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St Patrick's College, Silverstream *Foundation Newsletter*



Tēnā koutou katoa, Greetings everyone

We have just begun our second academic term of study and sport activities. After completing a very busy and productive first term. We began the build up to Easter with the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday beginning with the Ashes being distributed at Ranks. This represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. As we prepare for Lent and draw ourselves nearer to God we should remember our daily devotion for prayer and any sacrifices we are making for the Lenten season.

The theme for 2019 is support. The boys are engaging this theme and supporting each other well.

I am pleased to report that the College has made a great start to the year. Windows in both Quads (Ranks and Br Stephen) have been replaced. Now with double glazing and bigger windows this will make Dowling a better working environment.

I wish everyone well for 2019.

Sectare Fidem

Grahame Duffy

Rector

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

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.



Memoir helps hospice

Growing up in Wellington as the son of New Zealand's first Belgian consul, Armand Nihotte, Dr Jules Nihotte always wanted to work among "more-down-to-earth" rural people.

Looking back on his career, Jules Nihotte says it was a privilege to work as a doctor. "I acted as a father confessor ... they might make an appointment with the doctor because of an injured hand, but in a consultation, all sorts of other things would emerge that would be affecting their health.

The ink has barely dried on an autobiography by former Seddon doctor Jules Nihotte, but word is out that more copies will soon be running through the press

Originally written just for family members, *A Doctor in the Village* was published last year and someone suggested copies could be sold to raise money for Hospice Marlborough. Two Blenheim book stores and an outlet in Seddon agreed to stock it and now more copies are required.

Jules is pleased to add his support to a cause helping people in the final stages of their lives.



"When I went to Seddon, I looked after all the 'arrivals' and the 'departures'," he says. *Photo by Ben Curran*

"The arrivals usually occurred with a rush and a scream. The departures were always more difficult."

Knowing people are always happier at home, he likes the way Hospice Marlborough combines the professional services and facilities of a hospital with the intimacy of a home environment. He wishes it could receive the same financial support afforded to maternity services.

Jules is 80 now, and he and wife Lenore divide their time between their home in Blenheim and its 3000-square-metre garden and a holiday bach in Mahau Sound.

"There are times when you think, 'You've got too much', but you always wake up and think, 'I've got something to do'.

"If I was in a [pensioner] flat or something, I would go nuts."

The 24/7 work habits of a general practitioner clearly linger.

Jules' introduction to them came after he finished his medical training and worked as a house surgeon at Wairau Hospital. It was 1956 and a work census that year recorded house surgeons worked 110 hours on average a week, but were paid less than tram conductors.

"Nobody would put up with those conditions today. [Doctors now] work 9 to 5."

Towards the end of 1956, a farmer from Seddon approached Jules and spoke of the town's need for its own doctor.

"[Lenore and I] were expecting our first child, and with those diabolical wages and hours at the hospital, anything seemed better."

So in 1957, the couple moved into a house the Awatere County Council had built in Fearon St, Seddon. With a population of 600, the town was served by a post office, three garages, two general stores, three stock and station agencies, a baker, three transport businesses and a power board.

Few households had cars in the late 1950s, so people lived close to where they worked.

A hotel, an Oddfellows Hall and a Masonic Lodge helped keep them occupied in their spare time, but there were few leisure hours for Jules, effectively on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. "Time expands to meet the time available," he says philosophically.

"If you have a hell of a lot of time, you take all the time to do it. You work more efficiently if you are really busy."

His patient base covered a 1125-square-kilometre geographical triangle, stretching from White Bluffs to Molesworth in the west, and from White Bluffs to Cape Campbell in the east. People without cars expected the doctor to visit.

A typical day began with answering phone calls. Then between 9am and lunchtime Jules would make house calls or, three mornings a week, visit maternity patients in Blenheim.

Back in Seddon for the afternoon, surgery appointments continued until 6pm and for another two or three hours at night after an evening meal.

Lenore helped to keep things running smoothly

Originally from Invercargill, she had met Jules while studying for an arts degree at the University of Otago.

"I finished my BA and had hoped to do an MA, then go on to do social work," she says. Instead, she and Jules got married and they had five children.

Lenore's days were juggled between caring for them, keeping the family home in order and working as Jules' secretary.

In a small town where everybody knew everyone, it was important to ensure patient details remained private, Jules says.

"We worked as a team ... and I couldn't afford to employ a nurse."

He quickly became well known in the region, but Lenore initially found life in Seddon hard. "I was just busy," she reasons.

Appliances were starting to take the drudgery out of housework, but cooking, cleaning and washing duties filled much of the day. Processing the family's laundry through an agitator washing machine, for example, was a lengthy ordeal.

"I did find it pretty lonely and hard to get to know people, but playcentre was the remedy that started to make my life in Seddon OK."

There had been some opposition to the playcentre concept, she recalls.

"Farmers thought we were scatty young women who needed somebody to look after our children."

In fact, mothers took turns helping to run it and the playcentre increased the links between families.

As roading improved and more families obtained cars, small rural schools were closed and children in the wider Awarere started to travel to Seddon.

Extracurricular activities expanded accordingly, with swimming and rugby for children, and tennis, golf and drama popular among adults.

However, it was families' increased mobility that led to Seddon's downfall, Jules, says.

When he and Lenore moved there in 1957, the 27km journey to Blenheim was a long one. Modern transport meant the bigger town was "just around the corner".

People working in and around Seddon no longer needed to live there and as the numbers migrating to Blenheim grew, the businesses that had kept the smaller town alive started to shut down.

Jules' and Lenore's 32-year term there ended with the introduction of new medical prescription laws.

Because Seddon had no chemist, Jules had held a special licence to sell pharmaceuticals. From February, 1989, prescription charges increased dramatically and all chemists stocking them had to be linked to a computer system.

Predicting his workload would quadruple, Jules ended his service.

Looking back on his career, he says it was "a privilege" to work as a doctor.

"I acted as a father confessor ... they might make an appointment with the doctor because of an injured hand, but in a consultation, all sorts of other things would emerge that would be affecting their health.

"There can't be many things in life where you get so much satisfaction."

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Patrick Solomona Yr 9 one of the group of five Year 9 and three Year 10 students who participated in the painting of a new mural by Artist, Joe McMenamain, a Silverstream Lions project of beautifying the Silverstream railway pedestrian crossing.



Nano Torres grandson of Gerard Gordan RIP (1953-57) with Mike Ogier (1952-56) in San Antonio USA before departing to spend two terms at Silverstream



Nano's parents Anna nee Gordon and Rudy with brother Diego from San Antonio paid a surprise visit to Silverstream to meet the College staff and the alma mater of her father. Gerard Gordon (1953-57)

Sam Moore (1992-95) New Plymouth Boys' High School is a family affair for new headmaster

Promotion to the top job at New Plymouth Boys' High School means Sam Moore will soon be his wife's boss and, in future years, his sons' principal.

Moore, the current director of boarding and first XV coach at the school, will take over as headmaster at the start of term two.

Born in Hāwera and married with three children - wife Tania is head of faculty for English - he said he wants his two sons, the youngest of whom has just turned five, to one day attend Boys' High.

"I've got a vested interest. I've got family that have boys here and my boys will go here." I definitely understand what a traditional boys' school's about and that's something I really strongly believe in."



Photo LIAM COURTENAY/STUFF

Moore is an Old Boy of St Patrick's College, Silverstream, and was housemaster and then hostel manager and year 11 dean at Feilding High School.

He has been at NPBHS since 2015 and has served as the deputy headmaster for the past two years.

Moore will replace Paul Veric, who is leaving the job after four years.

He is quite literally right at home at the school, living on-site with his family to be close to the boarders in his role as director of boarding.

Moore will hand over his current roles when he becomes headmaster, and said it was time for a change. But it's not without some sadness as he is passionate about both.

He said the school's main focus is producing people prepared for a dynamic future.

"We've got to be traditional but modern in our thinking. We're preparing boys for jobs that probably don't exist at the moment, and that's how quickly the world is changing.

"We need to be agile on our feet but at the end of the day we need to produce quality young men and if we do that they'll be successful whatever they choose."

This article is courtesy of Stuff Christina Persico

Buildings Demolished



The original building was used as a weight training facilities during the 1980's and before as a class room. It must of been refurbished in the 1960's as the cladding had the original car casing plywood from Jacobson demolitions that recycled the General motors cases



The building was demolished to match wood within minutes after being taken too by the digger



The original swimming pool changing sheds being dealt to .



Replacement of windows along balcony of Dowling block



The original wooden framed windows along the balcony Of Dowling block have all been replaced by doubled glazed aluminium. This replacement was carried out by the College's plant maintainance staff lead by Trevor Bushby

Intake of 2019



Jordan Crawford with his dad Grant (1986-90)



4th Generation arrives at Silverstream Claude Swanson RIP (1935) son Tony Swanson (1956-58) grandson Carl (1982-85) great grandson Zak

College Leaders for 2019



Joseph Gray, Max Griffith, Luani Ammunson (Head Boy) Toiroa Whaanga-Davies.(Head Boarder) Akira Ieremia

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Stream 1st X1 retain 88th traditional Old Boys cricket cup with SPC Town. Stream 398/10
Caleb Montague 120 Sam Morgan 73 Max Griffith 73 Town 322 Ryan Jackson 5 -50
2nd Innings 219 Caleb Montague 102 not out Sam Morgan 43 not out



Tom Mannix U16 won the Wgtn Regional champs with a throw of 54.74m to get within 2m of the current record held by Aitken Stowers (1988-92) of 56.36m set 1990



Sautia Misa U16 sets a new McEvedy Long Jump record with his leap of 6.50m

Cuff Links:

These cuff links are available @ \$40 or \$45 Including P & P.



Scarves

These traditional woollen scarves are available at \$30 or \$35 including P & P



Recent Weddings



Peter Moll (2003-07) married Michaela Dyball



Jared Woodward (2006-10) married Rebecca Blackwell



James Wilson (2000-04) married Emma Souness



AJ Payne (1992-96) married Alice Noone

World War II veteran Jim Loe's (1937-38) life is the stuff of Hollywood

So much so, it's basically been done already, by Spielberg and Hanks no less.

Drawing a comparison between the Marlborough man's war story and the 1998 wartime epic Saving Private Ryan is hardly a stretch.

Loe, the youngest of four brothers, was pulled from the New Zealand Air Force in early 1945 after two of his siblings were killed in action in France and Egypt.

"Hearing that I'd lost two brothers, my father applied for me to leave the forces," Loe said at the Ward Anzac service on the eve of Anzac Day.

In Saving Private Ryan, which won five Oscars, a team of soldiers are sent to Normandy, France, to save a Private James Ryan, whose three brothers had been killed in action.

The movie was based on the true story of the Niland brothers, from New York.

Loe, now 96, never got to see active duty though.

His brother Bill Loe (1934-37), a trooper in the Second Division Cavalry, was killed in action during the Second Battle of El Alamein on November 2, 1942.

Pilot officer Kevin Loe (1935-36), of the 126th Squadron, was listed as missing, presumed killed in action, over France on December 8, 1944.

Loe had just returned to New Zealand after eight months training as an aircraft navigator in Canada, waiting to be posted, when the news of Kevin reached the family.

His parents had already lost two of their sons to WWII, both at the age of 22, and refused to lose another.

"Both of my brothers were strong, inspirational. But you've got to remember we were little older than teenagers."

Loe is the last remaining WWII veteran in Flaxbourne, Ward, in rural south Marlborough. He laid a wreath for his brothers at the Ward Anzac service on Wednesday 25 April 2019.

Abridged article courtesy of Marlborough Express



Photo SCOTT HAMMOND/STUFF

Coming Up

Sunday 2 June: Memorial Ambrose Golf Fundraiser for Marc Morunga (1992-96) and Julian Davidson's (1993-97) families to be held at Shandon Golf Club Petone.



Gerry Paul , Cam Dicky, Jamie Morris, Nic Williams



Justin Morley, Chris Stafford, Nick May, Sean Cawston, Tim Dwyer

The above Streamers are some of the many Old Boys and friends of Julian Davidson who gathered for his memorial service at the College Chapel on Thursday 24 January 2019

Weekend 14 -16 June 2019

Reunion of 1979 1st XV co ordinator Mike Kaye

Reunion 1995-99 year group. co ordinators Phillip O'Leary , Andrew Campbell
register your interest at this email: silverstream9599@gmail.com

Wednesday 24 July 2019

The annual Foundation luncheon during the Silverstream V SPC Town sports exchange at Silverstream
Annual Stream v SPC Town Old Boys rugby match kickoff at 11.00am.

Labour Weekend 26/27/28 October

Reunion of year group 1989-83 please contact Eugene Winterburn to register
teamwinterburn@redcoats.co.nz

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>



In Memoriam

Streamer 1939

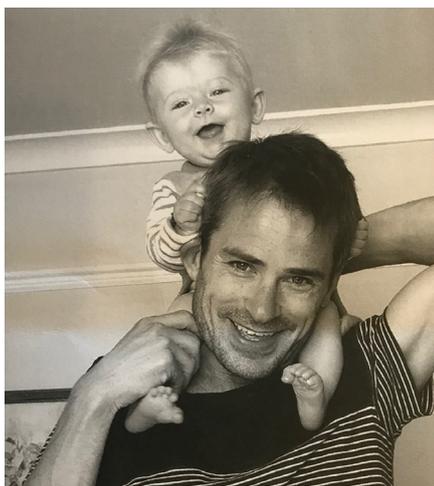
MENARA, James Amerigo

Died 17 November 2018 Age 93
Lower Hutt

Streamer 1954-55

DILLON, Joseph Sean (Hoot)

Died 7 December 2018 age 78
Upper Hutt



Streamer 1993-97

DAVIDSON, Julian Alan

Died 23 December 2018
Scotland



Streamer 1942 - 47

NIHOTTE, Jules Joseph Armand

Died 30 December 2018
Nelson



Streamer 1946 - 49

RYAN, Dermot Anthony

Died 1 January 2019 age 86
Blenhiem



Caterer 2013-19

DHADE, Jeetendra (JD)

Died 21 January 2019
India

Streamer 1948 - 52

FOLEY, Peter John

Died 22 January 2019
Waimate

Streamer 1951-52

HICKEY, Leo Sydney

Died 30 January 2019 Age 81
Opunake

Streamer 1960 -64

FITZGERALD, Michael John Francis

Rev Father SM (1960-64)
Died 11 February 2019
Fiji

Streamer 1940-44

GITTINGS, Desmond William (Des)

Died 1 April 2019 Age 91
Napier



Streamer 1959-63

O'LEARY, Daniel Anthony

Died 15 February 2019 Age 72
Wanganui

Streamer 1954-58

EAGAN, Michael, Francis Urban

Died 22 February 2019 Age 72
NSW Australia

Streamer 1948-51

HUNT, Edward George

Died 27 February 2019 Age 84
Wellington

Streamer 1981-85

HARKER, David Anthony

Died 9 March 2019 Age 50
Sydney , Australia



Streamer 1963-65

MURPHY, Stephen Joseph

Died 11 March 2019 Age 69
Upper Hutt

Streamer 1951-54

COWAN, Paul Anthony

Died 6 April 2019 Age 81
Hastings

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Proceeds raised will go towards the Capital Works Fund, assisting us with important maintenance, renovations and project completion around the Silverstream campus, and the Leadership Fund, helping to implement projects and activities to foster and grow the leadership skills of Silverstream students.

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