



Old Boys' Assoc.
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Paduans' Newsletter

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*I have done what is mine to do,
may Christ teach you what is yours to do.*

- St Francis of Assisi
(Feast of St Francis, 4 October)

A Prayer for the Intentions of Padua

(The College, its students, past pupils, parents, and teachers)

Lord, fill our hearts with your grace, that we may understand and support young people, as we would like them to understand and support us.

St Anthony of Padua, patron of our School – Pray for us

St Clare of Assisi, model for praising God – Pray for us

St Francis of Assisi, model of Gospel living – Pray for us

Blessed Mary MacKillop, compassionate educator of the poor and disadvantaged – Pray for us

Our Lady Help of Christians, patroness of Australia – Pray for us

Holy God, source of all goodness we place before you the needs of Padua College. May it continue nourishing the spiritual, physical and educational needs of the boys it serves.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Urgent Attention

Old Boys Database

If you are talking to any fellow old boy, please ask them if they are still receiving emails notifying them of events and the Newsletters. If they received emails in years gone by and no longer receive emails, encourage them to get in touch with Susan Skoien by email, sskoien@padua.qld.edu.au, or by telephone, 07 3857 9999.

A number of emails are being returned as undeliverable, this could be due to a number of reasons, including old boys changing addresses/Internet providers. Please encourage every old boy you meet to get in touch with Susan to let her know their email address.

It is important to have an accurate database so information about news and events can be quickly disseminated. We would hate for any old boy to miss out on important information.

Old Boys News

Chris O'Brien (Student '73-'78)

Chris was born in Darwin between 1962 and 1964, but his memories of the Top End are non-existent, his parents bringing him to Brisbane at the age of six months. He has spent most of his school and work years on the north side, except for a two-year adventure in the Solomon Islands before he was ten, and another two years in Cairns as a teenager. (The family of a Weather Bureau employee gets to travel a bit.)

He translated a lovely speaking voice, pleasant demeanour and clever command of English into a radio news career that began at 4BC in 1986. This 20-year journey to the ABC included stopovers at 4GGG on the Gold Coast, 4BH and 4AAA. Chris also dabbled in producing, working with Greg Cary and legendary breakfast icon Waynee Poo Roberts - a man he considers to be of sober habits and earnest outlook.

He was also the voice of Ballymore and the Gabba for many seasons of rugby and cricket from the mid-80s to the mid-Noughties.

In his salad days Chris was a promising fast medium swing bowler and stylish middle order batsmen, who once scored 550 runs and took 51 wickets in a season.* He spent more years covering sport than playing it, but only just.

Chris has the grace to understand that karaoke is uncool and often annoying, but will respond to promptings to sing anything in a narrow range from middle G to middle C - e.g. Twist and Shout.

His state political reporting career has ranged from the Fitzgerald years and the landmark Labor election win in 1989, to the triple Beattie landslides of 01, 04 and 06. The fascinations of George St have engaged his professional attention full time in recent years.

Chris has been joyously married to Junette for more than a decade, and apart from being occasionally annoyed by hot weather, Aussie Rules and rap music, is satisfied that God is in His heaven and all's right with the world.

*of lower grade Warehouse Competition cricket.

<http://www.abc.net.au/profiles/content/s1971474.htm?site=brisbane>



David Yeo ('04)

David is currently teaching on the Padua Eastern Campus, having taken up a contract earlier in the year.

Jeremy Baldwin ('06)

Student leader awarded for altruism and involvement

From educating people in developing countries about health issues, to mentoring his peers at QUT, Jeremy Baldwin's active participation in his uni and the wider world has earned him the prestigious award of 2011 Student Leader of the Year.

Chosen from an impressive pool of faculty award winners, Mr Baldwin's efforts have been recognised in a ceremony at QUT.

Mr Baldwin completed a dual degree in Bachelor of Applied Science and Bachelor of Business in 2010 with a GPA of 6.188. This year he commenced a Bachelor of Applied Science (Honours) in QUT's cancer research program.

Mr Baldwin's interest in science, mixed with his business nous, has led him into some very interesting projects throughout his years at university.

During 2010 Mr Baldwin received a QUT International Engagement grant, to complete a short-term research project in Ecuador. He worked alongside the Tropical Disease Institute (TDI) and the Centre for Infectious Disease Research (CIDR) to track Chagas disease, caused by a deadly blood-borne parasite that is endemic to the poor rural regions of South America.

"The primary role of our research group was to test for Chagas disease in local communities in Southern Ecuador and to get those individuals affected by the disease the help they need," Mr Baldwin said.

Mr Baldwin helped set up a community education program in local schools on disease awareness and prevention. Innovative teaching methods, such as story books, plays and sing-alongs were employed in order to teach the children about the disease.

His knowledge of life in remote parts of South America was useful when he entered the inaugural CPA Big Break Project at the end of last year. The project required entrants to propose ideas for the expansion of the not-for-profit organisation 'Room to Read' into the developing South American nation of Honduras.

Mr Baldwin drew on his experience in Ecuador to help develop a strategy to tackle childhood illiteracy at an individual, community and industry level. The proposal went on to win both the state and national rounds of the competition. As a result the university received \$50,000 in prize money, which has since been used to establish a scholarship.

Several of the concepts and strategies Mr Baldwin and various other contestants developed have been sent to Room to Read's head office in order to assist with real-life market entry into Honduras.

At university, Mr Baldwin has held many leadership roles, including several positions on the faculty academic board, student staff-liason committee and student advisory board. However none of these roles was more rewarding than volunteering for the Faculty of Science and Technology's peer mentor program.

"I am very passionate about the peer mentor program, because when I came to uni I made every mistake a first year could make. If there was someone there to show me the ropes, I would have been able to save myself a lot a heartache," Mr Baldwin said.

"It feels good to have students come to you for help, and share all the tricks you pick up over the years."



Around the College

(from the College Bulletins)

News from Timor-Leste

A text from Fr Joel Pinto, Principal of St Francis School sent his greetings to all at Padua. The fence surrounding his school is now completely finished and he has just purchased some furniture and laboratory equipment for his students. In the near future it is hoped that members of the Padua Community will have the opportunity of sponsoring students and staff of St Francis School along the lines of World Vision. Fr Joel has provided the names of some of the poorest students in his school who could greatly benefit from any direct financial support. Currently it costs \$27/year to educate a student in Years 1 – 6; \$39/ year for a child in Years 7 – 9; and \$57/year for a student in Years 10 – 12. A scheme, whereby someone from Padua adopts a student from Fr Joel, is in the pipeline.

**Padua supports St Francis School financially through the annual Franciscan Lenten Appeal.*

Confraternity Rugby League

The annual Confraternity Rugby League competition was held in Yeppoon over the June school holidays. Padua was an inaugural competitor in 1980 and at least one team has been present in all years bar 1995. Congratulations to this year's team who came a credible 6th.



Winter Sleepover

On Thursday night (28 July) the College held a Winter Sleepover for homelessness. 20 boys arrived at 6.00 pm and reported to Mr O'Brien in the Lone Pine Area. Guest speakers lined up to speak to the boys about the issue of homelessness. One of the speakers, Mr Anthony Ryan, has had much experience in this area both in Brisbane and overseas. Later in the night the boys constructed a shelter from cardboard in which they will slept during the night. A donation of a new hospital grade blanket was required for participation. Boys were given a hot breakfast the following morning from the tuckshop at no cost. Thank you to the boys who signed up.





2011 Catholic Education Week, in July, combined FOTH Mass

2 Can Day

On Friday 29 July the whole college conducted its annual 2 Can Day event. This action concluded activities for Catholic Education Week. 2 Can Day meant that for the privilege of wearing casual dress boys contribute two items of non-perishable food. The proceeds from this day went to our local Kedron Conference of St Vincent de Paul who gratefully appreciated our donation at this time of the year. Preferred items for donation were medium sized bottles of coffee, long life milk, cereal, meals in a can/container for easy heating, cans of soup and baked beans/spaghetti. Once again the support was terrific.



SPACE DESIGN TEAM

Mr Steve Thrum, staff member) and four Padua students were members of the Australian Team competing in the Finals of the International Space Design Competition in Houston, Texas, home of the Space Centre. The Australian Team won Second place in the International Competition which - we are told - involved students from all continents on Earth, except Antarctica! This was a marvellous opportunity for these students and a testimony to the skills they have developed through consistent commitment over the past year, with the dedicated assistance of Mr Thrum, their coach.



Academic Awards

In early August the College celebrated the mid year academic achievements of the students. One hundred and eight students from Year 5 to Year 12 received awards for excellent results in their studies during Semester One. Congratulations to them and their families on their hard work and dedication to their studies. The guest presenter at the Academic Assembly was Mr Chris O'Brien, a former Padua student from 1973-1978, and now political journalist for the ABC in Queensland. It was a pleasure for the College to welcome back a former student who has not only achieved his career goal, but who is also enjoying such success in his chosen field. It was very interesting to hear about his career and the recollections of his time at Padua.



Environment Club

Eleven boys from the Environment Club attended the 2011 Australia Post Kids Teaching Kids Environment Conference in Caloundra on the 11th and 12th of August. This was their first time attending the conference. Eleven boys represented the school. They were joined by over 300 other school students from non-government and government schools from South-East Queensland. The two day conference included guest speakers, workshops presented by school students, a gala dinner and a day participating in environmental activities at various Sunshine Coast sites.

The Paduan contingent was invited to present a workshop at the conference to small groups of 30 students. The boys delivered their workshop to two different groups, where they promoted their anti-plastic bag program through a drama skit, PowerPoint presentation, quiz and problem solving scenarios. The boys received numerous positive comments from many teachers and conference staff who had attended their workshops. Their performance in the workshops was absolutely amazing. It was definitely a very rewarding and valuable experience for them.



Finally, special thanks to Veolia Water who gave us a grant of \$2000 to attend the conference.

UHL Sport Cup

In late August the First XI Football team failed valiantly to win the UHL SPORT CUP. They went down to John Paul College 2-1 after leading 1-0 in the first half. Though disappointed about the loss, the boys deserve every applause for being the first Padua team to make the final in the Cup's thirteen year history. Well done to Mr Cull, Luke Richmond (Captain) and Cameron Miller (Player of the Final).

Franciscan Week 2011

Another busy and greatly supported Franciscan Week was held once again this year in Week One of Term 4. Daily Prayer, the Feast Day Mass, Casual Dress Day, House Celebration Day, Pets Blessing and St Francis Dance all helped to make for a great week. The week was an important one for in many respects. But, most importantly it gave the College an opportunity to celebrate its identity as a Franciscan Catholic community.



Padua High Tea

The Padua High Tea organising committee would sincerely like to thank all who supported the Inaugural Padua High Tea on October 8th. It was a wonderful success in raising funds for the Open Rugby Tour to Ireland, France and England. We had a wonderful afternoon of fine tea (over 70 pots of English Tea brewed), champagne, wine, fashion and fun with a delicious High Tea provided by "Angel Food" accompanied with fine china from "Fancy Tea".

Many thanks to the generous and supportive community, who donated the wonderful prizes for the raffles. With over 100 raffle prizes drawn, a Spring Fashion Parade from "Lyle and Bank" of Ascot, our afternoon was completed with a fashion Parade of Muzyka Tees by our very own (and very handsome) Rugby Boys. Much laughter, friendship and fun was shared by all who attended.



Special thanks to the wonderful team of rugby parents who contributed on the day, our MC - Loretta Ryan, Padua Staff – Sharon Biddle, Simon Stower, Ben Lowrie, Scott McGuire, Barry Keegan and Maria Ahern who made the day run so smoothly.



Red Cross Blood Donations

During Franciscan Week just over one hundred staff and students made a donation of their blood to the Red Cross Blood Collection Van when it was at the College for three days. The college was informed in the last week of October that it was currently leading the tally in the Brisbane Schools Blood Donation Competition with 171 donations recorded for this year. Some schools were yet to host Blood Collection Vans so the final outcome could be quite interesting.

SOLAR POWER STATION

The College has recently completed the installation of a 12.5kW solar power station on the roof of the Industrial Skills Centre in the Secondary campus. The project has been funded with a grant from the Federal Government's National Schools Solar Program.

On a clear, sunny day the power station is generating over 50kWh. At this level of generation, we can expect a noticeable reduction in the cost of electricity used in the Industrial Skills Centre, the Sports Centre and the swimming pool. In addition, it has been calculated that the station could generate a saving of one tonne of CO₂ and 500kWh of excess power per month.

The performance of the power station is publicly available on the internet giving the opportunity for the data to be used for educational purposes and monitored by anyone who has an interest in this field.

The link to the web site is: <http://www.allsolus.com.au/SolarData.aspx?SchoolID=108>



Padua College now has its own official Facebook page. Show your support for the College by following the link below: <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=hpskip#!/pages/Padua-College-Kedron-Official/166791660007457>

Make sure you like our page.

Where we've come from...

(from The Paduan annual magazines)

The Student Leaders

1961



Junior

Front Row: R. Retrot, G. McCabe, M. Bourne, R. Gibson, P. Webb, H. van der Heide, B. Honeywill, A. Willett

Second Row: B. Flanigan, P. Woodward, B. Hanvin, B. Carvey, N. Short, F. Horne, D. O'Keefe

Third Row: B. Barron, E. Fancourt, B. Rout, J. O'Meara, P. Metcalfe, A. van der Maat, M. Cahill, P. Murray

Back Row: N. Flynn, T. Waters, S. Simpson, G. Shoring, B. Hansen, K. Boyle, T. Thomsen

1971



Rector and Prefects

Front Row: M. Robinson, M. Garozzo (Vice-Captain), Fr Thomas Murtagh ofm, John Taylor (Captain), A. Carden
Back Row: I. Lenihan, P. Simonds

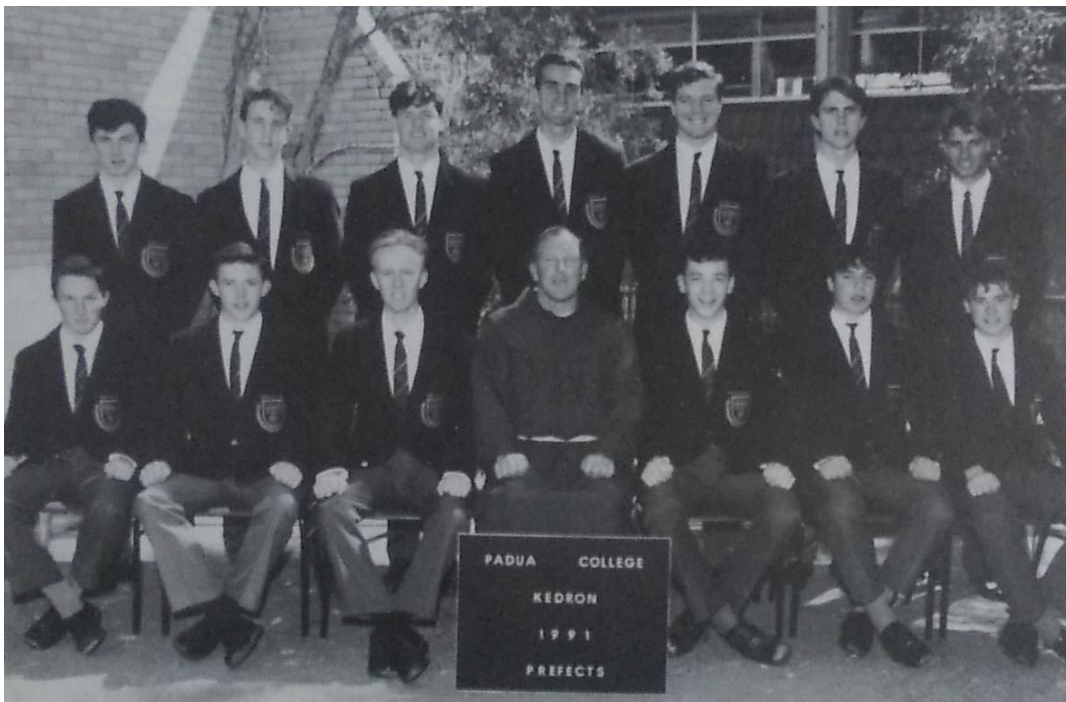
1981



Rector and Prefects

Front Row: Peter Smith, Bryan O'Shea (Captain), Fr Benignus Clowes ofm, Julian Winch (Vice-Captain), Grant Buglar
Second Row: Terry Williams, Terry Devlin, Jim Graham, Greg Wimp, Kevin Tanwan, Frank Donohoe

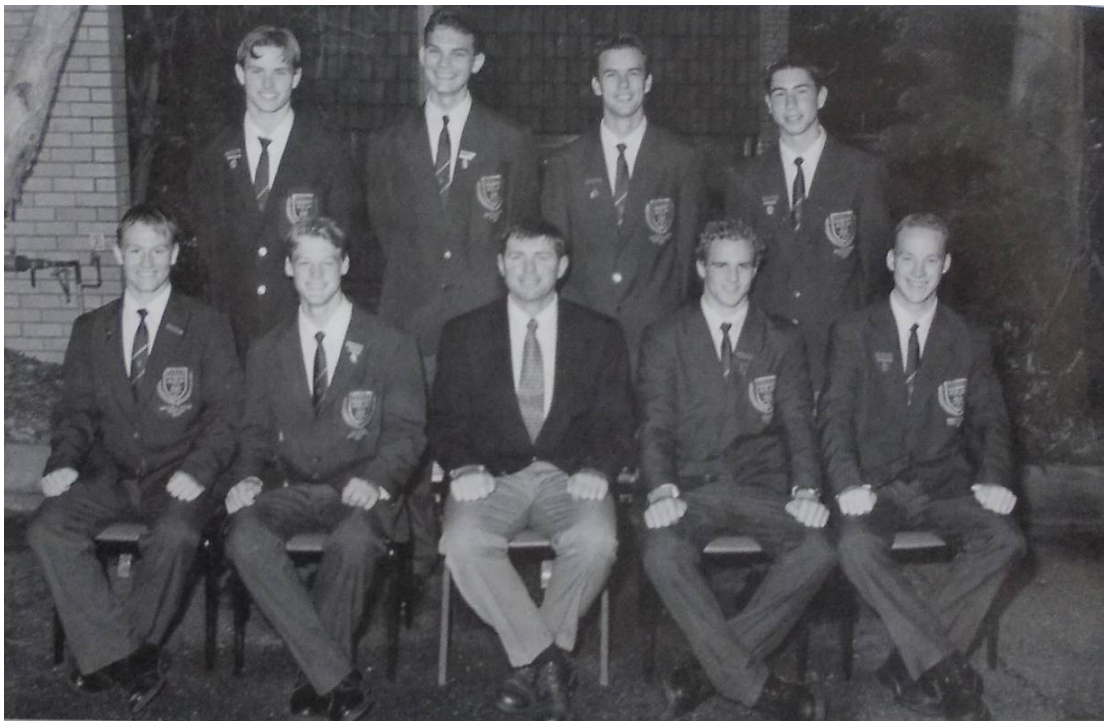
1991



Rector and Prefects

Front Row: Ross Mann, Simon Taylor, Anthony Jones (Captain), Fr John Boyd-Boland ofm, Daniel Potter (Vice-Captain), Timothy Lynch, Marc Kennelly
Back Row: Stephen Loth, Craig Nikola, Mark Cottam, Craig McCabe, Anthony Casey, Steven Ramsaur, Kevin Miles

2001



Rector and Captains

Front Row: Daniel Leighton, Stephen Stagg (College Vice-Captain), Mr Robert Out, Daniel Sullivan (College Captain), Nicolas McLean
Second Row: Nick Sandwell, Oliver Miller, Jason Preece, David Houghton

Things Franciscan

An Introduction to

FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY

Drawn from the life and writings of

St Francis of Assisi

by

Campion Murray OFM

40. La Verna and the stigmata

The conversion of Saint Francis began when he met a leper. In that meeting he experienced the presence of the Lord who challenged and inspired him to set out on a journey in which he would try to walk as literally as possible in the footsteps of Christ. Francis followed this calling and towards the end of his life he went to the mountain of La Verna to pray and fast. He had always made time to go to lonely places to pray.

While in prayer on the mountain he saw a vision of a Seraph, an angel such as the prophet Isaiah saw in the Temple. A Seraph has six wings and as Francis watched the Seraph open its wings Francis could see that behind the wings was the figure of a man crucified. This was clearly a vision of Christ crucified. Saint Bonaventure relates that Francis understood from the vision that he was 'to be totally transformed into the likeness of Christ crucified'.

The most basic duty of a disciple of Christ is to take up the cross and follow Christ to Calvary. For Francis his Calvary was on La Verna where he was marked in his hands, feet and side with the five wounds of Christ. This wonder of the stigmata in Francis is a confirmation that in his life he had indeed followed Christ and lived out the challenge of the Gospel. His love of Christ transformed him even physically into a likeness of Christ. Bonaventure wrote of Francis: 'Now, finally, near the end, you were shown at the same time the sublime similitude of the Seraph and the humble likeness of the Crucified' (II, 638).

50. Death

Not long before his death Francis put a greeting to Sister Death in his Canticle of the Creatures: 'Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no one living can escape' (I, 114). Francis had experienced a mystical death on La Verna when he was sealed with the marks of Christ's death. Having found years before that what seemed bitter to him was turned into sweetness of body and soul he could have the same expectation of Sister Death. Bitter and all as is the thought of death, there is the sweetness of meeting the Lord face to face.

To prepare for death Francis asked the brothers to read a passage from the Gospel of St John. The Minister had already chosen to read this passage. Celano tells us that Francis then 'told them to cover him with sackcloth and to sprinkle him with ashes, as he was soon to become dust and ashes'. As his brothers stood around him 'that most holy soul was released from the flesh, and as it was absorbed into the abyss of light, his body fell asleep in the Lord' (I, 278).

St Bonaventure reflects on his death as follows: 'In all things he wished without hesitation to be conformed to Christ crucified, who hung on the cross poor, suffering, and naked ... O truly the most Christian of men, who strove by perfect imitation to be conformed while living to Christ living, dying to Christ dying, and dead to Christ dead, and deserved to be adorned with an expressed likeness!' (II, 642-643).





Are you in the process of looking to get some work done? Why not consult the current **FOTH Community Business Directory**? There is a variety in the 76 businesses advertised. Each business has a relationship with Padua, St Anthony's and/or Mt Alvernia. There are a number of Old Boy businesses, which can be searched separately, included.

The **FOTH Community Business Directory** can be located through the College website, www.padua.qld.edu.au or go directly to the **FOTH Community Business Directory** site, <http://www.fothdirectory.com.au>

Opportunity still exists to be a part of the **new FOTH Community Business Directory!**



Do you know of anyone not receiving the Newsletter? Encourage them, and every other Old Boy, to get their email address to Susan Skoien at the College.

Privacy Notice

1. Padua College provides personal information to associations connected with the College, concerned with the involvement of old boys in the College, such as the Old Boys' Association, and a prospective College foundation. The primary purpose of collecting and providing this information is to inform you about activities of the College and those associations, and to keep old boys informed about other old boys.
2. The College and those associations need the information referred to, in order to keep you informed about those activities. If you do not want that information provided as described, it is necessary that you inform the College.
3. As you know, from time to time, the College, and the associations engage in fundraising activities to help the College. The information received from you may be used to make an appeal to you. If you do not agree to this, please advise the College now.
4. The College and the associations may publish details about you in their publications. If you do not agree to this, please advise the College now.

The Newsletter is produced a number of times a year.

To make sure that it is interesting and informative there is a need for relevant information to be included. To this end please send along information about yourself and other Old Boys – what you've been up to, where you've bumped into Paduans – and what you would like to see in the Newsletter.

Please forward information, and photos if possible, to Susan Skoien via email, sskoien@padua.qld.edu.au or to the College (address on the front page).

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