is only another 2-3 years, this should have a significant impact on the learning experience of these students.

Interesting, in the Principal’s office at the Institute, can be spotted a small Marist College Ashgrove wall plaque, the origins of which are not known at this time!!

The first teaching Marist Brothers came to Fiji in 1888. Their task was to teach the children of European settlers. Yet, by the turn of the century, they had opened two schools for native Fijians and one for the Indian population in Suva, who had until then no opportunity available to them for education.

In Suva, the famous Marist Brothers High School at Flagstaff, has played an extraordinary role in educating Fijian students, now proud members of the world wide network of MOB.

Further information in relation to this project is available from:

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If anyone would like to provide any support or would like to become involved in this or any other project, please feel free to contact Andrew See.
Old Boys will be aware that the former Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, the Honourable Kevin Rudd MP, was a boarder at the College during 1970-71 when Br Alexis was Headmaster. Mr Rudd was to open the new Br Alexis Turton Science Centre in late 2011 but was unable to do so because of heart surgery. The invitation to return was left open by the College.

On 17th February 2012, Mr Rudd took up the invitation and addressed the full Assembly of the College. Relieved of the constraints which usually surround high profile politicians, Mr Rudd spoke openly, and warmly, about his time at the College and the priorities in life and then stayed behind to have photos taken. The students, perhaps sensing a famous Old Boy was in their midst rather than a politician, responded by giving Mr Rudd a rousing Ashgrove reception. He was clearly moved by the welcome he received.

Br Alexis told The Ashgrovian “I recall Kevin as a student at the College. He and his elder brother came at the invitation of the Marist Brothers at a time when life was at its most difficult. I have always had an excellent relationship with Kevin and appreciated very much the time he took, whilst Prime Minister, to send a congratulatory video for an evening the College held in my honour. Ashgrove has always taken great pride in its Old Boys, no matter what path in life they choose. They are always welcome back at the College. I was delighted at the heartfelt warmth of his speech and particularly proud to hear the staff and boys welcomed him in the finest traditions of the College.”

Current Headmaster, Mr Peter McLoughlin, experienced first hand the effect of Mr Rudd’s visit on the boys:

“Mr Rudd spoke very positively about his time at Ashgrove. He referred to classrooms where he had been taught and talked particularly of his experiences in rugby teams. He encouraged all boys to achieve their personal best in everything they did and was extremely warm in his admiration for what the Marist Brothers had done for him and his family. I appreciated his willingness to interact with the boys and staff after the Assembly.”

Mr Rudd gave a poignant, and at times, humorous address to the boys (which can viewed on Youtube). His speech was directed entirely at the boys and dealt with many of the themes which are fundamental to the teachings of the Marist Brothers - reconciliation, family, spirit, community and hard work.

Mr Rudd also took the opportunity to put to bed some of the misconceptions about his time at the College. Below are some of the excerpts from the speech and some photographs of Mr Rudd’s visit.

Playing rugby at Ashgrove
But as I remember those days, they were interesting days. I was not one of your College high achievers. I was not. But let’s start with the most important aspect of all: Rugby. I was very proud to be vice-captain of the U14F. They didn’t trust me with the leadership of the U14F. That was very wise because I was still familiarising myself with the rules of the game. And I had progressed (although I think it was regressed) from the previous year, where I was in the U13E. If you go from E to F it says something about your progress in the game. But despite having absolutely no ability in football/ rugby, which I still love, I enjoyed every bit of it. It was lots of fun learning to be a member of a team.

Mr Rudd’s gratitude to the Marist Brothers
What I remember most of those days though, is the kindnesses from so many of the Brothers. I remember very well, Br Leon, then Br Aquin, Br Montanus and others. For the truth is boys, that I came to this College as a very unhappy little boy. I came here at the age of 11. Who here is 11? So I was your age. But I came here only a few months after my father had been killed in a car accident. So I was pretty sad. I came from a little country town up on the Queensland Sunshine Coast called Eumundi. And my mother brought me here because she was working out how she was going to raise her family. She had to go back to work. She had to retrain as a nurse.

So the Brothers here kindly accepted me into this College. But I came here quite sad. I left here, a couple of years later, when my mother had finally re-established herself working in a hospital as a nurse up in Nambour on the Sunshine Coast. I went home to join her. Two years later, I left here as a
happy boy. And a lot of that was a result of the work here by the good Brothers who supported me at that time.

Family
I said I would also speak to you briefly about Family. Family. We all come from families. And families support us in good times and bad. And for your families, who have worked hard to support you to be here at this College, do me one favour today. When you go home to your mum, your dad, your grandparents, your carers, simply say one thing: “Thank you for giving me the opportunity to come to this College, Marist College Ashgrove”.

The future of the boys
The Founder of this Marist Order, St Marcellin Champagnat, was a person of extraordinary faith but of extraordinary action. And I conclude my remarks to you the members of this College this morning by saying: each and everyone of you, boys, as you’re thinking about your future in life, your future in this College, your future beyond this College, your future as proud Australians in the world: never, ever underestimate what you can do. Never. Understand, first and foremost, what’s important and what are the values for which you stand. But then go out and act accordingly. That’s the hard bit.

Mr Rudd’s time at Ashgrove
Some people have said, and I have seen it in the papers, that I didn’t like my time here. Can I just say they are wrong. You are in a good College, with great people who care for you. Say thank you to them and make the most of your lives.
St Marcellin Champagnat founded the Marist Brothers in 1817. He was a hard working and unpretentious man with a gentle compassion for the disadvantaged. The Marist tradition challenges us to be conscious of caring for people and their needs which our Founder insisted was central to his work and any good education.

The Champagnat Trust was established in 2005 for this purpose. It helps families in necessitous circumstances to educate their sons in the Marist traditions. Champagnat Trust bursary recipients are selected on the basis of financial need (they are St Marcellin’s ‘least favoured’).

Applications for assistance to board at Marist College Ashgrove in Years 10, 11 and 12 are invited each year.

We are inviting you as an Old Boy of our College to assist us in this endeavour by helping to raise the funds needed to further extend the bursary fund.

Donations to the Champagnat Trust are fully tax deductible

The Champagnat Trust is administered by the Foundation Board under the patronage of Old Boys, John Eales AO and Mathew Hayden AO.

We currently assist 32 families with Champagnat Bursaries. If you have any questions about your contribution please contact me 07 3858 4584. I look forward to receiving your donation form.

Kindest regards

Wayne Hansen
Marist College Ashgrove
Foundation and Champagnat Trust Manager
Old Boy 1972

James Gardiner
President Old Boys’ Association
Old Boy 1980

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“VINTAGE BLUE & GOLD” OLD BOYS LUNCH
FOR CLASSES 1940 – 1972

CYPRIAN PAVILION
FRIDAY 17 AUGUST 2012

12 noon for lunch and conclusion at 3.00 pm
For those who would like to do so, there will be a conducted tour of the College departing from
The Cyprian Pavilion at 11.15 am

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10 AUGUST 2012

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ROSS BURBIDGE (1972)

Ross attended Marist College Ashgrove and then left to pursue his interest in cars. At school he was known as ‘Fossil’. Ross never realized how successful his career would be.

Below is a summary of his racing life which he provided for the Class of ’72 reunion. Ross had first become addicted to motor racing while in Grade 5 at Marist College Ashgrove.

1973 First race at Lakeside - Ford Escort

1978 Bathurst 1000kms 2nd in class, 12th outright with Terry Shiel (NSW) - Mazda RX3. I also narrowly missed out on winning Rookie of the Year award (by 53 seconds!)

1979 Bathurst 1000kms, did not finish with Terry Shiel - Mazda RX7. We retired with engine problems in one of the first RX7s to race in Australia

1982 Bathurst 1000kms Unclassified with Craig Kinmonth (QLD) - Mazda RX7. We finished 30th outright but, due to fuel problems, had completed insufficient laps to be classified as an official finisher. This was the first time to do the Bathurst race in my own car, which we built at my workshop in Pickering St, Enoggera!

1988 Bathurst 1000 2nd in class, 24th outright with Steve Williams (NSW) - Nissan Gazelle. This was the ex-Nissan Motorsport car formerly driven by Mark Skaife. I was in Melbourne at the time working for a Japanese-owned company affiliated with Nissan Motor Sports, Japan. The car was rebuilt before the race by Japanese and Australian mechanics at the facility I was general manager of.

During my career, I’ve been fortunate to have raced in all states of Australia, except Northern Territory (which didn’t have a racetrack, then). I believe I still hold a lap record at Symmons Plains Raceway, near Launceston!

The Japanese company I worked for brought me to Japan several times, including once in 1988 when they invited me to drive their Nissan Sunny racing car at Fuji Speedway. Their regular driver seemed impressed with my international race debut.

My next race in Japan wasn’t until after I moved over here to live and work in Hokkaido. In 1991, I was a Tokachi Speedway official and team manager. However, I was persuaded to put on the helmet again in Japan, and achieve these results.

1996 Tokachi 3-hour 3rd in class, 3rd outright with Mr Suji - Honda Civic.
1997 Tokachi 4-hour 1st in class, 1st outright with Masashi Saitoh - his Honda Civic
1998 Tokachi 4-hour 2nd in class, 2nd outright with Masashi Saitoh - his Honda Civic

Ross was instrumental in organizing Japan’s first ever round of the World Rally Championship in the Tokachi region of Hokkaido which was successfully held in 2004.

In 2006 I started my own rally team using Honda Integra cars, which we built here in Japan and in New Zealand. We concentrate on competing in rallies in South-East Asia.

For 2012 we have a newly built Suzuki Swift, which we will use in selected rounds of the Asia-Pacific Rally Championship.

Having enjoyed moderate success as a driver, I feel an obligation to put something back into the sport I love. To that end, we will be supporting a young driver in our Suzuki in the Junior Cup of 2013 APRC.

Over the years, I have also worked as an advanced driving instructor, both freelance and for Brisbane-based companies. I am usually asked to assist in large automotive driving programmes for Asian clients. Two recent projects were the Singapore new Audi A4 drive days and Pirelli Taiwan’s dealer drive days.
CONGRATULATIONS

The Old Boys’ Association is delighted to acknowledge the following Old Boys.

RICHARD GRAHAM (1990)
Richard has been appointed coach of the Queensland Reds for 2013 on completion of the 2012 year as coach of the Western Force

Richard attended Marist College Ashgrove from 1985 to 1990 and during that time represented the College in the 1st XV in 1989 and 1990. He was also a member of the Australian Schoolboys’ team which beat New Zealand and toured Europe at the end of 1990.

Richard
• played with the Reds as a winger-fullback between 1998 and 2002
• Australian Sevens 1998-2002
• Australia A 2001

His other achievements include:
• Western Force backs coach 2010
• Wallabies skills coach 2009-10
• Saracens (England) head coach 2009
• Saracens assistant coach 2006-2009
• Bath (England) assistant coach 2002-2006

MICHAEL BAUER (1972)
Inspiration can strike anytime, or anywhere, but for Bauer, his home patch of Ashgrove in Brisbane’s north-west is fertile ground. The former teacher’s first book The Running Man – winner of the 2005 Children’s Book Council of Australia award – was based on a neighbourhood jogger, while his Queensland Premier’s Literary Award winner in the Children’s Book category, Just a Dog, was inspired by the canines he encounters on his daily stroll. Next year he intends to tour Australia schools, before penning a Young Adult novel.

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JOSH MCKINNON (2009)
Josh has been selected to represent Australia at the ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships which are being held from 6th -12th August, 2012 in Ottawa, Canada. The ITF World Championships involve 70 countries and over 1500 competitors.

Josh is the current world champion in his division and is keen to represent his country and defend his title.

CALLING ALL OLD BOYS. CAN YOU HELP?
YEAR CO-ORDINATORS FOR THE OLD BOYS’ ASSOCIATION

We need your help please! We are seeking a person from each year group to be a Year Co-ordinator. The purpose of this is to be a contact person to enable the Old Boys to keep in touch with all our members. This may be by way of helping to update addresses-emails/phone numbers or to get the message out there re special events on the Old Boys’ calendar. If you feel you can help the Old Boys with this then please contact Jim Gardiner, President.

Jim GARDINER, M: 0410 565 800, E: jcgardiner@optusnet.com.au
CONGRATULATIONS

LACHLAN KEEFFE (2007)
A significant milestone was achieved by Lachlan when he played his first ANZAC day clash in the AFL for Collingwood vs Essendon. Congratulations to Lachlan. We hope he enjoyed playing in front of 96,000 at the MCG. Lachlan was vice-captain and opening bowler for the 1st XI cricket and vice-captain for the 1st XI soccer.

Lachlan who is the key defender for the Collingwood Magpies, was injured while playing recently. He required a full knee reconstruction and Collingwood have shown their faith by signing him for a further two years.

RUGBY NEWS
Marist College Ashgrove continues its representative production line with Old Boy Nick Frisby (2009) having an outstanding debut for the Queensland Reds vs. Sharks in Durban, South Africa on 18 March 2011.

Nick joins Brendan McKibbon (2002) and Pat O’Connor (2002) who both represent the NSW Waratahs in the Super 15 competition.

Previously Brendan represented the Queensland Reds in 2009 and Pat represented the Perth based Western Force before both linked in 2010 with the Waratahs.

ANTHONY GARCIA & TYRONE NOONAN
A chance reunion in New York has led to two Marist Old Boys creating a musical fusion drawing on their cultural roots and featuring duelling guitars

It was one of those strange coincidences. Tyrone Noonan had just arrived in New York and was visiting a friend at the famous Chelsea Hotel in downtown Manhattan; stepping out on the balcony, he spotted someone he remembered from high school, someone he hadn’t seen in 20 years.

Although they had known about their respective careers, the two musicians hadn’t seen each other since they were students here. Garcia was one year above Noonan.

Since then Garcia has forged a career as a virtuoso guitarist, touring the world. And after making his name with the band George, Noonan has pursued a solo career in New York’s rock scene.

Read more on the Courier Mail website - http://goo.gl/TcxCT

CLASS OF 1992 REUNION
The class of 1992 is holding its 20 year reunion in Brisbane on the weekend of 5-7 October 2012. For further information contact:

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• Justin Bond - Phone 07 32468814 or Justin.Bond@au.knightfrank.com
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• Matthew Robertson - Phone 07 31196182 or Matthew.Robertson@minterellison.com

Also reunion92@hotmail.com and Facebook group ‘Marist College Ashgrove Class of 1992’
CONGRATULATIONS

ANDREW BATURO
Brisbane restaurateur Andrew Baturo is a veteran in the hospitality game but a pair of special guests at his new venture Popolo recently had him uncharacteristically nervous.

The South Bank restaurant, co-owned by Splendour in the Grass founder Paul Piticco, was visited by rugby great John Eales and his mother Rosa Eales recently.

Andrew and John are old schoolmates, with the pair having played cricket together in the late ‘80s.

“Rosa used to cook us home-made Italian meals back in high school,” Baturo told Confidential. “Popolo is all about rustic Italian food so it was a bit surreal to be dishing up the same thing to Rosa all these years later.”

For the record, both Rosa and John were impressed with their meals.

Read more on the Courier Mail website - http://goo.gl/34dsu

A small country town in central western Queensland, 700km west of Rockhampton, is not the typical breeding ground for Royal Australian Navy recruits.

In 2005, Hamish was accepted for officer training at HMAS Creswell in Jervis Bay, followed by Loudoun who was accepted in 2008.

After six month on a ship, Hamish spent four years at ADFA in Canberra, studying mechanical engineering. Loudoun then followed in his brother’s footsteps, accepted for the same training in 2008, the year Hamish graduated.

Hamish is now a lieutenant based in Darwin as the Armidale Class Patrol boat sustainment engineer. Loudoun, a sub-lieutenant, graduated last year with the same degree.

JONATHAN KENT (2011)
Congratulations to Jono on his selection in the Queensland U18 team to play New South Wales in the curtain-raiser at State of Origin 2 in Sydney. Jono is a member of the Canberra Raiders U18 team. He was Sportsman of the Year at the College last year.

OLD BOYS RACE DAY - 3 NOVEMBER 2012
EAGLE FARM RACECOURSE

Full details on Old Boys’ website later in the year
I suppose there is the possibility that I could thank Bernard Otley and indeed Br. Aquin for an early interest in the Performing Arts, and of course that includes early exposure to Shakespeare in my years at Marist College Ashgrove from '71 to '72. Not only did Bernard Otley want us to appreciate the poetry of Shakespeare, he also insisted on ‘constructing’ the costumes for the occasional staging event - truly dedicated to bringing some semblance of the performing arts into the curriculum. Br. Aquin’s pride was his recitations of John Donne’s poetry I seem to remember. I’m forever thankful. I went in search of further education which saw me taking on the Queensland Education system as a teacher in State Primary schools from 1977. The world of the stage still stirred the interest. I left teaching in 1983 to pursue this interest which has become my chosen profession, and some would say my reason. Some one hundred stage productions, 20 films, 10 short films, 25 television productions, and voice-overs too numerous to mention, later, I have no regrets. Like all professions and ‘jobs’ one pursues to make their way in the world, this path certainly hasn’t been without the dark times. It’s a tough industry, yes, I can’t claim exclusivity here, but I’m glad I persisted.

There have been many great and memorable productions. Most recently to have the honour of performing with the Sydney Theatre Company at The Kennedy Centre in Washington DC in August last year was certainly a career highlight. I get to celebrate this national pride again in 2012 with the same production of ‘Uncle Vanya’ by Anton Chekhov for STC, this time at The Lincoln Centre in NYC in July.

There will be another opportunity to fly the flag later in August 2012 with a production of, albeit a modern rewriting, of Henrik Ibsen’s ‘The Wild Duck’, which will be performed at the Ibsen Festival in Oslo, Norway by the Belvoir St. Theatre Company. It’s a bit like selling coal to Newcastle, but the Festival committee love this production, and are confident Ibsen would have approved. I received the 2011 Helpmann Award and Sydney Theatre Award for Best Actor in a Supporting Role for this production. As with any C.V., much has been achieved over thirty years and I suppose the best place to start is with the present. Currently I’m performing in a production of ‘Strange Interlude’ by Eugene O’Neill at the Belvoir St. Theatre in Sydney - again a modern rewriting of the classic by Director/Writer Simone Stone. My last two films were shot in Sydney, ‘Griff the Invisible’ in 2010 and ‘X’ in 2011. My most recent television effort was with a production called ‘Spirited 2’ for Fox. Sydney at this point in time I call home, but who knows where the next stage will lead.
The Class of 1972 celebrated their 40 year reunion on the 18th and 19th May with 70 from our year attending. There were representatives from almost every Australian State and territory, from far North Queensland and Western Queensland, even from Fiji with Mick Towler flying in. No one wanted to miss the opportunity to catch up and renew old friendships.

The Friday evening dinner in the Cyprian Pavilion was made more special by Br Alexis Turton, Br John Maguire, Br John McDonnell, Br Hugh Reilly and current Headmaster Mr Peter McLoughlin’s attendance and wonderful presentations by Pat Casey and Wayne Hansen. Greg Jesberg’s hilarious nostalgic display “Class of 72 - This is Your Life” kept everyone entertained and totally amused with some amazing revelations.

The Class of ‘72 appears to have been incredibly successful. There are award winning authors, film and TV stars, many successful professionals, tradespeople and committed executives, elected government representatives, representative sportsmen, university lecturers, teachers, administrators, defence personnel, farmers, graziers, community workers and religious. In fact ‘72 appears to have all bases covered!

Following the dinner, many of ’72 and their families returned on the Saturday for a tour of the College and were most impressed with the progress that has occurred. The 1972 1st XV were presented to the capacity crowd prior to the home game vs St Laurence’s College and to our delight we witnessed a great spectacle as Ashgrove defeated St Laurences 21-13. Hopefully we can all be around to repeat the celebration again in 2022.

Thank you to Marist College Ashgrove and for the special help from Kay Wells, Community Relations Manager; Matt Tarlinton, Co-ordinator College Services and the College Services Team, Peter Spensley and the Film and TV crew and finally 2011 graduates Ben Andrews and Jed Brisbane who manned the bar!

John O’Hare
THE CLASS OF 72 BY BR ALEXIS TURTON

The 15 years since the 25 year reunion of the Class of 72 seems to have passed in the blink of an eye. It is quite astonishing that our remarkable organisers for tonight John O’Hare, Pat Casey, Wayne Hansen and Greg Jesberg have managed to assemble 65 of the class that graduated 40 years ago as well as another 15 who just could not free up from long standing commitments to be here tonight. More astonishing will be the number of versions of the same events that will flow once the stories start to be recounted with many various exaggerations and omissions. For we former teachers, it can not only be a time of excitement but also of some trepidation and caution. Was I too tough or too easy? Was I fair? All the facts are recalled through the cloudy mists of the passage of time.

Our intrepid organising team have not only got you here but have also elicited those special little cameos from many who could not come here tonight. Your stories about family, career and life long hobbies are amazing. Thanks to the modern world of networking and technology we have all seen the wonderful story of Ross Burbidge otherwise remembered as ‘Fossil’ with us in the class until 1970. With us in spirit tonight he is presently managing his Tokachi International Race and Rally Team which is based in Japan. Our ‘Young at Heart’ prize must surely go to Leo Hartley here tonight, recently graduated Doctor of Medicine just 40 years after leaving school.

My special thanks and congratulations to Mr Peter McLoughlin with us this evening, the first lay Headmaster of the College. We knew that he would be a quality educational leader but he has exceeded our expectations in the way that he has imbued the Marist spirit and spirituality that has come to us from Marcellin Champagnat for the students of today. Well done Peter.

After such a significant period of time one is entitled to reminisce about looking back and asking what did it mean and what do I want now for my children and grandchildren’s education. Chances are you remember who your teachers were more than what you actually learnt in the classroom. I remember well the great Leo Slattery, your old Logic and English teacher, commenting one day that he was sure that he learnt more from you the students than he was able to pass on to you as teacher.

There is that story of the nun who was the hospital chaplain running out of petrol with only a bedpan in the boot of the car to carry some fuel back to the car. A man passing by looked on with amazement as Sister struggled to pour the purchased petrol into the tank from the bedpan. He commented to his mate: ‘I tell you my friend, if that car starts then I’m going to become a Catholic!’

Sometimes things are not always as they seem. While it is wonderful to follow your careers in so many diverse areas there is more. Tony Phelan now mixing it internationally with the very best in stage and theatre commented in his email of apology to me how important his little group of life long close friends from the Class of 72 have been. He suggests that this reunion tonight we particularly remember those 4 who have passed away since 1972. It raises the question of what fruits and values of education are important enough to pass on to your own children and loved ones.

A few years ago Mary Corley, Mike’s wife contacted me to ask to visit Mike who is critically ill in hospital with brain cancer. It was a moving and powerful experience. A wonderful wife and 2 very special older teenagers in a very loving and life giving relationship. Mike’s opening words when I visited him were along the lines of: ‘You did a great job with us when we were kids in your care. All that obligation stuff that you passed on.... and I suppose I have not always been up to the mark,’ was his welcoming gambit. Looking death in the face has a way of stripping away the peripherals in our life. Funny how many of the certainties of youth, even religious ones are not quite so clear and absolute as life is lived. Our conversation seemed to act as a filter for what really matters in life. His great pain was the prospect of leaving the loves of his life. They were, Mary and the children, what gave meaning to his life. He had been loved into life and had really tried to reciprocate that same love.

Our discussion on the final journey led us not to expect a lengthy checklist on rules and commandments that we had not handled so well when the final examination came but more to being asked the challenging question: ‘How well have you loved? How life giving have you been?’ The line from the gospel ‘God is Love’ took on a special meaning. The quality of our loving is a measure of God’s presence for those we associate with and love. And perhaps the only other question on the checklist when we encounter the good Lord will be whether we gave a cup of water to that one in special need. All pretty simple really as simple as the very basic virtues of faith, hope and love.

Many of us have barely met over the last 40 years since leaving the College. The significant number that I have kept in touch with has left me with a great sense of admiration and gratitude. The quality of your lives, the families and the values you have shared with them are quite remarkable. Leo Slattery was right that you have taught us so much. Those of you with grandchildren at the College are still reinforcing these values and contributing to the quality of education in the College. I doubt any of you have children at the College - this is after all the 40 year Reunion! We thank you for that. Give yourselves a pat on the back! You are indeed a tonic for the self-image of geriatric former teachers! It is a privilege to have been part of your lives and it is a pleasure to share this evening with you.
Reply to Br Alexis’s Speech & Toast to the College

Br Alexis; Br John Maguire; Br John McDonnell (57), Br Hugh; Mr Peter McLoughlin, Headmaster, fellow Old Boys of Junior class of 1970 and Senior class of 1972, I echo John’s welcome... it is great to see so many of you guys interested and willing to attend this evening.

Thank you Br Alexis...again for you support of these reunions, the memories you share, history of the men that were our teachers and ability to reassure and inspire us with your words, 40 years after you dismissed us from Assembly. I have had the pleasure to hear Br Alexis speak on a number of occasions, most recently at his Tribute Dinner in October 2009 and I always come away in awe of his ability to relay his message of maintaining the spirit of family, the spirit of faith, the spirit of excellence and the spirit of the past and to endeavour to bottle that spirit to shape the future. The future that some of your sons may have enjoyed already and perhaps some of your grandsons to come.

We thank you for the roles you have played in our lives as educator, mentor, coach, Marist Community Leader and friend. It is apparent from your attendance not just here tonight but at our other gatherings over the years, that long after your duty of care has expired, your still have an interest in our welfare.

I believe what has got us through many of our trials and tribulation over the years was the value systems and code of conduct that our parents instilled in us but also was endorsed by the College teaching staff.

When some of you started here in 1964, this College was only 24 years old. Br Alexis was a new teacher here and Barry Honan was College Captain. When we left in 72, Br Alexis was Headmaster, Physics teacher and coach of the undefeated 1st XV and Barry Honan was teaching us Senior Maths. Br Alexis remained as Headmaster here until 1976 and later became Provincial of the Marist Brothers in Australia. Now he even has a building here named in his honour, The Br Alexis Turton Science Centre.

The first 20 years after the opening saw the College consolidate but the 60’s and early 70’s (our years) were a time of growth in the building program with the 2 dormitory blocks, new Secondary wing, library, refectory and the Main Oval grandstand was opened in 1970. Student numbers grew from 680 in 64 to 1008 in 72 to 1600 in 2012.

Students were excelling academically and our sporting reputation was undeniably strong particularly in Rugby with premierships prominent from the great sides of 65/66 through to our own unbeaten premiers of 72. This College had really come of age in that time with outstanding facilities, the envy of the TAS schools and put the GPS schools on notice. The 60’s also saw the first Walkathon... the start of a fund raising phenomenon and in 1968 it was co-ordinated by Br Hugh alias “Happy Jack” who is with us tonight. Who will ever forget those 30 miles to Jolly’s Lookout and back in the rain?

Who knows, this may be our last Reunion...we may not gather again. But I suspect we will.

So let us milk the moment as we may struggle to make our 50th Reunion in 10 years time. There is a certain flavor of bias and nostalgia in what I have to say. So is important to celebrate the journey that we each have taken and many of us have shared: But how did we all arrive at this College known as St Mary’s Ashgrove back then in the 60’s? I saw it as various tribes feeding into the College. There was the:

• The Gap: Walter, Ross, Prins, Gourlay, Jameson • Hendra - Tribe of 1? Paul Andrews......he didn’t have a lot of friends • Of course - The Boarders

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Pat Casey
FLASHBACKS - 1ST XV 1982

1ST XV 1982 - UNDEFEATED PREMIERS
The 1st XV had three trial games - against CEGS, the eventual GPS premiers, on whom Ashgrove inflicted the only defeat of the season, 11-3; State High who won 8-6; and BGS who drew 13 all. During the season trials against TSS and Nudgee also resulted in wins to Ashgrove.

At 1 pm on 16 May 1982 Ashgrove and Brisbane Grammar School played the curtain raiser to the Queensland-World XV match at Ballymore. Grammar won 17-13, two tries being scored by each side. What an exciting match for the large crowd!

7 BGS boys were selected in the Queensland Schoolboys side for the Australian Championships. Ashgrove supplied four - Dean Patterson, Anthony Herbert, Michael Tyrrell and Brett Leavy. Leavy scored 23 tries in the TAS season, a College and TAS record. Anthony Herbert then won Australian Schoolboy selection.

CURTAIN RAISER | QUEENSLAND VS WORLD XV | BALLYMORE - 16 MAY 1982
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Early sales have already covered costs; from now on all proceeds will go direct to the Marist Brothers for the benefit of the Kuya Centre for Street Children in Manila.

For more information or to order visit www.johngilfoyle.com
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It is great to see so many successful Class Reunions being organised and held. Many have commented on how wonderful it is to catch up with classmates from years gone by. If you wish to have a dinner/BBQ on the College grounds the reunion needs to be organized through the Old Boys Committee.

This can be done by contacting Stuart Laing who will be happy to help with publicity, venue bookings or answer any questions which will help with the organization of this occasion.

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