



The Oakhill Drive

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Affiliation of John and Jenny Puleo

On the evening of Friday August 23rd, around 45 people gathered for the "Affiliation" of John and Jenny Puleo at Oakhill College. Affiliation to the Institute is authorised by the Brother Superior and his Council in Rome. Affiliation is a rare honour: those afforded "letters of affiliation" have demonstrated, over time, active support of the work of the Institute, not only financially or materially, but also through personal commitment. They have also demonstrated interest in or at least have great admiration for Lasallian spirituality.



The Affiliation of John and Jenny Puleo.

When presenting John and Jenny with their letters of affiliation, Brother Mark McKeon said "The Puleo's connection with Oakhill and the Brothers began in 1991 with the enrolment of their eldest son, Matthew. Since that time, their involvement has been continuous and at many levels. In 1993 John was invited to join the Advisory Board by then Principal, Brother Ambrose.

In 1996 he became Chair of that Board and remained in that role until the incorporation of the College in 2008. Since 2008 he has served as Deputy Chair of the Incorporated Board. This year sees his twentieth continuous year in service to the College as a Board member. As Chair of the College Board, John was instrumental in working with the Trustees of the De La Salle Brothers in securing the former De La Salle Training College building for the educational work of the College.

Principals Brothers Ambrose, Chris, Ken and

Peter, in addition to Bursars John Walsh and Steve Molloy, have benefited in many ways from the legal experience and wisdom John has freely given whenever asked, a tradition continued by their son Matthew. From 1999 to 2003, Jenny was convener of the College Ball. These were years when many questioned the appropriateness of a debutante ball. Under Jenny's patient but determined leadership the ball grew in numbers and remains today an important part of the College calendar.

From 2000 to 2003, John and Jenny were co-conveners of the College Art Show. They laid the foundation for the show to develop into what it is today: an important part of the culture and history of the College. The time given to these activities has been given freely and without condition."

We join the Brothers in saluting the contributions of John and Jenny.

P&F Annual Golf Day

The Annual P & F Golf Day was held in September with approximately 120 players in attendance for golf and lunch. The weather was fine and all golfers enjoyed a great day out. Congratulations to all our winners and a very big "thank you" to all our major sponsors and supporters. Your generosity ensured that the day was a huge success!

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L-R: Luke Keary, David Creagh, David Rimmer, Joshua Anderson, Andrew Hickey, Tony Jasser, Brother Peter Ryan.

Australian Schools Rugby Union Representatives

2013 marked the year in which current Year 12 student Joshua Anderson was selected to join the Australian Schools Rugby Union team. Joshua is the sixth student in the history of Oakhill College to achieve this prestigious representation. Past Oakhill students to represent their country in Rugby Union are:

David Creagh - 1978
Andrew Hickey - 1987
Tony Jasser - 1993
David Rimmer - 2000
Luke Keary - 2010

The outstanding achievements of these men were recognised at this year's Rugby Presentation. All "old boys" were presented with an Honour Cap and addressed the Oakhill Rugby Community. It was great to see and hear the many fond memories that these past Australian Representatives have of their time at Oakhill College.



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The solar panels on the roof of Benildus Hall.

National Solar Schools Program (NSSP)

During the year, we received a grant of \$50,000 under the NSSP from the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency. This was used to install solar panels on the roof top of Benildus Hall in the July school holidays.

The 20.15 kW Solar Power system is capable of offsetting our purchase of carbon-based electricity by 30,660kWh/pa. Offsetting black coal electricity generation represents carbon dioxide emission reductions of 40 tons per annum or 1,000 tons over 25 years.

The system will reduce our impact on the environment as well as our energy costs. It also represents an opportunity to support the renewable energy industry and will provide educational benefits to our students and the broader school community. The Solar Power system is compliant with NSSP guidelines including

the Data Collection, Storage and Visualisation System (DCSVS). Sensors have been provided to measure solar power production, solar panel temperature, ambient air temperature and school grid-power consumption. A weather station is being used to store and report on hydrostatic pressure, humidity inside/outside, temperature inside/outside, rainfall, wind speed and direction. Computer software will help students understand the impact of external environmental conditions on the school's energy consumption/efficiency and the potential of Solar Power technology to support a clean energy future for Australia.

All Solar Power system components are accredited by the Clean Energy Council for use on Australia's electricity grid and are installed to all relevant Australian standards. A biannual inspection and cleaning programme will help to maintain maximum electricity production yields.

Ex-Student News



A Scottish wedding.

Natalie Sarsfield – Class of 2003

On 29 September 2012, Natalie married Seamus Byrne at The Monastery in Adelaide, with the reception held at Mt Lofty House. Natalie was proudly escorted down the aisle by her brothers Karl (Class of 1999) and Justin (Class of 2006). Her bridesmaids were Alex Wilson (Class of 1998), Amy Mills (Class of 2003) and Marni Hietbrink. The groom and groomsmen celebrated their Scottish heritage by wearing their traditional kilts.

Natalie graduated from UWS with a Bachelor of Social Work and has now made her home in Adelaide where she is working as a Case Manager at the South Australian Magistrates Court. Her role involves working intensely with Clients involved in the Criminal Justice System in a 'Substance Use and Mental Health Intervention Program'.

Natalie's brother, Karl and wife Bec (nee Temple, Class of 1999) are the proud parents of Cooper (born 20 March 2012). Karl, a Licenced Aircraft Maintenance Engineer, has recently transferred with Qantas to Brisbane Airport and they have resettled on the Sunshine Coast. Justin is a qualified carpenter and is currently working in the Construction Industry in Sydney.

Matthew Erwin – Class of 1985

Since 1985 Matthew has been busy in the finance world, first working as a Central Banker with the RBA whilst studying at University of Technology, Sydney and then the Securities Institute of Australia (now FINSIA). His career successfully moved onto business finance where he has worked as a fixed asset lender and now works in debtor finance or invoice finance with small businesses.

More important than his career, is his 22 year marriage to Mirella. They have two sons, Davis in Year 11 and Ryan in Year 9 at Oakhill. Both boys are active within the school on

the swim team and basketball teams. Davis and Ryan are very happy at Oakhill and proudly support their house Benildus. Since getting married Matthew has become a traveller possibly thanks to Mirella's Italian background and has travelled for business and pleasure with his family to Europe and various Asian countries numerous times.

They plan to discover the world more in the future. Matthew attributes many of the opportunities in his life to the skills he developed and experiences he had at Oakhill from 1977 to 1985. Oakhill taught him that participation is very important in life and Matthew has been involved in a variety of community roles including President of a swimming and football clubs, he also spends time with various charities as an event manager and has done some long distance charity bike rides in recent years. Matthew's fondest memories at Oakhill are the mates he made, the school camps, the lunchtime activities and the feeling of inclusion in Oakhill. He sees Oakhill as a great place for his boys to experience life in their teenage years.



Matthew Erwin with his sons, Davis and Ryan.



Lieutenant Colonel Kahlil Scarf Fegan, DSC.

Lieutenant Colonel Kahlil Scarf Fegan, DSC – Class of 1988

Lieutenant Colonel Kahlil Fegan was born in Sydney, Australia to a military family. He graduated from the Royal Military College - Duntroon in 1993 to the Royal Australian Infantry Corps. He initially served with the 3rd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment (3 RAR) as a platoon commander for three years, following which he completed a fourth year as a platoon commander at the Army Recruit Training Centre (ARTC). Upon promotion to Captain he commanded a recruit company for 12 months.

Other regimental and instructional appointments as a Captain included time as a company second in command in the 6th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment (6 RAR), following which he was selected for a two-year exchange to the Canadian School of Infantry. During this exchange he was employed as a senior subject matter expert and was responsible for running the very demanding Canadian Dismounted Infantry Platoon Commander's Course. Upon his return to Australia he served as an operations captain on the Headquarters of 3 RAR, prior to being appointed a subunit commander and later the Battalion's Executive Officer.

In 2006 Lieutenant Colonel Fegan attended Australian Command and Staff College and subsequently served as a Staff Officer within Post Group, the Directorate of Officer Career Management. Upon promotion to Lieutenant Colonel he was selected as Staff Officer Policy to the Chief of the Defence Force and in addition to many tasks was responsible for facilitating the Chief of Service Committee and Strategic Command Group. In December 2010 he assumed command of the 8th/9th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment (8/9 RAR).

In Kahlil's current role he remains responsible for up to 600 soldiers and civilian staff as well as multi-million dollars worth of Defence Equipment. He recently relocated the unit into a new \$80 million facility. Kahlil has led the unit during a demanding period and in addition to a deployment to war in Afghanistan he commanded the unit during its highly regarded response to the 2011 Queensland Floods.

Lieutenant Colonel Fegan's operational experience includes deployment to East Timor with the 6 RAR Battle Group (2000);

to Iraq as the Officer Commanding SECDet III (2004); on Op QUEENSLAND FLOOD ASSIST as commander Joint Task Force 637.10 (2011); and to Afghanistan as commander of the 8/9 RAR Task Group (MTF-4) (2012).

He holds a number of academic qualifications including a Graduate Diploma in Defence Studies, a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Masters of Management Studies from the University of New South Wales. In 2005 he was awarded a Commendation for Distinguished Performance, for his command of SECDet III. Recently he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, for his command of MTF-4.

Lieutenant Colonel Fegan is married to Ilona, and has three children. His interests include reading, long distance running and remembering when he used to play very average Rugby.

Archbishop Julian Porteous – Class of 1967

Archbishop Julian Porteous was installed as Archbishop of Hobart on September 17 this year at a Reception and Solemn Mass of Installation at St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass was attended by more than 600 people including senior Australian Catholic clergy, the Governor of Tasmania, His Excellency The Honourable Peter Underwood AC and Premier Lara Giddings. Archbishop Porteous, who moved from Sydney to fill the position, takes over from Archbishop Adrian Doyle who is retiring from the post after 14 years of service.

Throughout his ministry Archbishop Porteous has focused on evangelisation and the importance of connecting with the Gospel and with Jesus. He said this focus was further clarified in recent years through the New Evangelisation by John Paul II and then more recently through Pope Benedict's establishment of a new Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelisation in Rome and through the recent Synod of Bishops.

Archbishop Porteous said he was optimistic about young people and their connection with the Catholic faith, after recently joining more than two million participants at World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro.

The Archbishop also said he believed that the Church needed to have a strong presence in the various forms of social media in order to remain connected to people across the planet. "The last World Youth Day was eloquent testimony to the fact that basic presentation of the Christian message attracts and inspires young people," Archbishop Porteous said. "And it's very important that the Church be present in those very new forms of media because they are also the point of contact for many young people."



The new Archbishop of Hobart.



Adam with wife Sara and daughters Sophie, Hayley and Makayla.

Adam Hughes – Class of 1989

Adam left Oakhill in 1988 to start his own building business. This led him to his current additional business venture of hiring an exclusive selection of showcase vehicles for formals and weddings. Adam is now married to Sara and they live in North Ryde with their three beautiful daughters Sophie, Hayley and Makayla.

In recent correspondence, Adam mentioned the fond memories he has of the Brothers and his love for tennis and the other sporting activities he was given the opportunity to participate in. Adam still keeps in touch with his good friends Andrew Griffin, Matthew Sargent and Troy Soutar, all class of 1989.

James Allison – Class of 2003

After graduating from Oakhill James commenced studies in property development at UTS. After one year at UTS, James realised university wasn't for him and he decided to fulfil his lifelong dream of joining the circus!

In recent correspondence to the College, James writes about his life adventure: "So I moved to Perth in 2005 and attended

the WA Circus School for an intensive 2 year course. I had a great time learning the tricks of the trade and made some great friends. After completing the course I struggled to find a permanent position in the circus group and made ends meet by doing children's parties and commercial functions as a performer. In late 2008 I was given the opportunity of a lifetime to join the Damian Syred Circus Royale and have been with them for five fantastic years! In that time I have seen so many beautiful places around Australia, and have worked my heart out to climb the circus ranks. I am now a full-time acrobat, performing three nights a week to crowds in excess of 1,200 people. The show was featured on the Great Outdoors in 2010 - with a small cameo by yours truly. "



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Joel Wray – Class of 2004 and Annalyce Wray (nee Hangan) – Class of 2007

Joel married Annalyce during a Nuptial Mass celebrated on 25th May, 2013 at Villa Maria, Hunter's Hill. Guests from around Australia and overseas enjoyed an amazing fun- filled reception at the Deckhouse, Woolwich Pier, Woolwich.

The happy couple honeymooned in New York and Hawaii for four weeks and have made their home in Castle Hill.



Cameron and colleague Steve Moore with Bob Veale (photo courtesy of The Daily Telegraph).

Cameron Gardiner – Class of 2011

Cameron works part time at Castle Hill RSL whilst studying Bachelor of Business and Commerce at UWS. Whilst on duty one day recently in August, Cameron noticed an elderly patron choking and rushed to his aid. With the assistance of a co-worker, Cameron administered CPR which saved the 85 year old man's life.

Cameron said he remembered the CPR lessons from his time at Oakhill College and gave thirty compressions at a time whilst his colleague, a former soldier, gave mouth to mouth. Cameron said, "I kept thinking stay calm, don't panic and remember what you learnt at Oakhill College. I thought, I am going to save this guy's life." And he did! The patron's family are very grateful to Cameron for recognising what was happening and stepping in to save a life. Naturally, Cameron's family are very proud of him. In recent correspondence Cameron writes, "I live a pretty simple but busy lifestyle of work, university and gym at C2K... "



Justin Pamerter – Class of 1989

Justin is the Senior Screen and Media Teacher at the Gold Coast Institute of TAFE. His curriculum contains a mixture of 3D Modelling, Animation, HD Video Production & Post Production at GCIT's new \$30 million training facility.

Earlier this year, Justin's "dedication to teaching and getting students work after graduation, his skills to motivate them and making them life-long learners" earned him a nomination by his students for the 2013 Digital Tutors, CG & VFX Instructor of the Year. Justin was one of the three nominated finalists chosen from sixty teachers worldwide, the only finalist in the Asia Pacific region and the winner of this prestigious award. Digital Tutors (www.digitaltutors.com) have over 145,000 members worldwide and their online training videos have been viewed over 28 million times. In July this year, Justin went to Digital Tutors headquarters in Oklahoma City for the announcement of the award and some additional training. His passion and dedication to his students helped him take home the crown, and his time visiting Digital-Tutors headquarters only helped prove why he deserved to win. In recent correspondence with the College, Justin wrote, "I still can't quite believe it, it's been a crazy couple of years crossing the globe."

Justin firmly believes, "Enjoying that you do is so important to your overall wellbeing. Since incorporating Digital-Tutors content into my curriculum I have peace of mind knowing that my skills stay current and that I am able to lead my students through some truly inspiring projects that make the learning environment a pleasure to be a part of."

Tyrone Murray – Class of 2013

The last time Tyrone walked out of Oakhill College gates in 2012 he was filled with mixed emotions, including sadness that he was leaving behind his mates and the College community. However, what was ahead of him was an apprenticeship as a greenkeeper. Tyrone gave it his all, but his heart lay somewhere else - the army. In October, 2012 he was accepted into the Australian Army as a rifleman due for enlistment in March, 2013.

Tyrone completed 11 weeks of intense training in Kapooka and marched out as Private Murray in May. Tyrone has just completed a further 14 weeks of training in Singleton and has now been transferred to Townsville as a fully qualified soldier with the possibility of deployment. Tyrone has shown a large degree of dedication and self-discipline to become the soldier he is today and is now looking forward to a fulfilling and rewarding career.



L-R: Billy Bestford, Tyrone Murray, Cameron Daniels and Ben Millauro all Class of 2013 in Singleton 27/09/13

Ken Bevan

- 1935 to 2013 RIP

Ken attended Oakhill from 1941 to 1947. He was a stalwart member of the College community and is missed by many. His grandfather and father were often at the college undertaking voluntary work, even clearing the land for the site where the De La Salle building is now located. Ken was extremely proud to have attended Oakhill and loved nothing more than talking about "the very old times".

Ken had the honour of having the first family with three generations to attend the College. His sons Peter (Class of 1975), Mark (Class of 1977) and grandchildren Melissa (Class of 2006), Stephen (Class of 2008) and Samantha (Class of 2010) continued the family tradition.

Up until 2012 you would still see him watching the rugby every Saturday. Whenever a major event occurred at the college, Ken was there with his wife Jan to provide their support.

Ken was fittingly farewelled at his beloved Oakhill College Chapel with a wonderful service led by Brother Malachy and Brother Peter.

Ben Mico - Class of 1993

After graduating from Oakhill, Ben attended the Australian College of Physical Education (ACPE) at Olympic Park Homebush. On completion of his degree in Physical Education, he worked for two years at Mount St Mary's College, a Jesuit Boarding School in the North of England where he both taught and managed their Sport and Leisure facility.

Ben returned to Australia for two years where he briefly taught at Oakhill College before moving into a position managing the Health Club at the Hotel Intercontinental in the city while undertaking a Masters in Sport Management (MBA compatible) degree. On returning to the UK in 2000, Ben picked up where he left at Mount St Marys, and married



The late Ken Bevan

Lesley from Sheffield who he met at the Mount St Mary's College summer ball in 1997. They now have two wonderful boys aged 8 and 10 years. After 6 years at the Mount, he was offered the opportunity to become the Commercial Manager at the Northern Racing College, one of two horseracing establishments in the UK. During this period he was fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to attend a Royal Salute in London and ride out on exercise with the Kings troop through the streets of London which was an experience he will treasure forever. During this period Ben was also heavily involved in the 2012 London Olympics pre-games training camps as an ambassador for South Yorkshire.

In 2009, Ben was approached by a private commercial company, Beta Technology, which is where he works today. In his current role as Principal Consultant, Ben carries out project management on behalf of a Brazilian client, the world leader in the extraction, processing, manufacturing, marketing and technology of niobium products. Ben is also heavily involved in the European funding arena both for the European Commission and projects funded by the European Commission. Through his current work, Ben has the opportunity to undertake a lot of travel in around the EU and South America and he is currently learning Brazilian Portuguese to help with his work in Brazil. His next business trip is to Hong Kong in October where he hopes to catch up with some fellow classmates who live and work there.

Ben finished playing rugby 3 years ago after playing for a Yorkshire 1st Division Club, Dinnington for several years. He also played Aussie Rules for the last two seasons for Sheffield Thunder in the North of England league. In recent correspondence to the College Ben said it "was a nice change being played over the summer months which meant slightly better weather and suited me well being an ex-number 10!"

Ben also wrote: "With my sons' sport now dominating on most weekends, I am resigned to the odd physical challenge with the most recent one being the UK's first "Tough Mudder" event. Not long after I first came to the UK, I had the opportunity to go on a European road trip with Paul Cole (Class of 1993) and James Sanders (Class of 1993), who remain good friends today. I am privileged to still have the same group of friends as I did all that time ago and it always great to catch up with as many as possible upon each of my return trips to Australia. I have very fond memories of my time at Oakhill College and it is hard to believe that it was 20 years ago that we completed our HSC!"



L-R: Jason Adolphe, Andrew Fedrigo, Ben Mico and Andrew Perkins.



Agriculture - the 6th Science

The Agriculture Department is an integral part of the diversity of subjects that students can study at Oakhill. In a world that is being driven by technology, climate change and 21st century distractions, it is important that we remember where our food is coming from! Agriculture is embracing all that is new, but also returning to more organic ways of managing our resources. Our students are at the forefront, gaining an education in an industry that will be providing a sustainable future and putting healthy food on our plates.

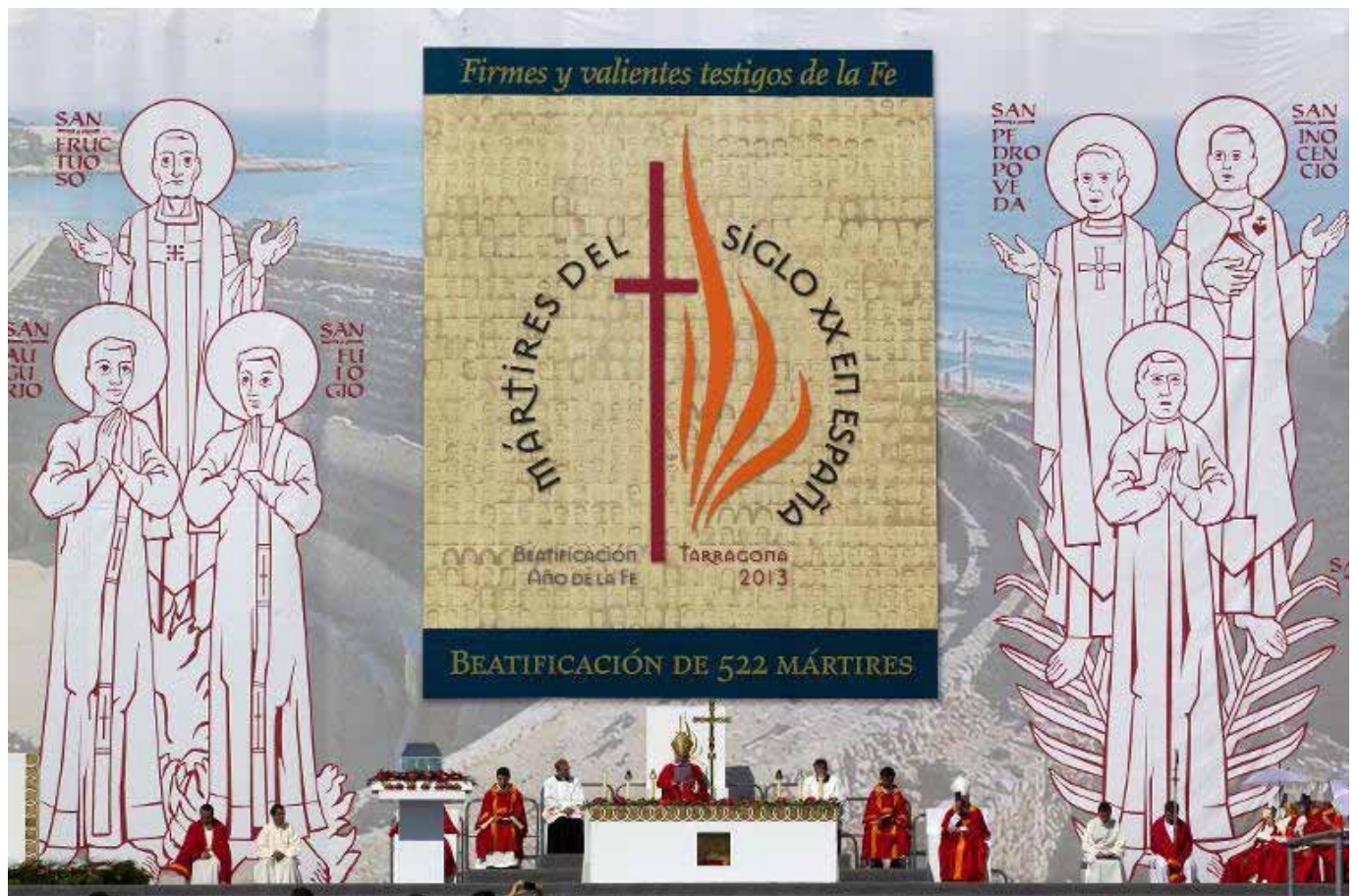
Whilst studying Agriculture our students are engaged in many practical activities. They will spend many lessons working their garden beds as well as handling the livestock that are present on the farm. The students gain a real respect for the phrase 'Paddock to Plate'. The various fruits and vegetables the students grow are eaten immediately (nothing better than fresh produce) or used as part of the 'Schools Harvest' dinner showcasing Agriculture in Sydney schools. Some of the produce is used by our Hospitality Department or recycled as a stock feed supplement. The students also work with various animals ranging from beef and dairy cattle, sheep, alpacas, chickens and even yabbies (the business of aquaculture is a huge industry). The students are really engaged when working with the livestock and are gaining valuable proficiency in basic handling and husbandry practices. The respect shown to the

animals is testament to the dedication of the young men and women.

Agriculture is so much more than farming. The agricultural industry has a whole host of job opportunities. These range from veterinarians, agronomists, biotechnology, environmental sustainability, aquaculture, forestry, fisheries... just to name a few! Agriculture is essentially a Science and a smart career choice for students; the business of agriculture is at the forefront of the Australian economy and will be one that many of our students will be involved in a variety of career paths. As an awareness of our fragile environment continues to develop, many new and exciting opportunities are evolving in the vast field of Agriculture here in Australia and globally.

Saxon Bowles
Head of Agriculture





Beatification of Martyred De La Salle Brothers

On Sunday 13 October 2013 74 De La Salle Brothers were beatified.

Very enthusiastic about football, as Argentinians still are, a 24-year-old soccer player and fan – Br Benito – was martyred in Turón, Spain. Benito remains the only saint to have been born in the homeland of Pope Francis, who was given a relic of the saint shortly after his election.

The years of religious persecution in Spain in the 1930s (leading up to and during the Spanish Civil War) were terrible times. Were people prepared to align themselves with those grateful to Hitler who was sending men and equipment to one side in the conflict, or with those appreciating Stalin who was doing likewise for the other side?

Meanwhile, members of religious orders who taught young people were considered to be especially 'dangerous people' and 165 of our Brothers were murdered, often after cruel, gratuitous torture. The assassination of the Brothers arose from their commitment to share and build up living faith in new generations of Christians. Genuine martyrs have been heroes and good role-models as to how to live and approach dying.

On 13 October 2013, the beatification of 522 Catholics from all walks of life took place in Tarragona, north-east Spain. The inclusion in this ceremony of 74 of our Brothers results in all 165 of our martyrs in Spain being canonised.

MYSTERY PHOTO



Can you identify the people in this photo?

A prize will be awarded to the person who is the first to correctly name them. Send entries to Steve Molloy at the College or email drive@oakhill.nsw.edu.au

The first correct entry received for the 26th edition of the competition was Raed Raffoul (Class of 1997).

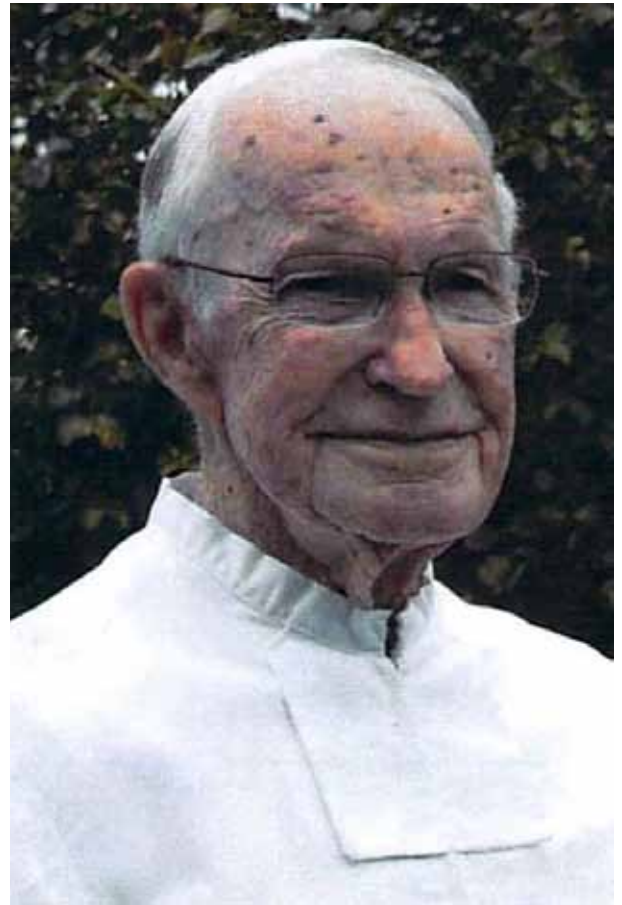
(NB: College staff are ineligible to enter this competition!)

Brother Oliver O'Leary RIP

Brother Oliver O'Leary died at Villa La Salle, Southport, Queensland on the evening of Tuesday, 2 July. He was aged 100 years old. His funeral Mass was held at the Chapel of St John Baptist de La Salle at Oakhill College, Castle Hill, NSW on Tuesday, 9 July, and he was interred at the Brothers' Cemetery at Castle Hill following the Mass.

Cyril Arthur O'Leary was the son of Arthur and Jean O'Leary. He was born in Gisborne, New Zealand, on 20 May 1913, and entered the postulancy, the first stage of a Brother's formation, at Cootamundra in January, 1932. He received the religious name of Brother Oliver upon the reception of the habit in May 1932. The majority of his years as a De La Salle Brother was spent at Oakhill, Burradoo (NSW) and New Plymouth in New Zealand.

Brother Oliver's ministry was spent in service to the Brothers through farming, cooking and gardening. Brother Patrick Lynch delivered the eulogy for Brother Oliver, describing him as "very simply a very special, inspirational, humble and holy man. He had an extraordinary service ethic, waiting on people to ensure they were well looked after, when they were visiting Ollie's community, or being a member of his community. He was the master of hospitality, the like of which any Maître De of a five star hotel would die for."



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Mrs Pamela Snow

In the life of some schools, there are individuals who seem to become part of the fabric of the school who also epitomise the values of the school. Such a person is Mrs Pamela Snow, our receptionist who retired on July 19 this year. Pam commenced her employment with the College in 1975, being first engaged by Brother Peter McIntosh. Calm, courteous, seldom critical and always punctual, Pam has worked with seven Principals, two Bursars and has seen over 10,000 young people - including her own two sons - graduate from Oakhill.

A very private person, Pam had asked that no formal announcement of her retirement be made prior to her leaving. The College did however conduct a small farewell for her and her husband John. Past Principals, Brother Ambrose and Brother Ken attended, with personal messages being sent by Brother Peter McIntosh, Brother Chris, Brother Quentin and Brother Rory.



Pam Snow farewelled by Bursar Steve Molloy.

We wish Pam and John a long and happy retirement. It is certainly well deserved.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

At the beginning of June, Oakhill participated in the annual St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Led by Jenny Goonan (Class of 2009), Lasallian Youth Minister, Year 11 Lasallian Youth Leaders braved the cold to thank parents as they dropped off their generous donations. By the end of the week, there were enough blankets, scarves, beanies, gloves and jumpers to line the hall of the De La Salle building, as well as stretch the length of the Year 12 yard!

All these donations went directly to people in need in the Hills District to help keep them warm over the winter months. On behalf of these people, Jenny Goonan would like to extend her gratitude to all of the parents who gave so generously, as well as all the Lasallian Youth Leaders and teachers who help run the appeal every year.



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Front: Stephen Morell, Mark Dowd, David Lim, John Cunningham.

Class of 1973 Forty Year Reunion

On a balmy evening on the 12th October a small group of alumni from the Class of 1973 gathered to celebrate their fortieth anniversary of graduation.

The following week Gerry Hallam wrote, "whilst low in numbers the event was high in emotion as we re-visited many old memories and caught up with what was happening/had happened in each others lives. It was also wonderful to meet the partners of the old boys who attended as well. I am sure all those who came along also had a great time and if you could pass on my personal regards to Steve Molloy, Carmel Christie, Doreen Palmer and Heather Muirhead that would be appreciated."



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Anthony Zanella, Nicola Murace, Anne Micallef, Rebecca Gleeson, Richard Neville, Michael Muranty, Judy Russell.

Class of 1983 Thirty Year Reunion

The 30 year reunion of the Class of 1983 was held on Saturday, 7 September. An afternoon tea at the College had an attendance of just over 30 guests including extended family, and almost 40 guests for the evening event at The Epping Club. Afternoon tea included a tour of the College grounds by Archivist, Heather Muirhead and long time staff member

Damian Asprey. Alumni who have not returned to the College since leaving were amazed at the growth of the College in the last 30 years.

It was great to see so many people in attendance with interstate travellers from Queensland and ACT. Many stories were shared and promises to catch up together again soon.



Maree Johnston, Martine Thomas, Anna Exley (nee D'Arcy), Petrina Edgar (nee Rounds), Lisa Finnan (nee Andrews), Jane O'Hehir (nee Buckley).

REUNIONS IN 2014

The following dates have been set for reunions during 2014:

Saturday 1st March – Classes of 1963-65

Saturday 29th March – Class of 1974

Saturday 21st June – Class of 1984

Saturday 6th September – Class of 2004

Saturday 8th November – Class of 1994

If you are a member of one of the above Class groups you will receive a formal invitation. But get the date in your calendar now!

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Andrew Tam, Andrew Balak, Grant Thomas and Mylene Tam (nee Clemente) at the 1993 Class Reunion.

Class of 1993 Twenty Year Reunion

On July 27 this year some sixty members of the Class of 1993 gathered together to celebrate the twenty years since they left the College. The reunion was in two parts, an afternoon tea at the College and an evening function at the Epping Club.

Christopher Coco wrote "I am confident I speak for everyone who attended the Class of 1993 Oakhill reunion that it was a great and memorable night.

Thank you so much for the work you put into the day – the afternoon tea and the evening at Epping RSL. Also if you could pass on my thanks to Mrs Muirhead and Mr Asprey. Their memories of our time at the College were astounding and helped me personally to recollect events I had long forgotten about. The tour of the College in the afternoon was such a memorable experience thanks to them both."



Jeff Petre with Damian Asprey at the 1993 Class Reunion.



Jenny Hopkins, Louise Locke and Adam Locke at the 1993 Class Reunion.

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