



# Beda Boys' Bulletin

Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present & Shaping the Future

December 2016

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## President's welcome



Welcome to our end of year edition of the Beda Boys Bulletin as we celebrate the Lasallian spirit. The Lasallian spirit is a unique bond between students past and present and one which is emphasized throughout the College.

Many fine examples of Beda Boys exemplifying this spirit exist throughout the community but one simple example was witnessed more than any other this year.

In one of the great sporting achievements, the performance of the Western Bulldogs in winning the AFL Premiership for the first time since 1954, was one of the most remarkable in recent memory. Led by former St Bede's College student and former St Bede's Mentone Tigers coach, Luke Beveridge, the team continued to build momentum throughout the season despite a series of setbacks with injuries and player challenges. The team though, overcame the overwhelming obstacles and odds to record a historic victory.

At the center of this team orientated resurgence was Lukes' Lasallian spirit. This Lasallian spirit was best exemplified when Luke gave up his Premiership medal for the team's fallen Captain, Bob Murphy, who had been injured earlier in the year and missed playing in the Grand Final.

Beveridge, who in essence had spent his entire football life working towards this crowning achievement, thought first not of himself but of the less fortunate Murphy. Without hesitation, Luke displayed the spirit which makes him such a fine leader. Luke's leadership is trusted by his team and his leadership sets an example to those who surround him. These traits are the essence of Luke's spirit and character which he no doubt has exhibited throughout his life. On Grand Final day his character was unreservedly on display to an audience of millions.

The values held by Beveridge proudly represent the Lasallian values. These values put consideration of others ahead of oneself. For Beveridge, it was more important to recognize Bob Murphy than seek recognition for himself which he was certainly deserving of. The satisfaction of this gesture was far greater than any other to be found.

It is this character ethic which we are all bound by at St Bede's College A common respect and concern for others which is so successfully taught at the College. I for one am proud to be a part of a College which espouses these ethos. We can all display the same Lasallian spirit in our own lives and use the example that Luke set for us by extending our own Lasallian spirit towards those who surround us.

Thank you again for your support of the Old Collegians this year. Your support has continued to strengthen the Association. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable festive season and I look forward to your involvement again next year.

Steve Ager  
PRESIDENT SBOCA



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## From the Principal



This reflection is written by Old Collegian Patrick Donnellan (Class of 1999) who volunteered his time and expertise to participate in the College's Thailand outreach volunteer program to the De La Salle School in Sanklaburi, Thailand. The group included ten current St Bede's College students, three St Bede's College staff and Patrick. They were assigned two tasks. One, the building of a small home for the housekeeper on the school site; and two, the levelling out and building of a Petaque field for the use by future students of the school.

*"In September this year I was fortunate enough to join the St Bede's College teachers and students on their volunteer trip to the De La Salle School in Sanklaburi. For a long time, I had heard of other volunteer trips where different organisations have given up their time to go overseas and help others in need. Being a Builder I have always wanted to use my skills for a good cause and help others. I have always thought of it as a genuine way to have a symbolic and physical impact that could have the potential to bring all kinds of different people together.*

*Initially the main challenge for me was leaving my wife and two daughters for over two weeks. Like most parents the time you spend with your family is the time where you are most at peace. Not to mention the guilt I felt for leaving my wife with all of the parental duties so I could selfishly pursue a life long goal. My wife, whose work load was about to be doubled by me going away, remained completely optimistic and supportive and without her support I could not have embraced and enjoyed this lifelong changing experience like I did. In the lead up to the trip I had to keep reminding myself that in a year's time, the short time away from my family would be insignificant in the grand scheme of things.*

*When I jumped on the bus, ready to depart for the airport I was basically a stranger to the staff and students. The staff were so welcoming and inclusive and the students appeared to be totally open to this whole experience even though no one really knew what to expect. I instantly felt a part of the crew.*

*Once we had arrived at our home for the next two weeks I was keen to start building. I was there to get things done. I felt like my personality and patience would be a strength when we began building as I knew the resources were limited and the language barriers would throw up all kinds of problems. However, I had no idea how difficult this would in fact be. Throw in ten new apprentices (the St Bede's College students) for their first day of work and things got interesting. I initially viewed this trip as me leading a building team to build structures for the school. What I didn't realize was this would be the less significant role I would play.*

*On reflection, when we started to work as a team, building for the school, was when my admiration for the students began. I can honestly say there was not one student who didn't give 100% of what they were capable of. Observing them work I felt a combination of being their friend and a parental figure, cautious of their feelings and how they were going about their jobs. As I was the 'new guy' I was the subject of the student's jokes and most of their daily banter. This enabled me to get to know the students better. As the days progressed I was so proud of the boys and their hard work. This was a true reflection of their kind hearted intentions of giving something back.*

## From the Principal (cont..)

*When we had breaks from the building site, we embarked on fun activities with the school kids and for me this is when the real fun started. I still cannot articulate how wonderful an experience this was. Perhaps it is a combination of how genuine and beautiful the souls of the orphans and teachers are, how happy they seemed to be without having much at all, how friendly and loving they are, or how brave they are to open themselves up to strangers without any reservations, knowing full well that they may not see many of us again after this experience.*

*All of the St Bede's College crew formed friendships with the children of the school. Most lucky enough to build one or two extra special bonds. I was lucky enough to form a special bond with Wanepon, who is a beautiful 12 year old girl. Although we didn't speak the same language it didn't matter. Her kind soul, generosity and love of life were infectious. The trip brought many emotional ups and downs along the way. On one particular night I was missing my family terribly and also upset that I was about to leave all of these people behind, people I had genuinely made remarkable and everlasting relationships with. I found myself questioning the experience. Was the experience more beneficial for me or for them? These feelings were quickly put to the side as I witnessed the St Bede's College staff and students experiencing the same questions/ feelings. On our last night we had a beautiful ceremony to celebrate our trip. It was a therapeutic way of uniting the students of the school and the St Bede's College crew for life. It also enabled us to say goodbye.*

*Now that we are home, I really hope the students of St Bede's College know how truly proud I am of them. And if they ever needed anything from me all they need to do is ask. I miss their daily banter and know I have made everlasting friendships with the boys. When I ask myself who the experience benefitted more.....myself or the students of the De La Salle School, I am still unsure. If I was asked to do it again, I would do it in a heartbeat. If I was ever asked do I recommend this experience, I would say "If it does not challenge you it won't change you and progress is impossible without change".*

*Thank you again Brother Garry for enabling me to fulfil a life long goal and be a part of this amazing and unique experience.*

*Patrick Donnellan (Class of 1999)*

*Ausflair Construction"*







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## Recent Events

### *Annual Finian Foundation Fundraiser — Speaker breakfast, Golf Day and Lunch*



With the sun rising over the First tee on what promised to be a glorious day for golf, over 100 Old Collegians and their guest joined us at Woodlands Golf Course for the Annual Finian Foundation Fundraiser.

We had the opportunity to listen to Victorian Racing Industry experts including successful trainers Pat Carey and Simon Zahra and successful jockey, race walker and race commentator Sam Hyland. All Bedaboys spoke frankly and with great love of their time at St Bede's College and provided the audience with some winning tips for the upcoming race days.



21 degrees and blue skies ensured golfing conditions were perfect! The eventual winners of the Ambrose tournament for the day were Steve Zagami, Robin Drury, Trevor Panozza and Jack Timmons. Very, very close runners up were Derek-Humphrey-Smith, Peter Fitzgerald, Stephen McBurney and James McLean.

Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the success of this day. A special thank you to our sponsors: Hayes Girling and Count Financial through CCF; Godfrey Pembroke Financial Planners, Abacus Visuals; Crocs Play Centres; Tobin Bros Funerals Cheltenham; Larkin Electrical and Audi Centre Brighton and The Great Ocean Road Chocolatier who supplied raffle prizes.



All the photos can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#)

We hope to welcome you all again next year!!





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### *Year 12 Valedictory Service and tie swapping*



A long tradition that is held in particularly high esteem by the current students of the College is the Tie Swapping ceremony that forms a part of the Year 12 Valedictory Service. This years ceremony was no exception.

Tony Quint (SBOCA Vice President) spoke eloquently and with passion about the ties that bind students to St Bede's College throughout their lives. In a symbolic action, parents are asked to remove the students College tie and replace it with an Old Collegians tie. After leaving the College, all students who have attended St Bede's College automatically become a part of the Old Collegians Association.



During this ceremony, the students are also given a gift bag containing information on ways to remain connected with the College, a welcome letter from the SBOCA and a car sticker to be displayed proudly on their first car!





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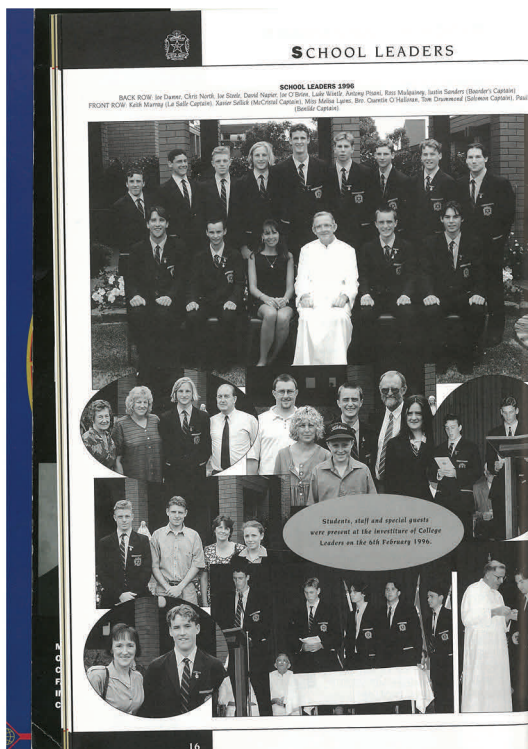
### *Reunions - Class of 1996, 20 year reunion*



Reunions continue to be the life blood of the Association. The Class of 1996 20 year reunion was another great opportunity for BedaBoys to reconnect, trade stories and banter and enjoy a tour of the College facilities.

With over 45 in attendance it was a large group.

Unfortunately the photographs taken on the evening could not be reproduced - a technical difficulty made it impossible to download them - so we have included the images from their year book—many had changed!







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### *Reunions - Class of 1986, 30 years reunion*



It was a privilege to welcome back over 35 Class of 1986's on Friday 26th August. While many were reluctant to come exclamations of "how glad I was a came" were heard over and over throughout the night!

The evening provided a great opportunity to revisit old stomping grounds, rekindle old friendships and share stories of school times shared together. The group were given a personalised tour of the College's newest facilities and many noted how much it had changed.







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### *Reunions - Class of 1976, 40 years reunion*



With over 35 past students in attendance, the Class of 1976 enjoyed each others company immensely (rumour has it some stayed catching up until 3am!). A number of former teachers also attended including John Rhoden, Tom Perfect, Paul Swannie and Allan Drummond.

Below is a reflection on the evening from Paul Swannie:

*Many, many thanks for the Invitation and hospitality extended to me on Friday evening.*

*It was wonderful to catch up to those 'scallywags' and to hear of their stories over the past forty years. In the hurly-burly of daily lessons, teachers often lose sight of their impact on their students; things that seemed inconsequential at the time are still recalled years and years later. Stephen Phillips, the boy! who came from London for the evening, still remembered the name of the textbook we used in Consumer Education - in 1973!!*

*Chris Warne recalled the 'rumble' on the long-gone Back Oval as did Paul Morrey and the similarly lost soccer pitch in the same place. It was wonderful to see the affection they have for their school and their classmates.*

*Thanks again to you, Steve Ager and Br Garry.*



## Recent Events

### *Terminal Velocity—Update “Infinitude”*

Current St Bede's College students Peter Russell, Joel Bright and Will Clifton in partnership with Brighton Secondary School in Adelaide SA merged to form Infinitude, one of three teams representing Australia at the F1 in Schools World Finals held in conjunction with the U.S Grand Prix in Austin, Texas in October 2016.

Through hard work, determination and support the team were able to bring home the Second Place trophy after their vehicle smashed the world record. An incredible achievement to be recognised on the world stage in a competition where twenty million students from forty four different countries compete!



*The Infinitude display at the Finals in Austin, Texas*



*The Team on track to break the World Record.*



## In the News

### *Dr Rolf Gomes (Class of 1991)*



Dr Rolf Gnomes studied Engineering after graduating from St Bede's College in 1991. After several years working as an electrical engineer, Rolf returned to study at the University of Queensland, graduating with a medical degree. He then completed his cardiology specialty training at the Prince Charles and Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospitals.

As a young registrar in the Australian bush, Rolf experienced the challenges of trying to diagnose and treat patients without the specialised services and equipment available to city patients. His experience as an engineer sort to solve this problem!

Rolf began plans to develop a mobile clinic; a service that delivers first-class speciality services to rural and remote communities in Australia. The Heart of Australia mobile clinic is a custom-built, \$1.5million, 25m long semi-trailer with specialist diagnostic equipment and technology, staffed by a team of cardiologists and respiratory specialists on a rotating roster.

Since its first trip two years ago the "Heart Bus" has conducted 4,283 consultations with 2,388 patients ; more than 250 patients have required urgent treatment with 30 referred for open heart surgery. An estimated 82 lives saved and a significant reduction in hospital stays.

You can view the full story here: <http://www.abc.net.au/austory/>

### *Br Bede and Bill Armstrong*



As featured in the Yea Chronicle incorporating the Kinglake Chronicle and The Alexandra & Eildon Standard.

*"Two past students of Alexandra Secondary College were recently inducted into the St Bede's College Hall of Fame. Des Mackrell (Brother Bede) and Bill Armstrong were both inducted. The Mackrells lived in the Yea area for many years and Br Bede still has family in Yea..."*

Both their citations can be viewed on our website—  
[www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au/community](http://www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au/community) and follow the links to Hall of Fame.



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## In the News

### *James Bertschik (Class of 2006)*



In September this year Frankston City Council welcomed the launch of the city's first dedicated co-working space and business hub in the heart of Frankston.

Known as the Frankston Foundry, the initiative aims to turn office space into an innovative business hub for the next 6 months.

The project was founded by Old Collegian James Bertschik (right) and local resident Cam Rambert (left). The space gives like-minded businesses a place to work from where they are not isolated and provides an opportunity for ideas and information sharing.

### *Michael (Mick) Stephenson ASM (Class of 1984)*



One of the State's most experienced MICA paramedics, Michael began his career with Ambulance Victoria in 1996 and helped formulate new clinical guidelines and education for the management of cardiac arrest.

Michael is responsible for the provision of quality state-wide emergency ambulance operations, including planning and delivery of specialist state-wide services such as Air Ambulance, using Advanced Life Support and Mobile Intensive Care paramedics, Ambulance Community Officers and Community Emergency Response Teams.

On Australia Day 2015, Michael was awarded the Ambulance Service Medal as part of the Australia Day honours.



## In the News

### *CMDR Darren Grogan (Class of 1987)*



The command of the Australian Navy's largest "seagoing service station" was handed over from Commander Darren Grogan to Commander Michael Oborn in December 2015.

GMDR Darren Grogan joined the Royal Australian Navy as a Supplementary List officer in 1988. After graduating from the Royal Australian Naval College, Jervis Bay he completed his basic Seaman Officer training ashore in HMA Ships *Watson* and *Cerberus* and at sea in HMA Ships *Jervis Bay*, *Torrens* and *Geelong*. He joined HMAS *Perth* in 1989 where he was awarded his Bridge Watch keeping Certificate.

After many years of studying and working his way through the ranks, CMDR Grogan assumed Command of HMAS *Sirius* in December 2013. The statistics for the ship under Commander Grogan's leadership were impressive: *Sirius* steamed the equivalent of three times around the earth at the equator and conducted 71 underway replenishments, transferring the equivalent of 5.2 Olympic-sized swimming pools. Before handing the ship over, Commander Grogan emphasised the value of team work in every situation.

### *Brenton Avdulla (Class of 2008)*



Brenton Avdulla left St Bede's College in Yr 10 to take up an apprenticeship with the Moloney Family. He finished second in the Victorian apprentices' premiership in 2008/09 with 86 winners before he moved to Sydney to link up with Hall Of Fame trainer Gai Waterhouse.

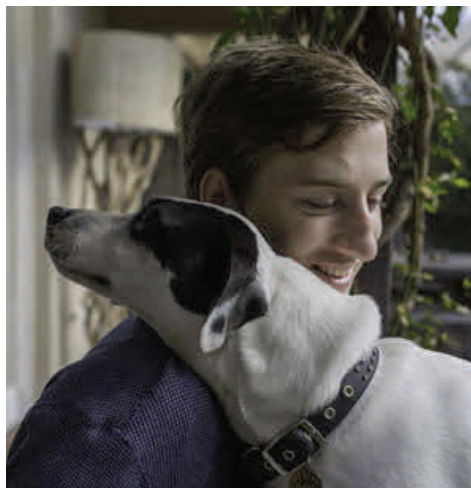
Brenton scored his first Group I win aboard the Graeme Begg-trained Secret Admirer in the 2010 Flight Stakes at Randwick and is now rated among the top five jockeys in Sydney.

Brenton first major winner was Count Encosta in 2010. His first Group One winner was Secret Admirer in the 2010 Coolmore Flight Stakes

His most recent major winner however was at the highest level when Lasqueti Spirit won the Group One Crown Oaks during this years Spring Carnival at Flemington.

## In the News

### *Jack Vawdrey ( Class of 2012)*



On 17 November, 2014 Old Collegian Jack Vawdrey's life changed. A misjudged dive into a mate's pool has catastrophic ramifications. Jack fractured his neck and is classified as an incomplete quadriplegic. Jack tackles his new set of challenges with tenacity and courage. It is this steely determination that makes Jack a prime candidate for pioneering nerve transfer surgery performed by Austin Health. Jack's progress has been amazing.

There is a long way to go but with the assistance of "The Next Step" Spinal Cord Injury Recovery, Jack's desire and drive to be independent will happen.

The ABC recently produced a story on Jack's recovery to date including life changing surgery. You can read the full article here:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-07-06/holding-his-nerve/7553046> and view the story here: <http://www.abc.net.au/7.30/content/2016/s4495936.htm>

### *Luke Beveridge (Class of 1988)*



It would be remiss not to include Luke again! This time as Coach of the Western Bulldogs—winners of the 2016 AFL Grand Final.

Luke's generosity of spirit was evidence when handing his Jock McHale medal to skipper Luke Murphy on the podium. The medal was later returned to Luke and now resides in the Clubs trophy cabinet alongside the premiership cup to symbolise the camaraderie Murphy had fostered amongst his team mates throughout the 2016 season.

We congratulate Luke on his leadership and his Lasallian spirit





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## Sporting News



### ACC Basketball

In ACC senior basketball, the College started a tradition where the last year (2015) team comes back and plays the current College team. During the July school holidays this big match took place.

The battle proved to be very close with the current year's team winning by only a few points. Old Collegians in blue from left to right are: Ryan Mravljak, James McEvoy, Lachie Lemons, Conor Maccurtain, Chris Molin (who was unable to play due to injury but came and coached the Old Colls team), Finn Kenny and Ollie Muehlke.

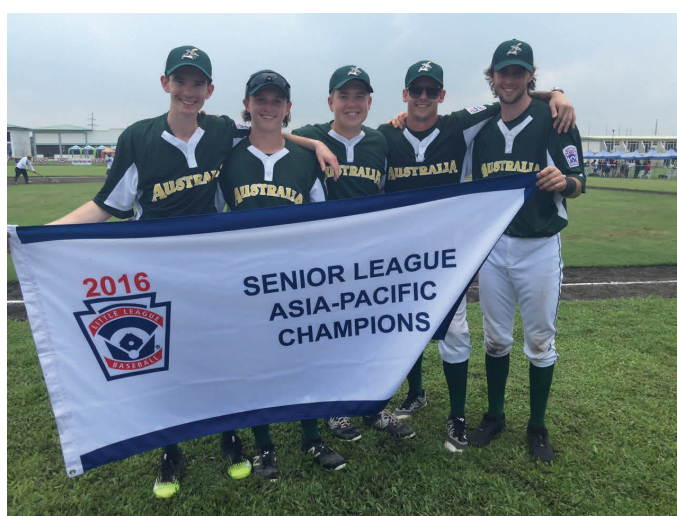
It was a great game played in great spirit and the perfect practice match for the current College students before the season started.

### Senior League Baseball

Five Old Collegians helped to make up a very successful Senior League baseball team this season. In July this year the winners of the Australian Senior League Championship represented Australia in the Senior League Asia-Pacific Region tournament in the Philippines. Australia's team—the Southern Mariners—took out this title and headed on to Bangor, Maine USA for the World Series.

The Southern Mariners fought off strong competition to make it all the way to the Grand Final of the World Series where they were eventually defeated 7-2 by Clear Ridge Little League. An awesome effort regardless by a strong representative of Bedaboys.

In the photo are; Jack Dunn, Brendan Wilson, Timothy Lane, Harrison Wills and Declan Crocker.





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## Upcoming events

### 2017 Events Calendar

#### Reunion Dates 2017

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

Class of 2007 10 year reunion	Friday 17th March
Class of 2016 1 year reunion	Friday 28th April
Class of 1967 and before reunion	Friday 9th June (LUNCHTIME event)
Class of 1997 20 year reunion	Friday 28th July
Class of 1987 30 year reunion	Friday 25th August
Class of 1977 40 year reunion	Friday 17th 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](http://www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au/community) and follow to Old Collegians area or by emailing [oldcolls@stbedes.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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 normally held on the second Tuesday of the month during term time at 7.30pm in the Board Room of the College.

The meeting dates for 2017 are: Tuesday 7th February, SBOCA AGM Tuesday 18th April; Tuesday 13th June, Tuesday 8th August, Tuesday 10th October, Tuesday 5th December

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





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### *SBOCA Calendar 2017*

#### **50 years—St Joseph's Primary**

In 2017 it will be 50 years since the Grade 6 Class from St Joseph's Primary School in Chelsea graduated. Many of those students proceeded to St Bede's College and if you (or perhaps your sister at Kilbreda) were one of those students then you may be interested in attending a Reunion being organised for some time in 2017.

More information can be found at <http://stjoeys1967.weebly.com/> or by contacting Old Collegian Mark Dunn at marfak56@gmail.com or 0422 304 052.

#### **Hall of Fame Annual Dinner**

Thursday 11th May 6.30pm

#### **The Annual Finian Foundation Fundraiser**

Friday 27th October



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## Where are they now?

### *Peter Turvey (Class of 1973)*

For the past ten years, Peter has lived in Pioneertown, California—a movie-set town established by Roy Rogers, Annie Oakley and others back in the 1940's. Over two hundred black and white Westerns were filmed here, including some weird space movies, and the Cisco Kid. Videos and films are still shot here, and it is now home to a burgeoning and eclectic music scene that is known all over the world. As a music producer and recording engineer with over thirty years experience, Peter provides recording and event services through Acclaim! Productions. June 2016 saw the CD release of "On Track" - a faith based expression of his journey over many years since graduating from St Bede's College in 1973.

### *Peter Robinson (Class of 1942)*

Peter came to St Bede's College in his early twenties to study Latin so he could go to the seminary (then at Werribee). Bro Finian was a great help teaching him Latin. A devoted, lovable, and down-to-earth man he spent years as Chaplain of the Hearing Impaired followed by a period as Parish Priest.

Peter now lives in the Retirement Village in Croydon. Keep him in your prayers

### *Sam Anstey (Class of 1999)*

Sam was recently appointed by the Board of the St Bede's Mentone Tigers as the new Senior Coach of the club. Sam is well known to the club having played for them from 2006 and 2011 and contributing greatly to their Triple Premiership victories in 2006 / 2007 & 2008. Sam was Club Champion in 2006 and a joint winner with Luke Wintle in 2008. In 2006 Sam also won the Michael Hecker Memorial Most Consistent Trophy and was a VAFA state rep in 2007 / 2008. Sam was named in the VAFA Team of the Year in 2007. Sam was one of the club's Assistant Coaches in 2009 / 2010. He will be supported in his role by new Assistants Luke Wintle (Class of 1996), Anthony Scafidi (Class of 1999) and Peter Laspatzis who will also take on the Development Coaching role.





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## Where are they now?

### *Brian Dillon (Class of 1946)*

After working in industry in Melbourne and Sydney, and running his own building maintenance company for eight years, Brian joined the Australian Trade Commissioner Service in 1963. He subsequently served as Australian Trade Commissioner in Italy, Egypt, Malta, India, Spain and finally in the Philippines – where he was Minister (Commercial) at the Australian Embassy in Manila. Brian was then seconded by the T.C. Service to the United Nations Development Programme, where, for 10 years, he was Director of the UNDP Program of Coal Utilisation Technology, training the developing countries of Asia in clean coal utilisation and environmental protection. Brian is now settled in Sydney and – God willing and to his surprise – will be turning 88 in January.

We recently received a note from Brian: *“I enjoyed, as always, reading of the news and successes—and, sadly, bereavements—of the Beda old boys. Living in Sydney makes one feel “of another world” at times and just as separated as I was during my 26 years in the Foreign Service. Consequently I have drifted apart from many—or most—of my old friends of Mentone Days. How saddened I was, for example, to hear the second-hand news of the passing of my old friend and classmate, Mons. Brian (“Mousey”) Walsh. Though hearing frequent reports of his activities, our meetings were infrequent. (We had a great time together when he stayed with us when I was serving in Rome.*

*There is one particular friend with whom I have lost contact—and that is Clem Corboy. He went to reside in Queensland.....*

If anyone knows about Clem, please contact [oldcolls@stbedes.catholic.edu.au](mailto:oldcolls@stbedes.catholic.edu.au)



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## Where are they now?

### *Ron Farrell (Class of 1953)*



A cosy group of eleven Old Collegians joined Ron Farrell for their annual Christmas catch up.

Those present included Adrian Power, Colin Faulkner, Pat Lee, Ron Walker, Frank Hennessy, Ron Farrell, Michael Howell, Terry Bowes (who flew over from Tassie), John Goodwin, Rupert Hood and Terry Martin.

From Ron: *"It was a great opportunity to get together and interesting to see how our lives ranged across society in so many fields of endeavour and how family life means so much to us all."*

*To those of you who were not able to join us maybe you will make it in 2017. It is a very pleasant laid back day.*

*Note that the 7th December 2017 has been set as the next luncheon date at the RACV Club.*

*To each and every one of you I hope that you and yours have a wonderful Christmas and New Year to follow. And to those whose health is not good you have our prayers.*

*The surplus from the luncheon collection amounted to \$190 and this will be donated to the Finian Foundation. Per vias rectas obviously meant a lot to us one way or another..."*





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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/  
community](http://www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au/community)

#### **02. Log into Facebook**

[facebook.com/stbedesoldcolls](https://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. Participate in Golf Day/ Charity Breakfast**

Held every October at Woodlands Golf Club

#### **06. Reunite for Milestones**

Celebrate years 1, 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50& beyond at our reunions

#### **07. Mentoring / Careers Evening**

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 Hawthorn Cricket Club

#### **10. Contact Us**

Old Collegians Officer:

**email:** [oldcolls@stbedes.catholic.edu.au](mailto:oldcolls@stbedes.catholic.edu.au)

**phone:** 9582 5722

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 8am - 4pm



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## Sporting Club News



A note from Peter Knuppel (Class of 1978):

*Kingston Hawthorn is the playing name of St John Vianney's - St Bede's Old Collegians - Hawthorn East Melbourne Cricket Club Inc. – so we are an Old Boys cricket club and very keen to maintain/strengthen links with the College. We do provide curation/wicket preparation services to the College and in return play our 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> XI matches at the College Front Oval. We are planning an annual match to be played by KHCC against the College 1<sup>st</sup> XI starting this year and have suggested we strike a Brother Finian Allman Cup/Trophy to be struck in his honour so as to contribute to keeping his memory/work history alive.*

*Many of us benefitted from the work of Brother Finn and also his friendship, who amongst other jobs, prepared the turf wickets on the Front Oval for many years. Finn would finish watering the wicket about an hour before play was due to commence so we always played on drying, sticky and challenging wickets. When he was away, which wasn't often, the wickets were a batting paradise! We were however, better players for competing in challenging conditions.*



On Saturday 15th October St Bede's Old Collegians' Hockey Club celebrated the 2016 Senior Presentation Night.

The following awards were presented:

### **Men's 1st XI - Vic League 2**

Winner: Michael Somerton

Runner Up: James Cracknell

Coach's Award: Huy Do

### **Men's 2nd XI - Vic League 2 Reserves**

Winner: Jackson Edmonds

Runner Up: Ian Brady

Coach's Award: Scott Machell

### **Men's 3rd XI - Metro A South**

Winner: Ben Guilfoyle

Runner Up: Mark Amott and Marty Wilson

Coach's Award: David McDonald

### **Women's 1st XI - Metro A South**

Winner: Sinead Brady

Runner Up: Jess Guilfoyle

Coach Award: Simone Lovett

### **Perpetual Trophies**

### **Lifetime Membership**

Jordy Schellebeck & David Brynes

### **John Davies Senior Club Champion**

Michael Somerton

### **Craig Edmonds Club Person of the Year**

Luke Cracknell

### **Novelty Trophies**

#### **Loo-Dicroux**

Karen Barker & Maggie O'Toole

#### **Dave Foster - Axe Wielder's Award**

#### **Dinosaur**

Dave Sederino

Karen Barker





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## Sporting Club News



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

St Bede's Mentone Tigers have resumed pre-Christmas training with good numbers attending under a new coaching panel made up of predominantly St Bede's Old Boys led by Sam Anstey (2015 Victorian coach of the year) with Anthony Scafidi and Luke Wintle (all 3 are SBMT triple premiership players) as assistant coaches and Peter Laspatzis as the new Development team coach.

The Tigers earnt promotion from VAFA Premier B into Premier Division after an excellent season where they were either 1st or 2nd on the Premier B ladder most of the season. St Bede's won the 2nd semi-final against Beaumaris by 27 points to earn automatic promotion to Premier Division but fell 31 points short in the grand Final against the same opponents. The Development Team after a very up-and-down season had a very good win against Parkdale by 10 points in the 1st semi-final but unfortunately went down to Old Scotch in the preliminary final. Both Under 19 teams had excellent seasons making the finals but both lost their 1st semi-finals in close encounters.

The Tigers are keen to add to their current batch of recruits and returnees as they begin a new chapter with their second-ever stint in VAFA Premier Division. The club will again be fielding a Thirds team as well as two Under 19s and for the very first time a senior women's team in the VAFA.

St Bede's Mentone Tigers have previously had 2 girls' teams (U13 and U15) in the SMJFL and will be increasing that to 4 junior teams (U12, U14, U16, and U18) plus the seniors and is actively recruiting across all grades after having secured a very experienced women's coach in ex-Fitzroy senior women's coach, John Marshall.

2017 is already shaping as a very exciting year for this very family-oriented club now boasting a full pathway for both boys and girls in Australian Rules football.

Wishing all a safe and happy Christmas from St Bede's Mentone Tigers Amateur Football Club.

Peter O'Brien



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## In Memoriam



### **Peter Brady (Class of 1960)**

Passed away peacefully on 28th February 2016. Peter is survived by his wife Marjorie and their daughter Leanne and Tania and their families. Peter's grandson Brady is a current student at St Bede's College.

May he Rest in Peace



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The Finian  
FOUNDATION



The Finian 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 College, it was deemed most appropriate to name the foundation the Finian Foundation after Br 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 College.

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 Beda Boys.**

## ***A memory from John Keyte attended St Bede's College 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 College 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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*All donations to the Finian Foundation are fully tax deductible*



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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 recognised as 'Life Members'. These benefactors are now recognised 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 recognised 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 organising 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):

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



*Wishing you, your family and loved ones a very  
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