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Edmund Rice Day, 5th May 2016.



At the College Assembly, the Principal, Mr. Nick Scully addressed the students: Apart from the Year Sevens and new boys to the College, you were involved in the digging up of a time capsule last year. The time capsule was buried in 1990. You might remember Mr. Grieve and Mr. Cale Dendle, taking us through the contents. Boys, today we are going to fill a time capsule to be opened in 2040, the centenary of St. Brendan's College, 100 years since the school was first opened.

In 24 years time, how old will you be? What might you be doing? In 24 years time I will be 74 years old and will be about as old as Br. Steve! I won't be a Principal any more but I'm hoping that you will return here as an Old Boy and meet again, May 2040, and have the opportunity to witness the opening of the time capsule we will fill today.

The contents of the time capsule are a snap shot of life in 2016, a point in history. History helps us to understand the present and to plan for the future. We are St. Brendan's College and it helps for us to understand our heritage.

Let me begin in the Dark Ages with the Year 432. St. Patrick, as the Bishop of Ireland, travelled the countryside in a chariot running open air schools, spreading the Gospel and teaching a written alphabet. For over 300 years the monks delivered faith and education



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Fr. Noel Milner, Fr. John Hayes, Steve Grundy*

to the peoples of Europe. St. Brendan was one such missionary and 1500 years ago in 515 he took 60 monks with him in three boats to sail west to spread the Good News. Actually,

we have no record to where he sailed. Wherever it was it took him seven years to return to a great fanfare. St. Brendan the navigator inspired our name St. Brendan's by the sea. We have a distinctly Irish heritage.

Let's move ahead to 1802, still in Ireland. Edmund Rice saw a need to teach faith to the poor and so founded the Order of the Christian Brothers. We move ahead 66 years to 1868. Br. Patrick Ambrose Treacy has joined the Christian Brothers. The Bishop of Melbourne, Dr. Gould, thought that the wild town of Melbourne during the gold rush was lacking in religious instruction. He sent a request to the Superior General of the Brothers to send a few out to start up a Catholic School in Australia. The Superior General sent out Br. Treacy along with three other Brothers, Bodkin, Lynch and Nolan. Apart from the fact



Bill Grieves assists William Collins in loading the new capsule. William's mother is Melisa Busby.

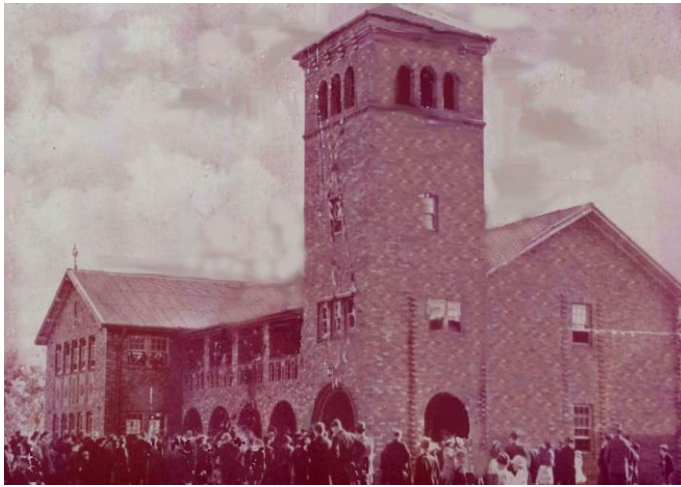
that the Bishop doesn't fulfill a promise to provide them with a house, the Brothers start up a temporary school in a hall behind a church in Melbourne. Over the next 137 years the Christian Brothers were to open and run many schools across Australia, including St. Brendan's 75 years ago.

Now, we come to 2007 and we have quite an historical event. The Brothers are getting a bit older (no offence Brothers!) and they realized with their dwindling numbers and aging community that they would no longer be able to run schools so **Edmund Rice Education Australia** or EREA was started. We are a Catholic School in the Edmund Rice tradition. If history helps to inform the present and the future, we must understand that this is the essence of whom we are.

75 years ago, and I quote from Fr. Noel Milner's book, "Joe Hunt from Rockhampton was the first boarder to arrive, just in time for tea on the 13th February 1940. At the sound of the chimes, Joe marched to the Dining Hall, a dignified procession of one."

From this moment and for 75 years since we have aspired to be faithful to the four touchstones of *Liberating Education, Gospel Spirituality, Inclusive Community and Justice and Solidarity*.

Early History of St Brendan'sCoplands Estate



About 1858 Edmund Atherton and his family came from Armidale in N.S.W with about 1000 head of cattle and made his home at Mt Hedlow, halfway between Rockhampton and the Coast. James Atherton his son shortly afterwards established himself at Barmoya and then later at Adelaide Park. Prior to this he had surveyed the coastal strip and met a number of Aborigines

Opening Day 18 August 1940

camped near a swamp close to the beach of present day Yeppoon. Originally, Yeppoon was known as "Spring Head" after a natural spring near the old railway station and was proclaimed the town of "Bald Hills" in 1868, but was later changed to "Yeppoon", Aboriginal for the meeting of the waters or thunder.

It is recorded that James died in December 1903 at his residence, "Coplands", Yeppoon, having lived in the district for over 45 years.

Bishop Duhig acquired the property "Coplands" on the 7th December 1908 and had intentions to provide it as a place for a girls boarding school. It is of interest to note he paid 5 pounds 10 shillings an acre (\$11). Value today would be at least many times the initial value. On 26th February 1912 Bishop Duhig was appointed Coadjutor Archbishop of Brisbane with Bishop Shields replacing him. With the opening of St Ursula's in 1917 in the town there was no further need for such a project, although Coplands had been considered a site.

According to the 1947 Annual the Copland site for many years was the rendezvous and holiday resort of the Sisters of St. Joseph, who came from North, West and Central Queensland to spend the Christmas vacation there. The residence was a rambling old building or to speak more correctly two shacks, one larger than the other and connected by a passage about twenty feet wide. The larger shack consisted of three rooms, which served as sleeping apartments for the Sisters. The other shack was divided into two rooms, one was used as an Oratory, where Mass was celebrated on week days, when a priest could be spared from the Cathedral. Sunday Mass was usually celebrated in Mrs. Springer's home beside the present Presbytery or in the School of Arts. The passage between the buildings was floored with bricks and latticed at one end. It did duty as a dining and recreation room. The roof consisted of sheets of old iron held in place by large stones or blocks of wood. This platform was converted at night into a play-

ground for the kangaroo rats that infested the place. The kitchen was at the rear of the buildings.

The Sisters have happy recollections of the nocturnal visits of the "rats." They were frequent and spirited and invariably accompanied with disaster. It was no uncommon experience to be awakened between midnight and dawn by the splashing and struggling of a "rat" in the tank. Many and varied were the ways and means used to get rid of the dripping victim.



Each year added to the decay of the old buildings and when they became too dilapidated for holidaying occupation, the place was leased to a butcher, who used it as a slaughter-yard. These arrangements were of short duration, but quite long enough to attract flocks of crows, who literally took possession of the hill. Then a caretaker was installed, but, in spite of this vigilance, the place was reduced to rack and ruin and there were scarcely any traces of the old buildings or yards by the time St. Brendan's began to take shape, except a concrete slab under one of the large mango tree in the cattle yards, where the cattle had been slaughtered.

2016 Site of cattle yards - Remaining Mango trees right

Numerous and beautiful mango trees were a pleasing feature of the place and formed its chief attraction during the fruit season. They also afforded a cool shade from the afternoon sun, as well as a haunt for the flying foxes of the district. Most of the trees were cut down to make room for the present building.

In those happy by-gone days, little did the Sisters imagine that one day the beautiful and imposing St. Brendan's would ornament the hill and command a view which embraces the whole district and stretches across the "Pacific to Keppel Islands, a home not for crows and flying foxes, but of intellectual attainments, culture and refinement where boys flock from all parts of Queensland.

When Fr Patrick Brennan was appointed the first Parish Priest to Yeppoon his great ambition was the building of a college for the Christian Brothers at Copland. Plans were prepared but unfortunately this ambition was not realized before he left Yeppoon for Bundaberg in June 1933.

The Morning Bulletin, 1st June 1934, published an article : **Yeppoon Convent Schools** "Approximately 150 children, accompanied by many parents and friends were conveyed to Copland estate, which had been chosen as a venue for the picnic that year. The choice of the site is ideal for a function of this kind, a fine grove of mango trees provide liberal shade and level open spaces for sport and games abound. The children were involved in the following activities: Under 6 Years-Under 12, Boys and Girls, foot races, three legged races, wheebarrows, Relays, Broad Jump, Throwing at the wicket and Kicking the football." Children mentioned in the article were W. Clayton, R.Brown and J. Hanrahan.



Coplands was also a favourite spot for picnics from St Ursula's in Queen Street Yeppoon during the Christmas holidays. They would leave St Ursula's, no cars then, and go cross-country to Coplands, where they relaxed and had their picnic. As there was no water available on the site, at the time water had to be carried but there was always a plentiful supply of mangoes!

In April 1922 Archbishop Duhig wrote to Bishop Shields of Rockhampton: "I have much pleasure in presenting to you free of cost the Deeds of 113 acres of land in Yeppoon to be used as a site for a College." The Rockhampton Bishop now had control over the property "Coplands", which was eventually to become St. Brendan's College. It was to become a reality under Bishop Romuld Hayes in the 1940.

In the early story of St Brendan's some very important figures appear on the scene. They are part of our story.

Bishop James Duhig (1905-1912) - Bishop of Rockhampton



James Duhig was born on 2nd September 1871 at Kilila near Broadford, Limerick, Ireland - one of seven children. On the death of his father John Duhig, the family moved to Middlesbrough, Yorkshire, England and then back to Ireland, where they were evicted from their holding. The only hope for the family to stay together and build a future was through emigration to Australia. Because of financial difficulties only James's eldest brother and his two sisters could afford the trip and so they sailed from Plymouth on the Duke of Buccleuch and arrived in Brisbane six weeks later in November 1883. In Brisbane his brother Edward worked as a carpenter and his sisters, Lizzie and Mary entered in domestic service.

Within a year they had saved enough to send for their mother and the younger children. Among the Immigration Records for the ship Merkara in 1885 was James Duhig aged 15, farm labourer.

After attending St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace, for only three months James was forced to join the work force to provide for his family. When James showed a desire to become a priest he returned to Terrace to master the element of Latin and Greek otherwise there was no point in his going on. On the 4th August 1891 the young James

sailed from Brisbane and on arriving in Rome was enrolled in the Irish College and studied for the priesthood at University of Propaganda Fide. He was ordained in the Lateran Basilica on 19 September 1896. It was a day of joy and fulfillment for him, but also a lonely occasion, as no member of his family was present.

On returning to Brisbane in 1897 James Duhig was appointed to the Parish of Ipswich. In this country town and the surrounding country the priest needed to travel extensively to visit his people but the only means of transport was by horse or cart. A priest needed to be a good horseman and indeed James Duhig was that!

In 1905 he was appointed Bishop of Rockhampton and was consecrated in St Joseph's Cathedral on 10th December by the then Coadjutor of Sydney, Archbishop Michael Kelly, who as Rector of the Irish College, Rome, had received the James Duhig as a student fourteen years earlier.

Only seven of James Duhig's nearly sixty years as a Bishop were spent as Bishop of Rockhampton, but the Rockhampton Diocese became his first love. As Bishop of Rockhampton, James Duhig travelled by boat, train, coach and horseback throughout his vast Diocese.

On 7th December 1908 he acquired 35 acres of land outside Yeppoon called 'Copland', the future St Brendan's.

On the 26th February 1912 Bishop Duhig became Coadjutor Archbishop of Brisbane and succeeded Archbishop Robert Dunne as Archbishop of Brisbane in 1917. During his nearly fifty year term he was involved in a massive building programme, 400 major buildings, received many honours, a knighthood in 1959 and earned a reputation as an educationist, book lover and patron of the arts.

In a letter from the Archbishop's House in Brisbane, dated 6th April, 1922 Archbishop Duhig wrote to Bishop Shield of Rockhampton, who had succeeded him:

"I have very much pleasure in presenting to you free of all cost, the accompanying Deeds of 113 acres and 38 perches of land at Yeppoon to be used as a site for a College or any other Institution you may choose to erect there. J. Duhig."

This was the land on which St Brendan's was to be built in 1939. Archbishop Duhig was present at the official Opening and Blessing of St Brendan's College on the 18th August 1940.

When he died at ninety-three on 10 April 1965, as Archbishop of Brisbane, he was hailed as a great Australian.

Duhig House in St Brendan's College is named in his honour.

Romuald Hayes, one of the Founders of St Brendan's. (1932-1945)

Bishop Romuald Hayes was born in Malvern, Victoria on 30 January 1892, his parents numbering amongst their distant relatives, the Irish Saint, Oliver Plunket, who was martyred at Tyburn, London. The family moved to Kyneton, where the future Bishop received his early education. His secondary education was at the Jesuit-conducted Xavier College, Kew Melbourne, where he was an excellent student and sportsman and was appointed College Captain.



The young Romuald Hayes entered St Columba's College, Springwood NSW in 1912 and went to St Patrick's College Manly two years later. Selected by Archbishop J. Carr of Melbourne to complete his Theology studies at Propaganda College, Rome, he was ordained on 10th August 1917 in the Church of St Apollinaris by Cardinal Pompili.

Returning to Australia, Romuald Hayes spent two years as Assistant Priest at Northcote, Melbourne before volunteering to join the newly-founded Irish Columban Mission to China. After a brief visit to China, he returned to Essendon, the headquarters of the Columban Fathers in Australia to share in the work of developing the mission in Australia. In 1924 he became Director for the Mission and

was later Superior of the Columban Fathers in Australia.

Romuald Hayes was consecrated Bishop of Rockhampton by the Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Rev Dr. Daniel Mannix, as had been his predecessor, Bishop Shiel, on 3rd April 1932 and enthroned in St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton by Archbishop Duhig of Brisbane on 24th April 1932.

Bishop Hayes similar to his successors had felt the need of a boys' boarding school, particularly for those from the Central West. **In the late 1930s Bishop Hayes was able finally to obtain the Services of the Christian Brothers to establish a College on the 'Copland' site at Yeppoon.**

After the opening of the College in February 1940 Bishop Hayes wrote on May 17th, 1941: *"It seems like a dream. St. Brendan's College is a reality. For a long time we were hoping and waiting and planning for a boys' Boarding School in Central Queensland. ...A fine tradition is now being established and you can look forward with confidence to the full realization of our dream-St Brendan's a great centre of Christian Culture and education."*

He died as he had lived, doing kindness to others, for having said Mass on the morning of 25th October 1945, he was in the act of driving two elderly members of the Hawley family home, when to the dismay of all, he collapsed and died.

"He was the very soul of the rural movement in Central Queensland, because he was convinced that the land affords the best homes for the people." James Duhig at the funeral of Romuald Hayes.

Bishop Romuald Hayes blessed and laid the Foundation Stone on 8th October 1939 and on Sunday, 18th August 1940, officially opened and blessed St Brendan's College. "Hayes House" is one of four Sporting Houses in the College. Bishop Hayes Memorial Wing was opened in 1956, now known as Coplands.

Bishop Andrew Tynan (1946-1960)



Bishop Andrew Tynan was appointed Bishop at thirty-eight, then the youngest member of the Australian hierarchy, on 21st March 1946 and died suddenly at fifty-two on 3rd June 1960 in London.

Bishop Tynan was born in Brisbane on 25th November 1907 and attended school at Gregory Terrace, Brisbane, St Patrick's College, Goulburn, NSW and St Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney. He studied for the priesthood at St Columba's College, Springwood, NSW, St Patrick's, Manly and the Irish College, Rome. He was ordained at St John Lateran's Basilica, Rome on 21st March 1931 as a priest for the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Returning to Australia at the end of the same year, his first appointment was as assistant in Ipswich. After five years he was transferred to the Parish of Hendra, and in 1937 joined the staff of St Stephen's Cathedral in Brisbane. In 1938 in Brisbane, he became Director for the Propagation of the Faith and first diocesan chaplain of the Young Christian Workers movement. Andrew Gerard Tynan, sixth Bishop of Rockhampton, was firmly committed to the social teachings of the church, a promoter and defender of Catholic Action and a staunch supporter of the church's role in society.

The first Queenslander to be appointed a Bishop, great progress was made during his fourteen years in Rockhampton. During Bishop Tynan's episcopate, there was steady growth of the Diocese, new parishes were established and the numbers of priests and religious increased.

Bishop Tynan died in London on his way to Rome on an *ad limina* visit. His body was brought back to Rockhampton for burial.

Bishop Andrew Tynan blessed and opened the Swimming Pool in 1954 and the Hayes Memorial Wing in 1956. He is accredited as being the first person to swim the length of the pool when it was opened. Tynan House honours his name.

Bishop Bernard Wallace (1974-1990) Bishop of Rockhampton

Bishop Bernard Wallace was the first Australian-born Rockhampton Diocesan priest to lead the Rockhampton Diocese. His Episcopal Ordination at St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton by Archbishop Francis Rush of Brisbane and twenty members of the Australian Episcopal College on 24th April 1974 was the start of a busy episcopate that resulted in the completion of St Joseph's Cathedral, the establishment of the Centenary Foundation and the successful celebration of the centenary.



An accomplished theologian and historian, Bishop Wallace did not stint himself. He was well known to his priests, many of whom were students during his long period as lecturer and Vice-Rector at Banyo Seminary, Brisbane. Bishop Wallace was born in Melbourne on 21st January 1919, the youngest of the four sons of Michael and Margaret Wallace. Bernard Wallace was educated by the Christian Brothers at East St Kilda from 1925-1932 and at St Kevin's, Toorak during 1933-34. He was a student for two years with the Columban Fathers at Essendon, Melbourne, and then was accepted for the diocesan priesthood by Bishop Romuald Hayes of Rockhampton in 1937.

The young Bernard Wallace studied philosophy at St Columba's, Springwood, NSW in 1937-38 and went on to St Patrick's College, Manly, NSW. In February, 1942, when still a sub-deacon, he received the exceptional appointment to the staff of the then newly-founded Pius XII Seminary, Banyo, Brisbane.

On 26 July 1942, he was ordained a priest by Archbishop Daniel Mannix at Melbourne's St Patrick's Cathedral. Earlier in the year he had been raised to the diaconate by Archbishop James Duhig in Brisbane. After ordination Father Wallace returned to Banyo and remained there until the end of 1947. From 1948-52 he did parochial duties at Bundaberg and Mt Morgan. In 1954 the future Bishop returned to Banyo Seminary. In 1963-64 he spent eighteen months in Rome. From 1954 onwards, he remained at Banyo Seminary becoming Vice-Rector in 1968, a post he held until he was ordained Bishop of Rockhampton. He was official observer on the Faith and Order Commission of the Queensland Committee of the Australian Council of Churches.

Bishop Wallace retired as Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton on 4th May 1990 and died on 8th November 1990 after a battle with cancer. His motto "The Truth Will Set You Free" was the theme for his Funeral Liturgy which took place at St Joseph's Cathedral. On the liturgy booklet Bishop Bernard is quoted as saying, "I was drawn to the priesthood through the missions. In fact, my original desire was to be a missionary rather than a priest. As a boy, I rejected the notion of being a Christian Brother – having 'no taste for teaching'. Similarly, I had left aside the diocesan priesthood because I felt no attraction for parish work. Yet in God's good time I finished up as a diocesan priest and taught in a seminary for 25 years – and liked it. Surely the Almighty must have his own sense of humour!" Bishop Wallace is buried in the North Rockhampton Cemetery.

A new residence at St Brendan's was named after Bishop Wallace in 1994.

James Basil Gettons

First Principal of St Brendan's 1940

James Basil Gettons was the first Principal of St Brendan's from 1940 to 1945. He came from Maryborough, Queensland where he was born in 1887 and was one of nine, five boys and four girls. Both his parents came from County Carlow, Ireland, where they were married before coming to Australia. James was educated at the Christian Brothers Maryborough and became a teacher until he left to join the Brothers in Sydney in 1908 at the age of 22.

In the 1930s he was appointed Principal of St Kevin's Oamaru, a boarding school in the south island of New Zealand. It was a time when finances were tight and he was criticised for felling a fine line of pine trees leading up from the front gate of the college and having them milled to be sold! After finishing his term at St Kevin's he taught for a number of years in Dunedin before returning to Australia to take on the running of the new school of St Brendan's. He was assisted by Brothers C. O'Donnell, R. McDonnell and B. O'Connell.

The College opened for boarders on the 14th February and for day boys on 21st February 1940 and in the first week the number reached 20 boarders and 10 day boys. The highest number of boarders for 1940 was 42 with 15 day boys. Apart from the fact a World War was raging and the buildings were unfinished classes began on 21st February! Having been a bandsman before he became a Brother, he became a very efficient choirmaster and encouraged the students to participate in as many things as possible apart from sport. At the end of the year nine Scholarships had been secured in the Public Examination with 16 Sub-Junior passes in the inter-school Sub-Junior Examination.

Brother Basil Gettons was a deeply religious man, centred on traditional devotions, especially to the Sacred Heart. In 1940 the Statute of the Sacred Heart was erected on the lawn at the front of the main building by the 1940 students. After the fire in 2009 it was moved and now stands outside the Chapel facing out towards the sea.

Brother Gettons, affectionately known as "Percy", died at Brisbane in 1958.

"Gettons" is one of the four Houses of St Brendan's, though in 1940 there were three houses Gold, Blue and Red.



***St Joseph Statue
with a view again***

St Brendan's has recovered almost fully since Cyclone Marcia hit 20th February 2015. Almost all trees around buildings have gone and the area in front of the Copland's building is now clear again. Fortunately, the statue of St Joseph survived. The statue is significant in that it is dedicated to the memory of two students, Paul Ganter and Vincent Black from the 1950s. The Families erected the memorial in 1953.

Paul Ganter died of leukaemia at the early age of 11 on 13th August 1950. He was from Yeppoon and had entered St Brendan's with his twin brother, Athol, in Grade 3 1948. Recorded in the Annuals of the College there is a touching conversation just before Paul died with Brother LeBreton, his Grade V teacher. "Paul's early death has made sorrow on earth, but joy in heaven."



On Friday, 19th January 1951, Vincent Black, aged 17 was drowned in a flooded gully on Marbles Ridges at Morinish, 56 kilometres North-west of Rockhampton. Vincent was mustering cattle with his father and two other men, David and Colin Warnock. Vincent and David were thrown from their mounts when crossing a flooded gully.

David struggled to safety, but Vincent was washed away.

Vincent had left St Brendan's twelve short months before, leaving behind him a reputation of a champion in tennis, but his mind was not set unduly on his tennis triumphs, as he had looked forward with eagerness to the work that awaited him on his father's cattle station. Vincent began school at St Brendan's in Grade Three, 1943.

Early St Brendan's Photos

In 1940s some of St Brendan's swimming training took place at Ross Creek. Note the diving boards and the slippery slide with main beach and town in the background.



Prior to making the College's debut in the All Schools' Swimming in 1944, the home Carnival was held early in March. This was held in the Rockhampton City Baths in Bolsover Street (**Schotia Place**) and meant catching the early train to Rockhampton, as there was no pool in Yeppoon.



Rockhampton City Baths 1948 (Schotia Place - original building)

1948 Photo



This photo was taken in the late 1940s of **Br Borgia Duffy**, third Principal and **Br Gerald Fitzpatrick** with students who were watching a boxing bout. Are you in the photo or are you able to name anyone?

One of the students is wearing a felt hat used at that time. If you have one, hidden away in a cupboard or such, no matter what its condition, and you are willing to donate it to the archives for display, it would be most appreciated.

The photo was taken at the back of the old shower block. The Staff quarters can be seen in the background, now on the site of the present Laundry.

Class of 1960 Reunion

The class of 1960 visited their Alma Mater again on 9th March to welcome back Denis Condon from their class in 1957. Since 1959 this has been an annual event when they first assembled on the Gold Coast to farewell Michael Malone, Dux of Senior 1960.

The Principal, Nick Scully, welcomed the visitors in the Chapel and spoke about St Brendan's of today and the future. A tour of the College followed including the new Performing Arts Centre, the Library and Archives and finally the Manual Arts Centre.

The Dining Room staff provided morning tea for the visitors.



Elizabeth & Bernie Shelton, Gale McQuaid, John Dyer, Bill McCosker, David Holmes



(Front) Elizabeth & Bernie Shelton, Bevan Bauer, Trevor & Renata Bates, Denis Condon, John Dyer, Fr. Noel Milner

(Back) Les & Moira Brown, Bill McCosker, Gale & John McQuaid, David Holmes



Gale McQuaid, Renata, John Dyer, Bevan Bauer, David Holmes, Denis Condon



Moir & Les Brown, David Holmes, Denis Condon



Bevan Bauer and John Dyer discussing prominent old boys playing in the NRL.

Bevan was College Captain in 1960



Moir and Les Brown checking the 1960 photos



Elizabeth and Bernie Shelton



Elizabeth Shelton, Renata, John McQuaid, Gale Dyer checking the College Roll with Bevan Bauer and John Dyer

Reunion Class of 1995



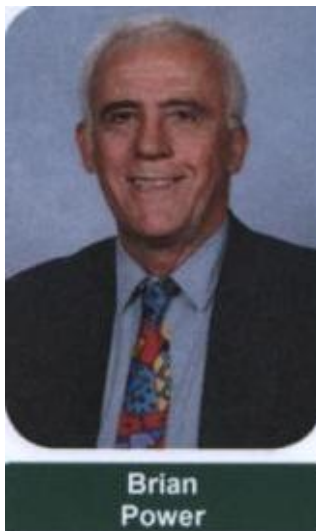
Doug (Mulray) Hamilton, Brian (Cuzza) Carr, Dominic (Dom) Draper, Brett (Senga) Seng, Ryan (Gilly) Gill, James (Super) Couper, Nigel (Sodes) Soden, Luke (Sparky) Spargo, Damien (Ribsy) Ribaldone, Daniel (Ernie) Ahern, Ryan (Appsy) Apps, Dan McMahon, Darren (Razza) McGilvary, Bengarren (Banga) Chappelle, Luke (Cappo) Caplick, Brian (Baz) Barry, David (Bendy) Bendall, Billy Grieves, Mark (Burkey) Burke, Mark (Barnsey) Barnes.

It was great to catch up with you over the SBC 75th anniversary weekend! Well done to you and the others who organised it! I have attached a copy of one of the group photos from our 1995 Seniors old boys reunion for the next Bindi Eye. It was great to catch up with the lads and what I still consider to be one of the closest group of mates to attend the College. 20 years on and many of us still keep in touch and catch up regularly. For those who I don't get to see very often, including some since 1995, it is great that we are able to pick up where we left off 20 years ago as though it was yesterday. Unfortunately many of the boys were unable to make the trip, but all were remembered with fond stories over the course of the weekend. The Saturday night 75th anniversary dinner was an excellent event and great to see the turnout of other years from the seniors from 1991 to 1999 who were at SBC at some point during the same time as our grade.

Big thanks to Dan McMahon, Mick Conn, Fr. Ben Fleming and Bill Grieves, who made the effort to be part of our weekend. Bill Grieves gave some of us a tour of the school in its new format and it was amazing as to how much the place has changed. For those that did or didn't get to this reunion, I look forward to catching up with you at our 25th anniversary in 2020 or in the interim where possible.

Damien Ribaldone

Farwell to Staff 2015



Last year the following Staff said goodbye with Wayne Scott of Manual Arts and Noelene McDonald of the Library beginning back in 1986 and Danny Moyle and Wayne Laverty in 1996:

Noelene McDonald, Wayne Scott, Danny Moyle, Wayne Laverty, Cory Evans, Michael Delahunt, Paul Ranger, Rolf Schlagaloth, Joel Wiggins, Brian Power, Erica Adams, Nobbie Drillis, Marcello Smith, Katrina Brose, Lisa Laverty, Geoff Evans, Evert Bulder, Jennifer and Grant Thorn, Shirley Mooney, Joel Schulte, Sharyn McGrath.

All were thanked for their years of devoted service to the school at a special farewell at the Sailing Club in Yeppoon. Brian Power in story and lyrical song hosted the afternoon.

Farewell to Noel Hoare

Review



On the 12 February 2016 Noel was farewelled at morning tea after many years of service at St Brendan's on the Maintenance Staff. Mr Warren Brown in charge of Maintenance thanked Noel for his tireless effort in maintaining the spacious grounds of the College. In appreciation he presented Noel with a present of art materials to occupy his leisure hours! Noel's son Ben was at St Brendan's 1995-99. Vale Noel Hoare.

The St Brendan's Community wish Noel every happiness in his retirement. He indeed was part of a great era in the story of St Brendan's.

Since beginning employment in December 1999 Noel had witnessed many changes at St Brendan's. It is interesting to note the roll call in 2000 was 679 with 416 boarders and 263 day boys. Today the roll call is 661 with 227 boarders and 434 day boys. Overall the roll is the same but numbers in boarding and day have been reversed even though Year 7 was introduced in 2015!

Despite the fall in boarding there has been important changes in the academic field and vast improvement in the facilities of the College. In 1998 saw the Edmund Rice Residence opened, the last of the Residences (McKennarney, Wallace, Fitzpatrick) to be constructed with a change from large dormitories to single, double and triple rooms.

In 2003 "Waterford" Dining Room was built on the site of the old Log Cabin, the old kitchen becoming the Health Centre and the old dining room the Board Room (front), Drapery and Book Room with Hogan Dormitory changed into staff quarters. Other major facilities were the modern air conditioned Library and Technology Centre on the site of the old tennis courts and squash courts.

In 2004 Mr Simon Dash became the first Lay Principal of St Brendan's, replacing Brother Grundy, the last of the Christian Brothers in charge of the College. This began a new era in the life of the school known as Edmund Rice Australia. Edmund Rice was the Founder of the Christian Brothers in Ireland, who began his first school for the under-privileged in Waterford Ireland in 1802.

In 2006 a 'new uniform' was introduced into the school along with the change of the Crest from the 1950s to a 'modern Logo'. All staff members now wear a uniform bearing the College Crest.

On the 9th December 2008 fire destroyed the original Main Building and damaged the Chapel built in 1967. Plans for the future of the old building were drawn up, resulting in a dramatic change in the direction the College was heading. It was decided to rebuild but rebuild in the form of a Performing Art Centre and a Chapel with a modern theatre seating 700.

In 2010 the 1940 building was demolished and the construction of the new Performing Arts Centre began. In 2011 Mr Geoff McManus was appointed Acting Principal for Term1-3 with Mr Nick Scully taking over the reins in Term 4.



The Performing Arts Centre was opened in 2012. The 'new Chapel' is still used for Mass on Sundays and special occasions. Near the front of the building a new Blessed Sacrament Chapel was built and used by the student in smaller groups. The original doors of the old building are on the entrance to the Chapel.

In 2012 the Trade Training Centre was opened providing experience in Engineering and Technology courses. The Automotive Centre provides all the facilities needed for a car mechanic.

The implementation of personal laptops was programmed into the school curriculum in 2013 thus modernising a lot of class room teaching.

In 2014 saw the redesigning of the Old Boys Gardens in the Mango Tree area. The statue of Edmund Rice stands in the centre and is surrounded by lawns, gardens, and pathways in the form of a Celtic Cross. Three pergolas provide adequate shade replacing some of the trees removed and now the area providing a suitable area for staging functions and musical presentations.

Cyclone “Marcia” hit the College on 23 February 2015 causing damage and uprooting hundreds of trees. The school had to close for over a week.

2015 was the celebration of the 75th Opening of the College. The Year 7 Classrooms were officially opened and called “Hogan” to commemorate two sisters who were members of the staff from the early 1940s. Other celebrations were Old Boys’ Assembly in the Library. The Principal, Mr Nick Scully welcomed the guests followed by the Roll Call and the inspection the Archives. The final function for the Jubilee was the Gala Dinner at the Capricorn Resort with over 400 attending. This ended a successful few days of celebration.

Farewell to Veronica Cross



At the end of Term 1 Veronica announced her return to New Zealand to care for her sick mother. Veronica was Assistant to the Principal and also worked with her husband in the McKennariey Residence. Apart from being a very efficient organizer, she was also a skilled skier, as was witnessed on the slopes of Falls Creek on the Ski Tour of the school last year.

Farewell Veronica and best wishes for the future.

Anthony Seibold



According to the media head Coach Kevin Walters recently offered the position of Maroons assistant coach for the 2016 State of Origin series to Anthony Seibold, who is no stranger to St Brendan's.

Anthony is an old boy of St Brendan's of 1990-1991, having captaining the First XIII in 1991. His record reads: Gettons House Captain; 1st XIII Rugby League Captain; C.Q. & U/17 Rugby League Rep; Qld Ind. Sec. Schools Rugby League Rep; Winner

of the Best & Fairest Trophy at Confraternity Shield; 1st XI Cricket Captain; Brothers A. Grade Cricketer & Rep; Member of Brendan's Athletic Squad and finally **Sportsman Player of the Year in 1991.**

It is no wonder that he caught the eye of Cyril Connell, recruiting officer for the Broncos and signed him up. Anthony, a young recruit from Rockhampton was to play for the Brisbane Broncos and the Canberra Raiders in the NRL in the 1990s and in recent years has been coach to the Queensland U/18 State side against New South Wales and the State Under 16 side before that. During the 2015 season Anthony was a Melbourne Storm Development coach and for this season appointed to Manly Sea Eagles as assistant coach.

Last June Anthony hosted the St Brendan's students to a night of entertainment at AAMI Park, watching the Melbourne Storm defeat the Penrith Panthers. The students had just spent five days at Falls Creek skiing! Ed.

Matthew Scott

Matt Scott, not only a member of the victorious Cowboys in last year's NRL Final, but also was St Brendan's representative in the Rugby Test against New Zealand on Friday, 6th May 2016 at Newcastle in which Australia won 16-0.

Congratulations Matt!

Visitors to the College



Visitors to the college on 10 February were ***John and Helen Fitchen*** on the occasion of their grandson receiving an award. Helen and John were both on the Staff in the 1990s. John was in charge of the kitchen for many years. Old boys would remember other members of the family, Tim, Mark and Chris who were at St Brendan's in the period 1992 to 2001.

Trevor Bates SBC 1956-1959



Trevor and Renata visited the College to have a quick tour prior to the 1960 Reunion. Trevor was not able to be present for the opening of the Archives in May last year and so was keen to see the mounted blazer and cap, which he presented to the College in 2014.

***Trevor with Michael Effeney,
College Captain***

John Passingan SBC 1997-1999



A visitor to the Jubilee Celebrations in October last year was **John Passingan** from Boroka, Port Moresby. Johnny was at St Brendan's from 1997 to 1999, one of many students from New Guinea when the Aus.-Aid programme operated. He is now a successful business owner operating a security firm in Port Moresby.

Mark Walker SBC 1964-1966

Mark originally hailed from Aramac and now living at Katherine in the Northern Territory paid a quick visit. He was particularly interested in Manual Arts and how much it has changed over the years. Fifty years have seen a few changes with a fire in 2009 and a cyclone in 2015!



Mark Walker, Bill Moody and student .

Mark guarantees he can take you anywhere in the Territory!



Recent visitor to St Brendan's 22nd March was **Michael Bagley** from Mackay, Class of 1965. Visiting his old school was a pleasure and hopes to be part of a reunion in Mackay later this year. His son is the current architect for St Ursula's.



Bradley Brennan, Senior 1993 from Gympie, visited St Brendan's 9th April to meet with past teachers and a tour of the College. He was greatly impressed with Jack Ingram's Performing Arts Centre, though he was sorry to see the original old building with its tower gone. The transformed Mango Tree area, despite the green ants brought back many a memory. Only three of the 1993 remain now on the staff- Bill Grieve, Jack Ingram and Kevin Smith.



Letters

As a wide eyed young fellow entering St Brendan's College one would never have dreamed of what it was to become.

Initially, it was not a dream but a convincing thought by the Bishop Duhig, who bought the land in the first place in 1908 with the vision that the need existed for such a facility. Frustrated in those early years because of the lack of water to serve the place, but he knew in his heart that, when the opportunity came, he could no better than invest its management in the arms of the Christian Brothers. How correct he was, when Brother Gettons arrived to accept the mantle of leadership, a very saintly man dedicated with his fellow Brothers, who likewise had dedicated their lives in the spirit of Edmund Rice.

Thousands of young men through the years have had the privilege to pass through its doors. The men now in charge are Lay Folk, but their dedication is also faultless. In every area, whether it is academic in all its forms, sport, or visiting Nursing Homes, it is a wonderful approach to life. Who would have thought there would be rodeos held at Brendan's back in 1940!

Now, in the twilight of this wide eyed young fellow, there is time to reflect and thank a bountiful Lord and also parents, who gave this chance in life to me, living now in a Nursing Home with further dedicated care. Nursing and Clinical Care to the fore!

In summing up "Ne Dubita Dabitur" says it all!

Maurie Webb Foundation Student 1940.

Maurie despite his age is still a frequent writer to the local paper and proud of St Brendan's.

10,160 students have been enrolled at St Brendan's since 1940. Ed.

Jim Walsh SBC 1951-1957

Very much enjoyed the December Issue of the Bindi-Eye. Regret our group's poor attendance at the 75th Celebrations, but at least you got Aze and Kneeny and a couple of the many Connors for the dinner. Old age, ill health and incapacity have taken their toll!

I was very interested in 'Bean' McKean's assessment of the Brothers' skills. I was an admirer of 'Borge', but would stop short with the canonisation. Believe he was an excellent Rector and a good teacher, not the universal view. I got an 'A' for Senior English and a 'B' for Latin, his subjects, not really blowing my own bags, as I failed Physics, Chemistry and Maths1.

The Science and Math's teacher was the late Br Venard Watson and I take issue with Peter, as I think Venard was a mile behind 'Caeli' Walsh (no relation), as far as teaching skills were concerned. Br Walsh ('Shad'/'Tadpole') was prematurely aged and incapacitated, so that's his excuse.

Br 'Baz' Gettons ('Pussyfoot Percy') was one of the most humourless man I have met in my life! I never saw him smile. He tried to indoctrinate us into the QLP/DLP of the era.

Br 'Barney' ('Nicotine Nick') O'Ryan was an old man from Co. Tipperary, well past his prime, when he 'taught' our Grade 5 in 1951.

Bede McKennariey was a great bloke, known to us as either 'Darlo' or 'Dirty Dan McGrew'. Next time I met him after Brendan's at Nudgee, he said, "Ahhh lad, you have turned out all right!" Not sure what he expected?

'Baldy' or ('Bappy' to the Brothers) Le Breton was a baker's son from Maryborough and a wonderful old chap. He like 'Nicko' was well past his prime in the early 50s. I last saw him in St Vincent's Hospice, Darlington a few days before he died and was able to inform him, that the then emerging firm was Thiess Bros, not 'Peace Brs.' as Baldy thought.

Digressing on that Sydney visit in 1960, I also ran into Tony Salmon, son of 'Sock-Eye' of Isisford and asked him to visit 'Baldy'. Whether he did I know not. 'Beau Fitz', Br Gerard Fitzpatrick, was a hard worker and in my view closer to sainthood than 'Borge'.

Miss 'K' and Miss 'M' Hogan (Kate and Marge) were certainly stalwarts of the joint in diebus illis. Not to forget Eileen Clayton, the Brothers' housekeeper and general factotum. Notice the late Noel Nicholson gave a good rap to Tony Schick (Baralaba) as a German teacher. Anton has the right bloodlines to be good at the Teutonic lingo.

Back to the 'FSCH', Tom Higgins, was my lifelong friend, although he never taught me at SBC. He was also greatly loved by my second wife Robyn. We kept in touch over the years, right up until his death. The 'coppers' gave him a police escort on his way to the cemetery, which perhaps is a pointer to the esteem in which he was held in Mackay. At school 'Humphrey' gave me the Rocky Bully nightly and the Time Mag. Weekly, thus I developed a lifetime addiction for reading the newspapers. I will conclude on a less favourable note. Br 'Bruiser' Hills (praise the Lord) was not at SBC in 1951, but unpleasant memories lingered!

Please God this diatribe will rekindle memories for the few, who might do penance by reading it.

Jim.

John Roden SBC 1948-1949

30th Dec 2015

Thank you for sending me a copy of the 'Bindi-Eye' and the flyer on the 75th Anniversary of the College. Quite a few things have happened since we met in August and now, which have rather thrown a spanner in my plans.

After returning to Culburra Beach, having completed just over 6,000 km. of driving around Queensland visiting all our remaining relations and friends, we attended a final reunion of the 1st Course of Officer Cadet School at Portsea, 3rd January to 6th June 1952, which was held at Labrador on the Gold Coast. We started having our reunions, the first after 25 years, then every 5 years and as the numbers declined we decided our October 2015 would be our last!

Incidentally, my brother Peter graduated from the 3rd Course, June 1953. I noted in the official History of the Officer Cadet School Portsea, that Wilfred Gregg graduated also in December 1953. I don't recall Wilf Gregg, but I do remember his parents from Duaringa and were friends of my Aunt and Uncle.

When I returned from the Reunion, I had a medical check-up, the consequence of which resulted in a triple-bypass on 3rd December at Wahroonga and a period of recovering at my daughter's home in Croydon, Sydney. I'm now fighting fit and getting ready for another operation in February. My wild youth is now catching up on me.

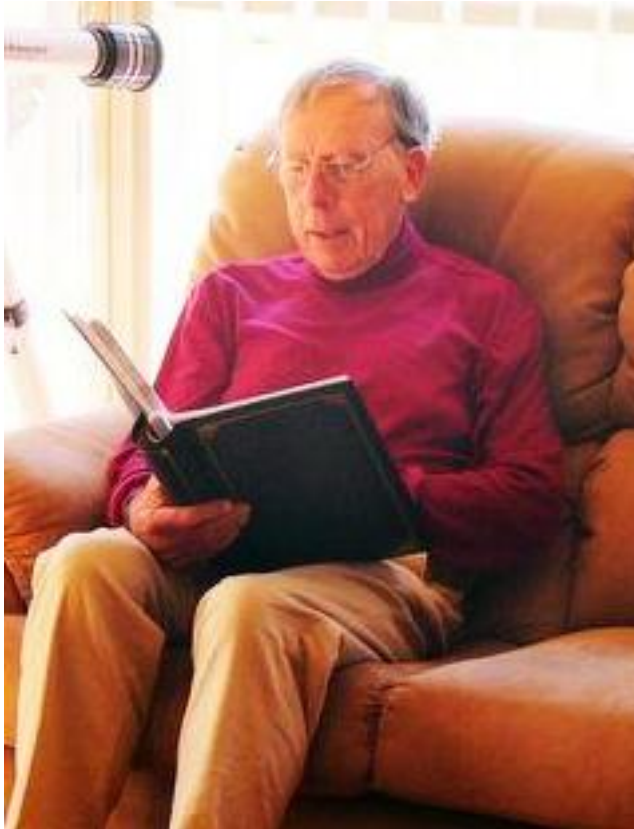
As I will be rather out of action for a couple of months our planned Queen Mary 2 trip has been postponed until 2017. Intend to do a trip in the spring of 2016 and was wondering if it would be possible to get the names of the student in Sub-Junior year 1948?

I'm enclosing a small cheque to cover subscription to the Bindi-Eye etc. and have me put on the mailing list. I would love to hear from you, of your connection with the Lochs of Emerald. My Dad's mother mum was a Loch and married Peter Duff.

Kindest regards, John Roden.

By the time this newsletter goes to the print I hope all will be well. Looking forward to your visit later in the year. For our readers the Lochs and the Smiths are related through their great Grandmother Catherine O'Reilly. Cedric and Kevin Loch were students of SBC. Ed.

Rupert Mitchell SBC 1941-1945



Like all oldies I have a few health problems but I am still able to drive and my mind is still okay. I was married in Sydney and as my wife was from Melbourne we moved. We have two children, nine grand-children and two great grand-children are source of joy so I have little to complain about. Unfortunately, I lost my wife of 63 years last year after long years of caring.

My friends from 1941 to 1945 are getting thin on the ground, but Les Dwyer and I contact each other about once a month.

My early home was on a farm outside Yeppoon called St. Valery along Adelaide Park Road. In the early days before Brendan's existed, I used to take a short cut across the bushlands through Coplands, when walking to

Yeppoon. Then it was a rundown place with broken sheds, tanks and yards. Our property was next door to the Athertons, early settlers of the Yeppoon area.

I lost my father in 1939 and with my two brothers serving in War II, I had to spend a lot of my time at home helping my mother run the farm.

As I was the only student doing Senior in 1945, I was given a corner room upstairs in the two storey building next to the tennis courts. The teachers gave me a list of things to do each week and I would review progress with them three or four times a week when I drove to the College about 6 pm. It soon became obvious, that I was very much on my own but the Brothers were second to none, when it came to care and advice and with their help I succeeded. Br. Le Breton even got me through French! Fortunately, I found Maths easy but it would have been better in a class situation.

Till next time, every good wish, Rupert Mitchell.

Rupert, 'Mitch', was the first student from St Brendan's to pass the Senior University Examination in 1945. He holds an honoured place on the Honour Wall in the Library. Mitch was the Divisional Manager of a City Bank in Melbourne before retiring. Les Dwyer along with four other students did Senior in 1946. Ed.

Maurie Webb - at CARV Yeppoon.



For the past ten years Maurie has been residence at Capricorn Retirement Village. He wishes to express his thanks to his carers, Beth McLean and Debbie Brown the Clinical Manager of the Village. Another old boy at the centre is Michael Byrne. (1941-1943).

Maurie is a frequent visitor to St Brendan's. This occasion was for the Senior Commitment Mass, 8th February.

Community Service Day 13th May



Each year the Year11s entertain the Senior Community from Rockhampton and the Capricorn Coast. As in past years the students spent two days visiting the Nursing Homes and the final day was the Luncheon in the St Brendan's Hall. To most past students those few days would have been very memorable.

Matt Hedges, Merl Linney, Pauline Effeney (Grandma of Michael and Thomas), Kevin Smith, Joan Ellaway.



Ursula Hamilton , Floss Ware



Maurie Webb with daughter, Catherine



Cath Austin (Nurse at SBC in 1970s)



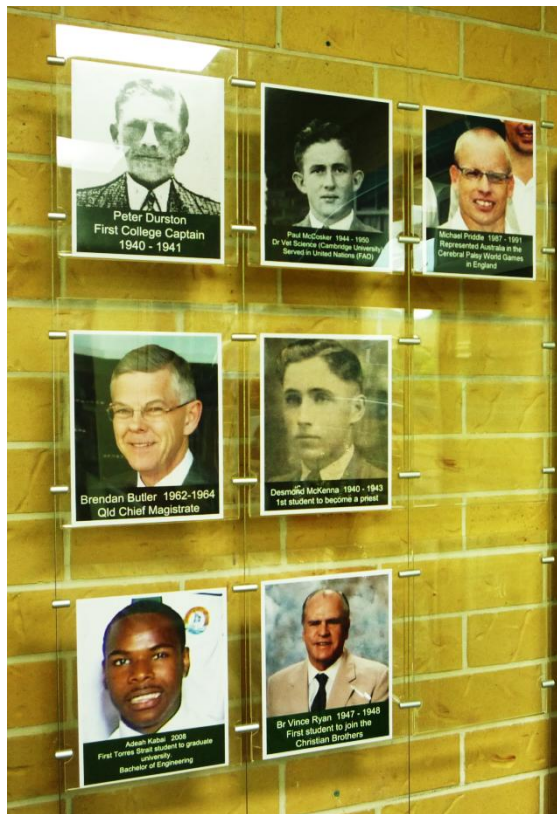
**Kell Sweeney and Phys Parker
with 'partners'**



Honour Wall

In one section of the Library can be found the Honour Wall set up to show appreciation for the achievements of past students of the College.

The following so far have been erected:



Peter Durston, SBC 1940-1943, Barcaldine.
First College Captain.

Desmond McKenna, SBC, 1940-1943,
Rockhampton. First Old Boy Priest.

Rupert Mitchell, SBC-1945, Yeppoon. First
Student to pass the Senior Examination.

Vincent Ryan, SBC 1947-1948, Yeppoon. First
Old Boy Christian Brother.

Paul McCosker, SBC 1944-1950, Emerald.
Doctor of Veterinary Science (Cambridge
University). United Nations- FAO.

Brendan Butler, SBC 1962-1964, Winton.
Queensland Chief Magistrate.

Michael Priddle, SBC 1982-1991, Rolleston.
Represented Australia in Cerebral Palsy World
Games in England.

Adeah Kabai, SBC 2004-2008, Sabai Island, Thursday Island. First Islander to graduate as
Bachelor of Engineering.

The following are being currently processed:

Thomas MacGinley, SBC 1944-1947, Gindie, for his work in Engineering in both England
and Malaysia.

James Shelton, SBC 1943-47, Biloela, for his research in the Cattle Industry.

Josua Creamer, SBC 1994-1948, Yeppoon, being the First Indigenous Student to graduate
in Law.

**Help is needed here for the name of any Old Boy of the College, whom you would
recommend for the Honour Wall. It can be in any field of achievement whether
academic, industrial or otherwise.**

Jubilee Carving of St Brendan's



For the past couple of years there has been a desperate search in cupboards and store rooms in the College for the ebony carving of St Brendan, donated by John Kasaipwalova for the Jubilee of the College in 1990. John from New Guinea was College Captain in 1968.

The traditional College Crest was on the back of the carving with dimensions of about 5000mm x 4000mm.

It is quite possible it was given away or stored in some unknown place. Certainly, it had gone missing prior to the fire of December 2008! If anyone can enlighten the College of its whereabouts or provide some explanation, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sporting Trophies-Wall Plaques

The following sporting trophies were awarded over a period of time and are now at the College Administration to be collected.



David Dahl	“Shotgun Champion 2009”.
Jacob Oppermann	“Coaches Award Cricket 2009”.
Tom Murphy	“Most Improved 1 st XIII”. 2009.
Tom Murphy	“Queensland Representative Rugby League 2009”.
Masiur Nona	“Australian Representative Rugby Union 2009”
Dane Bradley	“Swimming Age Champion 15 Years 2010”.
Alexander Chapman	“Cross-Country Champion 15 Years 2011”.
Harry Grant	“Athletics Age Champion 13 Years 2011”.
Cooper Bambling	All Schools Touch. “Player of the Carnival 2013”.
Robert Warusum	“Senior Most Improved Player AFL 2013”.
Benedict Macumboy	“Senior Sportsman of the Year 2013”.

St Brendan's Highlights

Some of the events to be aware of for the rest of the year:

June	21st-23rd	Music Tour to Mackay. (Year 9 & 19 Concert Band)
June	26th.-July1st.	Confraternity Shield. (Grand Finals-July 1).
August	11th-4th	Music Festival. (Villanova College, Brisbane).
August	19th	Battle of the Bands. (Pilbean Theatre)
September	10th	Rugby League Grand Finals. (Browne Park)
September	13th	College Rodeo. (St Brendan's Rodeo Grounds)
October	26th-27th	Music Tour Year 8 Concert Band visiting schools.
November	5th-6th	Awards Night Old Boys v. SBC Football
November	18th	Valedictory Day.



Riding High - Jed Myles

St Brendan's Show Programme

Our Young Guns perform very often in the series at the Great Western Hotel in Rockhampton. Here recently old boy, Jed Myles, held on grimly to his bronco. On a weekly basis, students travel up to the Great Western to prepare them for the College rodeo, which this year is set for 3rd September.

The College will be showing cattle at most Shows and presenting the traditional display promoting St Brendan's.

Take time off to visit the display and meet the staff, who will be only too happy with information about the College. It is also a great opportunity for Old Boys to update their address especially e-mails.

Visitors to the Theodore and Roma Shows May 6-9th



Scott Monagan Peter Mahony



Tom Horn



**Theodore
Show**



David and Chris Durkin

Toni Grant (Mother of Matt Campbell)



Ben and Cindi Ridge

Roma Show



Scott York



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Roma - May 5, 6 & 7	Clermont - May 24 & 25	Mt Larcom - June 25 & 26
Barcardine - May 6 & 7	Springsure - May 27 & 28	Ag Grow Emerald - July 7, 8, 9
Theodore - May 9 & 10	Yeppoon - June 11 & 12	Paradise Lagoon - July 20 - 24

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 E: hedgesk@sbc.qld.edu.au www.sbc.qld.edu.au

Reunion Class of 1966

The Reunion for the Senior Class of 1966 is to be held at Yeppoon from 30th September to 2nd October, 2016.

Bayview Tower Motel has been chosen as the preferred place of accommodation.

For more information contact Peter Brady, 1415 East End Road, Mt T Larcom. 4695.

Phone: 4975 3561. E-mail: pblbrady@gmail.com

Old Boys Brisbane Lunch

Lunch this year will be Saturday 27th August.

We have had to change the venue as the Chalk Hotel went down the gurgler last December.

We have managed to get a good venue at the Victory Hotel, 127 Edward Street in the city.

The contacts for this year will be as follows.

Mal Ellem

Phone 07 33718756 Mobile 0409 062150

email malcolmellem2@gmail.com

Bill Simpson

Phone 0733499428

Ian Smith

Phone 07 33952725 Mobile 0412 842942

Townsville Annual Dinner 4th November

Contact Ian Kuhl ikuhl@bigpond.net.au

Bindi-Eye Publication.

Have you a story to tell? Achievements? Graduations? Marriage? Coming Events? All it takes is a page or two or a photo!

One of the easiest ways to assist is to send your current e-mail address if you have not done so already. When the Bindi-Eye is downloaded on the web site then you will be notified.

With the printing of the newsletter at the college and more able to download the publication from the web site, costs will be reduced greatly compared with the present. Postage alone is \$1.70.

The Newsletter can be opened on the **Web site:** www.sbc.qld.edu.au - Open and under Our Community find Old Boys Association.

The present postal mailing will continue for those who would prefer it.

However, if you can assist please forward your donation to:

St Brendan's College , 139 Adelaide Park Road, YEPPOON 4703

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Current Address

Please make sure your postal and e-mail address are current and notify the College of any change. Quite a number of e-mails are out of date! Of the 650 e-mailed out last November well over half were rejected!

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS

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Boarding Fee Discount

Year Seven 2017

St Brendan's College recognises the additional financial burden that Year 7 becoming a high school grade has imposed on parents, particularly those who wish their children to board for their High School years. The College also recognises that drought and the mining downturn have affected the income of many parents and their confidence for future income. These factors have also affected St Brendan's with our dormitories no longer at capacity. In light of these factors the College is taking an initiative to help the parents concerned and boost Grade 7 enrolments.

St Brendan's College is offering a one year 50% discount on the boarding fees to the first 20 Year 7 students to have their enrolments accepted for 2017 and:

- Are not entitled to receive ABSTUDY
- Are not entitled to receive Living Away from Home Allowance and/or Assistance for Isolated Children
- Are not a child in care of the State

The following conditions apply:

- If the student leaves during or at the end of Year 7 then the discount will not apply and will be added back to the final account.
- If the student leaves during or at the end of Year 8 then an amount equal to half the discount granted will be added back to the final account.
- These conditions may be altered at the Principal's discretion depending on circumstances involved.

Year Ten 2017

The Queensland State education system in rural areas is characterised by a number of "high top" schools which only go to Grade 10 or offer limited academic choices in Grades 11 & 12, meaning that students are required to board to complete their senior years and receive government assistance to do so. The College believes that many of these students would benefit coming to boarding school a year earlier to form friendships and adjust to the lifestyle, study patterns and academic requirements before choosing their path and embarking on their senior years.

The College also recognises that many parents from these areas will struggle financially to send their sons to boarding a year earlier.

With this in mind St Brendan's is offering a one year 50% discount on the boarding fees to the first 20 Year 10 students to have their enrolments accepted for 2017 and:

- Have not previously attended a boarding school
- Come from a school where the students are identified by the Queensland Government as being eligible for boarding assistance in grades 11 and 12.
- Are not entitled to ABSTUDY
- Are not entitled to Living Away From Home Allowance and/or Assistance for Isolated Children
- Are not a child in care of the State
- The following conditions apply:
 - If the student leaves during or at the end of Year 10 then the discount will not apply and will be added back to the final account.
 - If the student leaves during or at the end of Year 11 then an amount equal to half the discount granted will be added back to the final account.
 - These conditions may be altered at the Principal's discretion depending on circumstances involved.
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To discuss further or obtain any other information please contact:

The Business Manager- Gordon Porter 4939 9407