



Beda Boys' Bulletin

Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present & Shaping the Future

June 2014

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President's welcome



Since our last newsletter in December, many of you will be aware of the passing of Br Finian, who's association was synonymous with St Bede's College for well over 50 years. Br Finian's wonderful contribution to the school is well known throughout the community and reflected upon in the special edition of the Beda Boys Bulletin. Many Old Collegians contributed to the Bulletin reflecting upon the influence that he had on their lives.

I highly recommend the articles to those of you who haven't already had the opportunity to read of the significance of this man and what he meant to us all.

One of Br Finian's greatest influences and passions was the Finian Foundation which was established to support financially disadvantaged students at the College. Now is perhaps an appropriate time to consider your support of this worthy cause.

In July we will be holding a forum for Old Collegians to get their thoughts and ideas about the future direction of our Association. A similar discussion forum was held several years ago which led to a re-energised Committee implementing some of the great initiatives many of you will have experienced recently. These initiatives now include regular Reunions, Annual Dinner events with Hall of Fame and Roll of Honour inductees and Careers information nights. Later this year the Golf Day (Friday 20th November) takes on a new format with former Old Collegian Luke Beveridge speaking at a breakfast before the golf day commences.

If you would like to be a part of the discussion forum in July please contact Jo Hynes. Jo would also be pleased to hear from anyone who is interested in supporting the Treasurer's role.

Part of the recent success of our organisation has been the appointment of Jo Hynes who works at the school in support of Old Collegians activities. Jo recently helped to organise an Anzac Day service with the school co-ordinators and provided a wonderful opportunity for the students to reflect on the significance of this day. The ceremony was very fortunate to have 1979 Old Collegian RAN Rear Admiral Tony Dalton in attendance who gave a significant keynote speech to the students.

The Annual Dinner this year was a wonderful experience for those in attendance with the induction of several new Roll of Honour recipients who spoke at the dinner. The stories and experiences conveyed by the recipients all reflected an emotional connection to the College. Their service to the St Bede's community was appropriately recognised in the spirit of our theme of celebrating the past and enjoying the present.

Shaping the future is the third pillar of our Association's theme and we look forward to your involvement as we move towards the next phase of the Association's development.



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From the Principal



Having been on leave for five weeks travelling overseas it has been good to return to the College and see the continued development that has been occurring. These past weeks have been busy for all concerned with a number of major events happening:

- Whole school Easter Service celebration.
- Whole school ANZAC DAY Service-celebrating 100 years.
- Whole school Founder's Day celebrations.
- Old Collegians Dinner

All of these events are important in the life of the College and build on the special Lasallian character of the College. As a community it is important that we come together to not only celebrate the memory but also the achievements of the past years. To celebrate and rejoice in something that is wholesome and good is important. Just as families celebrate major moments, schools also need to do this as a much larger family.

In the coming weeks the first of our Year 11 volunteer groups will spend two weeks at the Bamboo School in Thailand building a canteen (\$16,000) for the orphan children. The College has been working at this school for the past four years and is committed to do so for the next number of years. This year we have our first ex-student joining the working group and it would be great if Old Collegians could use their skills to support us in this work. This year we have two student groups going to Thailand and a year 12 group to India. The money raised for such projects is done by the students through Mission Action Day activities. This year the students raised **\$91,097.35 (profit)**. An outstanding effort and thanks to the Old Collegians for your contributions. This is the highest Mission Action Day funds raised by the student body.

Finally, can I say that one of the highlights of my recent trip was that on my return journey, the Captain of the home coming flight was the Old Collegians President, Steve Ager. I thank him for the wonderful way I was looked after on the flight. Welcomed by the Captain and a fire side chat half way through the flight was appreciated. One of the stewards on the flight was also an ex-student of the College. The spirit of St Bede's College is world wide.



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Recent Events

What it means to be a Beda Boy - March 2015



In March this year we welcomed four Old Collegians back to the College to talk with the current Year 7 group about what it means to belong to the St Bede's community. Their memories of the school and their time spent within the College were a wonderful insight into how the College has developed over the years and the very positive influence it has had on these men well into their lives after school.

We sincerely thank Hiro Fernando (Class of 1997); Steven Gray (Class of 1984); Jason Smythe (Class of 1979) and Merv Kane (Class of 1968) for their time and their passionate contribution. Thank you also to the Year 7 staff and Ria Greene for making this happen.

As an Old Collegian and if you would like to be involved in similar, future initiatives, please contact Jo Hynes (oldcolls@stbedes.catholic.edu.au).



Academic Achievement



The recent installation of an Academic Wall of achievement aims to recognise those Old Collegians from the past year who have achieved excellence in their VCE score.

The Class of 2014 had 30 students achieve an ATAR above 90 with the Dux being awarded to Andrew Watterson with an ATAR of 99.65.

The wall (which is on display in the Function centre of the Sports Pavilion) will be updated annually as VCE results are available.

Recent Events

Anzac Day Memorial service - Monday 27th April



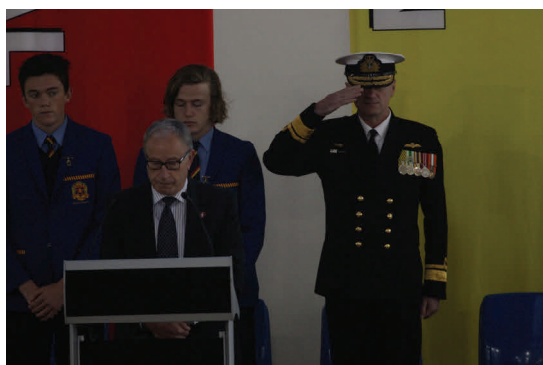
It was an honour and a privilege to welcome back Old Collegian Rear Admiral Tony Dalton to this year's ANZAC Commemorative Service on Monday 27th April.

To commemorate the 100 years of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli, the College held a formal service in the new Sports Stadium where over 1,600 students, teachers and friends remembered and paid tribute to those who have served and are currently serving our Country in the Armed Services.

Rear Admiral Tony Dalton was appointed as the Head of the DMO's Helicopters, Tactical Unmanned Aerial Systems and Guided Weapons Division in September 2012.

RADM Dalton oversees the acquisition and sustainment of the ADF's helicopters and tactical Unmanned Aerial Systems.

RADM Dalton has amassed over 5500 military helicopter flying hours and has extensive experience as a Sea King and Seahawk fighter pilot, a display pilot and as a qualified helicopter instructor. He served as Executive Officer of 816 Squadron in 1996 and Commanding Officer of 805 Squadron in 2001.



He spoke with the current students about what ANZAC Day means to our nation, the importance of mate-ship and service to others.

Another Old Collegian Adrian Wain (Class of 1961) also attended the service and spoke with the students after the service about his time in Vietnam and life after school.



We thank both of these gentlemen for their time.





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Recent Events

Reunions—Class of 1995, 20 year reunion



In late February, we welcomed back a large crowd from the Class of 1995 for their 20 year reunion. It was a great opportunity to catch up and reacquaint with old friends. We understand the after party at the RSL went on for some time!

Reunions—Class of 2000, 15 year reunion



The Class of 2000 enjoyed their catch up on Friday 29th May. Again fun was had reacquainting and all enjoyed the College tour - so much in fact that it resulted in seven Theatre Seat sales for the night - a record for our reunions thus far - thanks guys!



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Recent Events

Annual Dinner—Roll of Honour Thursday May 7th



On May 7th we welcomed over 90 Old Collegians and friends to celebrate those past teachers, parents, Brothers and staff whose contribution to the College through their dedication and commitment which has been exceptional.

This year we inducted six new inductees into our Roll of Honour including; Br Colman Molly, David Bristow, Peter "Wally" Wintle, Tom Perfect, Br Ken Ormerod and Allan Drummond.



The Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron was the perfect venue for this event and provided a wonderful backdrop. The crowd was kept entertained with Allan Drummond's insightful witty citations on the Inductees. John Rhoden's citation on Allan was also very well received.

The evening was a wonderful opportunity for Old Collegians to catch up with some old and new friends, reminisce about their time at the College and be entertained with memories of stories from formative years. Thank you to all who attended and we look forward to welcoming you back to next year's Annual Dinner.



To view a copy of the citations presented by Allan Drummond on the night visit our website www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au/community





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In the News

St Bede's College reaching the unreachable



Last December, ten Year 12 students and four staff members from St Bede's College took part in a two and a half weeks working mission in Tami Nadu, Southern India. The purpose of this trip was to build four houses for local villagers. Seeing the conditions in which these people lived was confronting to all who went.

The fundraising initiatives carried out during the school year, including Mission Action Day, meant this trip could take place. The work was physically demanding and at time exhausting but the desire to see the projects finished was enough to keep the group on track.

If you would like more information on how Old Collegians can become involved in these projects, please contact Jo Hynes (oldcolls@stbedes.catholic.edu.au)

In the news

Eddie Perfect (Class of 1995)



Old Collegian and one of Australia's most diverse performers Eddie Perfect has taken a new role as host of the ABC's iconic show, Play School.

As well as Play School, he is working on the album launch of his suburban song cycle, Songs from the Middle, and developing a TV script and a play.

Cameron Forsyth (Class of 2010)



Cameron Forsyth earned a rousing applause when he returned to the rooms after his debut Premier Cricket century in February, earlier this year. Cameron had played most of last season in the Panthers thirds team but received his promotion at the beginning of this season.

While it was a big step up, the extra help from his brother Brett at training saw Cameron's skills progress quickly, resulting in a solid 104 not out against Hawthorn-Monash University.

A good start to the season!

Jim Moloney



Jim Moloney was recently inducted into the Australian Racing Hall of Fame, describing it as one of the highlights of his lifetime of racing. His horse Vain famously won the Golden Slipper Stakes and was arguably one of Australia's greatest sprinters. Jim began training at Warrnambool in the late 1940's before moving his stables to Mordialloc to be close to Epsom Race track. His sons John, Desmond and Gerard are all Old Collegians as is his grandson Patrick, Melbourne's leading apprentice. He currently has two grandsons who attend St Bede's.



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In the News

Greg Healy (Class of 1983)



Old Collegian Greg Healy has been appointed the new President of surf wear giant Quicksilver. Quicksilver is now run from Southern California and listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Greg will move to California with his family in June.

We thank Greg for his contribution to the Old Collegians and his generous donations to our Annual Finian Foundation Golf Day. We wish him and his family an easy transition to life in California.

John Murphy - Magistrate (Class of 1966)



Ceremonial sittings were held in December last year to farewell retiring magistrate John Murphy. He is one of only two Magistrates to have worked in three states and territories. He has enjoyed 52 years of public service.

His courtesy and consideration were hallmarks of how he ran his court and were commended at this farewell that was also attended by his wife Kathy and two sons John-Paul and Timothy.



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From the Archives

A tribute to Kevin Garrity from Tony O'Brien who attended St Bede's 1953-1953



Tony O'Brien was a Boarder at the College in 1952-1953. He was member of the St Bede's Football Team that won the ACC Premiership (a first for St Bede's College) in 1953. In 2001 he approached Br Finian with the idea of planning a 50 year reunion (2003) of the Premiers.

Tracking down 30+ players who played during 1953 proved to be quite a detective job! However with the use of white pages, word of mouth and a bit of luck nearly everyone was contacted.

Brother Josephus produced the musical "Annie get your gun" in 1953 and this was the theme for the reunion night. Bill Christopher reprised his role as the lead, Frank Butler and as Kevin Egan (who played the petite soprano "Annie") had morphed into a 6ft 2" Policeman since 1953, they mimed the songs!

Lots of tall and untrue tales were told during the evening but by all accounts it was a very memorable night.

Those present on the night included: Kevin Garrity, Tony Pissale, Frank Charlton, Bill Christopher, Tista DeLorenzo, Bruno DeMattia, Leo Duggan, Kevin Egan, Garry Epstein, Leo Gamble, Richare Haire, Greg Letho, Michael Sheeran, Byran Meere, John Ragg, Tony O'Brien, John Price, Peter Renkin, John Rhoden, Peter Tossol, Art Larsen, Louis Walker, Patrick Lee and John Loughnan.



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Brother Edward, FSC



This photograph was sent in by Gerald (Gerry) Mahon. Brother Edward is on the left. He was the Commanding Officer of the St Bede's Flight Air Training Corps. The flight won the marching competition of the Air Training Corps in 1943.

Col Colson attended St Bede's 1948-1950

" I was recently perusing the College website particularly the Hall of Fame; noting that there were two familiar names from my three years at St Bede's (1948-1950)

It was great to see that St Bede's was involved in or perhaps even responsible for so many success stories; If I were to choose one fellow student from those years it would be George (Jurgis) Mikolajunas; George arrived at St Bede's in about Term 2 in 1949.

He arrived from, I think either Estonia or Latvia, when refugees were known as displaced persons, I will always remember his first day; he was carrying a brief case; colloquially referred to as a DP bag at the time, most students were equipped with Gladstone bags.

George had a little English and fitted in extremely well, putting a lot of us to shame with his application to his studies, he took to football as if born to it.

Past students have been mentioned due to their sporting and academic ability; George is special to my family as he actually saved my daughter's life, a brief explanation follows;

In 1965 my 18 month old daughter was taken ill, for about 10 days she was almost comatose and deteriorating , the doctor brushed off our concerns, in desperation we arranged for a second opinion.

The doctor arrived in the evening, to my amazement it was George, whom I had not seen since leaving school 15 years earlier, within seconds he diagnosed meningitis, which resulted in a nightmare drive from Seaford to Fairfield Infectious Disease Hospital. Our concern did not lessen, when after several hours we were advised to leave; we could visit tomorrow if she survived the night!!!

Three weeks later she was discharged; the staff amazed that she survived and with no after effects whatsoever; to my family, saving our daughters life outshines any sporting or academic achievement.

Thanks to George, my daughter completely recovered, is happily married to an Engineer and has two children; bringing the total of my Grandchildren to twelve."



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A memory from Kevin Kennedy who attended St Bede's College in 1938

"It is with thanks to my mothers dedication and the generosity of the De La Salle Brothers that I have enjoyed a happy and valued life. Jim Shanley, Charlie Weale and I were great mates and boarders at Malvern, and when we transferred to St Bede's, we were privileged to share a bedroom in the house-on-site, whilst the others were located in the large enclosed veranda, and maybe an adjacent room or two, on the western side.

Jim and I concluded our schooling at the end of 1938. We remained close friends and later joined the Navy together. We never saw each other again until after discharge.

On graduation from St Bede's, I was in line for employment by both the State and Commonwealth Governments, at a time when jobs were not easy to obtain. I settled on the Commonwealth option.

After discharge from the Navy, I took on a Science Degree course at Melbourne University and was later granted a Scholarship in Geophysics. Until my voluntary retirement on my 59th birthday, I was employed by the Bureau of Mineral Resources in Canberra. It was a happy and satisfying vocation.

After the end of my studies in 1960, whilst on a gravity survey to determine the extent of the brown coal deposits of Yallourn in an easterly direction, I met Alison Kelly in Morwell. We married six months later and she has been a wonderful mate and mother of our seven children.

Thanks again to the St Bede's influence, our children and grand children have aimed or are aiming high in their education."



Boarders and Staff St Bede's College 1938

Kevin is in the third row, third from the left

Upcoming Events

Annual Finian Foundation Fundraiser—Breakfast Speaker and Golf Day



The Annual Finian Foundation Breakfast Function & Golf Day 2015



Woodlands Golf Club Friday 20th November, 2015

Event: Breakfast with guest speaker
Western Bulldogs Coach
Luke Beveridge.
Followed by Four Ball Ambrose –
Players can enter as fours, pairs or
individuals.

Time: Friday 20th November, 2015
7.00am Breakfast and speaker
8.30am Shotgun Start golf
From 12.30pm lunch

Golf: Smart golf attire with collared
shirt (no denim)

B'fast: Full breakfast service
Lunch: Sandwiches and nibbles

Prizes: Best Team Ambrose, Runner Up
Team Ambrose, Longest Drive,
Nearest the pin

Costs: Breakfast and speaker	\$50
Golf & Lunch	\$100
Breakfast, golf & lunch	\$150

Bookings at www.trybooking.com/HZ1H

**For more information and sponsorship
opportunities, Jo Hynes 9582 5722**

Please join us as we raise funds for the Finian Foundation whose aim is to provide current St Bede's students and their families with financial assistance towards their education.



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Upcoming Events

Reunion Dates

Reunions run from 6.30pm—8.30pm on a Friday evening and are held in the new Sports Centre Function room. Drinks and nibbles will be provided. A short welcome speech and DVD presentation is followed by pizzas before a brief school tour. These reunions provide a wonderful opportunity to catch up with former peers, reconnect with the College and enjoy some great memories.

Class of 2005 10 year reunion 12th June

Class of 1990 25 year reunion 7th August

Class of 1985 30 year reunion 21st August

Class of 1975 40 year reunion 23rd October

Class of 1965 and before 50+ 13th November

Please update your contact details (or a friend's) so we can invite everyone to these events.

Website www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au/community and follow to Old Collegians area or by emailing oldcolls@stbedes.catholic.edu.au

Committee Meetings

St Bede's Old Collegians hold Committee meetings six times a year. All Old Collegians are welcome and encouraged to attend. It is always terrific to see new faces - we would love you to get involved. The meetings are held on a Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Board room of the College. The meeting dates for 2015 are:

9th June; 11th August; 13th October; 8th December.

If you would like to attend, please contact Jo Hynes on 9582 5722

New Treasurer

We would love to hear from anyone who would like to join the Committee as our new Treasurer. Paul Diggerson will continue to be involved with the Finian Foundation but will step aside from his role as Treasurer of SBOCA. Please contact Jo Hynes oldcolls@stbedes.catholic.edu.au if you would like to know more or to volunteer your services.



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Stay in touch

10 Ways to Stay Connected to SBOCA



01. Update contact details

Access the SBOCA website via the link on the College website and keep your latest contact details up to date:

www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au/oldcolls

02. Log into Facebook

facebook.com/stbedesoldcolls

03. Read BedaBoys Bulletin

Available via our website twice yearly in June and December

04. Attend Annual Dinner

Held every May to celebrate our "Hall of Fame" and "Roll of Honour" recipients

05. Play in Golf Day

Held every October/November at Woodlands Golf Club together with a social dinner



[Facebook.com/stbedesoldcolls](https://facebook.com/stbedesoldcolls)

06. Reunite for milestones

Celebrate years 1, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and beyond at our reunions

07. Mentoring

Offer work experience, careers insight or email advice to current and past students

08. Support

Contribute to the Finian Foundation or assist the St Bede's Old Collegians Association Committee with a McCristal membership

09. Join our affiliated clubs

St Bede's Mentone Tigers / SBOC Hockey Club / Kingston Saints Cricket Club

10. Contact Us

Old Collegians Officer:

email: oldcolls@stbedes.catholic.edu.au

phone: 9582 5722



St Bede's Old Collegians



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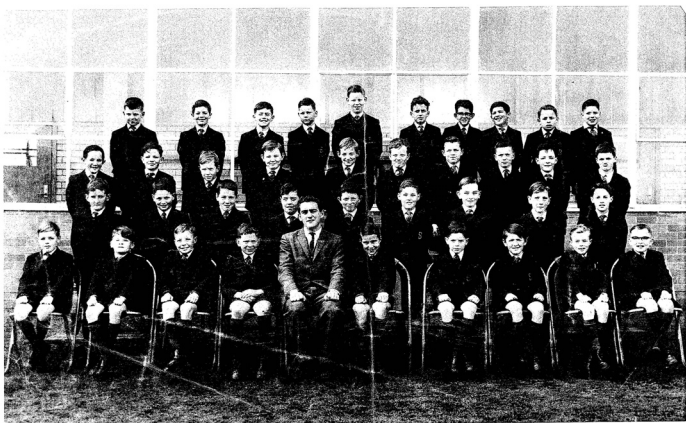


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Where are they now?

Drew Libbis graduated St Bede's 1969



Drew was one of a group of students that were the first of the second generation to attend the college, his Father, Bill, being one of the original students in 1938.

On completion of his Leaving certificate, Drew commenced an apprenticeship in motor mechanics at the Ampol service Station in Mentone. Drew took the business over in 1973, and remained there until 1996. During the time he ran the business he employed a number of St Bede's boys in work experience, and former students as apprentices, and mechanics.

After leaving the service station Drew held a number of positions in the Automotive industry, before getting involved in transport, in the last few years, specifically Plumbing supplies. A recent transport accident has seen him unable to work, but he continues to be active in the local community, and with his ever growing family, to the best of the capacity his injuries allow.

Drew has been a Mentone resident since the early 50's, his Dad owning a pharmacy in Balcombe Rd. from then up until his retirement. Drew has been involved in community service from a young age, with Cubs, Scouts, as an Altar server, a member of the YCW, and YCW footy club, onto being President of the club (all these activities through St Patrick's church, Mentone).

Drew then became a member of the local Kiwanis club, servicing as club president, then on to become a District Lt Governor. When his sons started playing football, he was very involved with the Mentone junior footy club, serving as Team Manager, and Club President.

Drew joined Mordialloc Rotary 25 years ago, and has served as Club President, Committee Chairman, as well as on several District committees, and as an organizer of many club projects; Drew was named a Paul Harris fellow for his services to Rotary, and the community.

After a brief time spent living in Cheltenham, Drew became a member of the OLA Parish, and although now residing back in Mentone, continues to be very involved there, in a number of ministries, and as a member of the St Vincent de Paul conference.

Drew has been an affiliate member of the Mentone RSL for many years, both his Grandfathers served in WW 1, and both were severally wounded, they also both enlisted for service in WW 2. Drew lost two great uncles in WW 1, his maternal grandmother's brother, on the Western Front, and paternal grandfather's brother, at Gallipoli. Drew's eldest granddaughter is married to a serving infantry soldier, who has been on deployment to Afghanistan.



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Drew Libbis graduated St Bede's 1969 (cont..)

Captain Les Libbis and his wife, Edith (Drew's paternal grandparents) were great supporters, and contributors in the early days of the College; Les in particular, when not engaged in Military duties, was a drill instructor, masseur and assistant coach to the football, boxing and athletic teams at the school. Their home, on the corner of Antibes St and Beach Rd, was a popular spot for the young Brothers from the school, to pop in for a cold beer, and a smoke, until Br Coleman came along, sending them back to the school, while he enjoyed a Port and cigar with Les, on the front porch.

Drew married Therese Crowe in 1971, and they have four sons, Damian (in Optus sale), Julian (a police detective), Kristian (with the ANZ bank), and Kieran (in IT recruitment). The three oldest boys attended St Bede's, as did Drew's brothers, cousins, and brothers' in law.

Therese and Drew have ten Grandchildren (including six Grandsons), and their first Great Grandson due in August. Drew is hoping that these boys will become the 4th and 5th generation of the Libbis family to attend St Bede's.

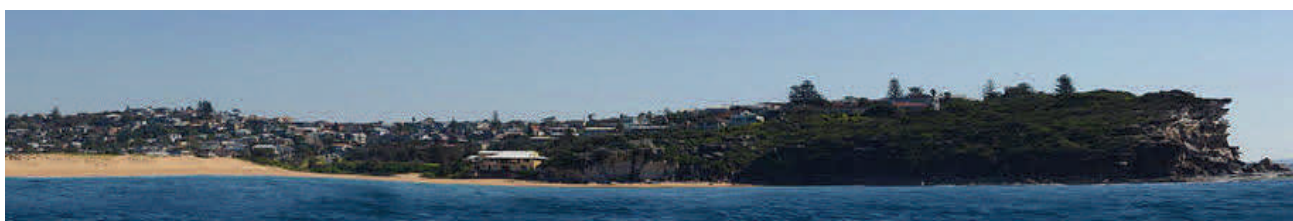
Hishara Fernando graduated St Bede's 1997

As a student of the College during his senior years, Hiro spent much time staring out across the oval and into the ocean during classes where distraction, creative writing and the arts required one to drift away slightly.

He often wondered what the opposite perspective was for the people who were out on the boats looking back at us was.

Hiro has since set up a social enterprise to go around Australia and take one continuous photo of the entire coast. You can read about it here at www.picturethecoast.org

He is currently putting an 18m picture into the National Wool Museum in Geelong of the Corio Bay, and has plans to finish Port Phillip Bay this year.





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In Memoriam



Rev Monsignor Brian Walsh attended St Bede's 1939-1947

Mons Walsh was a boarder at St Bede's from 1938-1947. He was College Captain in both 1946 and 1947., as well as Vice-captain of football, a member of the cricket team and the Young Christian Students leader in the same year. He was inducted into the St Bede's Hall of Fame in 2012.

After school, Brian entered the seminary, which was then at Werribee Mansion. He was ordained Priest in 1956 and his first permanent appointment was as Assistant Priest in Sunshine. He remained there until 1964 leaving, as part of his legacy, a new parish hall and reception complex and a Youth Centre which included 4 tennis courts, cricket wickets, basketball and netball courts.

In 1973 he was appointed Prelate of Honour to Pope Paul VI which carried the title of Monsignor; he also received the Order of the British Empire. Brian was National Director of the Papal visit to Australia in 1986.

After a final appointment as Parish Priest at Our Lady of Victories, Camberwell, he took up residence at Justin Villa, the priests' retirement village in Balwyn.

May he Rest In Peace

Rev Br Hubert Patrick Diviny attended St Bede's 1939-1947

Br Patrick kept in regular contact with Br Finian and remembered his time at St Bede's with great fondness. After leaving St Bede's and entering the seminary he spent many years in South America in service. For the last twenty years, Br Patrick has lived in Devon in the UK. May he Rest In Peace

Garry Epstein

A very talented athlete, Garry entered the Springvale Gift in 1955 as an amateur. He won the race convincingly and promptly donated all of his winnings to St Bede's College. At the time this equated to approximately half a years salary—a very generous gift.

May he Rest In Peace

Damien Sharp attended St Bede's 1965-1969

Damien originated from Cobram and boarded at St Bede's from 1965-1969. After he left the College he studied Law at the University of Melbourne. He received two Literary Fellowship Awards from the Australian Council for the Arts.

Damien was widely travelled and worked as a deep-sea fisherman, a deckhand on a tug boat, a ships cook, a newspaper reporter and editor, a freelance writer and a copywriter for a major book publisher. He spent much of his working life in San Francisco. Damien made a powerful impact on the lives of many people who appreciated his depth and intelligence. May he Rest In Peace



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Sporting Club news



St Bede's / Mentone Tigers A.F.C.

Coming up to the half way point of the VAFA season, St Bedes/Mentone Tigers Footy Club are in a solid position being second on the ladder in Premier B Section having won five games and lost three. The Seconds have the same record but currently lie fourth while the Under 19s are just out of the four with three wins and five losses.

The Seniors are vying for promotion back to Premier Division after being relegated last year following seven years in the top division for 1 premierships, twice being runners-up and a fourth placing. The team is quite young with only three or four older heads from the triple premierships era but is playing some exciting football in putting several sides to the sword while surprisingly dropping a couple of games (away from home) to teams they were expected to overcome.

The second half of the season begins after the Queen's Birthday weekend (Saturday 13th June) with a critical game against third-placed Old Brighton Grammarians at home at Brindisi Street. This game will have a big effect on who finishes second at the end of the season with St Kevin's, the standout in Premier B Section, clearly on top at this point.

The Reserves are having an excellent season being competitive in every game, winning more than they are losing and looking a likely finals candidate.

The Under 19s are effectively an Under 18 team playing against older boys and are performing at an excellent level already having won three games and hopefully retaining almost all the team for next year when they will be competing against their own actual age group.

All in all, a satisfactory start to the year, without being outstanding, with plenty to look forward to in the coming weeks.

Peter O'Brien



In an exciting development for our Cricket Club, the Committee has been in discussions with the Hawthorn Cricket Club to formulate ground rules for a merger of the two clubs. This could provide a huge opportunity for our cricket club, projecting it to Number One Club within the City of Kingston. It would also provide the opportunity for players to participate at the highest level of cricket, Premier Cricket.

A special meeting will be held on June 10th at Walter Galt Reserve at 8pm where our members will have the opportunity to vote on the merge. If the merge goes ahead, the Clubs new name will be the Kingston-Hawthorn Cricket Club. We will become "The Hawks". A new logo will be designed featuring primary colours of royal blue and gold and secondary colours red and brown.

Hawthorn Cricket Club have held their special meeting where the merger was voted on. The result, 100% in favour of the merge.

John Noonan



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Sporting Club news



We are well into season 2015 with seven games in the 18 game home and away season done and dusted.

The season commenced with the unexpected replacement of our senior men's coach; this role has been filled with the return of Nigel Symss to St Bede's.

2015 also sees St Bede's first XI and Reserves ascending to the VIC League Two competition after taking out the minor premierships in 2014.

After seven rounds our Men's first XI are placed eighth out of 10 teams winning two, drawing one and losing four games. You can see that the team is on the verge of something big. Their efforts and tenacity are bound to pay off.

The Reserves are finding it difficult at the moment to field a consistent team over the last seven rounds. Due to injury, work commitments or conflicting appointments the Reserves have managed to hold their head up despite a position of ninth without a win to their name. The Seconds have also seen glimpses of greatness with only a few lapses in concentration allowing a win to slip through their fingers.

The men's Thirds have had a very successful start to the year with four wins from seven rounds. Some of the most encouraging points are the depth of players available to play in the thirds and the amount of juniors making up the team. The juniors are really showing their huge potential with their work rate and goals on the board.

Our women's team are also finding their feet with three good wins under their belt from seven games so far. The women's team has also been blessed with a glut of players; 18 have played so far. Leading these girls into their second season are coaches Daniel Blackmore and Ian Brady.

In 2015 the U14 coaches - Huy Do and Ash Somerton have lead the team have steered the team four wins from four games with 20 goals for and only one goal against placing them second on the ladder.

The Under 16's are being coached by Michael Somerton and Ben McManus and are two wins and one draw after four rounds and are placed third on the ladder so far.

Fantastic effort on behalf of both the players and the coaches and to our very diligent Junior Coordinators - Peter Cracknell and Findlay Rayson.

We also have a fantastic upcoming event on Saturday 13th June. The club is hosting a 'Heritage Round' at it's home ground at Mentone Grammar Playing Fields on Springvale Road, Keysborough. The 3 men's senior teams are playing from 12:30pm and there will a BBQ and drinks available throughout the afternoon. Many ex-players will be in attendance and it provides a great opportunity for all those who are part of the St Bede's College community to come along and support the club.

Jordy Schellebeck



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The Finian Foundation—Annual Giving 2015



The Foundation has been established by the SBOCA to help foster the Lasallian tradition of recognising that quality education should be available to all.

In recognition of a person who has dedicated his life to this tradition, with over 50 years of those spent at St Bede's, it was deemed most appropriate to name the foundation the Finian Foundation after Brother Finian Allman.

The Finian Foundation Ltd has been established as a charitable foundation and is able to receive tax-deductible donations and bequests to create an income stream that will be used to provide assistance to financially disadvantaged families to support their children's education at St Bede's. Over the past 4 years we have supported 39 disadvantaged families, totalling approximately \$53,000. All donations are fully tax deductible.

The generosity of donors allows for the alleviation of financial difficulties of a few families who experience difficulty in meeting the expenses arising from payment for school fees, books, and uniforms for their sons attending St Bede's College. Parents of such students who have been helped in this way have expressed thanks to the St Bede's Old Collegians Association for their kindness and generosity.

No matter how large or small, your gift will make a difference to current and future Bedaboys.

A memory from John Keyte attended St Bede's 1938– 1941

I was saddened by the death of Br Finian. A De La Salle brother I greatly respected. His ability to meet and make welcome all old boys and to remember names was truly amazing. My time at De La Salle Malvern in 1937 and then as one of the new boarders at Mentone in 1938 with my brother Frank was a challenging experience for a twelve year old from Bairnsdale. A new school with none of the modern comforts enjoyed by our modern day students, but the beach was just over the road and that was a bonus.

Now aged 90 I almost feel like the last man standing...My education and experience at St Bede's has enabled me to have a good life and a satisfying career and I know that the spirituality and temporal values will continue to be passed on to future generations, keeping our nation Christian.



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Finian Foundation

C/o St Bede's Old Collegians Association,

2 Mentone Parade, Mentone. 3194

*PLEASE CONTACT THE COLLEGE FOR FURTHER DETAILS: 9582 5999.

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McCristal Membership

The McCristal Membership is a group of generous supporters of the St Bede's Old Collegians' whose contributions directly support the financial running costs of the Association.

All former students of the College are automatically considered 'Life Members' of the Association. Old Collegians who previously contributed to a special life membership levy were recognized as 'Life Members'. These benefactors are now recognized and honoured as 'McCristal Members' who are appropriately named after Thomas McCristal who in 1896 established Mentone College on the site where St Bede's College now stands.

Any donations to the SBOCA of \$250 or more are recognized and honoured by the published list of McCristal Members. This list includes the group of previous 'Life Members'.

If you would like to become a McCristal Member to support the work of the Old Collegians whose interests include organizing Careers Nights for students, the Finian Foundation, Reunions and Social functions, supporting the College and its endeavours, please see subscription form overleaf.

The St Bede's Old Collegians' Association sincerely appreciates the generous support of the following McCristal Members (formerly known as Life Members):

Stephen Ager	Peter Collins	Bill Hayes	William Moore
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	Aidan Graham		William Ward



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McCristal Membership Subscription Form

If you wish to support the activities of the **St Bede's Old Collegians' Association**, please complete the following:

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I wish to make a donation of \$_____ (**\$250 minimum** donation for McCristal Membership)

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Other Business

Amendment to the Constitution

At the St Bede's Old Collegians Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 14th April, an amendment to our Constitution was tabled and approved by those present. The amendment is with regards to membership and will be referred to as "Appendix 4"

The amendment to Rule 4 Membership, entry fees and subscriptions is:

- (1) A person who has been a student of St. Bede's College Mentone is automatically admitted as a Member of the Association. Any employee of the Association is to be admitted as a member immediately upon appointment for the duration of the position.
- (2) An application of a person for membership of the Association may be made by Brothers, Teachers or Employees of St. Bede's College Mentone must –
 - be made in writing in the form set out in Appendix 1;
 - be lodged with the Secretary of the Association.
- (3) As soon as possible after the receipt of an application, the Secretary must refer the application to the Committee.
- (4) The Committee must determine whether to approve or reject the application.
- (5) If the Committee approves an application for membership, the Secretary must, as soon as practicable-
 - (a) notify the applicant in writing of the approval for membership.
- (6) No entry fee or subscription is payable for membership of the Association.
- (7) The Secretary must, within 28 days of Committee approval for membership, enter the applicants name in the Register of Members.
- (8) The Members names are recorded and maintained in the St. Bede's Old Collegians Data Base.
- (9) An applicant for membership becomes a member and is entitled to exercise the rights of membership when his or her name is entered in the register of members.
- (10) If the Committee rejects an application, the Committee must, as soon as practicable notify the applicant in writing that the application has been rejected.
- (11) A right, privilege, or obligation of a person by reason of membership of the Association -
 - (a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person; and
 - (b) terminates upon the cessation of membership whether by death, resignation or otherwise.



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We hope you have enjoyed this edition of the Beda Boys Bulletin. We are always looking for material to publish, so please send us your information to oldcolls@stbedes.catholic.edu.au or call Jo Hynes on 9582 5722.

Jo is in the office on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8am until 4pm.



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