



THE STREAMER

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St Patrick's College, Silverstream **Foundation Newsletter**

Chapel Earthquake Strengthening nears Completion

Earlier this year after an engineering inspection the Chapel was assessed to be an earthquake risk. Structural Engineers were engaged to prepare strengthening drawings and the construction tender was awarded to Armstrong Downes Ltd.

Earthquake strengthening work has been undertaken from roof level to avoid disturbance to the suspended ceiling finishes in the main chapel. The scaffold "tent" keeps out the weather and the temporary propping provides support to the suspended ceiling while sections of the main roof were temporarily removed. New steel bracing is being installed within the chapel roof space to tie the roof and concrete wall panels together to prevent collapse. The three big concrete crosses at the chapel entrance and the single cross behind the altar are being braced back to the main building and strengthened to improve stability. In conjunction with the earthquake strengthening work, other maintenance work is being undertaken, including the refurbishment of the five stain glass windows at the back of the chapel and repainting of the exterior walls.



The roof to the main foyer and side corridors completely removed to insert steel bracing. The rebuilt roof will have improved drainage to avoid further leaks.

The main chapel will appear the same as it always has. Perhaps the only noticeable difference will be the foyer and side corridors that will look much tidier after a fresh coat of paint and new carpet.

The original Chapel was designed by William Pearson & Associates of Upper Hutt and constructed by Consolidate Construction (1969) Ltd.

The Foundation Stone was laid on 12 June 1975 and some 40 years later the updating has seen Bill's son Rick taking a major role in the architecture design work. Rick was a student at Silverstream from 1972 -76 and saw the initial build of the chapel. It is fortunate to have his company continue the association with this upgrade and strengthening work.

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.



Streamers in Action



Jamie Williams (1989-93)

Jamie is a co Director of the Wellington Hospitality Group along with fellow director Andrew “Will” Williams (1989-93). They are owner-operators of a dozen restaurants and bars in Wellington region, including Brew’d Boulcott, Bethel Woods on The Terrace and The Co-op in Whitby. They have just opened the Trentham Mess Hall restaurant and bar. A new build hotel on the old BP site on Fergusson Drive, Silverstream, being planned to open in February 2016.



Liam Higgins (2007-11)

Liam was selected in the NZ U23 Football team that played in the Pacific Games qualifying tournament in Papua New Guinea. The winners went onto claim Oceania’s berth at the Rio 2016 Olympics. Unfortunately the team were disqualified for fielding an ineligible player. Liam made his All Whites debut against Myanmar in September at the Thuwanna Stadium, Yangon. Team Wellington has signed Liam to play 2015-16 ASB Premiership season.



Mark Dossor (1981-85)

Mark is currently the CFO for ACC. He manages overseas financial functions as well as a world wide investment funds worth \$31 billion.

Earlier in the year he spoke to a group of current students of his experiences in the corporate world in order to prepare them once they leave the gates of Silverstream.

Mark is one of two survivors of an avalanche that killed four climbers on Mt Tasman in during the climbing season of 2003/04.



Francis Fanning (1961-62)

Francis has been awarded the 2015 Old Boy of the Year at the SPCOBA dinner. He had been a director of Suzanne Aubert Compassion Centre Ltd., the charitable company which runs the Wellington soup kitchen. He is also a director of Compassion Housing Ltd which owns and operates 90 pensioner residential units in Upper Hutt. Francis is a board member of the Catholic Foundation and convenor of its Scholarship Committee.



John O’Sullivan (1968-72)

John was recently inducted into the Kapiti - Horowhenua Business Hall of Fame. He was the founder of the Summerset retirement village organisation, a company he sold in 2006. Ten years ago John launched the Amnico Foundation, which focusses on supporting and educating young people.

He is the chair of a committee planning the relocation of the school and churches of Our Lady of Kapiti Parish.



Thomas Yates (2010-14)

Thomas was College dux in 2014 and he has secured a \$450,000 scholarship to study at the New York University of Abu Dhabi. He will be majoring in Economics and Maths during his four years of study. This campus appealed to Thomas as it is international and offered more opportunities to travel and was very strong in Economics. Thomas plans to complete a PhD and go on to work in an organisation like the World Bank or the International Monetary Fund.

Electronic edition

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The Colleges Four Old Boys Mayors

At the 2015 Local Government Conference in Rotorua four Streamers were representing their respective Councils out of 78 local authorities throughout the country.

From left: Brendan Duffy (1968-72) Mayor of Horowhenua, Wayne Guppy (1968-72) Mayor of Upper Hutt, Alfred Preece (1971-75) Mayor of the Chatham Islands, Peter Butler JP (1963-66) Mayor of Central Hawkes Bay District Council.



3rd XV coached by Mark Ligtenberg and Matt Fage won their final over Scots College 20-17

The College Rugby had outstanding success in the 2015 season with all five teams who made the College Sport finals winning their respective grades.

1st XV players: Losi Filipo and Asafo Aumua gained selection in NZ Secondary Schools Rugby Team. Special congratulations to Asafo who has been selected

for the greater U20 New Zealand training squad for 2016.

Academic Update

The college has taken on the challenge of adopting new modern teaching styles in 2015. "We have been heartened by this year's developments: Year 9 Learning Hubs, BYOD, a completely different Tutor system, and a real emphasis on developing self-managing/self directing." Rector Gerard Tully reports.



Jeremiah Go is the Year 13 Dux for 2015

College News



Year 13 student Ryan Scaife was awarded Sportsman of the Year (Victor Ludorum). Ryan represented NZ in Boxing at the Youth commonwealth games in Samoa. Year 11 student Nick Smith also attended these games in Athletics.

Simon Stack, old boy (1978-82) and long-time staff member, was recently appointed as the new Principal of St Bernard's College, Lower Hutt. We wish Simon special congratulations as he takes up this position in 2016.

Cuff Links:

You can buy these at \$45 by contacting the Foundation Office, orders taken \$50 including postage and packaging within New Zealand.



John Caulton - War Pilot with Unlikely Friendship



John at home May 2015



The wreckage of John's Spitfire in a field in Holland

Till September this year, John Caulton was Silverstream's last surviving foundation student from 1931. He spent most of his life in Havelock North but made an unlikely friend first encountered behind enemy lines while a fighter pilot during World War II. According to writer Ian Brodie and material provided by his daughter Ann-Marie to the Spitfire Association, John joined the RNZAF in 1941. He was posted to England to fly with the RAF, realising a dream to fly Spitfires, and he flew with 132 Squadron. He became a veteran of 200 operations, but met his match during a mission over Holland on April 29, 1944. His and five other Spitfires were attacked by two Luftwaffe fighters returning from another mission. At low-level, he was flying directly towards Messerschmitt Bf110, piloted by "Jabs", a Luftwaffe ace who notched up more than 60 kills, and became a legend in his own country. During the ensuing dog fight, John's plane was hit and crash landed in a paddock close to a group of German troops. He was taken to a hut, and soon after a well-dressed Luftwaffe officer arrived to interview him. Caulton describes the meeting: "He walked in, in full uniform and saluted. I acknowledged and stood up. He put

out his hand and asked, 'You were flying the Spitfire?'" Caulton said he was, and Jabs replied: "I was the other pilot." Jabs took a piece of paper, and in large black letters wrote "Major Jabs" and that the bearer was to be allowed to "keep this souvenir of Major Jabs" and signed it. Caulton was later transferred to a prison camp in Germany where he stayed a year. He still had the note from Jabs but thought he would never see the gentlemanly major again. In the early 1960s John was reading a book about

the Battle of Britain and noticed a section written by a Luftwaffe ace called Hans Joachim Jabs. Realising he was still alive, Caulton had a chance to make contact with the man who had ended his war.

The pair finally met up in 1972 during a trip to Europe. Caulton remembers their meeting as amazing. He can't recall what was said but the friendship was genuine. "It turned out to be a liquid occasion." The two men became firm friends.

In 1975 Caulton and his wife Marie returned to the paddock where he was shot down. The hut had gone but he met again the Dutch farm worker who first rescued him from his Spitfire and they also enjoyed a remarkable reunion. After that Caulton and Jabs met regularly.

As Ian Brodie observed in his article "Of Enemies and Friends", they were friends who met under the clouds of war and forged a unique friendship after one violent afternoon in the skies over Holland. John passed away on September 5, just before he was to be presented with the French medal, "Legion d'Honneur," for his bravery all those years ago.

Recent Weddings

Phillip Azzato (1994-98)	m Hayley Wood	Hamilton
Shaun Mahoney (1996-00)	m Rewa Tomlinson	Lower Hutt
Ben Lockyer (1996-99)	m Amanda Riley	Wellington
Colin Berkett (1998-01)	m Lauren Butters	Silverstream
Jason Topp (1998-02)	m Leah Evans	Upper Hutt
Keegan West (2006-10)	m Carla Brunsell	USA
Pat Sellars (2000-04)	m Leigh Hollow	Lower Hutt
Rick Roache (1998-02)	m Dominique Rollandi	Italy
Tim O'Sullivan (1995-98)	m Katharine Regnart	Brisbane
James Rodger (1995-99)	m Hayley Zibawi	Australia



Phillip O'Leary (1995-99) married Karen Cresswell under the Tuscan sun of Italy

A very successful reunion was held in August at the Bristol Hotel, Wellington with 27 old boys gathering to reminisce of their college years. Steve Jenkins coordinated the gathering by putting together a power point display that brought back memories of the social history of the era, including music, movies, fashion and sport.



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In Memoriam

BRENNAN, Philip John Augustine

SM Reverend Father (1931-35)

Died 3 November 2014 Age 97
Napier

WAITE, David Anthony (MB

ChB, FRACP, FFOM) (1960-64)

Died 22 November 2014 Age 68
Wellington

CARSON, John Joseph (1977-80)

Died 5 December 2014 Age 51
Upper Hutt

SHINNICK, John Mannix (Jack)

JP (1933-37) NZ Army No.

638217 Sgt 25th Btn WW11

Died 12 January 2015 Age 92 Napier

O'CONNOR, Maurice Vincent

(1960-64)

Died 14 January 2015 Tauranga

REILLY, Vince Gerald (1946-50)

Died 23 January 2015 Hamilton

CORBY, Raymond Alexander (Ray)

(1944-46)

Died 6 February 2015 Age 84
Hamilton

SPEEDY, Peter John (1969-73)

RNZA Service No. B46392

Died 18 February 2015 Age 60
Auckland

SMALL, Francis Anthony (Tony)

(1944-48)

Died 24 February 2015 Age 84
Napier

McGARRY, Garth Stephen (1953-57)

Died 24 March 2015 Age 76
Maroochydore, Australia

GOGGIN, James Arthur (Jim)

(1935 -39)

Died 27 March 2015 Age 94
Waikanae

SHEEHAN, Gordon Raymond

(1942-46) (MB ChB, Dip Obs,
MRCOG, FRNZCOG, FRCOG)

Died 5 April 2015 Wellington

DALGETY, David Robert (1976-80)

Died 19 April 2015 Wellington

BUSH, Barry John (1950-53)

Died 2 May 2015 Wellington

RITCHIE, William John (1983-87)

Died 1 June 2015 Age 46 Singapore

RYS, Justin (1990-93)

Died 4 June 2015 Age 38 Wellington

BROWNE, Peter Lionel Staff

(1985-2008)

Died 4 June 2015 Age 72 Christchurch

O'DEA, Patrick Francis (1964-68)

Died 9 June 2015 Age 64 Beijing,
China

CONLON, Paul Anthony (1965-68)

Died 18 June 2015 Age 63 Nelson

GOLDFINCH, Charles, George

(1942-43)

Died 19 June 2015 Age 88
New Plymouth

WATSON, Kevin Hayes (1945-49)

Staff (1955-56) Music FTCL

Died 20 June 2015 Age 83
Havelock North

CORNELIUS, John Archibald

(1941-42)

Died 22 June 2015 Havelock North

LARKIN, Craig SM Reverend Father

(1968-70) Staff

Died 27 June 2015 Age 71
Silverstream

COGHLAN, Paul Andrew (1990) Staff

Died 9 July 2015 Age 51, Upper Hutt

DOMBROSKI Kevin Anthony

(1958-59)

Died 9 July 2015 Age 71 Hawera

JORDAN, Gregory Fraser SJ

Reverend Father (1944-47)

Died 19 July 2015 Age 85 Brisbane,
Australia

McLEARY, Brian Patrick (1949-53)

Died 26 July 2015 Age 79 Napier

TODD, John Desmond Sir CNZM,

KNZM (1944)

Died 29 July 2015 Age 88 Wellington

WHITE, John Reginald (1948)

Died 6 August 2015 Age 82 Napier

MARTIN, Phillip Craig (1970-74)

Died 15 August 2015 Nelson

KJESTRUP, Terence Percy (1939)

Died 3 September 2015 Age 90
Masterton

QUESNEL, Marc Louis (1961-65)

Died 5 September 2015 Age 67
Auckland

CAULTON, John Jeremy (1931-35)

WW11 Flt. Lt. NZ 414243

132 Squadron.

Died 7 September 2015 Age 95
Havelock North

SMILER, Pera Arika (2003-04)

Died 8 September 2015 Age 25
Upper Hutt

MORGAN, Peter Francis (1954-58)

Died 14 September 2015 Age 74
Matamata

FLEMING, Richard Joseph (1956-58)

Died 17 September 2015 Age 73
New Plymouth

BLACK, Anthony (Tony) (1961-65)

Died 25 September 2015 Age 68
Wellington

CUNNINGHAM, Hugh Barnett JP

(1947-50)

Died 27 September 2015 Hawera

HICKMAN, Louis Joseph Anthony

(1939-40)

Died 30 September 2015 Age 91
Taranaki

DILLON, Gerard Bede

Anthony (1963-65)

Died 21 October 2015 Age 67
Upper Hutt

JOBSON, Blair Roger (1972-76)

Died 21 October 2015 Age 57 Perth
Australia

BRYDON Christopher Alan (Chris)

(1958-61)

Died 15 November 2015 Wellington

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