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Dear Members of the St Brendan's College Community



It was an honour to lead the St Brendan's contingent with our College Captains at the ANZAC Day march. I thank so many of our boys and their families for attending and the boys for marching beautifully. Thanks to our College band for leading us in the parade. The anecdotes I have received from the public resoundingly confirm why we are so proud of our St Brendan's men. The Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice was on Friday 5th May. Each year we arrange an event that resonates with our ethos as a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition. We look for opportunities to look beyond ourselves and consider the marginalised in our community. This year, following a school



liturgy, our young men wore a purple shirt (provided) and walked against domestic violence.

We have 608 young men at St Brendan's College, who are sons and brothers, and in future will move into society as husbands and fathers, and we believe it is our responsibility to focus on this important issue and educate our students that domestic violence, and violence of any kind, is not an option.

The Walk Against Domestic Violence was held on 5th May, Edmund Rice Feast Day, an annual day of celebration at the College of the patron Blessed Edmund Rice, a lay man, husband, father and visionary, whose service to the community

is the foundation on which our College ethos and philosophy is built.

We appreciated the support of Mayor Bill Ludwig and the Livingstone Shire Council and Ms Brittany Lauga, State Member for Keppel who joined us on the day. The College also fundraised for White Ribbon Australia as part of



the event, reaching its initial goal of \$2000 in one week.



Finally, the 2017 Year 12 Formal was held! The suits arrived, the hair was done and the weather was perfect. It proved to be a very exciting event for the St Brendan's family.

Nick Scully, Principal, St Brendan's College.

Anzac Day



St Brendan's Old Boys

On Anzac Day at the College Assembly the following Old Boys from the Services were honoured.

We are interested in creating an Honour Roll to be set up permanently in the Library. Please send information to the College.

On Anzac Day Ben Solley proudly wore his Grandfather's Medals.

Edward Lionel Zinga

SBC 1940-1941 Royal Australian Navy

World War 2 Korea Vietnam.

Pilot Officer Frank Johnston

SBC 1941-1942 RAAF

World War 2 Europe Campaign

Robert Ranger

SBC 1941-1942 RAAF

World War 2 Europe Campaign

Colonel Desmond Mealey

SBC 1942-1944 Australian Military Forces

MID OA

OC of B Coy 7 RAR Vietnam

Mention in Dispatches (MID)

Awarded the **Order of Australia** (OA)

Brigadier Neil Weeks

SBC 1959-1963 Australian Military Forces

MC OA

Platoon Commander Vietnam 1 RAR

Awarded Military Cross for bravery in Fire Support Base Coral, Vietnam. 1968.

Commander of 11 RAR NORTHFORCE.

Awarded **Order of Australia**. (OA)

Sqd. Leader Paul Carter

SBC 1970-1973 RAAF Path Finder Flight

Middle East

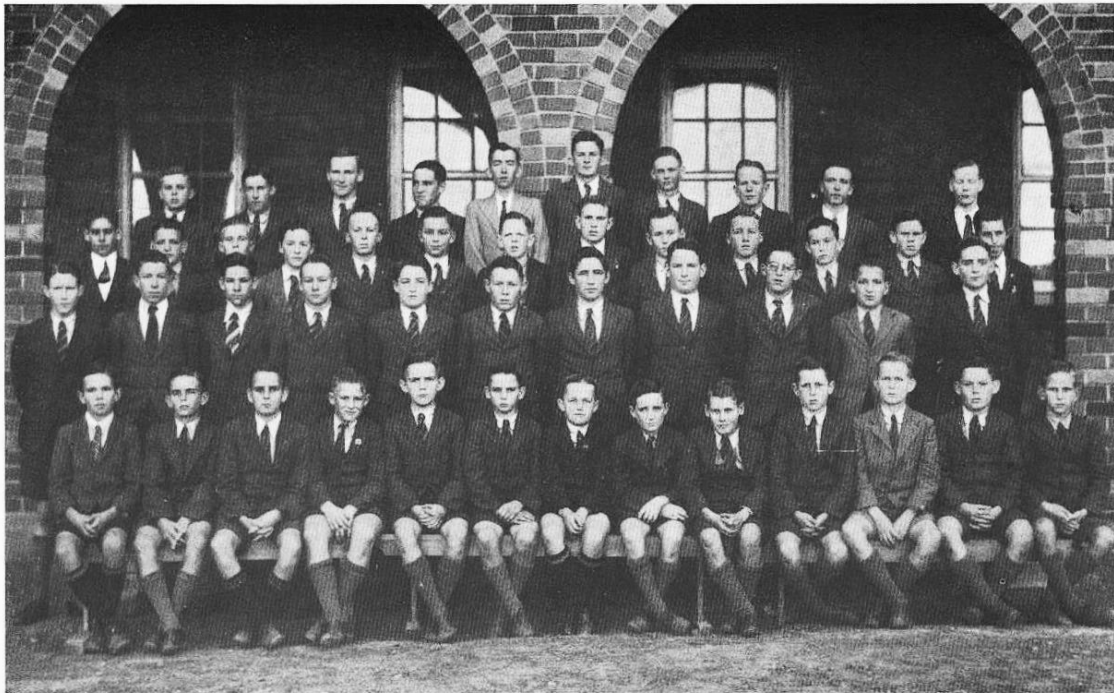
Cpl Douglas Schwartz

SBC 1978-1979 Australian Military Forces

Served in Malaysia, Borneo, East Timor.

A Flashback from the First Year at St Brendan's 1940

In 1940 the first College Magazine “Aussi to Aussie” was printed, intending to let the reader ‘in’ on the inside life of the College. Unfortunately, many items of interest were edited owing to the pressure of space. This is an attempt to fill in a few of the gaps in 1940.



THE FOUNDATION MEMBERS, 1940.
 Top: N. Devery, D. Moloney, R. Fitzgerald, W. Brittain, L. Bauman, M. Webb, T. Cook, H. Hooper, R. Ranger, F. Cooley,
 Second: C. Evans, T. Murphy, R. Dillon, J. Boland, P. Penrose, L. Glover, W. Conaghan, P. Durston, C. Kelly, B. Hickey, W. Sammon,
 D. Langdon, N. Watson.
 Third: E. O'Sullivan, J. Murphy, L. Zinga, A. Lewis, R. Woolcock, L. Kerr, D. McKenna, E. Hogan, J. Moloney, V. Murphy, R. Mazzer,
 Front: W. Cavanagh, J. Burke, G. Cahill, T. Brown, J. Hunt, V. Camilleri, B. Mealey, P. McCormack, M. Byrne, B. Frainey, M. Quinn,
 A. Kerr, M. Cavanagh.

Aussi to Aussi relates that “*Joe Hunt was the first to arrive just in time for tea and Brian Hickey arrived in time to try out the new dorms with Joe*”.

Actually; there was a third student, Athol Lewis, who arrived from Alpha on the 13th February! Joe from Rockhampton was the youngest just turning 12 with Brian 13 from Monto and Athol 14. On the 14th February saw the arrival of Des McKenna from Theodore, Richard Fitzgerald, and Ronald Mazzer, both from Biloela and Cedric Sammon and Maurice Webb from Clermont. Des, born 8th August 1925, was only 14 when he became School Captain and later St Brendan's first Priest in 1950. Maurice the only surviving member of this first group now lives in Yeppoon and still a frequent visitor to the College. Des McKenna was killed in a plane accident in Papua New Guinea in 1974.

Thirteen more student were to arrive on the 15th February: Gordon Cahill, John Burke, Michael Quinn from Barcaldine, Richard Woolcock from Springsure, Lau Bowman from Dingo, John Hayes from Cairns, David and John Moloney from “Darr River Downs”, Longreach, Anthony Dillon, Alpha, Vincent and Thomas Murphy from Rockhampton, Edward Hogan, “Mia Mia” Mackay and Brian Frainey from Rockhampton. It is believed that Vince and Thomas Murphy arrived in a Buick driven by their father Charlie!

On the 17th February “Vince and Tom Murphy and Joe Hunt served the first Sunday Mass in the College” celebrated by the Parish Priest, Fr R. Gibbs. The chapel was a wooden structure behind the main building, now part of the recreational building of the McKennariey Residence, one of two buildings remaining now from 1940, the other being the kitchen, now the Health Centre.

James Murphy from Edmonton via Cairns joined the College on 16th February.

On the 18th February a further thirteen arrived all by train: Richard Camilleri, Mackay, Keith Flohr, “Watonga”, Nebo, Michael Byrne, Baralaba, Peter McCormack, “Diamond Downs”, Clermont, William Brittain, Ilfracombe, Harold Hooper, Isisford, Leslie Glover, Baralaba, John and Patrick Cramb of Rockhampton, both to become Priests, Neville Deveny, Barcaldine; Lawrence and Alan Kerr both from “Vergemont Station” near Longreach. Rail was the main form of transport with very few travelling by car. Michael Byrne now lives in Yeppoon.

“The day-boys started today, headed by Jim Wilson who is a man of weight.”
The Register has four day boys enrolled on the Tuesday, 19th February: Colin Evans, James Wilson, Robert Ranger and Maurice Cavanagh. It is recorded that Colin Evans’s father, Cosmo Evans, built the first fence around the College property and lived there at one stage. The Kershaw old boys are relatives. Robert Ranger as a young lad came across Fred Dobeli and son Bert drilling for water on the Copland’s property and on enquiring what they were doing told about a boarding school being built, if water was found. A plentiful supply of water was later found.

On the 20th February eight more Yeppoon boys were enrolled: Thomas Cook, Brian Mealey, Anthony Brown, Neil Watson, Edward O’Sullivan, John Boland, Frederick Cooley and William Conaghan. Brian Mealey still keeps in contact from Graceful in Brisbane. Anthony Brown, College Captain in 1947-48, spent eight years at St Brendan’s. Anthony is now deceased.

The official school year open on Tuesday 19th February 1940 with 39 on the roll, 35 boarders and 4 day boys. On the 20th February with the arrival of 8 more day boys the total increased to 47.

“Peter Durston and Denis Langdon banged the front door and breezed in today to swell the total of Barcaldine which now holds the record.”

According to the records Peter arrived on 18th February and Denis on 1st March, not from Barcaldine but Aramac. Lionel Zinga was the first Emerald student to be enrolled on 1st March along with Philip Penrose from Biloela. Lionel now living in Sydney joined the Navy, where he was to spend most of his working life. He visited the College in recent years and has still fond memories of the pioneering days.

Beach front Yeppoon In 1940



The photo is the main beach at the top of Normanby Street. On the right are the Skating Rink, Men and Ladies Change Room and the present Life Saving Club. Salt bush covers the sand dunes with the Bluff in the background.

“The surge of emotion came with the notice ‘First Swim Today’ put us in festive mood.”

When the students arrived they were required to wash in the nearby creek. The problem with the new shower block was that the water in the drain would not run uphill! On Weekends the facilities at Ross Creek were a favourite place to

swim. Although no official swimming competition took place Des McKenna was recorded as the winner of the 100 (Yards), Brian Hickey the 50, Vince Murphy the Breaststroke and Life Saving Anthony Brown. Early photos show the students swimming at Ross Creek.

“We made our first public appearance to-day at St Patrick’s Day procession....After the big day we returned by special.”

The celebration was in Rockhampton and the only way to travel was by the morning train or ‘Special’. Trains ran week days leaving Yeppoon about 7am and returning 5.30pm after the shops closed. Outside these times for a large number it was common practice to “hire” a train!

Kevin Ryan from Yeppoon was enrolled 16th April and Claud Kelly from Yalleroi Station 50 km. from Blackall. Kevin is a brother of Vincent Ryan, one of the first old boys to become a Christian Brother. Vince was to spend over 30 years in Papua New Guinea but now deceased. Kevin, now living in Robina, joined the RAAF during WW2 along with Robert Ranger.

On the 19th July six more students were enrolled: James McGarry, Pacific Hotel Yeppoon; Brian Leahy from Rockhampton; and Peter, Patrick and William Moloney from Darr River Downs, Yarraman, just 66 km off the Morella-Muttaborra Road. Brian later entered the Priesthood and served in the Rockhampton Diocese. The three Moloney boys now joined their brothers David and John.

Finally, with the arrival of James Houlihan 16th October from Rockhampton the school year ended with a total enrolment of 58 students, 44 boarders and 14 day boys.



Early in the year Bill Eadie from the Main Roads with E. Kerr and D. Lynch had surveyed the area for the new road and marked out the new drive way in front of the new building. The main entrance prior to this was from the back gate. In the late 1940s the new entrance was

completed with an entrance built with Kalapa bricks donated by Jack O'Shanesy of the Fitzroy Council. When the main building was demolished in 2012, it was found Kalapa bricks were also used in the building of the tower.

“Brother O'Donnell and his team of volunteers started operations on the layout of the grounds.”

By mid-year the new oval was ready for operation, but this was only made possible in 1939 by the tireless work a generous group of Rockhampton men organised by Br Doran, Principal of Christian Brothers and railway Station Master, Bill Hayes, who cleared and grubbed out a forest of trees to set up the grounds and oval. A fine sports oval was laid out, grassed and fenced. Here football, cricket, hockey, baseball and athletics were practised regularly.

“The Colour Comps held today. The Blues stopped the Reds with a few wickets in hand. Des McKenna got his hat-trick.”

“When all are new it is not easy to know “who is who” in the Cricket world. Under the keen eye of Br O'Connell practice began and by the time the first colour comp. match took place, our Bradmans and O'Reillys went to the stumps like veterans.”



THE XI.
C. Kelly, R. Mazzer, H. Hooper, M. Webb, W. Brittain, N. Devery P. Durston.
Front: B. Hickey, A. Lewis, D. McKenna, E. Hogan, G. Cahill.

No cricket matches were recorded against C.B.C. Rockhampton, though a First X1 and Hockey team appeared in the Magazine.

The first cricket match played resulted in a win for the Greens over the Golds on the first innings. Golds: 162 with Des McKenna 50, Richard Fitzgerald 33; Bowling: Ron Mazzer 3 for 36, Gordon Cahill 2 for 29. Greens: 169 with Athol Lewis 40, Peter Durston 26. Bowling: Des McKenna 4 for 27, Tom Murphy 3 for 12.

In 1940 Colour Competition there were four Houses- Gold, Blue, Red and Green. By 1944 Green House was replaced by White. A further change is noted in the 1947 Magazine with three Houses- Duhig (Gold), Hayes (Blue) and Gettons (Red) being used for the first time.

“Caught the ‘early’ to Rocky today to measure boots with C.B.C.”

This referred to catching the morning train to Rockhampton to play football at Browne Park against Christian Brothers of West Street, now Cathedral College. *“It was a willing ‘go’ from the beginning, but our opponents manage to shade us off by three points.”*

“The return match was staged on the SBC oval. The Green’s captain, Peter Durston, won the toss and took advantage of the breeze. Play moved up and down the field and Bill Brittain gathering in a good position, swung a short pass to Tom Murphy, who went over near the posts. Des McKenna raised the flags and St Brendan’s was 5 up in the first inter-school match on the home oval. In play again Thompson, the Christian Brother’s captain, had nipped into the centre, so that when the ball came he was unmarked with a clear run and able to score in the corner. The kick failed and the score remained 5-3 until half time. The whistle sounded for the restart. Passing back from the base of the scrum, a passing movement brought it from Hickey to Murphy to Webb to Lewis on the wing, which was grounded a few yards from the line. Coming out of the scrum Cahill sent it to Mazzer on to Devery to Moloney, who dived across the try line. The extras failed and with the score at 8-3, the visitors made a determined effort to break through, but the defence was too solid and a very willing game ended without change of the score.” (1940 College Magazine). Such was the beginning of our football story. The 1940 XV consisted of Peter Durston (Capt.), Des McKenna, Vince Murphy, Thomas Murphy, John Murphy, Neville Devery, Maurice Webb, Lionel Zinga, Gordon Cahill, Ron Mazzer, Brian Hickey, Athol Lewis, William Brittain, Claud Kelly and David Moloney.

Average age was 14 years! Not Rugby Union but League! Two reserves were only allowed with three Murphy brothers in the team!

“The spiked fraternity got their toes dug in ready for on the mark.”

The first field day athletics was held on the new oval in perfect weather late in the year with keen competition in the four grades with good times recorded in some events.



Des McKenna with the winning Gold Team

The Dwyer Cup was in doubt until the last event and even then ended in a tie between Des McKenna and William Brittain. The Hutton Cup was won by the Gold Team with Des McKenna Captain. The Senior Cup (Open) was held jointly by Des McKenna and William Brittain, Junior Cup (Under 15) by Harold Hooper, Juvenile Cup (Under 14) Thomas Murphy and the Midget Cup (Under 12) by Peter McCormack. Events were 100, 220, 440, 880 Yards, High Jump, Broad Jump, Hop, Step and Jump with Pole Vault for the Opens and Bicycle Handicaps. Novelty Events were Egg and Spoon Races, Sack Races, Potato and Siamese Races. The original Dwyer Cup is now in the Archives.

In late 1940 a special all day Sports Meeting was held at St Brendan's not by St Brendan's students but by the Australian Military Forces at Yeppoon. The

Battalion marched from their camp at Cooee Bay and made their first appearance in Yeppoon, where the commanding Officer, Lieut. Con. Heron, took the salute in Normanby Street. The troops, led by the band, then marched on to St Brendan's. Splendid entries and keen competition among the platoons and companies made the programme a successful one. No doubt the student viewed the event.



The official opening and blessing of St Brendan's College took place on Sunday 18th August by Bishop Romuald Hayes in the presence of Archbishop Duhig, who had given the Coplands property to the Diocese on 6th April 1922 to be used as a College or any other Catholic Institution. A large crowd attended the opening many coming from Rockhampton by train.



In the presence of Bishop Hayes the first Speech Day and presentation of prizes was held in the Collage Hall on Wednesday 4th December. The ground floor of the main building then consisted of three rooms, the hall at the front, the dining room and the shower block. The programme opened with Rick Fitzgerald at the piano, Joseph Hunt reciting "The Sentry" and finished with trio, Gordon Cahill, Brian Hickey and

Neville Devery doing a tap dance. The Annual Report followed read by Br J.B. Gettons. The College Captain was Des McKenna and the Dux for 1940 was Cedric Sammon from Clermont. In the first Public Examination, Scholarship, nine students were successful. There were no other public exams.

Ron Mazzer behalf of the foundation members thanked Bishop Hayes for his presence. In support, Ron Hickey thanked the Bishop on behalf of the students and their parents for bringing education now within the reach of the people of the West.

In recent years a frequent asked question has been how many of the original 1940 students have survived. Some readers might be able to answer the question. Our records are not able to answer the query.

Matron Norah HOGAN



Sister Norah Hogan was the first Maton of St Brendan's in 1940. She was born in 1904 to Patrick Hogan and Joanna Quane and began her nursing at the Rockhampton Hospital in the early 1920s.

An early photo of Matron was taken in 1940 soon after the Moloney boys of Colin, John, William and twins Peter and Patrick arrived at St Brendan's. The Moloneys hailed from from Darr River Downs near Longreach.

Matron Hogan with Bill and the twins

Brother Gettons in his annual report in 1940 praised Matron for her careful attention to the boy in their needs and that the parents need have no worries as to the welfare of their boys while they were in such capable hands. In passing the necessity for calling in medical aid never arose!



St Brendan's main building with the wooden Chapel on the right.

In 1940 Norah Hogan was married to Robert Crow in the St Brendan's Chapel. Robert was a member of a well-known Rockhampton family, perhaps better known for their football prowess. The Chapel, one

of the few buildings remaining from that era, is now the Common Room of McKennariey Residence. In her early married life Norah lost her husband in 1944 and later returned to nursing eventually back at St Brendan's as Matron.

Matron Norah Hogan was to serve the St Brendan's boys until 1952 before moving to The Range area of Rockhampton. She was later Matron of Eventide in West Street. She died in Rockhampton in 1982.

Thomas Busby SBC 1995-1997

"Busby Marou"



Old boys from the period 1988 1997 would recall the Busby boys of Patrick, Ray and Thomas at St Brendan's particularly on the football field. Patrick was in the 1st XIII and even in his 40s was playing for the Old Boys in their annual football game against the First. In 1991 Ray also played in the 1st XIII and toured N.S.W. Unfortunately, St Brendan's lost to North Rockhampton in the Grand Final that year. In 1997

Thomas was Vice Captain of the College and Captain of the 2nd XIII but better now known in the musical world by the name *Busby Marou*.



In October 2013 the Busby Marou Duo performed at the school assembly. For those not familiar with the Busby Marou it is a musical duo, formed primarily by Thomas Busby and Jeremy Marou both from Rockhampton. Early in their career they began entertaining by singing around a camp fire, which ultimately ended with their first album "Farewell Fitzroy" recorded at Nashville Studio

in 2013. They enjoy playing everything from folk, to rock and even a bit of country music.

Bob Jeacocke, Tom Busby, Rosemary Hansen

The duo had been on a national tour and had made special visits to the Rockhampton schools. In 2013 they appeared at the Caloundra Music Festival and the Boomerang Festival in Byron Bay and then set off to Nashville in the US to record their second album, a world away from their first, which was recorded in Yeppoon.

The name *Busby Marou* may be more familiar now with the recent release of their latest album, “Postcard from The Shell House”, recorded over a period of 18 months. In February this year Busby Marou entertained a crowd of 2600 strong at the Great Western Hotel in Rockhampton to launce their new Album.

In more recent times Busby Marou was awarded Number 1 on the Aria Charts.

Bob has retired but still visits the school. Rosemary is in the Boarding Office.

Musical Talent Travis Hock

Following on the recent success of Busby Marou celebrating their latest album and their Aria Award, worthy of mention is another Old Boy, Travis Hock. Travis has featured a number of Musicals in Rockhampton. Last year the Rockhampton Theatre presented ‘Mary Poppins’ and in April this year a new musical, ‘Wicked’, the untold story of the witches of Oz.

Travis as Dr Dillamond and Amanda Hock as Elphaba played inspiring parts in Wicked. Other St Brendan’s members of the cast were Mark Boyd and son Wilson.



Front row: Travis Hock..... Back row: Amanda Hock (4th), Mark Boyd (6th), Wilson Boyd (7th). *Photo: Capricorn Coast Mirror 19 Apr 2017.*

Father Christopher Schick New Parish Priest of the Capricorn Coast



Chris Schick will be the third Old Boy Priest to be the Parish Priest of the Capricorn Coast, Frs Noel Milner and Bryan Hanifin being the other Old Boys.

Chris was at St Brendan's 1969 to 1975 and came from Baralaba, the son of Sergeant Tony and Abbie. Abbie's early childhood was spent at Birdsville, Maree on the South Australian border and later

Beddourie 120 miles from Birdsville, where she met and married a young Constable policeman, Joseph Anton Schick, 11th September 1937. 'Tony' also came from the Birdsville region.

Tony and Abbie was first stationed at Geomeri for four years, five years at Maryborough, four years at Daluen and then 17 years at Baralaba, where Tony became Sergeant of Police. On retirement in 1966 the Schick Family purchased a 40 acre property on the Tanby Road Yeppoon, which they named "Tonabbey". It was to become the family home until October 1980, when it was sold to their son Greg, whose boys Cameron, Andrew and Chris attended St Brendan's.

Chris was the 13th child of 15 children born to Tony and Abbie on 10th April 1958 at Baralaba. Chris received his early primary education at the Convent School and in 1969 his secondary schooling at St Brendan's graduating in 1975. In 1976 Chris entered Banyo Seminary to study for the Priesthood.

In August 1981 Chris received the Deaconate in the Hendra Church in Brisbane. All six brothers of Chris were there with their families and five of his sisters, as well as cousins. On 1st July Chris was ordained by Bishop Tynan in St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton surrounded by all his family. Unfortunately, Chris's father, Joseph Anton, had died without warning on the 6th April.

Over the years Father Chris has been a frequent visitor to St Brendan's beginning with Mass in the Chapel very shortly after his Ordination. Another occasion was his visit to address the Year Elevens as part of their Leadership Course arriving on a BMW "borrowed" bike!

Father Chris first began his priestly ministry at Holy Rosary, Bundaberg. Later appointments were at Biloela, Theodore, Park Avenue and Rockhampton Cathedral. Now that Father Chris is back at his old stamping ground, he is now not only welcomed back as an Old Boy but as the new Parish priest of the Capricorn Coast.

Since this article was written Fr Chris has been hospitalised and been flown to Brisbane for further tests. Bishop McCarthy has asked Fr Brian Milner to return from retirement to look after the Parish until Fr Chris returns hopeful in the New Year. Ed.

Lions Youth of the Year 2017



Thomas Hanley, College representative in the Lions Youth of the Year Competition, recently met two judges of the Competition, John Huff and Eddie Olsson.

Eddie Olsson, SBC 1964-1967, originally from Monto, is a long standing member of the Fitzroy and North Rockhampton Lions.

John Hauff, College Captain 2012, comes from Blackall recently finished studying at CQU Rockhampton.

Garry Thorpe Story

"No dogs allowed at St Brendan's", the only exception was for Garry Thorpe of Wellshot Hotel, Ilfracombe back in 1956! Garry would only agree to come to Brendan's unless he could bring his dog. True.



Kasaipwalova Carving

This ebony carving was presented to the College at the 50th Jubilee Celebrations in 1990 by John Kasaipwalova from the Trobriands Islands, New Guinea. John was College Captain in 1968. It has St Brendan on the front and the old College Crest on the back.

For a number of years the carving went missing but fortunately it was found late last year. It is now on display in the College Archives.

Wreck Point Cooee Bay

Most students in their years at St Brendan's would have viewed the Keppel Islands and the coast of Yeppoon from Wreck Point. Currently, a pavilion is being built at the point as a tourist attraction. It has always been a popular tourist stop.

In May 1847 'Salina', a square rigged flat bottom schooner weighing 62 tons was launched from the Brisbane River. In July it set sail for Sydney from the Pine River just north of Brisbane with a load of cedar but never reached its destination. In July 1848 the wreck was found washed up on the northern point of Lammermoor Beach. The boat had been holed in two places with the cedar still intact. It appears that the crew had attempted to keep the boat afloat but failed. How the schooner ended up some 800 km north remains a mystery.

No trace of the crew was ever found. Wreck Point now marks the spot where the 'Salina' was washed ashore.

Crocodile at Emu Park

Many of our early Brendan's students would recall seeing a huge crocodile on display preserved and mounted under the awning of the Pine Beach Hotel at Emu Park. The crocodile measuring 19 feet or 5.8 m attracted the attention of many visitors.

The huge reptile had been trapped by Charles Mills on Zilzie Beach in 1908 and was on display at the Mill's shop opposite Bell Park before being moved to the Pine Beach Hotel. It has long since been removed.

Class of 1987 Reunion

Twenty eight of the Class of 1987 returned to St Brendan's for the Class Reunion on the weekend of 29-30 April, some travelling from as far away as Cairns and Melbourne to renew acquaintance.

Saturday morning was spent visiting the College and noting the changes that had taken place. Sadly to say, the original building of 1940 was destroyed in a fire in 2008, but replaced with the splendid Performing Arts Complex. Only four members of the Staff of 1997 now remain, a little older but still at St Brendan's- Jack Ingram, Bill Grieves, Brs Kevin Smith and Bill Tynan.

The celebrations took place at Rosslyn Bay Resort. Thanks to Cameron Wright who did all the contacting and organisation to make the function a memorable one.

Names of Old Boys in attendance: Glen Anderson, Kevin Bartlett, Tony Bartolo, David Cannon, Stephen Carige, Michael Cross, Grant Edmonds, Tim Green, Michael Hansen, Damien Kenny, Dan Kenny, Martin Klink, Tony Kopa, John Krause, Aron Lang, Paul Martin, Chris McDonald, Jamie Oates, Darren Pope, Darryl Quinn, Bevan Reed, Brett Rennick, Jason Roles, Andrew Schick, Damian Searles, Paul Tanks, Anthony Tanzer, Cameron Wright, Fr Noel Milner, Kevin Smith.



Jamie Oates,
Glen Allison,
Aron Lang,
Dave Cannon,
Cameron Wright,
John Krause.



Anthony Kopa,
Michael Hansen,
Paul Martin,
Andrew Schick.



Dan Searles,
Dan Kenny,
Paul Anderson,
Grant Edwards



Anthony Kopa,
Michael Hansen,
Paul Martin,
Andrew Schick.

Lee Dendle - Senior 1991

Often mistaken for his older brother Cale, the high achieving but shorter member of his family, Lee has had a busy time in the 26 plus years since leaving school. He has worked in rural merchandise for all of his career, spending many years at CRT in Springsure after senior, before moving to Brisbane and managing CRT at Acacia Ridge. He and his wife, former St Ursula's old girl Nicole Eden, moved back to Yeppoon in 2005 and Lee now manages rural merchandise across Central Queensland for Elders Rural, based in Rockhampton. Lee and Nicole have three boys, Clay, Mason and Zeke, who are champing at the bit to become SBC boys in the next few years. Lee's wife Nicole, has just commenced in Marketing at St Brendan's College and is looking forward to reconnecting many SBC old boys with the activities and achievements of their College today.

Nicole is the sister of Shane Eden, SBC 1982-1986, from "Kilmore" Springsure.



Visitors to the College

Visitor to the College late last year was **Sterling Broadhurst**, Captain of the 1st X111 in 2008.

Though unsuccessful in the Contraternity Shield against Ignatius Park, Townsville, in a close game 14-16, they were successful the Secondary Schools Grand Final against Emmaus 26-12. Sterling is now on the Manual Arts Staff of St Brendan's

joining his uncle Grant.

Darcy Walker, 2009-13, joined Jack Ingram in the Performing Arts Centre last term.

The class of 1987 visited the College for a tour on 29th April and were amazed at the changes which had taken place since their graduation.

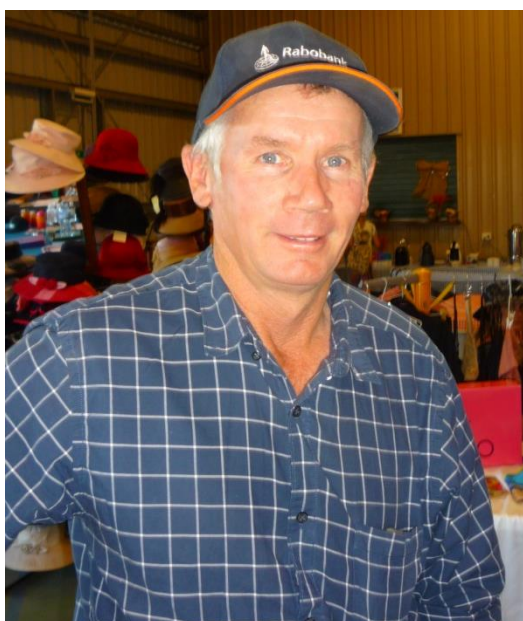
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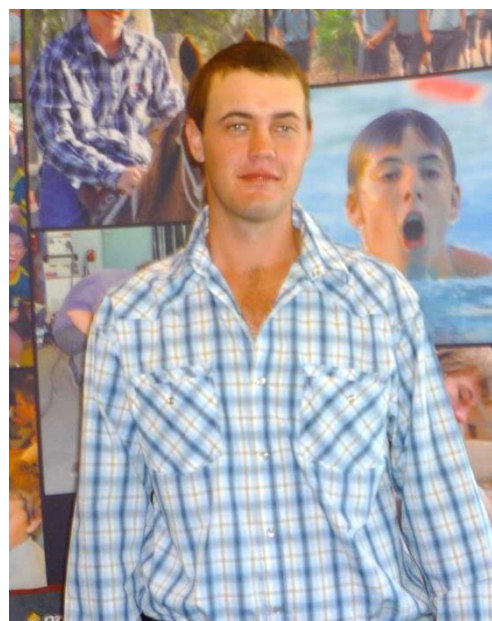
Tom Horn (1967-68)



Toni Grant Kylie Hedges



David Durkin (1977-78)



Kody Smith (2011-14)

Tom Horn, 1967-68, originally from “Fairylands” Cracow now in Theodore on “Tawarri”.

Toni Grant, mother of Matthew, visited the St Brendan’s display. Toni believes it is never too late to further education, as she has just graduated in Exercise and Sport Science and currently doing a Diploma of Learning and Teaching. Son, Matthew, St Brendan’s 2004-2009, began nursing at QE2 after leaving school but changed to Paramedics. During the university break in the third year, Matthew volunteered to teach English in Cambodia and on another occasion helped in Fiji after the cyclone. Having completed his degree he is now living in London working as a Paramedic and hopes soon to complete his Masters. Still plays Rugby but recently sported a beautiful black eye!

Kylie Hedges is in charge of enrolment at the College, from Rolleston, past student of St Ursula’s and a frequent visitor to all the shows. Take time off to meet her. Matthew is our College Captain 2017 and Reece is in fourth year Medicine in Townville. Makalah and Ashleigh, daughters, also went to St Ursula’s.

David Durkin, SBC 1977-1978, from “Silverton”, Theodore and still keeping the family business going.

Kody Smith, (2011-2014) from Wowan now in Theodore.



Fred Brophy (2001-2004)



Paul Howkins (1962-1963)

Fred Brophy, graduated in 2004 and still living at Cracow at the only hotel serving the area. The Cracow Hotel is well known as a centre of boxing and the Brophy Boxing Troop at the Shows.

Paul Howkins originally from Westwood, SBC 1962-63, spent 29 years in the Armed Forces. In 1969 he began National Service, Vietnam in 1971 and in Papua New Guinea in 2/4 Battalion retiring in 1986. Now is a Paramedic in the Theodore, Biloela area.

The parents of David Edwards paid a visit. Back in 1984 they drew a block on the Fitzroy Development and named it "Sainsbury Park". David now manages the property and at present was fencing after the recent floods. David was at SBC 1983-85.

Peter Mahony was ring master for the show, now at "Gyranda" Theodore. SBC 1988-1992.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Year 11



Music Teacher Nick Kateifides, 2010-2012, with students

Most old boys of the past 20 years or more would remember the three days spent doing Community Service visiting the “old people” in the Nursing Homes of Rockhampton and the Capricorn Coast. Certainly, it would bring memories of that uncertainty and fear of the unknown but ending in a rewarding experience.

After two days of visiting the Homes a luncheon with entertainment was provided on the third day by the students in the College Hall. It was a delight to see the students dancing with their much older partners.



Reg Draper (1951-1952)
from “Spring Hill”
Duaringa. Two sons, John
(1981-1985) and Reg
(1983-1987) from “Orange
Grove”, Dingo, also
attended St Brendan’s.

Reg Draper



Maurie Webb

Kevin Howland

Maurie Webb (1940-1941) student from Clermont, dressed in the College blazer, was presented with a framed painting of Barmoya Mountain. Maurie has attended this function for many years. Maurie’s three boys attended St

Brendan's: Peter (1963-1967), Lawrence (1970-1976) deceased, and Gerald (1972-1978).



Judy Hayes (nee Martin), husband of Denis Hayes (1952-1953) deceased from Emerald, brother of Vincent (1946-1947) deceased, Fr. John (1946-1949) and Patrick (1949-1951).

Son Kerry Hayes (1975-1979) is Mayor of the Central Queensland Regional Council.



Floss Ware

Merl Linley

Val Johnston

Floss Ware, wife of John, (1944-47) from Ridgeland. Sons: David (1968-74), Dale (1970- 76), and George (1982-86).



Pauline Effeney

Josie Quinn

Pauline Effeney is the grandmother of Michael, (2010-2014), College Captain 2014, and Thomas, (2011-2015), College Vice-Captain 2015.

Josie Quinn from Rockhampton possibly distant relation of the Yeppeoon family.



Cecily Pickett

Marcia O'Sullivan

Cecily is mother of Reg Pickett, (1987-98) Project Engineer, Brisbane and Joseph, (1995-98), Accountant at St Brendan's. Cecily is an ex-student of St Ursula's and in reception for many years.

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 for 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 Clerical are to the fore.

In summing up "*Ne Dubita Dabitur*", "*Give it a go*" says it all.

Maurie Webb, Foundation Student 1940.

Terry McKendry SBC 1956-1960

Just a note to advise you of our change of address and to enclose a cheque to cover costs of the Bindi-Eye and thanks for sending them.

We are all well here and have settled into our new home in Wangaratta, Victoria. I am now able to help on Chris and Bridget's property and Jeannie is involved with Palliative Care at the hospital.

A few weeks ago we had the surprise lunch with Kathleen and Jim Waldby, who had driven down for the wedding of Joshie Bourne. It was great to catch up but not long enough. Kindest regards, Terry.

To make a connection Terry is one of six McKendry boys who came from Emerald. (Greg, Brian, John, Lawrence, Paul and Terence). Terry is married to Jeanie Rhule, the sister of John, SBC 1956, and Jim, SBC 1962. After the sale of the family business in Emerald, Terry bought a property at Carlyle, Rutherglen, Victoria. The McKendry boys now live in either Mackay, Rockhampton, Brisbane or Nulkaba, NSW and John and Jim Rhule in Brisbane. Joshie Bourne is from Emerald and a cousin of the Shaws of Capella. Ed.

Peter Webb, Class of 1967

Recently, I spoke to Merv Ziesing, our former Principal, who became a priest in Toowoomba Diocese some years ago. He is now in Lourdes Home in Toowoomba. He told me he was currently in Low Care, expects to move soon to High Care and wouldn't be able to be at our proposed July 8/9 gathering since by then he may be in (I've forgotten the kind of Care he described but he meant Heaven). I still use his famous answer (as a teacher with my students), when some boarder asked, after he explained one Friday afternoon, that Saturday morning work would be "building the rock wall up the driveway" (it's still there!), "is that voluntary?". Z replied, "Well, it's voluntary for those who want to come and compulsory for those who don't". Do you remember the smoke billy with cow dung to drive away mosquitoes during night study?
Peter is preparing for his class reunion in July. Ed.

Rosemary Rees

I have just read a small article wishing Brother Kev a Happy Birthday and making mention of the SBC Bindi-Eye newsletter. Both our sons Matthew and Corey Rees completed years 8-12 at SBC - Matt being the college captain in 2013 and Corey graduating in 2015 as Tynan Sports Captain. To date we have never received the Bindi Eye Newsletter and would love to. I am unsure why the boys have not been on the mailing list as our email and postal address remain the same as when they were boarding students. SBC was a massive part of our family's life for 7 years 2009-2015 and we would enjoy reading this newsletter now and in the future. Thanking you in advance, Rosemary Rees.

Thanks Rosemary. I'm sure there are quite a few in a similar situation. Since the old boys database was changed over to TASS, the College database, a number of problems have surfaced. The newsletter is in the post.

VALE *Rest in Peace*

Neil Weekes, SBC 1956-1963, Mt Spencer, Mackay, deceased 6th March 2017
Brisbane.

Father Dan Moore died 14th February, 2017 in Ireland, having spent 53 years in Australia.

Brigadier Neil Weekes MC AM



Neil Weekes from Mackay attended St Brendan's from 1956 to 1963 when Br Duffy and Br Gallagher were the principals. His early career was in education attending Teachers Training College at Kelvin Grove in Brisbane.

In 1967 Neil was called up for National Service at the time of the Vietnam War. After graduating as a Second Lieutenant from the Officer Training Unit at Scheyville, he was posted to 1RAR as a platoon commander. In 1968 he was deployed to Vietnam, where he was awarded the Military Cross for his bravery in the Battle of Fire Support Base Coral. Returning to Australia he decided to stay on in the army and as part 1RAR battalion serving in Singapore and Malaya 1969-1971. He also served in Papua New Guinea with 2 RPIR.

From 1985 to 1987 he commanded NORFORCE, the military presence in the Northern Territory and the Kimberly area of West Australia. In 1990 he was promoted to Colonel and posted to Townsville to command the District Support Group, as Commander of 11th Brigade. He retired from the regular army in 1993, having spent 26 years in the defence force and a further five years in the Army Reserve.

After retirement he was to spend 22 years in Townsville. Yet, despite retiring in 1998 as Commander of the defence force and in 2003 from his civilian job, as executive officer to the James Cook University Vice Chancellor, he never slowed down. As well as being patron of the National Servicemen's Association

and the RSL, he was a tireless campaigner to preserve military history and fought for Veterans' rights. He was also responsible for establishing the first live commentary at an Anzac Day Parade outside a capital city, which he hosted for many years.

For his services to the Australian Community Neil was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia.

After 22 years as the heart and soul of the Townsville Defence Force Community, Brigadier Neil Weekes finally took up retirement on Bribie Island.

On 6th March 2017 Neil passed away in Brisbane after a short illness. He was buried with full military honours from St Michael's Catholic Church, Dorrington.

Honour Roll St Brendan's Archives.

Vale Father Dan Moore

Rockhampton Priest Fr Dan Moore died in Ireland on 14th February 2017 aged 79. He was ordained at All Hallows College, Dublin on 17th Jun, 1962. Prior to his return to Ireland in July 2015, Father Dan had spent 53 years serving the Rockhampton diocese.



His first Parish in Australia was Sacred Heart, Yeppoon, where he was Chaplain to St Brendan's. In those early days he was a keen player of basketball and squash. Other parishes where he administered include North Mackay, South Mackay, Aramac, Moranbah, Dysart, Middlemount, Clermont, Rockonia-Frenchville, Emerald and

Rockhampton. After retirement he was kept busy in Rockhampton and the Walkerston Parish. In all these parishes St Patrick's Day, 17th March, was always remembered in the true spirit of the Irish.

A requiem Mass was celebrated by Father Bryan Hanifin on 17th February at the Church of Holy Trinity, County Offaly, Ireland. It was most fitting that Old Boy, Bryan Hanifin, represented the people and priests of the Rockhampton diocese

Thomas MacGinley B.E.M.Eng., F.I.Struct., M.I.E. Aust., M.Weld.I.

Tom was born 28th April 1930, the second son of James and Ellen MacGinley, “Eubar”, Gindie, C.Q. His elder brother was Patrick and his two sisters were Rose and Margaret. All grew up in the Emerald District. Tom boarded at St Patrick’s Convent for three years, 1938-1940, for his early grades and the remainder of his primary schooling was done by correspondence. He was at St Brendan’s Yeppoon from 1944-1947. In 1946 he was dux of sub-senior and in his senior year was a prefect and dux of the College.

On passing the Senior Examination he won one of the recently offered Commonwealth Scholarships to the University of Queensland and graduated

Bachelor of Engineering in 1952. In 1964 he gained the degree of Master of Engineering. Following the award he was employed at Mt Isa Mines (M.I.M.) from 1952 to 1957, Brisbane City Council, 1958 to 1959 and Broken Hill Proprietary Company at Newcastle from 1960-1964.

He then left Australia to join an international firm of Consulting Engineers, Merz McClelland, Newcastle-on-Tyne, England. After some years with Metz McClelland he joined the Sunderland Polytechnic, Durham, as a Senior Lecturer and later becoming Principal Lecturer. From 1987 until his retirement in 1990, he was Associate Professor of Engineering at the Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. While in Singapore he was a guest lecturer there and in Malaysia and presented papers at engineering conferences. Among other positions held in England he was in the early 1980s the Chairman of the Institute of Structural Engineers, Northern Counties Branch. In addition to journal articles he also published a number of text books on structural engineering and design:

Structural steelworks Calculation and Detailing; Reinforced Concrete: Design, Theory and Examples; Steel Structures; Practical Design Studies and Structural Steelwork: Design to Limit State Theory. The latter was also published in a Malaysian edition.

Not long after his arrival in England, Tom was married to Gertrude (Trudy) Kenny on 6th October, 1966. It was a matter of great regret to both that they were not blessed with children. Tom died of a heart failure in Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, on 25th February 1996. On his projected return to Australia, it

was Tom's hope to accomplish a long held wish to seek a solution to the persistent water shortage in the inland Queensland, where he had spent his childhood. He was interested in the work of the great engineer, Dr Bradford, who designed the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Tom left designs and research relating to his hoped for project, which was to be his doctoral field. His unexpected death cut short his life's long hope. *Rose MacGinley*

Added to Honour Roll St Brendan's Archives.

Reunions

1967 Class Weekend of 8/9 July

Place: Brisbane.

Place: Homestead Tavern, Zilmere Road

Contact: **Peter Webb.** 31 Clemesha Street, Keperra. 4054.

Pmwebb567@gmail.com or 0419 742 002.

1997 Class Weekend of 19/20th August

Place: Yeppoon.

Contact: **Darryl Finlay** 0411 649 299 dfinlay@alive.com.au

11 Bristol Road, KEDRON. 4031

Brett Hansen 0423 246 823. hanso_79@hotmail.com

2007 Class Weekend of 4/5 November

Place: Yeppoon.

Contact: **Jarvis Black.**

jarvis14black@gmail.com or 0439 831 072.

TOWNSVILLE ANNUAL DINNER

8th November

Contact Ian Kuhl

ikuhl@bigpond.net.au

Phone 07 47782313



**SBC FOUNDATION - SPORTSMAN'S DINNER BRISBANE
2017 ALL WELCOME**

DATE, TIME & LOCATION

Wed. 28 June, 2017
6.00 pm – 10.00 pm AEST
The Caxton Hotel
38 Caxton Street, Brisbane City

GUEST SPEAKERS

Darren Lockyer (former Australian, Queensland & Bronco Captain)
First XIII Coach & Captain (Terry Hansen & James Busby)

MC

Danny "Bills" Tanks (Senior 1989)

AUCTIONEER

Paul Martin (Senior 1987)

ENTERTAINMENT

Pradesh Ramiah (Senior 1990)

COST

\$120.00 per head (plus booking fee)
2 course meal with 4 hour drinks package

TO PURCHASE TICKETS GO TO THE FOLLOWING LINK

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

Try also St Brendan's Facebook page.

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

If you can assist in anyway please forward your contribution to:
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Current Address

Recently, the old Database of the Old Boys was transferred to school based system (TASS), so there may be problems for a while.

Quite a number of e-mails are out of date! Of the 450 e-mailed out last December well over 60 were rejected and 48 letters were returned UNKNOWN out of 11000!

So please make sure your postal and e-mail address are current and notify the College of any changes.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS **PLEASE PRINT**

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