23 August 2014

SAINTS

OLD BOYS

Dinner

Guest Old Boys
Jimmy Maher, Brad Beven, Aaron Fa’aoso

Supported by Special Guests
Greg Ritchie and Lionel Williamson

MC: Andrew Dorahy
Where: Pullman Cairns International
Time: 6.30pm
Date: 23rd August 2014
Cost: $100 (includes 3 course meal and complimentary beer until 9pm*)
Dress: Semi-Formal (jacket and tie optional)

*Other beverages on sale

Limited tickets available through the College office
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Welcome to the first bulletin for 2014. St Augustine’s College is taking the theme of “serve one another” during the coming school year and it will become the focus of our liturgies, College Masses and assemblies, amongst other things. The theme will be woven through all we do and will serve to implant this value in the consciousness of the students, making them even more aware of others at a stage of their lives when they are easily preoccupied with themselves. At the first Staff Day, Principal Br Darren Burge said “I believe any good school should challenge its students to develop this type of awareness and solidarity with other human beings. It is one way of educating the hearts of our young people by reminding them of the importance of service.”

Service also forms an integral part of the Marist ethos and exemplifies the five virtues of Marist Education.

To this end, the College has launched a Community Service program. Via this program, all students will be encouraged and given the opportunity to be involved in service at the College and beyond in the wider community. There will be four service levels, platinum, gold, silver and bronze and each incur a set number of hours of service. These hours are logged in individual log books and students receive the special award upon accumulation of the hours.

Our theme this year happily stands in opposition to some of our society’s values as we guide our students toward what is truthful and meaningful. In an era when communication devices are prolific and young people are claiming more “friends” than ever before, research shows that social isolation has never been higher.

The humanity, community spirit and generosity exhibited by our Old Boys in past appeals augurs well for our special focus on serve one another in 2014. St Augustine’s College has a long history of serving others whether it is in our College, local communities or overseas. The Old Boys have always exemplified this in tradition and spirit.

“I hope that what we teach and encourage through this theme can increase the students’ sense of social responsibility, community, solidarity with others and inform the development of their own identity” said Principal Br Darren.

In reality, success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It’s really what you do for others. I hope that the coming year brings you many blessings, love and peace.

With best wishes

Czek Kersevani

Head of College Development and Communication

The image of the Faithful Pelican that we have adopted is an ancient one that speaks beautifully of love and service. The Faithful Pelican has captured the attention and imagination of worshippers through the ages. It is believed that at times of famine the mother bird pierces her chest to feed the young with the nutrients of her blood. It is for this reason that the Church uses this image of self-sacrifice through giving as a powerful symbol for Christ. Although sacrifice may be an uncomfortable word for us, it is through sacrifice that we are also given life. We believe that it is not only those who are served that will be given greater freedom and liberation but also those who are doing the serving too: it is in giving that we receive (Saint Francis of Assisi). We believe that as we serve others we grow closer in our relationship with them and through this experience grow closer to God.
Br Darren was commissioned as the 17th Principal of St Augustine’s College at a ceremony in Lennon Hall in Term 4 2013.

Br Darren has been involved in secondary education in NSW, QLD and ACT for the last twenty years. In that time he has occupied a variety of middle management and senior leadership positions within schools, including Director of Boarding, Director of Mission and Principal. He also serves on the Provincial Council of the Marist Brothers, the leadership team for the Marists Brothers throughout Australia.

Prior to taking up the position of Principal of St Augustine’s Cairns, he was the Principal of The John Berne School at Lewisham in Sydney, a school that offers a second chance for those students who have fallen out of mainstream schooling due to behavioural or social and emotional issues.

Br Darren is looking forward to taking the College forward. He arrives at a time when the College is embarking on an $11 million building project. “I look forward to creating an inclusive, caring and nurturing environment at the College that gives witness to the thoughtfulness and generosity amongst staff, parents and students as we embark on a new journey together.” Br Darren said at his commissioning.

Congratulations to the following students who have been appointed as Leaders for 2014.

**College Captain** - Matthew Wright

**College Vice-Captain & Boarding Captain** - Jordan Huggett

**Liturgy Captain** - Rowan Casella

**Academic Captain** - Matthew Kresevic

**Sports Captain** - Aidan Taylor

**Service Captain** - Steven England

**Arts Captain** - Jack Boylan-Ascione

**Public Speaking Captain** - Nathan Marino

**SRC President** - Will French

**Phelan House Captain** - Max Fifield

**Heavey House Captain** - Andrew Martin

**Reginald House Captain** - Sean Willmett

**Walter House Captain** - Zygi Holmes


Are Your Contact Details Up To Date?

_“The only constant thing in life is change”_

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: ___________________ Year you last 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 / Post

If you do not have email, please post your contact details to the College at 251 Draper Street Cairns, Q 4870

If you know of other Old Boys, please ask them to forward their details to us in order to update our database.
**Academic Success continues**

Last year 60% of the students attained either an A or B result on the QCS tests and our OP results continue to impress. The cohort, as a whole have benefited from their group effort, both in the QCS test and across four semesters of senior study.


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2013 Presentation Awards

Old Boys’ Prize for All-round Achievement in Year 10: **Salvatore Aceto**

The Sam Pappalardo Memorial Bursary for Effort and Achievement in Year 10: **Conor Baird**

Lou Piccone Prize for General Proficiency in Year 12: **Seamus McManus**

Bernie Mullins Trophy for Senior Sportsman of the Year: **Jordan Way**

Matthew Mauro Award for Outstanding Effort by a Senior Student: **Bryce Whittaker**

The Good Conduct Medal, donated by the Seniors of 1953: **Blake Huggett**

Lionel Williamson Award for Initiative and Service: **Benjamin Harris**

College DUX: **Daniel Esposito**
SAINTS SENIOR CLASS OF 1983 REUNION

On the weekend of October 25-27, the Senior class of 1983 celebrated their 30 year reunion. The class has spread far and wide across Australia and indeed the world, with some in America and a few in Asia working in various roles. They had a meet and greet with beer and pizza at The Jack Hotel on the Friday night thanks to the generosity of local owner Ken Harris (Old Boy 1969-1973) The boys were amazed at how some had not changed at all while others, could not be recognised. The night was a success as many recounted old stories and caught up with news about the last 30 years.

The next day they had lunch at Tolle’s (the old dining room) and a guided tour of the College conducted by Czek Kersevani. The lads were amazed at the changes to the College as many had not seen it since they had left 30 years ago. The former boarders especially, could not believe the facilities that are now offered to the current boarders, and that there were now female boarders. Most wished they could come back, as girls on the property back then was a big no no. There was a lot of discussion on how the College buildings and facilities had changed and what was in store for the College in the near future with the building program now in full swing to accommodate the New Year 7 program to start in 2015.

On the Saturday night the lads had a reunion dinner where more tall stories and former exploits were shared and probably embellished. The crowd enjoyed a presentation made up of old photos from their senior year, Year 12 retreat, sporting events, various dances, excursions and graduation. It brought a smile to many and tears to others. Feedback from the weekend was that all had a fantastic time and now wish to meet up again for a 35th year reunion in 2018, rather than the more conventional 40th in 2023. The spirit of friendship, care and cohesiveness formed by the Marist values all those years ago was very evident all weekend and the “Saints Spirit” was no more alive than when the group agreed to donate a sum of money to Solo Damena’s sister who has been diagnosed with Cancer in PNG and he could not attend as he was supporting her.

Past teachers, Barry Gray, Peter Hassatt, Trevor Auer, Czek Kersevani and Br Paul Hough (Principal 1982-1987) turned up to reminisce and in Barry’s case, to give a strapping taste of nostalgia. A massive thank you must go to Angelo Caltabiano for his tireless efforts in planning such a memorable reunion.

CLASS OF 1980

Following the 20th and 30th reunions in 2000 and 2010 respectively, the lads of the Silver Jubilee senior class got together to celebrate their 50th birthdays as a group. A big thanks to Mick Pease who organised the night. Many of the lads were able to bring their partners and a great night was had by all. We all look forward to our 40th reunion in 2020!

REUNIONS & RECOLLECTIONS

Any 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

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**profiles**

**darryl cuzzubbo**

Darryl Cuzzubbo stands as gatekeeper to decades of prosperity for the state of South Australia. He is the head of the Olympic Dam Project in South Australia.

Appointed asset president for the Olympic Dam and president for BHP’s relations with South Australia late last year, Mr Cuzzubbo has been simultaneously coming to grips with two tasks - running the existing mine and rescoping the expansion project for the copper, gold and uranium mine in South Australia’s far north.

He attended St Augustine’s from 1980 to 1986. From there he went to university to study engineering and a masters in science before joining BHP as a coal miner in the Illawarra. He progressed up the career ladder within BHP, becoming vice-president of BHP’s Illawarra Coal - running all the mines in the area. BHP then sent him to South Africa and Singapore where he spent six years working across the global operation to standardise processes and reporting.

Mr Cuzzubbo works closely with the State Government’s Olympic Dam taskforce.

**dylan saunders**

Dylan Saunders graduated from St Augustine’s College in 2004 as College Dux.

He then went to study a degree in photonics and nanoscience with 1st Class Honours at Griffith University. In 2012 Dylan finished his PHD titled Quantum Correlations: Experimental EPR Steering, Bioocality and Weak Tomography in Photonic Quantum Information Science. He is now at Oxford University and has been awarded a Marie Curie Fellowship for Science.

Not bad for a 26 year old Cairns Saints boy. Congratulations Dylan.

**flight lieutenant david savina**

After Year 12 in 1998 David started a science degree at JCU in Cairns before going to ADFA (Aust Defence Force Academy) in Canberra in 2000. He was a third generation “Saints Boy”.

Flight Lieutenant David Savina, earned the Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM) working as an instructor at RAAF Base Williamtown’s Surveillance and Control Training Unit (SACTU). FLT LT Savina’s recognition involved his work with SACTU from 2008-10. He showed exceptional drive, innovation and dedication to deliver a simulation capability that is able to replicate the complexity and dynamism of the air combat environment to an unprecedented level.

As a child in Cairns, David had dreamed of becoming a pilot but when he was told his eyesight would be a hindrance he decided on a career as a fighter controller, now known as air battle management.

After graduation from ADFA in 2002 he learnt his trade at Williamtown, Darwin and Tindal. The 32-year-old father of one from Medowie also served three deployments to Afghanistan in Kandahar.

“The postings were a great experience and allowed me to put my years of training in practice and do my job operationally,” he said. Currently he is working with the Wedgetail at RAAF Williamtown’s No 2 Squadron. Another Saints boy done good!!

**reg saunders**


Premiership winning Bulldogs Coach Des Hasler has endorsed an NRL initiative which will see 14 talented indigenous players have the experience of a lifetime, as “temporary members” of seven Sydney NRL clubs.

This great concept is providing an opportunity of a lifetime for these young men to show their skills against an NRL squad in the trial game and during their visits to the clubs. The College congratulates Reg Saunders and wishes him well at the Bulldogs.

**james segeyaro**

Goroko born and Cairns raised James Segeyaro of the Penrith Panthers took a step toward achieving his dream to play for Queensland when he was named in the Emerging Queensland Origin Squad. James is an ex-Saint’s student who was pivotal in the success of the First XIII during his time at the College.

The son of former five-eighth Ifisoe Segeyaro, James, who made his NRL debut in 2011 playing for the North Queensland Cowboys, missed out on the World Cup last year with a shoulder injury after the Prime Minister’s XIII match in Kokopo.

He was later reported in the Australian Media saying he was making himself available for Queensland and ultimately, Australia.

The College congratulates James and wishes him success with the Squad.
IN REMEMBRANCE OF DON THOMAS

PASSING OF MR DON THOMAS

It is with sadness that we remember a favourite Saints teacher, Mr Thomas who retired from teaching at the end of 2011 and passed away from cancer in December 2013. Don taught at the College for a total of 12 years. He was instrumental in setting up the Engineering course and taught science, metal work, woodwork, ICT and marine studies. Don originally came from South Africa and was a qualified Diesel Fitter and Aircraft Mechanic. He turned these skills into a teaching diploma and began to impart this valuable knowledge to all the students he encountered. He had the unique ability to turn his hand to anything.

Mr Thomas was ever present at camps and excursions and his mechanical knowledge came in very handy around the College. Don often remarked, “Being here has been much more than work, it has been fun.”

There are many amusing stories of Don’s dedication and his unique method of solving problems ... some of which have gone down in legend in the INTAD Department.

RIP Don Thomas.

UPCOMING REUNIONS

Seniors 1964 - 50 Year Reunion

The main events are planned for Friday 1st August 2014 to be held at Brother’s Leagues Club from 6.30pm.

A tour of the College will be conducted on Saturday 2nd August at 11.30am.

For more details please contact:

Mario Battiato Ph: 0438017998 or email kcbat1@bigpond.com

Steve Pawlowski Ph: 0451053868 or email steve@fairsolutions.com.au

Looking for lost Old Boys. Can you help us find the following?

Rosario Anicich, Dan Burns, Paul Dempsey, Joe Donovan, Jim Jackson, Richard Kennedy, Geoff Martin.

CLASS OF 2004

10 Year Reunion

Saturday 14 June

Meet and Greet BBQ and Tour of College 12 Noon - 3pm followed by main function at the Green Ant Cantina.

Contact: Matt Nish
Mobile: 0408079920

CLASS OF 1984

30 Year Reunion

17-19 October 2014

For more details regarding this Reunion

Contact: Steve Marino. Mobile: 0412 966 779 Ph: 4041 5998 Email: marinosauto@bigpond.com

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Over the years, St Augustine’s has produced many fine sportsmen, none more so than Jim Martin, who attended the College from Grade 5 to Senior in 1960.

Jim was a true all-rounder, excelling at cricket, rugby league, hockey and athletics, usually as Captain of the teams in which he participated. In his final year, he was also Captain of the College. There is one particular event in which he featured that was most memorable. This mighty effort did not, at the time, receive the recognition it deserved, as it was a performance that can only be described as outstanding.

This was the “Open” 100 yard final at the College’s Athletics Carnival in September 1960.

There were eight starters, two from each of the four houses and they were Jim Martin, Peter Soda, Nick Zapulla, Bill Baillie, Bob Johnson, John Erbacher, Ted Lindsay and Dennis Fitzpatrick.

It was a class field. It was said by some who were involved in schoolboy athletics at the time, that the first four place-getters as a relay team, would have held their own, or would have defeated any school boy team in the country.

The athletics track was marked out on the football field at Parramatta Park. The football season had only just finished so the grass surface was hardly in pristine condition.

Jim Martin won, by a margin of three to four yards from the second place-getter, Bill Baillie, with Nick Zapulla just edging out Peter Soda for third, but it was when the race time was announced that the sheer brilliance of Jim’s win became evident, a time of 10 seconds flat, beating the old record of 10.6 seconds convincingly.

What made this performance even more exceptional was that Jim had lost most of his toes and part of his right foot in an accident in his early teens. In addition, he had what can be best termed “knee problems” due to his right leg being out of balance when he walked (or ran...!!). The 100 yards was Jim’s speciality, and middle distance races were not his forte. Peter Soda, who as mentioned, was fourth in the 100 yards, was the overall “Open” Champion that year.

When metrication was introduced, records of that era were not converted, and this brilliant piece of individual athleticism was lost, except in the memories of many who were there that day.

Rob Brennan
Walter’s Vice-Captain 1960

MEMORIES AND MEMORABILIA WANTED

The College Archives is seriously 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
Heavey ENDS WALTERS REIGN

Heavey has started the year in the best possible fashion by ending the reign of Walter and taking out the 2014 Inter-house Swimming Carnival. On a wet and gloomy summer’s day, Walter went into the competition confident of making it four titles in a row, but Heavey had other ideas and to the surprise of many, burst out of the blocks to take a handy lead after the opening events. Both Walter and Reginald were never far behind throughout the day, but a late burst by Heavey in the 4 x 50m championship relays put the result beyond doubt and Heavey ran away with a comfortable win.

Well done to Walter (2nd), Reginald (3rd) and Phelan (4th) on a battle that truly underlined the House spirit within the College. At the end of the day only 238 points separated 1st from 4th, highlighting the close struggle the teams had throughout the day.

Finally, a special mention must go to all of our Age Champions and Record Breakers (9 in total) for their outstanding individual performances on the day. A full list of the results are listed below;

AGE CHAMPIONS

13’s 1st Brayden Cramp 2nd Bayley Bettini 3rd Lloyd Lucey
14’s 1st Guy Carley 2nd Baiden Sager 3rd Ben Fry
15’s 1st Noah Kresevic 2nd Jack McMenamin, Lachlan Paterson, Dylan Anderson 3rd Simon Kramer
16’s 1st Hudson Anu 2nd Lachlan Jackson 3rd Sam Ralston
17’s 1st Max Fifield 2nd Lliam Paterson 3rd Lachlan McKinstry

RECORD BREAKERS

1. Brayden Cramp – Records in 50m Freestyle (28.16) & 100m Freestyle (1.03.16)
2. Noah Kresevic – Records in 50m Freestyle (26.39) & 100m Freestyle (57.07)
3. Hudson Anu – Record in 50m Backstroke (30.17)
4. Max Fifield – Records in 100m Freestyle (55.59) & 200m Freestyle (2.02.47)
5. Heavey U15 Relay Team – Record in 4 x 50m Freestyle (1.57.30) Dylan Anderson, Jarryn Fittock, Harry Goodman and Simon Kramer.
6. Walter U16 Relay Team – Record in 4 x 50m Freestyle (1.57.13) Lachlan Jackson, Tim Ford, Sam Ralston and Jack Samson.

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