



St Augustine's COLLEGE OLD BOYS

Newsletter

Official Organisation of the St Augustine's College, Cairns, Old Boys Association

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SAINTS RACE DAY

What a fantastic day! The weather, food, patronage and the atmosphere all combined to make it a day to remember.

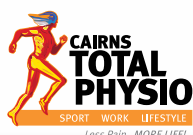
It was an extraordinary blend of the past, present and current parents, staff, friends and Old Boys of the College. Not only was the day a great social event, but it was a good opportunity for Old Boys and their partners to catch up on College nostalgia.

Thanks to all the sponsors (see below), without their loyal support the event would not have been possible and to Mr Ken Harris who donated the raffle prize for the day. Best dressed prizes went to Christine Populin and Dean Morzone.

The next Saints Old Boys function will be conducted on **Saturday 9 July at the Union Jack Hotel in Cairns**. See the flyer on page 5 for more details.



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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Gentlemen

Welcome to another new year. I have taken on the position of President again. The committee had so much talent to choose from, that I am honoured they chose me after I was made an offer I couldn't refuse.

Last year was a big year. We celebrated the 85th Anniversary of the College with a Cocktail Party and the opening of our new education facilities.

The Old Boys also hosted another successful function being the Saints Race Day which saw nearly 200 Old Boys, along with their partners and friends of the College enjoying the atmosphere of an afternoon at the Races, which from the feedback received, was a great day.

This year the Old Boys are looking to host another event, this time it will be more of a casual event where year groups can catch up over a lemonade or two and reminisce about their time at the College. "Jugs at the Jack" will be conducted on Saturday 9 July at The Union Jack Hotel. See page 5 for more details.

The Committee is always looking for ideas and suggestions to keep improving the events that we offer, so please feel free to contact any of the Committee members to discuss these suggestions.

We are always looking for new members, so please do not be shy to come along to a meeting or two.

I ask that you please forward this newsletter to Old Boys of the College that have not updated their contact details. Can you suggest to them that they call the College to give their details so they can be informed of what is happening at the College and what the Old Boys are planning to organise?

I still hear of Old Boys missing out on attending events, because they were not aware of them. Unfortunately, if the College does not have your current details, they will not be able to get in touch with you.

Also on behalf of the Committee, I would like to wish Czek Kersevani (Class of 1971) all the best in retirement. After spending five years at the College as a student he then taught for another 35 years at Saints. He has touched the lives of many students and will be greatly missed.

Czek has been a member of the Old Boys Committee during his time as a teacher and has been a big help in keeping the Old Boys up to date with what is happening at the College. Luckily for the Committee, he will stay on to help us in the future.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can throughout this year.

Thanks

Angelo Caltabiano (1983)

President



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Send a request through to St Augustine's Marist College Old Boys Association Facebook page.

We look forward to keeping you in touch with upcoming events, reunions etc. See you soon.

UPCOMING REUNIONS

20 Year Reunion

CLASS OF 1996

Saturday 9/10 July 2016

Contact Greg Maher

greg.maher@anz.com.au

Ph 0411 657 500

30 Year Reunion

CLASS OF 1986

Saturday 9/10 July 2016

Contact Thomas Jones

tjones@sac.qld.edu.au

50 Year Reunion

CLASS OF 1966

17-19 June 2016

Contact John Eales

Johne@peakpartnership.com.au

To receive information about these events and more, please ensure your contact details are up to date by emailing oldboys@sac.qld.edu.au or completing the form on page 9.

REUNIONS

Is your year group planning a reunion this year?

Do you want to get your reunion details across to your fellow Old Boys?

Contact the College through the oldboys@sac.qld.edu.au email address to have your details included in the next newsletter and placed on the Old Boys Website at www.sac.qld.edu.au

FAREWELL TO CZEK KERSEVANI

LEGACY OF A LEGEND

*by Sam Cristaudo & Eusebio Goncalves
Journalist Club*

Respected, dedicated, devoted, committed and passionate. These were just a handful of the many words used to embody a man who has given his heart and soul to this College. It saw an emotionally charged Saints Assembly bid farewell and celebrate the retirement of long serving teacher, Mr Czek Kersevani.

Mr Andrew Dorahy began this celebration. His recollection of this fine teacher was not of his achievements, but rather the character, the man himself. He considered Mr Kersevani and St Augustine's as synonymous with each other and went on to say that this man of Marcellin was a good and faithful servant to the College. After his words, Mr Dorahy presented Mr Kersevani to the appreciative audience which gave a standing ovation.

Br Joa's short clip of Mr Kersevani's time at Saints was followed by a speech that was raw with passion. Mr Kersevani led the College in a motivating and inspirational recount of his 50-year long association with St Augustine's College, initially as a student before more significantly, 35 years as a teacher.

With a balance of humour and nostalgia, he recalled his association with the College and the broader Cairns and FNQ community across an era when classes featured over 40 students, Mulgrave Road was only one lane and the pocket calculator was the most advanced form of technology available to students.

As a teacher, he acknowledged the strength of students' academic achievement, the development of the first class facilities at Saints; but above all the depth and quality of student and staff relationships. Mr Kersevani said that teaching at Saints is special and that its teachers have a strong belief in young people.

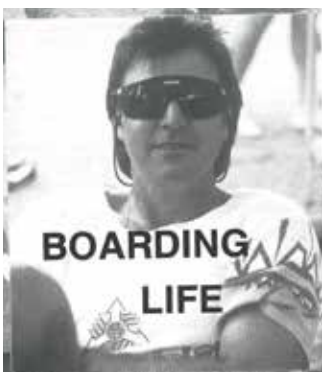
Mr Kersevani presented several messages to the highly engaged audience. He emphasised that every student has a gift, something to offer and the importance of their personal responsibility to discover and celebrate that pathway. "Life is about learning no matter your choice of career and it is all based on receiving a good education so treasure it and treasure each other."

In his address, Mr Kersevani acknowledged all College staff, not just the teachers and Brothers, for their contribution and sacrifices and for their commitment to helping make the College a successful place of learning. He particularly spoke of the importance of support, friendship, humility, facing challenges and the sincerity and trust of the staff.

Mr Kersevani's speech continued to focus on the message of valuing ourselves, that we are unique but that we are neither better nor less than anyone else. "Finding the best of ourselves is an ongoing journey," he said. Importantly, Mr Kersevani announced that his retirement would see him continue to live life to the full and fit as much as possible into his time after Saints.

With tears in his eyes and his voice choked with emotion, Mr Kersevani left us with a generous parting gift - an Annual Awards prize. This will no doubt become a prestigious award, a legacy of the almost lifelong association Mr Kersevani has had with students and staff that are St Augustine's College.

He has inspired countless students in his time at Saints and we thank him for this. We are sad to see him leave. His legacy however, will always remain.



You can view Czek's farewell speech to the College Assembly on the St Augustine's Marist College Old Boys Association Facebook page.

PULL IT DOWN.

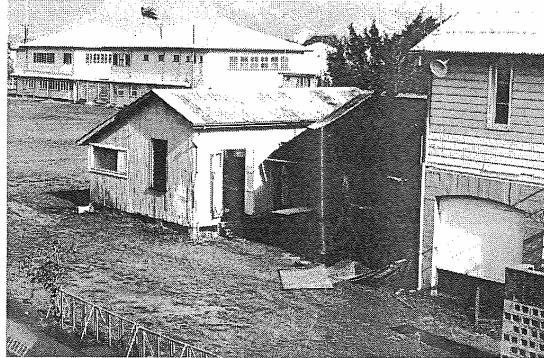
PUT UP SOMETHING NEW

"You don't know what you've got till it's gone. Pave Paradise. Put up a parking lot." These are the words from a hit, sung by Joni Mitchell years ago.

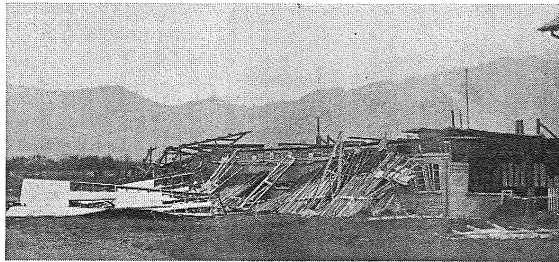
From the College Archives



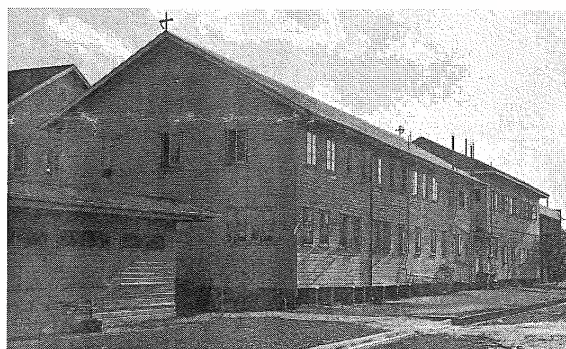
These two sheds were standing at the end of "The Ark" (on the right) in 1983 where the Arts Department is situated now comprising Music, Food Technology, Film & Television and Art. The two-storey building in the background is the convent for the Sisters of Mercy who taught at St Joseph's. The boys pulling the shed down are looking towards "The Ark", ie. towards Cairns Central.



This building, as we look towards the mountains, had a dormitory on top and classrooms underneath. We didn't want it demolished but cyclone 'Agnes' in 1956 had other ideas. An ex-student, Harold Buckley whose first year at Saints was that year, said that half the dorm ended up in Parramatta Park. Fortunately, Agnes visited during daylight hours. The building was situated where 'J' Block is now.



This squat building, dwarfed by Tolle's on the left and dormitories in the background, stood where there are now tables for eating and a fountain gurgles away. It was still there in 1965. It had to go.



This timber building was a dormitory on top and a dining room on the bottom along Scott Street. It was demolished in 1986.





ST AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE
OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS

*The
Jack*

JUGS AT THE JACK

SATURDAY 9 JULY

Who's getting
your group
together?



*A social get-together for all past students
and teachers from all years*

TIME: 5.30pm til late, Saturday July 9 2016

VENUE: The Union Jack Hotel, Cnr Spence St & Sheridan St, Cairns City

COST: \$20.00 (includes food platters 6pm - 8pm)

Bookings and payment via College Front Office – Phone 4051 5555

**ENTRY ONLY BY PRE PURCHASED TICKETS
AVAILABLE AT THE COLLEGE OFFICE**

See you there for a night to remember

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REUNION - CLASS OF 1965



Some of the Class of 1965 with a few current students



*Front: John Sing Peter McGrath
Back: John Penny, David Martin, Dennis Vendenberg and Kevin Kehoe*

REUNION - CLASS OF 1985



REUNION - CLASS OF 1995



PROFILES

Oldest Past Pupil WW II Digger?

I am writing to you on behalf of my father, Francis Thomas Hanley, known to everyone as "Bill". Dad asked me to send to you and to the St Augustine's community the following note:

I think I must be your oldest living pupil. I attended St Augustine's College for two years, 1937 – 1938 – Sub-Junior and Junior.

I gained a State Scholarship from a small one-teacher school outside of Millaa Millaa on the Atherton Tableland in 1936. The total number of pupils at my primary school was 14.

I have experienced huge changes in my life, but my St Augustine days were very happy. I learned to play cricket and football under Brother Borgia. As one of the older boys at the College, I remember sleeping on the open verandahs. I attended the 50th Anniversary of St Augustine's with my good friend, Brian Pendry, and my wife, Beverley. We were married in Brisbane in 1957.

I was known as Frank Hanley at school, but for most of my life, everyone has called me "Bill".

I attended the 100th anniversary of Anzac Day celebrations in Brisbane. As I am too frail to march, I rode in a jeep with my two grandsons, Robert and Dominic Ward.

I enlisted in the AIF in May 1942 and was discharged in May 1946. I spent 18 months in New Britain building a military hospital. From 1944–45 I was in Jacquinot Bay and I was there for the surrender of the Japanese armed forces. I rose to the rank of Sergeant in the Royal Australian Engineers 5th Division.

I wonder if I am the oldest World War II digger who attended St Augustine's?



Here are some photos of Dad with my son, Dominic, who rode with his "Da" in the jeep in last year's Anzac Day Parade here in Brisbane. Afterwards they went for a beer at the Queensland Irish Association (aka, the Irish Club) in Elizabeth Street, the City. Dad was President there from 1988 – 1994, having joined the association in 1949. He has attended every St Patrick's Day Dinner there since (bar one) – surely a record (65 dinners) for the Irish Club! He was honoured to be awarded an OAM for his services to the Irish community here in Brisbane.

I will also send some photos of Dad in uniform from his army days (very dashing), as well as pictures of last year's Anzac Day Parade. I hope they might be a welcome contribution to your Archives.

Peita Ward

Daughter of Francis (Bill) Hanley (1940)



Artist Daniel O'Shane

Congratulations to Saints Old Boy Daniel O'Shane who won Australia's richest printmaking prize, The Silk Cut Lino Prize which was announced at Glen Eira City Council Gallery. For those that haven't seen it, here's the winning print called "Aib ene zogo ni pat (Aib & the sacred waterhole)".

It has been a big few years for Danny after he received a prize also at the ATSIAA Awards last year in Darwin and having a very successful show at CIAF.

He is currently living in Melbourne but is represented by Canopy Art Space here in Cairns <http://www.canopyartcentre.com/artists/daniel-oshane/>.

The College has one of Danny's prints from Year 12 in the library and we actually gave a copy of this print to our sister school in Japan. Interestingly, Danny had never done lino printing until being encouraged to do so in Nathan Kelly's Senior Art class.



PROFILES

WAY ON NRC REFEREEING PATHWAY

At 20 years of age, Jordan Way (2013) is the youngest referee in the Buildcorp NRC and in the ARU's Referee program, but none of that will matter as he becomes the man in the middle in his first match as main referee in the NRC.

"There are some nerves there. I'll be surrounded by a lot of Super Rugby players but really looking forward to the opportunity to being involved in such a great competition", Jordan said to ARU Media.

"I am looking forward to extend myself and get the greater exposure to a higher level of Rugby."

"It's (the NRC) exactly the same for referees as it is for players now. It's the stepping stone in between Premier level Rugby and Super Rugby."

"Getting exposure to all the cameras, commentary and that sort of thing, really puts that professionalism to a much higher level to club Rugby".

A product of the ARU's Referee School Scholarship program, Jordan has been earmarked for some time as someone who had the ability to join Australia's refereeing ranks.

The ARU's Pathways Services Manager-Referees, Scott Young told ARU Media Jordan has what it takes: "Jordan really has proven himself to be a very capable official and his knowledge and understanding of the game through playing shines through in how he manages the game."

"His talent was identified early during his school years at St Augustine's College in Cairns and when he moved to Brisbane two years ago to study at university we encouraged him to keep playing to improve his overall game awareness."

For Jordan the exposure of the program has been a great help: "Being in the ARU training program I have had a lot of contact with refs," Way said to ARU Media.

"Week to week training with them and grabbing information, well you can't put a price on that level of learning."



Jordan Way (centre) in action.

"A couple of weeks ago I refereed Australia and Samoa at the Schoolboys Test in Brisbane. It was a great experience and another step into refereeing that higher grade of Rugby."

"The Schoolboys tend to listen to you a lot more than men will, but still in that high pressure situation it was a great learning experience and great fun to be involved with."

Playing for the Easts Tigers in Brisbane's Queensland Premier Rugby Competition, Jordan now has the benefit of having been on both sides of fence.

"I've always said to the refs around me that I am a terrible player to referee because now that I know all the rules I can very quickly jump on the back of any decisions that go against my team."

"I developed both with my playing and refereeing. It's amazing how learning about both those intricacies can help both aspects."



Are Your Contact Details Up To Date?

"The only constant thing in life is change"

Personal contact details are always changing.

We would like to encourage ex-students to update their details for the Old Boys' database.

Please email the following details to: oldboys@sac.qld.edu.au

Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

Phone Number : _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Year you started at St Augustine's: _____ Your last year at St Augustine's: _____

Would you like to be contacted for Old Boy Committee Meetings? Y / N

Would you like to be sent an electronic copy of the Old Boys Newsletter? Y / N

Would you like to be sent an electronic copy of the College fortnightly newsletter "Saints News"? Y / N

Preferred contact method Email / Phone / Mail

If you do not have email, please post this form to the College at 251 Draper Street Cairns, Q 4870

If you know of other Old Boys, please ask them to forward their details in order to update the database.

COLLEGE LEADERS 2016



2016 Prefects with Br Darren: Finn Cameron, Krystof Holba, Eusebio Goncalves, Will Webster, Sam Ward, Jack McMenamin, Br Darren, Nathan Geno, Oliver Holmes, Tayshaun Mosby, Nelson Foster, Grayson Redgwell, Joel Ashby and Connor Wright.

College Captain & Boarding Captain - Nathan Geno

College Vice-Captain - Jack McMenamin

Academic Captain - Krystof Holba

Service Captain - Oliver Holmes

Public Speaking Captain - Eusebio Goncalves

SRC President - Connor Wright

Liturgy Captain & Boarding Captain - Tayshaun Mosby

Arts Captain - William Webster

Sports Captain - Finn Cameron

Heavey House Captain - Nelson Foster

Phelan House Captain - Grayson Redgwell

Reginald House Captain - Sam Ward

Walter House Captain - Joel Ashby

2015 ACADEMIC RESULTS



Br Darren welcomes back the Class of 2015 OP 1 - 5 students

OUTSTANDING RESULTS IN 2015

At February's Academic Awards Ceremony, we were able to celebrate academic achievement and success across all year levels. We also welcomed back the students from the graduating class of 2015 who achieved an OP between 1 and 5 in order to recognise their hard work and commitment in their final year of studies at St Augustine's College.

Of special note this year was the number of OP 1 results in the cohort, with seven young men receiving this outstanding result, as well as the percentage of the 2015 graduates who received an OP between 1 and 5 – 33%. These exceptional results are the culmination of the entire cohort's efforts and approach to the QCS and four semesters of study, and we are confident that the students' dedication, hard work and effort will contribute to their future success.

This 33% however, will find that a range of opportunities await them in the near future, a just reward for the diligence and application to their studies during their final year of secondary schooling. We hope that they will avail themselves to every opportunity in order for them to achieve their next set of goals.

These young men have set a difficult yet obtainable benchmark for the cohorts that will follow, and we look forward to seeing the current Year 12 students rise to this challenge.

*Lance Helms
Director of Studies*

2015 PRESENTATION AWARDS



Oliver Koch



Lachlan Doyle



Jacob Heron



Cahn Butler-Channell

College Dux ROHAN OLUFSON

Old Boys' Prize for All-round Achievement in Year 10
OLIVER KOCH

The Sam Pappalardo Memorial Bursary for Effort and Achievement in Year 10
LACHLAN DOYLE

The Good Conduct Medal donated by the Seniors of 1953
GEORGE DRUERY

Lou Piccone Prize for General Proficiency in Year 12
LUKE CHAPMAN

Fred Innes Trophy for Junior Sportsman of the Year
JACOB HERON

Matthew Mauro Award for Outstanding Effort by a Senior Student
OSCAR PERRY

Bernie Mullins Trophy for Senior Sportsman of the Year
CAHN BUTLER-CHANNELL

Lionel Williamson Award for Initiative and Service
ADAM SEDERKENNY



Luke Chapman



George Druery



Oscar Perry



Adam Sederkenny



Rohan Olufson

MEMORIES and MEMORABILIA WANTED

The College Archives is collecting stories and memorabilia to gather the history of St Augustine's for the Centenary in 2030.

Please don't throw anything out. We are seeking photos, textbooks, programs, trophies, pennants, certificates etc. If you have anything from your school days at St Augustine's, we would like to copy this memorabilia before returning to you.

Either email to oldboys@sac.qld.edu.au
or post to the College.

Many thanks.



Paul Martorella (Pin Gin Hill) and Gino Moro (Daradgee) entertain the Senior Boarders in the Dorm (now G1 Computer room)- November 1971

REGINALD GO BACK TO BACK

After waiting 13 years to claim the 2015 Inter-house Swimming title, Reginald haven't had to wait long in claiming their second by taking out the 2016 Carnival. In ideal conditions, 770 students packed into Smithfield Pool, eager to represent their House and make it a close competition between the four teams. But Reginald had other ideas and picked up from where they left off in 2015 by dominating from the outset. After the first races of the day (100m Freestyle), Reginald had already built a comfortable buffer and from this point they were never headed throughout the day. This left Phelan, Walter and Heavey jostling for the minor positions, with only a handful of points often separating the teams during the regular score updates. In the end the depth and class of Reginald shone through and they romped to a 213 point victory.

Well done to Phelan (2nd), Walter (3rd) and Heavey (4th) on a battle that truly underlined the House spirit within the College. At the end of the day only 233 points separated 2nd from 4th, highlighting the close struggle the teams had jostling for minor positions throughout the day.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a big thank you to all of the young men of Saints for their exemplary behaviour and attitude throughout the day and to the St Augustine's staff for their amazing efforts in ensuring the day was a success. Finally, a special mention must go to all of our Age Champions and Record Breakers (8 individual records in total) for their outstanding individual performances on the day. A full list of the results are listed below:

AGE CHAMPIONS

12's	1 st	Kye Yeabsley	2 nd	Fletcher Hull Hunter	3 rd	Harper Woods
13's	1 st	Zachary Tabuai	2 nd	Zak Steadman	3 rd	Joel Davidson
14's	1 st	Lucas Kresevic	2 nd	Oliver Anu	3 rd	Sam Paino
15's	1 st	Brayden Cramp	2 nd	Lloyd Lucey	3 rd	Bayley Bettini
16's	1 st	Guy Carley	2 nd	Nathan Pullen	3 rd	Baiden Sager
Open's	1 st	Noah Kresevic & Jack McMenamin	2 nd	Lachlan Paterson	3 rd	Connor McDonald

INDIVIDUAL RECORD BREAKERS

Zachary Tabuai (U13) – Record in 100m Butterfly (1.12.88)

Brayden Cramp (U15) – Records in 100m Freestyle (56.26) & 100m Backstroke (105.05)

Guy Carley (U16) – Record in 100m Breaststroke (1.10.85)

Jack McMenamin (Open) – Records in 50m Butterfly (26.43) & 200m Freestyle (2.00.33)

Noah Kresevic (Open) – Record in 100m Freestyle (54.40)

OVERALL POINTS	
REGINALD	2376
PHELAN	2163
WALTER	2025
HEAVEY	1930



U12 Champions: Fletcher Hull Hunter (2nd), Kye Yeabsley(1st) & Harper Woods (3rd)



U13 Champions: Zachary Tabuai (1st), Zak Steadman (2nd) & Joel Davidson (3rd)



U14 Champions: Oliver Anu (2nd), Lucas Kresevic (1st) & Sam Paino (3rd)



U16 Champions: Baiden Sager (3rd), Guy Carley (1st) & Nathan Pullen (2nd)



U15 Champions: Brayden Cramp (1st), Lloyd Lucey (2nd) & Bayley Bettini (3rd)



Open Champions: Lachlan Paterson (2nd), Connor McDonald (3rd), Jack McMenamin & Noah Kresevic (1st)

If you have any stories to be submitted for our next edition please email us at oldboys@sac.qld.edu.au