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### DATES TO REMEMBER 2015

- **Tuesday 3 February** - AGM, 7pm at the College
- **Friday 27 February** - Champagnat Trust Sports Lunch - Brisbane Convention Centre
- **Friday 20 March** - Golf Day
- **Saturday 6 June** - OB Sports Day vs St. Patrick’s College
- **Saturday 1 August** - 75 Jubilee Dinner Dinner - Brisbane Convention Centre
- **Friday 14 August** - Vintage Blue and Gold Lunch for classes from 1940 to 1975
- **Friday 2 October** - Reunion Mass and Evening Function at the Cyprian Pavilion

Check the Old Boys website at www.ashgroveoldboys.com.au for further details.

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PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The Marist College Ashgrove Old Boys’ Association has again enjoyed yet another successful year. This was evident not only by our well attended functions but also our commitment to supporting the College through the generosity of Old Boys by enthusiastically donating time, effort and finances to ensure our assistance wherever possible to help provide the best Marist education to everyone.

On Aug 15, 2014 the annual Vintage Blue & Gold Lunch was attended by a record 150 people. Most also attended the special Assumption Day Mass in the College Chapel which preceded the lunch.

The inaugural Arthur Apelt Memorial Service Award was presented to Tom Treston, and Pat Nolan was honoured with Honorary Life Membership, both for their great service to the College. The huge Class of 64 attendance was something to behold. A good roll up from Rosalie and St Joseph’s Hunters Hill Old Boys made the lunch even more welcoming, while our very special guest speaker and former Headmaster, Br Alexis Turton had the audience enthralled with some interesting and pertinent history.

On Friday October 10, 2014, the OBA Reunion evening for class groups from 1974 to 2013 was held. Once again, there was a large contingent enjoying reunions from up to 40 years since Graduation and everyone enjoyed their night of celebration.

In late 1939, the Marist Brothers arrived at Ashgrove to prepare the site for the commencement of classes on January 30, 1940. That the OBA is able to offer a limited number of commemorative 75 year shirts to celebrate MCA’s Diamond Jubilee 75 years later is a delight. For MCA supporters etc to be able to acquire it for only $35 is due, in part, to the generosity of a dozen or so Old Boys who donated most of the cost of manufacturing the high quality garment. The OBA would like to thank the following: Denis Frisby (1979), Michael (1972) and Joseph Bauer (2005), Kevin Vandeleur (1969), Shane Connolly (1972), Bill Andrews (1965), Gerard Frisby (1975), John Stubbings, Peter O’Hare (1971), Kerry O’Brien (1967), Chris Muir (1968), Anthony Collins (1981) and Tom Treston (1947). The success has been such that the large allocation of shirts for Old Boys has nearly sold out. More information on obtaining the remaining shirts is in this issue of the “Ashgrovian”.

I would like to thank all members of the OBA committee for their camaraderie and commitment to ensuring all our functions are such a success. Special appreciation also to Kay Wells, MCA Community Relations Manager for her tireless efforts and advice which ensures everything runs seamlessly. My thanks also to MCA Headmaster, Peter McLoughlin and Deputy Headmaster, Mr Richard Ward for their enthusiastic support of all OBA endeavours.

Finally, welcome to the Seniors of 2014 as our newest members and who have the honour of being our 75th class of Year 12’s to graduate from MCA. Best wishes in the next stage of your journey and may your friendships forged at MCA last a lifetime.

Viriliter Age
John O’Hare
President

AGM NOTICE
Tuesday 3 February 2015 in the Bob Keating Room at the College at 7pm
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME
Nomination forms available from OBA Secretary, Peter Casey,
e: peter-casey@bigpond.com
FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear members of the Marist College Ashgrove Old Boys’ Association,

St Marcellin Champagnat, founder of the Marist Brothers, the Little Brothers of Mary as he called them, was a man of great faith, determination and resilience. In September, my wife and I were fortunate to travel to “Marcellin Country” or St Chamond as the map tells us. It’s amazing to see first-hand the fruits of his determined labours. Although internally fully renovated, the external five level building is as it was built by professional builders, assisted by Marcellin and his band of brothers. The attached picture of the “tool-shed” at l’Hermitage is not only symbolic of Champagnat’s “hands on” approach, but indicative of his practical, no fuss nature. Many church officials of his time disapproved of his involvement in manual tasks. But he was determined to achieve his goal - no matter the personal cost.

The aim of a Marist education is, in the words of St Marcellin, to create “Good Christians and Good Citizens.” I’m delighted to commend to you the class of 2014, our latest Old Boys. They have been a group of young men who have been co-operative and displayed a willingness to put others first. Mr Jon Fitzgerald, the Year 12 Boarding Co-ordinator has described the Senior boarders as, “A selfless group who have always been willing to go above and beyond expectations. They have been very giving of their time for the good of others.”

They enter a complicated world. One that will throw at them many distractions and opportunities to pursue a life contradictory to what they have been exposed to at Marist College Ashgrove. Our prayer is for them to stay true to the positive values and attitudes that have been made available to them.

Brother Michael Green, National Director Marist Schools Australia wrote:

We do not read the story of Marcellin’s life simply to learn about a nineteenth century French priest, as interesting as he might have been. Certainly, it has its own inherent interest value, but this is a story - like the stories of all the great saints - that we can allow to take us far beyond a history lesson. This is a life that can give us reason and means to believe, to hope and ultimately to love.

May the blessings of the Christ child rest gently on all of us this Christmas.

Yours in Jesus, Mary and St Marcellin,

Peter McLoughlin
Headmaster
CLASS OF 2014

Jacob Abbott, D
Luke Adams, F
Lachlan Anderson, E
Matthew Anderson, G
Hamish Andrews, D *
Connor Arnold, R
Lachlan Aspinall, F
Calum Atterton, E
Joshua Bacon, E
Matthew Barbaro, H
Michael Barbera, F
Jackson Barker, F
Jack Beath, I
Cian Bedford, R
Michael Bell, H
Zachary Bendrey, E
Lucian Berkovich-Robles, E
Patrick Beveridge, H *
Charles Bigdood, R
Joshua Blair-West, S
Thomas Brady, E
Clem Brosnan, D *
Edward Buckingham, E, Daniel J. Byrne, I*
John Daniel Byrne, D
Dylan Cooper, E *
Anthony Cook, I *
Joseph Conachan, E *
Anthony Cook, I *
Dylan Cooper, E *
Hunter Cooper, I *
Seamus Coulson, F
Conor Cowhig, H
Daniel Cranitch, S
Thomas Creevey, I
Jack Cronin, E
Samuel Cummins, D
Lachlan Dalton, G
Isaac Daly, E
Shaun Dauth, F
Jacob de Graaf, S
Dinneti De Marco, F
Keano De Marco, F
Ryan Dennis, S *
Joshua Deocadez, G
Jordan Devery, E
Mario Di Francesco, H
Phillip Di Francesco, H
James Dickens, D
Isaac Dickinson, R *
Liam Diver, S
Blake Dolan, G
Tristan Donaldson, F *
Liam Donnelly, R
Lawson Doyle, R
Alexander Duff, G
Jacob Dukic, I
Ashley Dunn, H
Jack Dunstan, H
Thomas Dwyer, G *
Luke Eddy, S
Nathan Edwards, I
Charlie Evert, G *
Sebastian Fahey, F *
Carlos Ferrando, F
Aaron Fidler, R
Darnell Fisher, D *
Carl Fitzgerald, F
Nathan Ford, S
Anthony Forni, S
Elliot Fossey, R
Michael Fowler, E
James French, E
Louis Gannon, F
Declan Garratty, D
Jake Garratty, D
Fergus Geary, S
Michael Geraghty, D
Brent Gesch, D
Thomas Gibson, F
Tristan Gibson, S *
Steven Glasson, I
Connor Gleeson, G
Joel Goncalves, G
Troy Graham, G *
Alex Grant, D
Chelton Gravesande, D
Liam Grevelle-Eyres, E
Braydon Griffin, I
Liam Grouhel, D
Jai Gurnett-Duffus, D
Marcus Hadley, R
Alexander Hamilton, E
Alistair Hamlet, R
Logan Hardiker, H
Ryan Hartley, H
Beau Harvey, R
Jake Hatton, D *
Liam Healy, D
Patrick Healy, G
Joseph Heyward, E
Joshua Hodgkinson, S
Patrick Hodgson, S
Jonathan Hooper, S
Xavier Horgan, R *
Sam Hoskins, S
Lachlan Hughes, G *
Tim Humphries, R
Liam Hutchinson, F
Alexander Hutton, H
Lachlan Jackson, G
Liam Jessup, H
Elliot Johnston, I
Kyle Jones, G
Patrick Jones, D
Lachlan Jubb, I
Carl Kajewski, G *
Trent Kay, G
Sam Kelly, R
Nicholas Keogh, H
Calum Kersley, F
Declan Kinninmont, S
Jonny Koleszar, R
Joseph Kosiek, E
Nicholas Kress, G
Bill Krupf, I
Morgan Laffer, F *
James Lancashire, D
Daniel Lane, S
Sebastian Lane-Porter, E
Nathanael Leavy, I
Tom Lister, S
Robin Lopez Luo, H *
Lucas Mackie, F *
Liam Macknight, G
Xavier Malt, H
Joseph Mardon, S
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Norman Marruwale Kamba, R *
Charles McArthur, F
Ben McCarthy, R
Jayden McCormack, G
Liam McDermott, H
Lachie McDonald, F
Harry Mc Govern, D
Finnegan McGrath, E
Jack McGuigan, R
Tyler McKerihan, I
Jackson McKim, E
Brock McLachlan, G
Thomas McLean, I
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Dujon Nadredre, H *
Peter Neagle, R *
Christian Nebe, S *
Jack Neumann, E
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Connor Nolan, I *
Joseph Noonan, F
Jake Nosworthy, I *
Luke O’Brien, I
Lachlan O’Bryan, S
Jack O’Connor, H *
Conor O’Donovan, H
Emilio Ornyengaia, D *
Declan O’Sullivan, R
Daniel O’Toole, E
Ryan O’Toole, S
Lachlan Palm, H
Kyle Panther-Martin, G
Erowah Pedro, G *
Paddy Podbury, S
Marcus Porter, F
Dominic Poustie, D
Alexander Purcell, R
Will Rafter, G
Lachlan Ramsay-Kneen, R
Will Ramsey, G
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Riley Sheehan, E
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Patrick Smith, I
Thomas Smith, H
Xavier Smith, I
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Hugh Spry, S
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Mitchell Stent, G
Harry Stephens, F
Grayson Stevens, H
Jacob Stevens, I
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Tom Stewart, E
Eamon Stocks, E
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Liam Strathearn, G
Max Stublings, I
Matthew Teese, D *
Thomas Thorsen, H
Harry Tracey, I
Sam Treloar, G
Jack Treston, D
James Underwood, D
Sam Walker, F
Patrick Watts, S
Mitchell Webb, I
Matthew Weir, D
Oliver West, I
Boyd White, E
Jake White, D *
Joseph Wiley, F *
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Sterling Wing, F
Darcy Wright, R *
Lachie Yakisch, R *
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Letter beside name indicates House, e.g. D=Ridley,
E= Ephrem, F=Foley, G=Gilroy, H=Harold, I=Ignatius, R=Rush
and S=Slattery
WELCOME TO THE OLD BOYS’ ASSOCIATION

Front Row: Julian Rodriguez, Patrick Jones, James Underwood, Isaac McSwan, Matthew Teese, Chelton Gravesande, Samuel Cummins, Dominic Poustie, Jacob Abbott, Jake Garratty, Tom Robertson

Second Row: Liam Healy, Darnell Fisher, Jack Treston, Alex Smith, Alex Grant, James Dickens, Jai Gurnett-Duffus, Liam Grouhel, Josh Collins, Declan Garratty

Third Row: Michael Geraghty, Harry McGovern, Jake Hatton, Daniel Byrne, Clem Brosnan, James Lancashire, Jake White, Brent Gesch, Matthew Weir

Absent: Hamish Andrews, Emilio Ornyengaia

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Third Row: Jackson McKim, Finnegan McGrath, Jack Cronin, Fletcher Campbell, Lachlan Anderson, Michael Fowler, Edward Buckingham

Absent: Joseph Heyward, Jack Neumann, Keelan Shannon, Tom Stewart, Eamon Stocks
WELCOME TO THE OLD BOYS’ ASSOCIATION

Year 12 Foley House


Second Row: Lachlan Aspinall, Callum Kersley, Matthew Russell, Bill Kruip, Thomas Roche, Thomas Gibson, Lucas Mackie, Carl Fitzgerald, Sebastian Fahey, Lachie McDonald

Third Row: Seamus Coulson, Tristan Donaldson, Morgan Laffer, Sam Walker, Liam Hutchinson, Charles McArthur, Sterling Wing

Absent: Michael Moran, Joseph Noonan, Marcus Porter, Joseph Wiley

Year 12 Gilroy House

Front Row: Joshua Deocadez, Will Rafter, Matthew Anderson, Thomas Dwyer, Joel Goncalves, Dan Smith, Michael Senescall, Liam Strathearn, Mitchell Stent


Absent: Patrick Healy, Lachlan Hughes, Erowah Pedro
WELCOME TO THE OLD BOYS’ ASSOCIATION

Year 12 Harold House

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Third Row: Lachlan Messery, Michael Bell, Nicholas Keogh, Andrew Roach, Xavier Malt, Liam Jessup, Lachlan Campbell, Sam Carran, Conor Cowhig

Absent: Matthew Barbaro, Jack Collier, Mario Di Francesco, Conor O’Donovan

Year 12 Ignatius House

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Third Row: Kristian Mortensen, James Ryan, Patrick Smith, Thomas Creevey, Nicholas Scherer, Tyler McKerihan, Harry Tracey, Jack Beath

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WELCOME TO THE OLD BOYS’ ASSOCIATION

Year 12 Rush House

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Third Row: Marcus Hadley, Beau Harvey, Ben McCarthy, Connor Arnold, Lawson Doyle, Joel Speed, Charles Bidgood, Darcy Wright, Elliot Fossey

Absent: Aaron Fidler, Sam Kelly, Matthew Menhinnitt, Peter Neagle

Year 12 Slattery House

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Second Row: Jacob de Graaf, Ryan Dennis, Patrick Hodgson, Jonathan Hooper, Nathan Ford, Matthew Stewart, Tim Moloney, Tristan Gibson, Patrick Watts, Declan Kinninmont, Christian Nebe, Sam Hoskins

Appointment of Old Boy Kerry O’Brien as Chief Judge of the District Court

In an appointment which was met with universal acclaim by the judiciary, the legal profession, the broader community and, of course, Old Boys far and wide, on 31st October 2014 Kerry O’Brien (1967) was sworn in as Chief Judge of the District Court of Queensland.

Kerry, first appointed as a judge in 1989, holds an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intellect and hard work.

Retired Judges Kevin Row (1946) and Gary Forno (whose sons attended Ashgrove) joined with many other Old Boys including Phil Newman and Rob Bauer from Kerry’s year in attending the swearing in.

Mr Peter McLoughlin, College Headmaster, fittingly recognised this historic occasion by attending with three sons of Old Boys from legal families, Jack Treston, Will Collins and Finn McGrath.

Old Boys who are lawyers have confirmed the stature in which Kerry is held. One described the appointment as follows:

“The District Court is the busiest and most diverse Court in Queensland dealing with major criminal, civil and planning and environment matters in all corners of the State.

It requires a particularly gifted person to not only maintain the integrity of the judicial system but to also lead the Court in an age of advancing technology and disputes of ever increasing complexity.

The people of Queensland are fortunate to have a person of Kerry’s calibre prepared to accept this challenge. It is an extraordinarily difficult role. The unanimous endorsement of the legal profession, the judiciary and the broader community are testament to the absolute quality of his appointment. The Ashgrove community should be particularly proud that many of Kerry’s outstanding qualities - in particular his humility, compassion and dedication to hard work - were forged during his years at the College.

Kerry and Wife, Donna, have remained longstanding supporters of the College. Kerry served on the Foundation for a number of years. Sons Matthew (2006) and Michael (2007) are also Old Boys. Twin daughters, Amelia and Emily, attended Stuartholme.

One senses that Brother Cyprian, a strong influence on Kerry during his years at Ashgrove, would also be giving his nod of approval to the appointment.

UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE NOLAN FAMILY

Granddad and Grandson become Old Boys in the same year.

In a unique twist to the established protocols, 2014 graduate Connor Nolan can proclaim to become a Life Member of the OBA in the same year as his grandfather. In August 2014, Pat Nolan, father of Garry (81), Simon (83), Jeremy (86) and Dominic (89) became only the second Honorary Life Member in the last 13 years.

The award was made as a result of Pat’s outstanding and selfless service to the College and the Marist Brothers over the decades. Grandson Connor, the eldest son of Garry (81), joined Pat as a Life Member upon graduating just a few months later.

The OBA would like to pass on its congratulations and extend its thanks to the entire Nolan Family for their long standing service to the College. The OBA extends particular congratulations to Pat and Connor on both becoming life members in 2014.
SONS OF OLD BOYS GRADUATE IN RECORD NUMBERS

The 2014 Senior Class contained a record 33 sons of Old Boys. Names such as Evert, Geraghty, Kosiek and Watts were peppered amongst the largest group of second and third generation young men to graduate from Ashgrove in a single year.

The Ashgrovian was fortunate to arrange for 25 of the Fathers (boarding Dads excused!) to join the graduates for an historic photo on the steps of the new Science Centre. While there was plenty of wisdom and memories to share around, it was perhaps a sign of the times that when the camera came out, the burdens of age and size dictated that the more mature of our members stand on the step behind their son.

As the College approaches its 75th anniversary, Ashgrove’s deep sense of extended family was never more evident than in this wonderful photo. The OBA extends a very special welcome to these 33 exceptional young men and wishes them the very best in the years ahead.

Rows 1 and 2: Brett Leavy (1982) and Nathaniel; Stan Kosiek (1977) and Joseph; Christopher Strathern (1987) and Liam; Tony Stower (1982) and Dominic; Stephen Donnelly (1971) and Liam; Leo Rowan (1975) and Thomas; Peter Readman (1989) and Lachlan; David McLean (1987) and Thomas

Rows 3 and 4: Tom Cranitch (1986) and Daniel; Peter Sheehan (1976) and Riley; Gerard Collier (1989) and Jack; John Moloney (1975) and Timothy; Leo Watts (1981) and Patrick; Anthony Cook and Tristan Donaldson

Rows 5 and 6: Garry Nolan (1981) and Connor; Anthony Collins (1981) and William; Stephen Geraghty (1977) and Michael; Michael Messery (1980) and Lachlan; Mark Stewart (1982) and Thomas; Andrew Smith (1983) and Thomas

Rows 7 and 8: Joe Forni (1973) and Anthony; Pat McGrath (1987) and Finnegan; Peter Gesch (1979) and Brent; Peter Teese (1985) and Matthew; Matthew Jackson (1982) and Lachlan; Greg Treston (1978) and Jack; Anthony Russell and Charlie Evert

Absent but there in spirit: Stephen (1979) and Harry Tracey, Matthew Russell (1979), James Evert (1979), Richard Cook (1976) and Stuart Donaldson (1987), Ryan Hardiker (1992) and Logan, Brendan Keogh (1988) and Nicholas, Peter Wilkins (1978) and Nicholas.
PRAYERS PLEASE


- Paul Eviston, 1/1/1929 - 11/8/2014 father of Tony (1972) and Phillip (1976) and grandfather of Old Boys Gerard, David, Tim and Alex. Paul was an Old Boys of St. Augustine’s Cairns who became Head of the Reserve Bank in Queensland after being very involved in the decimalisation of our currency in 1965/66, when based in Sydney.


- Joan Callaghan passed away in July, aged 93. Mother of Chris (1974) and grandmother of Rory (2009) and Max (2011)


- Timothy Martin McEniry, 6 October 1928- 13 September 2014 was a retired dentist who originally resided at Kennedy Terrace, Red Hill when Tim and his brother Michael attended MCA as Foundation students in 1940 and 1941.


- Please pray for Tim Walker, 1.5.27 - 13.8.14 . Tim is father of Mark (1970) and Stephen (1972)

- Eric Evans, born 1.4.59 and father of Lloyd (2007) who passed away at the end of September aged 55.


FRANK MELIT (1932-2014)

DEATH OF PROMINENT ASHGROVE OLD BOY, FRANK MELIT (1932 - 2014)

My memories of an older Marist College Ashgrove (MCA) student in the late 1940s are still vivid with me. I can still see Frank Melit on the main oval putting the College on the map with his rugby displays (normally as halfback) and in athletic events; I can still see him in the boxing ring at the old Brisbane Stadium in epic contests at the State Schoolboys’ titles; I can still see him, when a little older, proudly dressed in his Under Officer uniform in the College Cadet corps. Because of his determination at whatever he took on, at training, in competition and every activity, Frank was a real winner, a man to look up to.

Not bad for a lad who had come from Cribb Island, to settle himself down in the structured life of a boarding school, under the loving care of the Marist Brothers, and under the professional guidance of sports coach, Arch Ferrier. His life was turned around - Frank himself always admitted that. His path for life was clearly set.

Even though I lived away from Brisbane for the next fifty years, it was not hard to keep track of Frank. The year after Frank left school he became President of the Old Boys’ Association. I knew that he became a teacher. In the years ahead we would read about his playing for Brothers and for Brisbane in the rugby league competitions. He entered the political arena as a staunch Laborite (contesting some of the most difficult seats in Queensland). He was committed to the Brothers’ Rugby League Clubs in Brisbane and throughout the State. Workwise Frank left teaching and went into Financial Planning with National Mutual for thirty years, while concurrently running several hotels in Rockhampton.

Meanwhile, Frank always had the strong support of his wife, Tricia, whom he met in his early teaching days in the South Burnett district. Frank eventually returned to Brisbane. It was inevitable that he would settle in Ashgrove so that his five children could take advantage of the Catholic education provided at MCA and Mt St. Michael’s College.

When I returned to life in Brisbane after an absence of fifty three years, at the start of 2006, it was not long before Frank, on his initiative, made contact with me to join him for coffee at the Gap. Unforgettable moments! His recent funeral Mass celebrated by fellow ex-student, Fr. John Begg SM and held in the College Chapel, was a triumph for a life lived well to the fullest. The Melit legacy lives at the College today in the persons of his grandsons, Max (10 Gilroy) and Sam (9 Gilroy) and his OB sons, Brogan (1983), John (1986) and Michael (1979).

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The annual Champagnat Sports Lunch to be held at the Brisbane Entertainment and Convention Centre is set for 2015, so mark Friday 27 February in your diary.

We would be delighted if you would like to join us for this special lunch to raise funds for the Champagnat Trust. Money raised from this luncheon will directly assist boys from financially strained families to access a Marist College Ashgrove education.

The last event was SOLD OUT, so we encourage you to book early for your table. There are also sponsor packages available for those businesses or individuals interested in supporting the Foundation in a mutually beneficial way.

TICKET AND TABLE PRICE

Platinum tables of 12 are available at $5000. Contact Kay Wells on 07 3858 4586 for further details and bookings.

Standard tables of 10 are available for $1600 or $160 per ticket.

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DONATIONS AND RAFFLE PRIZES

We would also like to ask our Marist families for donations for raffles or auction items - both products or services are welcome. If you are able to assist please contact Kay Wells on 07 3858 4586.

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RECENT REUNIONS

Reunion - Class of 1974

Reunion - Class of 1979

Reunion - Class of 1989
RECENT REUNIONS

Over 200 Old Boys from 2013 to 1974 attended the informal reunion evening at the Cyprian Pavilion on Friday Oct. 10, 2014. In particular, support was massive from the 1974, 1979, 1989 and 2004 classes. Thanks to Anthony Collins, Dom Melrose, Peter Casey, Stuart Laing, Brad Butten, Jim Gardiner and Michael Watts for organising and managing the night.

FIRST XV - THIRD GENERATION RUN ON TOGETHER

When Charlie Evert (no 10) followed Jack Treston (wing) on the famous walk down the centre aisle of the John Eales Grandstand on to No 1 Oval against Villanova for the first XV earlier this year, the two proud young men carried with them a unique piece of College history.

For the first time, two third generation Grandsons of Old Boys represented the College simultaneously in the most high profile of all its sporting teams. Charlie, son of James (Junior 1977) and grandson of former College Captain, Vince (1950) played a faultless match at fly-half to steer Ashgrove to a come from behind victory. Jack, son of Greg (1978) and grandson of Tom (1948) remains one of the strongest defensive wingers Ashgrove has ever produced. Prouder grandfathers there could not be.

While Charlie and Jack shared the glory, as all forwards know, the historic victory would not have been possible without pinpoint accuracy at the lineout and a bag of tightheads from Finn McGrath at hooker (son of Pat 1987).
CONGRATULATIONS AND NEWS

Luke Bennett (1990)

Luke is now the team doctor for Mercedes AMG Petronas and McLaren Mercedes Formula One teams. (Mercedes AMGP will be almost certainly World Champions this year, Team-mates Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg are having a once-in-a-generation battle for the title).

Luke also medically supervises the Human Performance program for the Red Bull F1 drivers (including Daniel Ricciardo) as well as their junior program.

Luke is following in the footsteps of Adam Costanzo (Ashgrove Senior 1995) who was McLaren physiotherapist and trainer for Lewis Hamilton during the period of his World Drivers Championship title success in 2007-09, and later worked with the Red Bull junior program and many other motorsport athletes. Adam has now returned to Australia to study medicine in the ACT.

Additionally, Luke's sports-science colleague Stuart Smith, who is now Daniel Ricciardo's long term trainer at Red Bull, was an Ashgrove boarding master in the 2000's. Stuart also worked closely with rising F1 stars Valtteri Bottas and Daniil Kvyatt in their junior careers.

And in a final coincidence, Leigh Diffey, the lead motorsports commentator on the NBC network in the USA, was an old teacher of Stuart at Ipswich Grammar!

The picture below of Luke is from the medical helicopter on the Australasian Safari (desert off-road race) in Western Australian last year.

Luke's interest in Medicine following graduation has been mainly emergency relief (casualty), which makes him well experienced for this exciting new stage of his working journey. Younger brothers Matthew (Optometry), Thomas (Optometry), and James(Medicine), also attended MCA and all have found their niche in the health industry.

BEER INCIDER

Many Old Boys supported Marty Keetels Beer InCider experience at the Albion Park Racetrack on Sept 20 & 21.

The Beer InCider Experience is the brainchild of Marty Keetels (1999). A reformed lawyer who left the profession to follow his passions-craft beer, cider and events. Marty dreamt up the Beer InCider Experience over tasting a paddle of beers on a summer's day at the Meantime Brewery in Greenwich, London.

Marty is very thankful to all of the brewers, caterers, musicians, suppliers, volunteers, MCA Old Boys, friends and family who believed in his vision for this event and chose to be part of this great experience.

Congratulations to QUT Drama alumnus John Saunders (2004) who won the 2014 CHASS Australia Prize for a Future Leader in the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences! John is currently the Education Manager at Sydney Theatre Company.
CONGRATULATIONS AND NEWS

Father Tom Maloney Award for 2nd XI Cricket

Old Boys will recall that in 2012 the OBA presented the College with a magnificent trophy to honour the commitment and success of Father Tom Maloney as the long standing coach of 2nd XI Cricket.

The OBA congratulates this year’s recipient, and captain, Josh Collins. While Josh had an outstanding season with bat and ball, the OBA is told by the coaches that, above all, his demeanour towards opposition players, coaches and umpires was of the highest standard and upheld the best Marist traditions of sportsmanship. Father Tom would be proud!

Recently the BrisbaneNews profiled three creative father and son combinations - one of which was Joe Bauer (2005) and his father Michael (1972).

In the Bauer household, children were also given every opportunity to pursue creative enterprises. Joe Bauer, now an accomplished illustrator, remembers growing up in an Ashgrove house where using your imagination was actively encouraged.

“The inspiration for drawing came from a combination of my dad and my grandad on my mother’s side,” the 26-year-old says. “My grandad was an artist, a sculptor and just all-round creative person. He really encouraged us to pursue our creative outlets. And Mum and Dad gave us the tools and the space to create what we wanted.”

Joe says that not a day passed where he wasn’t channelling his energy into a creative pursuit. It’s hard for him to imagine doing anything else. “I don’t think there was any particular turning point in my life where I knew I wanted to draw and to write. It’s just been a steady progression. It’s just always been something I’ve done. I can’t really remember a time when I didn’t enjoy creating things.”


But, as Michael explains, Joe had to apply for the job as illustrator just like any other aspirant.

“My publishers were never going to let Joe illustrate any of those books if he couldn’t do it,” Michael says. “But in the end he submitted way more cartoons than they even expected and they were just really blown away by the quality of his work.”

Tour De France rider, Michael Rogers, talking to Dr Brian McLean following his win on the 16th stage of this year’s Tour de France.

Michael is the nephew of Mrs Margaret & Mr Bob Keetels (both former staff members and parents of Ashgrove). Dr Brian is a sport scientist who has worked with Australian cyclists (including Michael) over a long period of time including at the Australian Institute of Sport as biomechanist. Dr Brian is an OB boarder (1972) and father of OB Jack (2006).

VISIT THE NEW OLD BOYS WEBSITE

www.ashgroveoldboys.com.au
CONGRATULATIONS AND NEWS

OLD BOY ‘EMMY’ WINNER
DALEY PEARSON (2001)
Daley Pearson was interviewed on 612 ABC recently. Daley is an actor/producer who has won an Emmy for his show “The Strange Calls”.

Daley talks about his current project: a sitcom about life in a Brisbane boarding school. When asked about his motivations, Daly spoke about his time as a boarder at Marist College Ashgrove and how this sparked the idea to do a show about life in a boarding school.

Some info about the interview and about Daley himself can be found at the following two sites:
http://daleypearson.tumblr.com/

OLD BOY ANDREW FARLEY
(1997) Recently Old Boy Andrew Farley spoke with Susan from Fit Across Cultures.

Andrew is currently the team manager of FC Grenoble Rugby (French Premier Rugby Union).

For more information and to listen to the complete podcast - http://www.fitacrosscultures.com/episode16/

Eamonn Ring (2003) Old Boy and member of MCA athletic and cross-country teams and 1st volleyball, represented Australia in the Recent World Triathlon Sprint Championships in Edmonton Canada.

He finished 16th overall, 3rd out of the Australian team.

Terry Deen (2000) earlier this year was awarded the 2014 Smithsonian Cooper-Hewitt Fellowship.

“I’m proud to be named this year’s recipient of the Smithsonian Cooper-Hewitt Fellowship which will give me the opportunity to enhance my knowledge and provide leadership in design education by partnering with the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum in New York,” Terry said.

The prize includes a three month trip to New York to study at the world-renowned Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum. Terry will have the opportunity to research design education, attend design education seminars, conduct workshops and visiting classrooms.
Congratulations to Old Boy Liam Beatty (2008) who was recently recognised in the Brisbane Catholic Education Inaugural Excellence in Teaching awards. Liam collected its ‘Excellence as a Beginning Teacher’ award.

The Brisbane South News reported:

As the youngest winner, Mr Beatty said he was “absolutely shocked” to receive the award. “I was surprised just to be nominated and to be a winner was extra special,” Mr Beatty said. “To be recognised for this award in my second year of teaching is just icing on the cake.”

Mr Beatty said it was a privilege to help build lifelong foundations in future generations.

“Working as a beginning teacher is a good opportunity to instil in students a number of core values and essential skills to help them make their way through school,” he said.

He said he drew inspiration from his own primary and secondary school teachers.

“I was lucky to have lots of inspirational and great teachers when I was younger and that made a positive impact on me,” he said. “It’s a positive and rewarding profession, but the hours are long. It’s not the 9-3pm job everyone talks it up to be.”

Mr Beatty hoped to step up into a leadership role in the future and become a mentor for other teachers.


Other MCA Old Boys to perform well include Jack Beath (2014) who has compiled a good innings of 37 not out for Valley A grade and James McPherson (2009) who amassed 129 for Norths second grade to eclipse Wynnnum-Manly’s total. Brad Lester (2010), Lachlan Busby (2010) and Michael Wing (2011) have been central to Valley's Second grade performances. Nick Ryall (2010) and Mitchell Stubbings (2011) with 6-37 against S-R his best performance have been dominant in Valley Third grade.
1957

I didn’t realise it at the time but when I was enrolled at what was then known as St Mary’s College, Ashgrove to commence Year 4 in 1957, I was part of a demographic which was later to be described as ‘the Post-World War II baby boom’, a description which my own children’s generation now know and resent, for the weighty legacy we have imposed on them, by the term ‘baby boomers’. I was not aware or even concerned for the expectations my country, my parents or even the Marist Brothers had for the 32 students who commenced our first day at this relatively new Catholic private school on the outskirts of western Brisbane on that very hot and humid Wednesday, 30 January 1957.

Nor was I aware, around the time I was born (1948), of Prime Minister Ben Chifley’s resolve to increase Australia’s population by mass immigration including the resettling of the thousands of refugees sponsored by the International Refugee Organisation. Neither the slogan ‘populate or perish’ nor did the term ‘New Australian’ mean anything to the students of Year 4 who turned up to St Mary’s College that year. Family names like Kanoski, Do Rosario, Mendra, Sovenyhazi or Holeszko were of no particular challenge or even interest for us. Our unworldly eyes could not see the tragedies encountered; the difficulties overcome; the family members left behind. And since we didn’t think there nor were we old enough to understand the story behind each of their family’s arrival and survival in Australia; the tragedies encountered; the difficulties overcome; the family members left behind. And since we didn’t think there was anything ‘different’ about their family names they were not treated any differently to anyone else in the class. And in hindsight I now wonder what the class made of my own ‘unusual’ family name of L’Estrange!

When we were eventually seated at the old wooden desks in Year 4’s classroom on the second level of the old wooden ex-army building, where the Champagnat Sports Centre now stands, we were told that our teacher, Brother Jarlath was ill and would return to the classroom when he had recovered from a recent operation.

This stroke of luck gave Dan Tufui the opportunity to supervise our class for the first couple of months of the new school year. We were told Mr Tufui was once a student at this school and was now studying law (University of Queensland) and was living in the tower of the white Tower Block during his tertiary studies. We liked Mr Tufui - he was not a teacher, he was a supervisor; and he rode a motorbike, and was always friendly to the boys in Year 4. Mick Drake, a fellow Year 4er had an older brother at the school, David, who told him that Dan Tufui was a great rugby player and had actually played in the ‘1st XV’. I had to ask Mick to explain what these terms meant such was my scant knowledge of the events that really mattered at this school. Many years later we learnt that Dan Tufui was from Tonga and that he did indeed finish his law studies and would eventually become a Law Lord of Tonga - Lord Taniela Tufui - and member of its Privy Council.

When Br Jarlath finally appeared in our classroom he was dressed in black and white - the habit of the Marist Brothers at that time was a black soutane and white rabat (as well as the black cord and crucifix). The black soutane was full length like the white of today but it was made of heavy serge material; the white rabat was worn like a tie only that it hung from the collar of the soutane. I didn’t think his attire was that unusual, as it was not too dissimilar to the style and colours worn by the Sisters of Charity when I was at Mater Dei Convent at St John’s Woods. Clearly black and white was the colour of choice for all teachers, whether female or male. But would there be a difference between female teachers who wore black and white and male teachers who chose to wear the same colours?

It didn’t take long for me to recognise, in fact experience, that there were some discernible differences and colour wasn’t one of them. Br Jarlath had clearly recovered from his operation. Those of us from Mater Dei, where I had unconvincingly completed the first three years of my academic career, thought the Sisters of Charity were pretty tough but at St Mary’s, we were in a totally different league. And it was Br Jarlath’s task to elevate us into the ‘Marist’ way of education. His Scottish ancestry often assisted him in this endeavour and we soon learnt that actions spoke louder than words, particularly when the wooden-backed blackboard duster was used to good effect when thrown to various parts of the classroom to correct the aberrant behaviour in a room full of 9 year old boys.

Avoiding the duster actually aided some of the class in the sporting activities that took place in the playground below our classroom. Those Year 4ers who didn’t need to avoid the duster, the better students mainly, seemed to be disadvantaged as their reflexes weren’t as well developed as those students, the ‘easily distracted - could-do-better-with application’ students (including myself), who had to avoid the duster. All manner of sporting endeavour occurred on this playground in ‘little’ and ‘big’ lunch, and in fact before school and after school and at any other time we were allowed. The playground was not up to today’s standards of course: it was nothing but the barest of dirt, rocks and stones. But our expectations for quality sporting fields were not particularly developed at this time and so it offered us all we ever needed to enjoy ourselves outside the classroom.

Cricket was a big deal in the summer months. At the far end of the playground, but not as far as the old rifle range, just about where the primary school is now located, were the cricket nets. There were six or so separate nets each with its own concrete wicket-strip. Each wicket was separated by wire fencing for a few metres offering some, but
limited, protection to the players of each of the intensively competitive cricket games. Then in the middle of the
playground was a full-length concrete wicket-strip and on each side of the arena were several half-length wicket-
strips. And so at each break ‘test matches’ were being played simultaneously at both the nets and on these other
wickets. Hitting one of the hard rubber cricket balls was an achievement in itself, as the bats were old pick handles
and the oval-rounded surface made it quite difficult to actually hit the ball; and much more so to have any accuracy
with a stroke. The cricket balls ended up going in every direction and not often where intended. Surviving a lunch
break unscathed was quite an achievement. It took quite a bit of time for a Year 4er to summon the confidence to
take a game in these matches as it was mostly dominated by the bigger kids who by sheer force of age and experience
occupied their domain unchallenged. Most of the Year 4ers were happy enough to play marbles at the other end of
the dirt arena closer to our classroom where it was less boisterous and much less dangerous.

Touch footy took our interest in winter. Each class had a team and the playground was bedlam during this time.
Perhaps this was one of the reasons that Ashgrove got an early reputation for the quality of its football teams. I often
wonder how many pairs of school shoes we went through each year playing cricket and touch footy on this wonderful


dirt arena.

It was quite possible that Des Connor, Ashgrove’s first Rugby International, learnt some of his wonderful rugby skills


in this dusty playground. Des was not known to many of the Year 4ers at that time but we knew he must have been


important as a rumour circulated that he might have given us a half-day holiday when he visited the school in early


September to be presented with a commemorative 1st XV jersey for his selection in the 3rd Wallabies 1957-8 Tour


of Great Britain and France. The half-day holiday didn’t eventuate but our interest in Des Connor and rugby union
certainly did.

By the end of my first year I came to the realisation that sport was a big-ticket item at St Mary’s. The level of


commitment to sport, even in Year 4, was on a whole different level to what I had experienced at Mater Dei. At


Ashgrove sport was compulsory; and the only excuse to avoid being part of the sporting program was to produce


a doctor’s certificate detailing the compelling reasons. The Brothers’ level of energy and commitment to involve


students in all manner of sporting endeavour and achievement was quite extraordinary. And this little Year 4er

couldn’t have been happier.

I was happy too to be part of something bigger than I had ever experienced before. It was a whole new world and I


loved being part of it. In 1957 I asked no questions of the origins of the Marist Brothers, or why they dressed in long


black robes, or why they had such funny names, or how they came to teach at a school in the suburb in which I lived.


These questions were not formed and would not surface for some time but in the meantime I was just happy to be


there and, if it wasn’t for the schoolwork, I’d have been happier still.

David L’Estrange
1964 SENIOR CLASS - 50 YEAR REUNION

2014 celebrates fifty years since the 1964 Senior Class at MCA left the security of school life to venture into the wider world to pursue a life that had been moulded by their contact with the Marist Brothers and the experiences they enjoyed whilst at the College.

From the 100 students that made up the roll call that qualifies for this reunion, a number have not made it thus far and have passed on. To their families and friends, we remember them at this time and they are joined in spirit with us.

Sincere thanks go to Gerard King, Brian McCarthy and Terry Donovan for their unique ways of finding people and the time and effort they put into making personal contact with former students. The friendships from all those years ago have been renewed and rekindled and hopefully you may see each other many more times over the forthcoming years at future Annual Old Boys Vintage Blue and Gold lunches.

Some interesting pars from a cross-section of the 1964 Senior Class Barry Honan (School Captain), John Breen (Vice-Captain) RIP, Charlie Kramer, Greg Dux, Errol Allan, John Simpson, Maurice Liuissi, Colin Loag and Terry Donovan had distinguished Rugby playing, coaching or administrative careers on leaving school while Barry Marsden, Warren Gifford, Jeff Leggat and Mac Alcorn did well in Rugby League.

John Baxter was in charge of Kerry Packer’s Channel 9 Wide World of Sports and World Series Cricket Outdoor Broadcasts.

Brian Blaney was firstly a Marist Brother for 15 years when Principal of Marist Eastwood and Penshurst and then a lay Principal at St. Dymphna’s Aspley and Emmaus College, Jimboomba. Also BCEO.

Barry Day managed to raise 2 boys by himself from the ages of 5 and 2 (now 38 & 35) and received a heart transplant in 2004 after heart failure in 2001. Barry feels “my 68 year old legs now find it hard to keep up with my 38 year heart!”

Paul Pers: Doctor working in Adelaide in occupational medicine and part-time general practice.

Greg Dux: Science teacher at BSHS, Charters Towers High & Nerang High. Deputy Principal at Southport High, Principal at Bamaga then taught Chemistry in Medicine Faculty at Bond Uni.

Gerard King, Terry Donovan, Brian McCarthy, Brian Connelly, Kieran McLachlan all had long careers with the ATO.

Bill Kelly rose to Colonel in the Army; Pharmacist by profession.

Mark Musgrave: Radiologist with QMI. Visiting radiologist to Royal Childrens Hospital

Jim Ellway: Teacher and Civil Engineer

Paul Poulgrain: Neurosurgeon


Mick Neill: Bureau of Meterology
1964 SENIOR CLASS - 50 YEAR REUNION

Simon Sui: Surgeon, Senior consultant at RBH. Associate Professor of Surgery at Griffith Uni. Visiting Professor of Surgery in Shanghai.
Sid Steele: Auditor for CSIRO and TAB.
Ian Townsley: Policeman, then rose to Major in Australian Army, commanding 7th Brigade Combat Service Support Battalion.
Barry Tabrett: 30 year career with Esanda Finance
Tony Frayne: Manager David Jones (Queen St & Toombul) - Food Court Departments
Bill Kolpak: Mechanical Engineer in RAN (Royal Australian Navy). Son Glen, College Captain in 1994 and then Olyroo (Soccer).
Terry Cullen - Architect and Town Planner
Jeff Leggat - Community work in Northern Territory for disadvantaged.

OBA COMMEMORATIVE SHIRT

NEARLY SOLD-OUT !!

It is hard to believe the 75th Anniversary of the College is in 2015!

To celebrate, the OBA has released a limited edition commemorative shirt. The shirt features the College Crest (above the number 75) with the Marist three violets on the front, and the title of the traditional College War Cry, Gungalora, and the Bumble Bee on the back (see attached image).

Due to the generosity of some Old Boys supporters, a very high quality recreational shirt has been produced at the cost of only $35. It is for recreational use but would also be a great present for members of the College family.

The allocation for Old Boys is expected to sell out soon. To place an order please email 75shirt@marash.qld.edu.au with your name, the number of shirts you would like and sizes required.

CORRECTION

The Class of 1959 were quick to note that the last “Ashgrovian” listed Jim Lucey as a graduate of 1960! Jim, of course was named in the 1950’s MCA Team of the Decade in 2000 after attending Marist Ashgrove from 1952 until 1959, when he played in the firsts.

Jim’s years as Qld rep. stretched from 1963 until 1965 when he was selected as a reserve against the touring Springboks, covering the positions of flanker (breakaway) and second row. For your interest, following further research by the OBA, we have discovered that Jim was also Foundation President of the Queensland Schools Rugby Union and President of the Australian Schools from 1983 until 1992 and was Assistant Manager on the tour to the UK/ France/Holland and Japan in 1977 and to N.Z in 1978. Jim has been instrumental in identifying and guiding many talented schoolboys to success as internationals.

Our apologies to the Class of ’59 for our faux pas and congratulations on producing such a humble “quiet achiever” in Jim Lucey!
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VINTAGE BLUE AND GOLD LUNCH

On Friday 15th August 2014, 150 people attended the Annual Vintage Blue and Gold Lunch at the Cyprian Pavilion and the special Assumption Day Mass in the College Chapel which preceded the lunch. We were honoured that MCA Old Boy from the mid fifties, Fr. John Begg and Fr. Pat Doran, PP of Dorrington concelebrated Mass while Laurent Dubois (2010) supplied the musical accompaniment. Members of classes from 1940-1974 returned to the College as did representatives from Marist College, Rosalie and St Joseph’s College, Hunters Hill NSW. MCA’s 1964 senior year were there in impressive numbers to celebrate their 50th year reunion as well.

Br. John Thompson, former provincial of the Marist Brothers and Brother Roger Burke (1953) represented the Marist Brothers Community. Stephen Porter, MCA Business Operations Leader welcomed everyone on behalf of the Headmaster, Peter McLoughlin who was overseas. Wayne Hansen (1972) represented the MCA Foundation, of which he is Director and provided a guided bus tour of the College which was most popular.

Br. Alexis Turton (1964-76) flew up from Sydney as a special guest speaker and presented the inaugural Arthur Apelt Memorial Service Award to Tom Treston while Bernie Knapp (1957) detailed Pat Nolan’s achievements which endorsed Pat’s Induction of Honorary Life Membership of the MCA OBA.

It was wonderful to have so many members of the Apelt, Treston and Nolan families in attendance for this great occasion.

Thanks to Kay Wells, MCA Community Manager for organising the day so well and Old Boys Anthony Collins, Jim Gardiner and Brad Butten for their assistance in making the day run so smoothly. Also Harry Lee (2011) for photography and Year 12 students who attended and generously assisted with the raffle. Finally Matt Tarlinton and the MCA service staff who provided such a sumptuous meal.
Marcellin Champagnat who founded the Marist Brothers would be smiling I am sure as he looks down on the gathering as would Arthur Apelt and son Tim now together with him. Marcellin took the image of family as central to describing the Brothers’ communities and the spirit of the schools they conducted. Welcome to the Old Boys here today from Marist Rosalie and St Joseph’s College Hunters Hill. Congratulations to the members of the Class of 64’ here celebrating their Golden Jubilee. This lunch is well-named “Vintage”.

It is my privilege to share a few thoughts with you regarding two Marist family members who were also Marist Ashgrove Old Boys, namely Tom Treston and Arthur Apelt. It is great to see their family members here today. Brother Cyprian also I note looks down on us with approval! This new award, the Arthur Apelt Memorial Service Award is being presented today for the first time. It is an award to an Old Boy of the College who has been outstanding in living the spirit of Marist through their generosity, goodwill and especially in their dedicated service. It was not difficult for them to identify one Tom Treston as the first recipient!

Before we ask Jill Apelt to present this special award to Tom it is appropriate to acknowledge the huge role that Arthur Apelt himself played in steering the Old Boy ship in the early days. At times it seemed it was done almost single-handed. Arthur was also one of the founding students of Marist College Ashgrove in the early forties. He and his brother Colin began at Rosalie and moved to Ashgrove in 1940 when it started under the remarkable Br Ignatius. Colin was to follow an outstanding academic career while Arthur was very much a sporting and outdoors man; something that helped him develop such a wonderful relationship with his grandchildren. He represented Queensland Rugby as half back after finishing his time at Ashgrove. He did love his time at Ashgrove having a special regard and admiration for Br Ignatius and the effervescent Br Oliver Clarke. After leaving the College he began a career with the Postmaster General’s office later to become Telecom. The highlight of his life was to meet his perfect match Jill Johnson, a graduate of the Josephite Sisters at Lochinvar in Maitland and then recent convert to the Catholic faith. Jill is quick to point out that contrary to the belief of some that Arthur had inspired her conversion she had actually made her decision to become a Catholic after her association with the wonderful Josephite Sisters who taught her at Lochinvar.

Arthur kept in touch with his mates from school days. There was not a lot of formality to the Old Boys organisation in those days. In fact it largely consisted of the publication of the first versions of The Ashgrovian, which is the Old Boys’ magazine, largely through the generous efforts of our dear departed John Behan. As well as keeping contact with mates Arthur did have a gift for keeping contact details regarding Old Boys that he met or heard of. This knack was not just a matter of names and addresses but also of noting stories of success and personal anecdotes. It is not surprising that fairly soon Arthur was accumulating the personal details of classes as they graduated the College. The Ashgrovian was the ideal vehicle for sharing news. The annual Old Boys reunion meeting became a regular. And everyone knew that if you wanted information on Old Boys then Arthur was the man to ask. There must have been times when Jill felt that 31 Yates Avenue was more the Old Boys headquarters and archives than it was the Apelt’s ‘Emoh Ruo’.

All this keeping of records may sound a bit dry as dust. The truth was that Arthur with Jill’s help had a way of bringing things to life like a family. It was just as well as the publication of each Ashgrovian saw the whole family in action - Arthur assembling, Jill typing, the children collating and stapling and Jill posting. Family always came first. I remember his grandchildren’s tribute to him as the best grandfather in the world at his memorial service after his tragic loss on Norfolk Island in 2001 “To the best grandfather in the world. Poppy was always there to support and encourage us in all our sports and other interests. Poppy attended swimming and athletic carnivals, netball, football and cricket games. Cross country races, piano recitals and ballet concerts. He took us all orienteering on bush walks and bike rides. He did everything for us.”

What a touching connection it is to note today that Arthur and Jill are also the godparents to Luke, the son of Tom and Jeannine. I think you’ll agree with John O’Hare and his Old Boys committee today that it just had to be the Arthur Apelt Award that has been created for outstanding service.

And now a few words about our recipient Tom Treston who was the eldest of five boys raised by his wonderful parents Mick and Nell on that small flood-prone Daradgee farm in far north Queensland during the Depression. Tom had the remarkable
experience of having the same teacher for Year 1 to Year 7 at Daradgee State School. I think they both deserve a medal! Maybe it was having a horse to ride to school for the last two years that sparked his passion for the sport of kings! The Japanese invasion saw him briefly below the Brisbane line at Marist Brothers Lismore, returning to Marist Brothers Innisfail until his Junior year and then to Marist Ashgrove for his last two years. Tom describes the friendships he formed in those years at Ashgrove as truly wonderful. I have had the privilege to attend the dinner he hosts each year for the Old Boys of that ‘47’ class. Remarkable. He even does the cooking!

The records show that Tom was in the First XIII (sorry Br Cyprian) and the First XI at Ashgrove. Tom is quick to point out rather humbly that with only seventeen in the senior class in 1947 you only had to put your hand up and you were in the team. He did get to bat once during the cricket season and got a duck! However the first XIII went through undefeated. The newly arrived Br Cyprian scratched together the first rugby team with Tom in the front row (!) which was soundly beaten by Nudgee Seconds in a trial. We also note that Tom picked up the Character Cup that year.

Tom graduated in Art’s Law at UQ and spent his whole legal career, on the advice of another colourful Old Boy Jack Currie, at Quinlan and Miller, now known as Quinlan, Miller and Treston. In 1957 the marriage of Tom and Jeannine was the highlight. I wonder if she knew what she was in for. Tom was the first Marist connection in her life. As for Tom he struck it rich. Tom and Jeannine periodically came over from Cooparoo where they were living to work with Br Peter Carrick on the Art Union in the old tower block to raise money for the planned new building now known as The Carrick Building. This building was to be the first in a massive step forward for Ashgrove. Their baby Tony also came with them in a carry basket. Soon there was also Brendan and Greg and Tom, being a wise and discerning man, persuaded Jeannine that Ashgrove was the place to live. So they shifted. It is hard to imagine Trestons as Villanova Old Boys! Luke was the last of the boys born, all attending Ashgrove, while the girls Jane and Rebecca headed off to Mount St Michael’s.

Working with the Old Boys in the fifties and early sixties was a far cry from today. No Kay Wells, Pat Keating or Cyprian Pavillion. Arthur and Jack Behan were delighted when Tom agreed to take on the Old Boys Presidency for 1958/59. ‘Nothing to it’ said Arthur. Tom was also chosen in 1964 to be the first Australian Marist representative at the International Marist Old Boys Conference. Once Tom and Jeannine’s boys started at Ashgrove it was a Parents and Friends involvement as much as Old Boys. Tom was President of The Parents and Friends in the old tower block to raise money for the planned new building now known as The Carrick Building. This building was to be the first in a massive step forward for Ashgrove. Their baby Tony also came with them in a carry basket. Soon there was also Brendan and Greg and Tom, being a wise and discerning man, persuaded Jeannine that Ashgrove was the place to live. So they shifted. It is hard to imagine Trestons as Villanova Old Boys! Luke was the last of the boys born, all attending Ashgrove, while the girls Jane and Rebecca headed off to Mount St Michael’s.

During all this time Tom, we took care not to interrupt your recreational interests as you supervised thoroughbred activities at Eagle Farm on Saturdays. We could only expect so much!

Finally when it seemed time to put his feet up the Marist Brothers again approached Tom in 2004 to be part of their Advisory Committee on Professional Standards matters which he generously did for six years. Eventually however it was time to relax. Now Tom maintains an ongoing personal connection with the College through his four grandsons who attend with another already graduated last year.

We are grateful to you Tom for what you have contributed in so many ways to the life of the College. We are even more impressed with the way in which you have contributed. Simply, generously you with Jeannine’s support have been an outstanding and a powerful force for life at the College for its present students and for the many Old Boys who have passed through its doors. We salute you. We thank you.

Br Alexis
Bernie Knapp recorded Pat Nolan’s life history prior to Pat being awarded his Honorary Life Membership of the MCA OBA. Bernie and Pat are great friends as well as co-Chairmen of the Ash Appeal in 1988/89 which raised $1.4 million to build the Champagnat Centre (gym). Pat’s dedicated service to the College was bountiful in many other ways as well. Pat’s abbreviated history follows:

Pat’s connection with Marist College Ashgrove began in 1951 when older brother Bernie (1951-53) started at the school as a boarder. The family was living at Beenleigh at the time, where Pat’s father, a Sergeant in the Police Force, was in charge of the Beenleigh police station. In 1953, when Pat was 13, the family moved to Ashgrove following the death of their father. A police fund provided the means to educate the children. Pat was sent to Gregory Terrace (he had no choice in the matter) and younger brother Joe (1954-63) went to MCA (he was the lucky one). During that time, with a number of friends at Ashgrove, Pat formed a favourable view of the Marist approach to education.

Pat and Carmel’s involvement with the College as parents began in 1973 when Garry (1973-81) began in Year 4, followed by Simon (1975-83), Jeremy (1979-86) and Dominic (1982-89) - a total span of 17 years. Before and during this time, eight of Pat’s nephews and three cousins also attended the school (Spencer, Horn, Green, Dougherty, Inglis, Callaghan and Ward families).

Pat and Carmel continue to be involved with the College, now as grandparents of Connor Nolan in Year 12, and Brendan Nolan in Year 8. Grandsons Michael, Benjamin and Joshua Nolan are lining up for the not too distant future. At the same time, the tradition amongst the extended family continues, with six great nephews and second cousins at the College currently or in the recent past (Green, Dougherty, Stack and Callaghan families), with more to follow.

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 organisation of this occasion.

Contact us today! Stuart Laing | M: 0428 709 733 | E: Iслаing@bigpond.net.au
In the previous Ashgrovian, we listed over 150 nominees from MCA to be considered for selection in the Champagnat Australian Marist School’s Rugby Team to be announced at the Special 75th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary celebration of MCA to be held on August 1st, 2015 at the Brisbane Convention Centre, South Brisbane. These selections will also commemorate the celebration of the Marist Brothers arrival in Australia in 1872.

Having listed nominations in Rugby Union from MCA in the category of QLD schoolboys, Australian Schoolboys, Queensland representatives, other states representatives, Rugby Sevens and Australian representatives in the previous issue, we will now honour MCA’s notable sporting representatives from other sports and discuss the MCA 2000-2009 Rugby Team of the Decade which will also be announced on Aug 1, 2015.

### Rugby League
- **Test**

- **State or NRL**
  - Terry Cook – Gold Coast – 80’s
  - George Doniger (1956) – Brothers, Qld
  - Josh Dillon (1993) – Canberra Raiders
  - Tim Dwyer (1980) – Manly Warringah
  - Eric Gelling (1958) – Brothers, QLD
  - Michael McLean (1981) – Qld

- **Rugby League**
  - Darren McCarthy (1981) – Gold Coast, Canterbury
  - Frank Melit (1950) – Brothers, QLD
  - Clinton Mohr (1980’s) – Gold Coast
  - Paul White (1980’s) – Chief Executive, Brisbane Broncos 2014

### Australian Rules
- Charlie Cameron (2011) – Adelaide Crows, 2014

### Soccer
- Glen Kolpak (1990’s) - Olyroo
- Corey Brown (2011) – Brisbane Roar

### Swimming
- Michael Bohl (1979) – Finalist 200 IM 1982 Commonwealth Games (Brisbane) and Australian Olympic Coach
- Aaron Bourke (1994) – Freestyle - Commonwealth Games (Canada) - 1994
- Ricardo Moffati (2004) – 2004 Paralympics, silver & bronze medallist (100m freestyle), 4th 50m freestyle, 5th 100m butterfly
- Brendan Keogh – Head Coach 2004 Athens Paralympics

### Waterpolo

### Tennis
- Steve Rafter (1980) - Manager & brother of Pat Rafter (Dual US Open Champion)

### Boxing

### Equestrian
- Russell Johnstone (1982) - 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games

### Athletics
- Michael Barry (1968) – Australian Shot Put Champion
- Brett Leavey (1982) – National representative, 100m sprint
- Jack Laracy (1953) – QLD 10km walk team, 1960

### Cross-Country
- Peter Berney (1980) Australian rep
- Anthony Smith (1980) Australian rep
- Geoff Moon – Ultramarathon

### Surf life saving
- Peter O’Hare (1971) – Member of Qld. Beach sprint Relay, National Champions 1974, Burleigh Heads Qld (Team also included Graham & Greg Lawson)
- Warren Gifford (1964) – Member of winning Qld team at Aust titles, 1968 at North Cronulla

### Volleyball
- Andrew Grant (2001) - 2012, London Olympics

### Triathlon
- Dwayne Cannell (1986)
- Alan Moran (2000) - Since leaving school in 2000, Alan has won 4 consecutive world championships, 2001 Canada (U20), 2002 Mexico (U20), 2003 NZ (U23), 2004 Japan (U23)
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### Cricket
- Matthew Hayden (1988) – QLD & Australian opening batsmen (Test, one-day, T-20)
- Peter McPhee (1980) – Tasmania Sheffield Shield Player
- Alex Cusack (1997) – Ireland (One-day, T-20 & World Cups)
- Doug Boga (1972) – PNG, 1974
- Robert Toovey (1971) – Aust U19
- Pat Howard - Chief Executive Cricket Australia, 2013-

### Tae Kwon Do

### Speed Skating

### Miscellaneous
- Fr. Leo Coote (1962) - Former Guinness Book of World Records holder for most push-ups in 30mins in 1970s. Leo managed 1,586!
TEAMS OF THE DECADE

The 2000-2009 Team of the Decade will also be announced on August 1, 2015 at the 75th Anniversary celebration at the Convention Centre. Previously, MCA Rugby Union teams from the 50’s, 60’s, 70’s, 80’s & 90’s were named at the Team of the Century Dinner on March, 2000 to mark 60 years since MCA’s foundation on March 17, 1940.

1950-1959

1960-1969

1970-1979

1980-1989

1990-1999

The 2000-2009 side will be selected on school, club, state and national form, but candidates must have completed their schooling at MCA in this time period. NB Those players who were injured in their Grade 12 year or who developed their form post-school are also worthy of consideration in selecting the Team of Decade 2000-09.
2014 produced an incredibly high standard of Rugby, with Ashgrove Old Boys leading the way. The University Red Heavies won the Premier Grade, presenting Coach Michael Heenan (1990) with his third Hospital Cup (2010, 2012 and 2014).

Anthony Mathison (1998) coached Brothers to the Knockout final where Luke Beauchamp featured. Norths won the 2nd Grade premiership where Michael Lynagh, Mark Benedict, Tom Howard and David Stormont were mainstays.

Shane Arnold (1999) once again coached the Gallopers, GPS, who were unlucky to bow out in the preliminary final to Sunnybank but Jeeps managed to secure the Reserve grade premiership. GPS club featured in virtually every semi-final and with the following representation of Marist College Ashgrove ex-students, no wonder their standard of Rugby and club spirit at Yoku Road was so great.

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