



THE STREAMER

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St Patrick's College, Silverstream *Foundation Newsletter*



Tēnā koutou katoa, Greetings everyone

2020 has been unprecedented in dealing with the Covid Pandemic and it's ongoing ramifications.

Our committee has met throughout this period being it by the technology of zoom.

I wish to thank all our committee members for their input and ongoing contribution as we develop and set a path for the Foundation.

I take this opportunity to thank all my fellow Old Boys and friends who have supported the College in 2020.

I wish you all a very safe, happy and holy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy 2021.

Sectare Fidem

Dr Lallit Rajpal

Foundation Chairman

Please make contact with any information, especially if you can help in tracing fellow classmates, so we can continue to build our database of contact details.

Mike O'Leary

Foundation Liaison Officer



The Foundation has been set up to help our students achieve their full potential in their learning, extra-curricular activities and Catholic formation. We invite Old Boys, parents and friends of the College to join the Foundation and share in the life of our College community.



WAHAROA | RONGOMATANE



This Waharoa has been gifted by the Friends of Mawaihakona Stream. It has been carved in the Taranaki style by Ihaia Puketapu and Sonny Davis.

Funding was provided by Wellington Community Trust, Creative Communities Upper Hutt, Totara Trust and St Patrick's College Silverstream. The Waharoa has been named Rongomatane and this is an explanation of the meaning:

The gable mask is Rongo

The figure at the bottom of the Pou is Tane there this has been named Rongomatane.

Rongomatane represents the atua of the boys of the College.

Rongo is the atua of Peace and Agriculture. Tane represents the boys of the College.

Rugby is considered a peaceful activity because it is played with sportsmanship.

The structure (Waharoa) as a whole represents moving from an organised Pakeka world into a more natural regenerating podocarp forest.



The carved maihi (bargeboards) and amo (side posts) confer a blessing and offer protection to those who pass through the Waharoa.

Neville Shield



Marcio Cotzee Yr 10 wins his event at recent Neville Shield with a personal best of 1.80m

NZSSAA Champs



Matt Bealing on way to winning the Senior Boys Long Jump title

Medal Winners

*Matt Bealing Gold Senior Long Jump 6.84m setting a new College U17 record
Josh Jordan Gold junior 4km road race 13min 14sec.*

Oliver Krijnen Silver senior 100m 11.18sec.

Max Poland Silver junior 4km road race 13min 32sec.

Silver 4 X100m senior relay 44.60sec.

Liam Willcocks

Matt Bealing

Ethan Du Toit

Oliver Krijnen

Marco Coetzee Bronze junior High Jump equal 1.83m

Head Boy 2021



Matai Ammunson has been appointed as the Head Boy for 2021. His deputies be:

Will Minihan

Dexter Go

Guntas Ahluwalia

Head Boarder

Tyzharn Thompson

Blue and White Magazines:

All the College's history is recorded in these magazines. Also on this site you can access many historical photographs.

www.streamfoundation.org.nz/index/home/Blue_and_White

Reunion 1957-61



Back Row: Back Row L-R Des Reid, Michael Vanderpump, Robert Mulcaster, Michael Waite
 third row: Willie Peacock, John O'Regan
 Second row: Pat Bergin, Bernie Lile, Michael Walsh, Warwick Jones, John McCarthy, Philip Ashenden
 Front: Sam Jones, Mark Egan, Michael McVerry, John Graham, Simon Rodgers, David Ongley



David Ongley John Graham



Michael Walsh , Bob Mulcaster



Micahel Waite , Tony Buist



Philip Ashenden Bernie Lile



John McCarthy , Mark Egan



Michael McVerry, Pat Bergin

Silverstream class 1957-1961

reunion mass homily

Today we come together to celebrate a thanksgiving mass for the gifts and graces we have received and been enriched with during our foundational years at Silverstream. We were blessed with an opportunity to become steeped in what the good book written by Fr Cliffy Bowler called, "Living the Truth".

We were of an impressionable age at that time and open to the significant influences that went towards forming our character, our faith, our values, and priorities in life. Living, studying, and recreating in such proximity, inevitably built up some solid friendships and it is another gift that we come to thank God for. To be educated in one of the most desirable colleges, in one of the most desirable countries in the world, put us in a very privileged group.

Our teachers were a group of men who march under the flag "Society of Mary". They strove to implant and nurture in us the seeds of faith planted by our families that would enable us to be fruitful men in the same spirit of Mary.

The rector from 1944 – 1949 Fr Leo Evatt wrote, "Our task is to form men – Christian in heart, mind and conduct. Men who recognise the importance and dignity of the human person, understand the duties of justice and good will to all. Men who will challenge materialism and selfishness. The young man at Silverstream is trained in a manly pattern of living, a life lived in and through God's Grace." A good description of 'Sectare Fidem'.

The priests were more commonly known to us as 'the boses' a community of men who were united in a common vision and mission in the education of young men.

The image may subsequently have become seriously tarnished with the revelation of abuses. But the impact of their inspiration, dedication and commitment lives on, and is probably why many of us are gathered here today.

A reporter once said to Mother Teresa. "Mother, I look with great admiration at the wonderful work you and all your sisters are doing for the poor all around the world. My question is; 'How successful do you think you are?'" Mother Teresa spontaneously replied; "In my life it is not a question of success, it is a question of faithfulness."

Jesus never used the word success because we can only be successful in the secondary pursuits of life. We can be successful in sport, in politics, in Hollywood, in education, in making money, or being in positions of power. But we do not use the word success for the primary pursuits of life, like; marriage relationship, prayer, carrying our cross, parenting, serving the poor, being an apostolic priest or growing old graciously. Jesus does not call us to be successful in these, but to be fruitful with a fruit that lasts. There are sprinters, middle distance runners, and stayers. We are all called as Christians to be stayers. Anyone can do something good for a short time. In the words of Jesus in this morning's Gospel, "I commission you to go out and bear fruit; fruit that lasts".

Another boarder reflecting on his journey wrote. "Silverstream was an exciting place to be because it opened up a world of what has been called second rate pursuits but to me, they were the first-rate pursuits. Rugby, running, boxing, tennis, down the river, smoking, breaking bounds just to prove you could do it and so on.



The second-rate pursuits were our faith, academic development, and I'd put music in there too. However unbeknown to me the seeds were sown and foundations laid for me to take on the load and develop and grow my own faith and for that I am eternally thankful for the efforts my parents made to send me to St Pats, Silverstream".

Cardinal Newman once wrote; "To live is to change, and to live fully is to have changed often". Although we were imbued with the classical principles of life and faith, and although we thought the world was our oyster as we left school, I doubt any of us would have predicted the massive changes and consequent challenges that we would be faced with in our lifetime. But as St Paul says "You will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting. He will keep you steady until the last day, and God is faithful". They say there will be no passwords in heaven. But for us as we head for the other side of the grave our password remains. 'Sectare fidem'.

*courtesy of Fr Michael McVerry SM
Thursday 20 August 2020*

2019 Samoan People of the Year: Fe'esago George Fepulea'i (1950 -54)

Fe'esago Siaoasi Fepulea'i has spent the best part of his life serving the people of Samoa through many different roles.

For the 84-year-old, that is 65 years of service in roles including the Chairman of the Public Service Commission, Ambassador for Samoa in Brussels and New Zealand and countless other senior positions.

But it was his last official role that perhaps summed up the courage of a man whose heart for his country cannot be questioned.

In 2017 the Government took a leap of faith to revive international flights for Samoa through its own airline, Samoa Airways. The decision by Cabinet was made on the recommendation by Fe'esago, who was the Chairman of the Board at the time.

When he retired, Fe'esago acknowledged Prime Minister Tuilaepa Dr. Sa'ilele Malielegaoi's leadership in the matter, saying the Government made the right decision.

He said the previous arrangements with overseas airlines felt like Samoa was once again under colonial rule, referring to a joint venture between the Government and Virgin Australia. In 2016, a Scoping and Feasibility Study for International Jet Services was conducted and released in 2017. Fe'esago said this changed everything. "I appeared before Cabinet over this study and I read out bits and pieces of the report and for the first time ever, I felt that we were once again under colonial rule," he said.

"They were milking money from us, with their expensive airfares, both airlines; they were making millions from our people."

It was from there that motivated the Government to do something.

"There was no way we would continue down this path, with the unfair treatment we were getting from the joint venture. They took advantage of us," he said.

The start was not easy with the Chairman noting that not all Cabinet Ministers were on board with the idea. Still they persisted.

"The passion to revive Samoa Airways quickly reminds how our forefathers fought for the freedom we are now enjoying. I salute and applaud them, despite the lack of education; the blood and sweat of our forefathers speaks volume," he said.

"Their determination, passion and patriotism led Samoa to where it is now."

Fe'esago acknowledged that criticisms of the Government's decision at the start were warranted, given the history of Polynesian Airlines.

But that was then. Today is different, he insists.

"We learn from our mistakes and we move on," he said. "At the time of the first airline, the Cabinet Ministers, Members of Parliament, Churches and their Reverends, organizations were flying to New Zealand without any airfares.

"They were supposed to repay the airline upon return but never did. That practice led the closing down of the then Polynesian Airlines."

Polynesian Airlines international operations slowly disappeared replaced by Virgin Blue, which later became Virgin Samoa, in 2005.

Still the desire was there for Samoa to get back into international flights with its own flag carrier.

The rest as they say is history.

Looking back today, despite some challenges along the way, Fe'esago is adamant the Government made the right decision.



"Our forefathers did not fight for our freedom for us to go back to this," he said about the previous joint venture arrangements.

He said when the government announced the cancellation of the joint venture; Virgin Australia tried to get the Australian government involved.

"The Prime Minister adamantly told them no. We will not be bullied into anything and that to me; took a lot of guts.

"Too bad for them, they picked on the wrong guy. The Prime Minister stood his ground. Only those with guts can turn down threats from a big government and that's exactly what we did." A devout Catholic, Fe'esago served the Catholic Church in Samoa with his work for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

In 2016, he was presented a Papal Award by Archbishop Alapati Lui Mateiliga during Mass at the Immaculate Conception of Mary Cathedral in Apia. He was presented with the Order of the Holy Sepulchre Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice.

Courtesy of Samoanobserver
By Joyetter Feagaimaali'i, 31/12/2019

News



Special thanks to the students who got up at 6.30am to collect for Daffodil Day and to all the students who contributed their gold coin as part of mufti day. Above James Taylor and Guntas Ahluwalia both Year 12 who manned the Silverstream Station.



Plant Manager Trev Bushby gives the Carpenter Level 2 class tuition on the art of laying concrete.



Framing up the new bike shed by the level 2 Carpentry class.



Upgrade of cricket nets with the addition of extra bays.



The completed bike shed.

The Season 3 St Patrick's College Silverstream 1st XV

this documentary now available on You tube.

<http://www.streamfoundation.org.nz/index/home/Videos>



College Awards 2020



Peter Marshall Dux 2020



Jacob Craigie Proxime Accessit



*Te Ata Tu Patelesio
Pasifika Gold Scholar Award.*

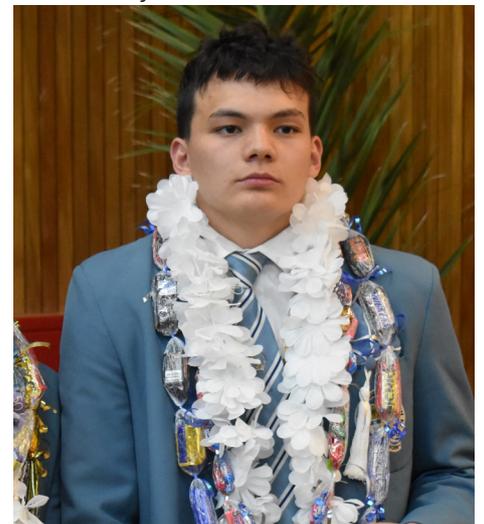


*Max Poland
Junior Victor Ludorum*



*Riley Higgins
Victor Ludorum*

*He was selected in the NZSS Rugby team
and winner of the Rugby award at the
Wellington Secondary sports event*



Sautia Misa Sports All Rounder

Julian Davidson's memorial seat blessed



Preparations for the construction of the bench



*Fr John Walls blesses the Julian Davidson's memorial seat
on Sunday 19 August 2020*

A team of fellow Old Boys constructing a memorial bench seat for Julian who died in 2018. This seat has been placed in the recently established ecological restoration zone, along the Mawaihakona stream and pathway. Its lookout will be over the stream, down to the Hutt River and up to the Western hills.

Streamer news



Jolan Search (2009-13) has recently completed his Masters Of Education Practice and is now Year 8 Curriculum Co ordinator at Sacred Heart College, Auckland.



Peter Cullinane (1967-70) founder of the Lewis Road Creamery company in 2012 was made famous for creating a chocolate milk in 2014. It has recently sold to South Pastures fund.



John Foley (1981-84) recently launched his "Be Supportive Campaign" on TV 1.



The duo of Huddy Hui sports broadcasting team, Brad Hudson (2000 -04) , Adam Julian (1999-03).



James Matamua 2011-14 has been successful in taking the lead Acting role in NZ film the "Savages".



Noel Moleta (1972-74) came from D'Urville Island as a boarder and now has been farming Waitui in the outer Marlborough sounds for over 40 years. TV 1's Country Calendar features Noel's farming enterprise recently.



Blake Finnigan 1980-84 with family and Fr John Walls Sm when they visited the College in July 2020. .



Brothers in arms: Tom Williams, Chris Quin and Connor Leahy (2011-15) recently graduated from Victoria University.



Rising football star Marko Stamenic (2015-19) Has signed for Danish Superliga club FC Copenhagen. With 13 league titles to their name, they are the most successful club in Denmark..

Mike McCOOL 1965-68 R.I.P

Here's the profile of former Hawkes Bay and All Black Lock Forward Michael McCool who represented Hawkes Bay from 1972 to 1978 before playing for our neighbours in Wairarapa Bush from where he was selected in the All Blacks in 1979.

Michael John "Mike" McCool [born 15th September 1951] is a former New Zealand rugby union player.

A Lock Forward, McCool attended Kereru School near Hastings and then St. Patrick's College in Silverstream where he was a member of the 1st XV in 1968. He represented Hawke's Bay from the Hastings Celtic Rugby Football Club and then Wairarapa Bush at a provincial level. He was a member of the New Zealand national side, the All Blacks, in 1979. He played two matches for the All Blacks, including one test match against Australia.

McCool had been battling away in provincial rugby for seven or eight seasons, impressing as no more than an admirable and honest workhorse, when he was suddenly called into the All Blacks in 1979.

The accompanying picture shows McCool receiving his All Black "cap" from John Sturgeon as part of the All Blacks "capping ceremony" of recent years

Having had an excellent All Black trial, his only one, McCool became the replacement lock to partner Andy Haden when Frank Oliver was struck by injury during the two tests of 1979 against France. McCool took over from Oliver for two games in Australia, against Queensland B and the one-off Bledisloe Cup international against the Wallabies in Sydney.



Mike receiving his All Black "cap" from John Sturgeon

That match was lost and McCool was to be among the casualties. He never played for the All Blacks again and he was overlooked for the tour later in the year of Scotland and England. Oliver was also unavailable for that tour, but to accompanying Haden was John Fleming and Vance Stewart who were preferred to McCool. A product of rural southern Hawke's Bay, McCool played 77 matches for the Bay between 1972 and 1978.

He was in the side which beat the touring Wallabies in 1972 and he also played against the Lions in 1977 in a match the Hawkes Bay Magpies could have and should have won if not for a few missed kicks at goal.

In 1974 he played five games for the New Zealand Juniors on an internal tour, but that was to be his only national recognition until his surprise elevation in 1979.

By that season McCool had moved his farming interests a little further south. Between 1979 and 1983 he played 50 games for Wairarapa-Bush, including meeting the touring Lions in 1983.

McCool played in one of Wairarapa-Bush's more notable eras and at the end of the 1981 season under the coaching of Brian Lochore the small union won promotion to the NPC first division. In his period with Wairarapa-Bush, McCool and the later All Black, Andy Earl then only in his teens, often locked together.

Couresty of "Once was an Magpie" facebook page.

In Memoriam

Streamer 1948-52

FULLER, Anthony Victor (Tony)

Died 17 June 2020

Tauranga

Streamer 1965-68

McCOOL, Michael John (Colonel))

Died 23 June 2020 Age 68

Auckland

Streamer 1967-69

McKENNA, Lawrence Patrick (Larry)

Died 24 June 2020 Age 66

Napier

Streamer 1943-45

HICKMAN, Thomas Osborne (Tom)

Died 27 June 2020 Age 91

Blenheim

Streamer 1950 - 51

CROSSWELL, Ivan Reginald

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Died 14 July 2020

Auckland

Streamer 1950-53

BOOTH, Donald Michael (Tony)

Died 17 July 2020 Age 84

Upper Hutt

Streamer 1951-54

CLEARY, Paddy

Died 19 July 2020

Wellington

Streamer 1950 - 52

STEWART, David Gordon

Died 20 July 2020 Age 83

Wanganui

Streamer 1951-55

HORAN, Desomond Edward (Des)

Died 24 July 2020 Age 82

Waikanae

Streamer 1952 - 56

MORGAN Anthony David

Died 8 August 2020 Age 81

Auckland

Streamer 1947-50

LEARY, Terence Ronald

Died 29 August 2020 Age 88

Auckland

Streamer 1988 -92

MAYNE, Matthew Robert

Died 15 September 2020

Sydney



Streamer 1947 -51

CURTAIN, Michael Vincent (Vince)

**Reverend Father 11th Rector
1981-87**

Died 20 September 2020 Age 88

Christchurch

Streamer 1953-55

ANDERSON, Dennis John

Died 22 September 2020

Lower Hutt

Streamer 1967 - 71

NOLAN, Owen Patrick

Died 23 September 2020

Omakau

Streamer 1959-62

ALLAN, Raymond Alexander

Died 28 September 2020

Upper Hutt

Streamer 1957-61

BLEWMAN, Patrick James (Pat)

Died 1 October 2020

Levin

Streamer 1968 - 71

TOD, Graeme Lincoln (Tody): J.P.

NZ J745553, Major (Retired) NZ
Army.

Died 2 October 2020 Age 65

Carterton

Streamer 1943-45

DOWLING, Terence Michael

Died 8 October 2020 Age 92

Palmerston North



Streamer 1955 - 59

BERRILL, John Beauchamp

Died 9 October 2020 Age 78

Christchurch

Streamer 1948-49

O'DONOGHUE, Gerard

Died 11 October 2020 Age 90

Whangarei

Streamer 1950-51

SPURDLE, Patrick Isaac

Died 21 October 2020 Age 84

Havelock North

Streamer 1946-47

McPEAK, William George

Died 4 November 2020 Age 90

Palmerston North

Streamer 1952-54

DEBNEY, Dennis John

Died 7 November 2020

Levin

Streamer 2016-20

FLORENDO, Cy Marcus

Died 8 November 2020 Age 17

Upper Hutt

Streamer 1950-54

ROBINS, Charles Edward (Ted)

Died 12 November 2020 Age 82

Lower Hutt

Streamer 2014-18

ARMSTRONG, David John

Died 14 November 2020

Upper Hutt

Streamer 1951-54

COLEY, Terence John (Terry)

Died 18 November 2020 Age 82

Pukekohe