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Commitment to diligence

The Centenary year of 2003 was unique in the College's history. I was privileged to be part of so many different events that celebrated the Marist tradition embodied in a special manner at Sacred Heart College. This is what an integrated College like Sacred Heart calls its Special Character - a legal term in the Integration Act, but in reality much more than that. It is what defines us, not only on paper but more importantly in how we educate, relate to each other, and support each other. It is seen in the attitudes and behaviour of the students in the chapel and in class, on the sports fields and on the stage. It generates loyalty and pride among current students and old boys. It is strengthened by the witness of the Brothers and the commitment to Marist ideals by the staff. It is the way we live out our vision in practice.

Our Special Character is built on the pillars of Marist education outlined by Saint Marcellin Champagnat: a family spirit, a presence for others, a spirit of simplicity, support for individuals and families in need and a commitment to diligence.

In our Centenary year our focus was on the family spirit. This year we have chosen a commitment to diligence. Champagnat knew how to work hard, and he inspired his Brothers to exhort their students to do the



same. This year we want all students to develop their potential in all areas, especially academic. We will be paying special attention to promote strategies that enhance boys' learning and achievement. Teenage boys sometimes lack a sense of urgency, motivation and self-discipline when it comes to their

studies. Champagnat was well aware of this and trained his Brothers to be fair, consistent, demanding and above all to love their students. As inheritors of the Marist tradition, we too need to do this in appropriate ways in 2004.

-- Philip Mahoney, Principal

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A change for Confortare

Confortare brings you news on all aspects of the College community, including current school life, old boys, Board of Trustees, the Hostel, Development Foundation, PTA and Friends. We hope you enjoy reading our latest issue. Any feedback, or address changes, please email admin@sacredheart.school.nz, or phone 0-9-529 3660.

At the centre of Catholicism

Br Richard Dunleavy recently took up the leadership of the Marist Brothers community at Sacred Heart. It is a return to his old school, after his sojourn in Rome as Secretary General of the Marist Brothers international organisation.

So Sacred culmination of the centenary

A crowd of more than 1200 poured into Centenary Square to celebrate 100 years of music at the College as a conclusion to the Centenary celebrations. And celebrate they did!

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BOT election result

Following the recent Board of Trustee Elections, a new board has been announced.

Re-elected were Chris Arbuckle and Bruce Blundell.

Newly elected were Catherine Fisk, Paul Whittaker and Brendan Lawler. Continuing as Proprietors' Appointees are Br Denis Turner and Br Sean Hanaray, while Warren Long and Seletute Patterson are new appointees. The staff representative is Chris Rillstone and the student representative is Charles Laumatia.

Four students earn gold awards

Felix Li, Raoul Correa, Raymond Chu and Keefe Han have successfully completed the three stages of the Young New Zealanders' Challenge of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. They will receive their Gold Awards in a special presentation from the Governor-General.

Cultural groups captivating in Polynesian festival



Members of the award-winning Kapa Haka group.

Sacred Heart College cultural performers excelled in the country's largest Polynesian festival, winning three sections and coming third in another.

At the Auckland Secondary Schools Maori & Polynesian Cultural Festival in March, the school's Tongan, Maori and Samoan groups made a big impression. For the Tongan group, it was a second year of success in the Mako section. The group also achieved a third placing in the Kailao section, and was first in both sections for costume. The Kapa Haka group won the Mau Rakau section, with an impressive display of their skills with the long spear.

For both groups, their winning performances were rewards for months of preparation. Kolo Mahe, one of four student leaders of the Tongan group, says they have been practising daily since the school year began. That is no small feat considering there are 30 boys in the group plus a host of parents who are a traditional part of Tongan

performance groups. "The quality of the parents behind you is pretty important," says Kolo. "They play a big part in everything - not just the singing, but making our costumes, and preparing the food!" Fellow group leader Kelly Maka says there is enormous pride within the group, and that is a factor in its success.

Kapa Haka at Sacred Heart is enjoying a resurgence in the hands of Te Reo teacher Mike Steedman, and student leader Taako Ratima. The group is small, with 16 members, and in the festival it comes up against much larger groups across the six sections that make up the overall prize. The section the group targeted, and won, is open to boys' schools only.

In coming years, Mike hopes to increase involvement in Kapa Haka at the school and lift the performance standard in other sections of the competition.



Costume is a strong feature of the Tongan group's performance routine.

Music on the move

2004 has seen a major geographical move for the Music Department. With the continual shuffling of the school as new buildings are built and departments relocate accordingly, the department now finds itself in the prefabs that were the Year 7 & 8 area of the school. Despite being quite a distance from the rest of the school, we have more than two classrooms available and we can make as much noise as we like!



Both curricular and extra curricular music are doing well with 39 boys choosing music as an option this year. The advent of NCEA Level 3 has allowed boys from a wider range of musical backgrounds to take music as an option. They are able to mix and match performance, composition, arrangement, research, music management, technology and even some aspects of drama into their courses.

As always, music students are already thinking about their entries for the various Walter Kirby Music Competition classes. The Christian composition section is always a popular one and every year the entries become more and more outstanding.

The 2003 Centenary Showcase was a true indicator of the strength of music at Sacred Heart College. The three-hour concert was overflowing with talent and it appears that steps will have to be made this year to shorten it. What a great predicament to be in!

- - Ross Gerritsen, Head of Music

A tribute to Br Vincent



Br Vincent's casket was carried around the upper quad and placed in front of the Champagnat statue on the grass, while hundreds of students performed the school haka.

Br Vincent Scannell, 1921-2004

The students were saddened after returning from a long weekend to learn that Br Vincent had passed away. He had made such a large contribution to both the Marist and the Sacred Heart College community with decades of commitment, dedication and love.

Some common sights and sounds around the school will be missed deeply, especially within the upper quad of the school. They will include the sound of Br Vincent's red tractor with its wooden trailer, which he drove around the grounds with a firm and hard stance; seeing Brother stand with his spade in hand as he watched the students move from class to class in between periods; the sound of his rake gathering the brown and orange leaves around the school gates; and seeing his head pop out of the gardens and wave after you greeted him.

Br Vincent's funeral for us was strongly emotional. The 'Sacred Spirit' and Special Character was seen at its best on this day. After the funeral service within the chapel, Br Vincent's casket was lifted and carried around

the upper quad by six Year 13 students. He was then placed in front of the Champagnat statue on the grass. This section of the school grounds is an area which Brother took great care of and maintained its beauty. For years, as a result of his work, this section has earned its rightful name by the students as 'The Sacred Grass'. It is surrounded by flowers which Brother planted and continually cared for. On the grass, Br Vincent's casket was placed on a sheet of cultural Polynesian cloth. The Polynesian choir sang a beautiful Tongan song dedicated to Brother for the years he spent working in Samoan communities and other Polynesian countries.

After a minute of silence and remembrance, Brother's casket was lifted and faced towards the students who performed our school haka, later followed by the New Zealand haka performed by the Maori Kapa Haka group, and a guard of honour made by the Year 7 & 8 students.

We continue to pray for Br Vincent who now remains in the presence of those he spent his life following, Champagnat, our Mother Mary and Jesus Christ.

- - *Charles Laumatia, Year 13*

Academic results pleasing

In 2003, the final year of the current system for Bursary and Scholarship, Sacred Heart College achieved its second best ever results for Scholarship passes.

Twenty-one passes were gained by nine students over 10 subjects. The dux, James Wong, gained five passes, while Raoul Correa and Felix Li gained three passes each. Four passes were gained in each of English and Maths with Calculus. For the first time, a Scholarship pass was gained in Physical Education.

Bursary pass rates were also pleasing: 27% gained A bursaries and 50% gained B bursaries.

The College did not enter the majority of students for Level 2 of the NCEA in 2003, but has entered students for both Level 2 and 3 in 2004.

The NCEA Level 1 results were pleasing overall with 89% of the 156 students achieving a Level 1 certificate with 80 credits or better. The average number of credits gained per student rose to 115, up by nine credits from 2002. The number of standards achieved at merit level was also pleasing, with Sacred Heart College students performing above national percentages for merit and excellence standards in English, Graphics, Geography, Physics, Chemistry, French, Accounting, Economics and History.

A forum for students' issues

A new initiative at Sacred Heart College in 2003, the Student Council is this year tackling some challenging issues with the aim of making positive changes that suit the school's Special Character.

The 12-member council is made up of the head prefect and his deputy, and representatives from home rooms, who are rotated each term. The council is ably led by deputy head prefect Charles Laumatia, who is also the student representative on the Board of Trustees. "The new council helps Sacred Heart do what it does well, and that is producing good leaders," says Charles. "All home room reps not only learn about formal meeting procedures, they learn to be approachable, exercise their leadership skills, serve and speak on behalf of their peers and much more."

Boys' current concerns include the need for more drinking fountains, for personal lockers for storage of books and sports gear, and for more seating around the school. Charles says he hopes the council will come up with solutions to all three issues and more this year.

A thrilling victory for waterpolo

Sacred Heart College's waterpolo team has shown amazing spirit and skill, winning the national secondary schools boys' championship in Wellington in early April, after finishing fourth in the North Island championship a few weeks earlier.

A thrilling 4-2 victory over the No1 seed Westlake BHS in the final at the Huia Pool, Lower Hutt, produced the school's first national championship title since 1990. Sacred Heart had won the silver medal on five occasions since 1990, while Westlake BHS was shooting for its fourth win in five years.

The team went through the first rounds successfully with victories over Tauranga Boys' College 16-4; St Patrick's Wellington 12-3 and Rangitoto College 4-2. A second round encounter with Westlake resulted in a 6-all draw and meant that Sacred Heart had to play Wellington College - the No2 seed - in the semi-final. A desire to avenge its loss to Wellington College in the North Island championships in March was a key motivating



Simon Cleghorn, right, tussles with a Rosmini opponent during Sacred Heart's Auckland premier-winning match.

factor for the Sacred Heart side, and it was rewarded with an 8-6 win to reach the final.

The match looked headed for overtime with scores locked at 2-all in the fourth quarter, but Sacred Heart's hole man Ben Afeaki unleashed a powerful hole shot to put his team ahead 3-2 and then Simon Cleghorn scored a counter attack goal shortly afterward.

Ben Afeaki was named best offensive player of the championship and along with Simon Cleghorn and Matthew Bilderbeck was named

in the New Zealand school boys preliminary training squad to select the team to play Australia in December.

The nationals triumph came on top of its win over Rosmini in the Auckland premier boys competition a week earlier, and its fourth placing in the North Island championship. Sacred Heart is now likely to take up an invitation to play in the Southern Skies International Schools Tournament in Brisbane in December.

Sports Shorts

Cricketers' late run

There is definitely something about leaving the best results until last. The Sacred Heart 1st XI recorded its best score, 332, in its final two-day game of the season, against Avondale College. The side had to chase down a total of 302 for 8 declared, and success had seemed unlikely at the end of the first day when the batsmen had recorded 38 for 2. On the second day, Thomas McLaughlin provided an impressive 122 runs, well supported by Lewis Ake, 39, Chris Price, 25, and Jack Dowd, 47.

Earlier in March, the 1st XI enjoyed victory over St John's College, Hastings, for the Snedden Cricket Trophy. Sacred Heart batted first, scoring 157, then dismissed St John's for 136, with Ivan Burrows taking five wickets for 30 runs.

Windsurfing

Congratulations to windsurfer Antonio Cozzolino, a Year 13 student, who recently won the national secondary schools championships. This talented young sportsman will go to Athens later in the year to train with the Olympic team, followed by a trip to Bulgaria for the youth world championships.

Wrestling

Three boys represented Sacred Heart at the Auckland secondary schools wrestling championships; Max Vermunt in the U69kg section, Anthony Salmon in U39kg and Sean Dowd in the U54kg.

Sean and Anthony competed extremely well, with Anthony achieving third place. Max had an excellent competition, winning his weight category.

Finishing touch

The strength of touch at Sacred Heart is evident in the recent successes of both the A and B teams.

The A team, which had been competing in a men's competition at Okahu Bay since November last year, took out the trophy in early March.

At the secondary schools eastern zone semi-final on 23 March, both the A and B teams qualified for the zonal playoffs. The teams represented their school well, but did not reach finals.

The players benefit from the experience of their coach, health & physical education teacher Amanda Bergman, who has been in the New Zealand women's touch squad for the past six years.

Xtreme talents

Year 13 student Jed Mildon was an exceptional performer in the Vodafone Xtreme Air event held in February, which attracted competitors from around the world. His heart-stopping somersault, in which he spins backwards and sideways metres through the air, was the best by a New Zealander in the 'street' section, while in the 'dirt' event he was second.



Jed Mildon, performing his Xtreme stunts



Young swimmer's golden haul

Year 8 student Konrad Herewini has had an outstanding season in the pool.

At the Eastern Zone Swimming championships in March, Konrad was first in both the junior 50m freestyle and junior 50m backstroke, breaking the event record in both races. He was also first in the junior 100m freestyle, and second in the open boys 50m butterfly.

In February, Konrad had competed with distinction at the national junior swimming championships held in Hamilton. In the boys' 11 years section, he won gold medals in the 50m fly, 50m freestyle, and the 50m, 100m and 200m backstroke events. He also won a silver medal in the 200m medley. His time of 33.08 seconds in the 50m backstroke event was an Auckland record.

Learning outside the classroom



A highlight of the educational programme for Year 7 & 8 students are the learning initiatives that take place outside the classroom. Year 7 & 8 boys recently completed a week-long Outdoor Education programme featuring archery, kayaking, sailing, orienteering, biking and rockwall climbing. Later in the year they will orient themselves with the Auckland CBD, spending a day identifying and photographing some of the city's most significant buildings. Community service projects include support for political prisoners through the Amnesty International network, and work with St Vincent De Paul.

Rugby warmup

The 1st XV squad is full of excitement for the season ahead. With many of last year's team back at school this year, confidence is high.

In its first pre-season match, the team beat Rosehill College 19-0. Its next outings were in Sydney in the April school holidays, winning against St Patrick's Strathfield and losing to St Josephs Hunters Hill.

The team has the honour of playing the curtain-raiser on Eden Park against traditional rival Gisborne Boys' High School, prior to the Ranfurly Shield Challenge by Poverty Bay.

The match schedule is:

- 8 May** Auckland Grammar (away)
- 15 May** King's College (away)
- 22 May** Otahuhu College (away)
- 29 May** St Paul's College (home)
- 5 June** Tangaroa College (away)
- 12 June** De la Salle College (home)
- 19 June** Kelston Boys' High (home)
- 26 June** St Peter's College (away)
- 24 July** Macleans College (home)
- 31 July** Mt Albert Grammar (home)
- 7 August** Onehunga High (home)

All games are at 2.30pm.
Finals will take place on 21 August.

Rowers battle southern chill

From 20-28 March, 22 Sacred Heart boys were in Twizel, competing in cold, windy conditions in the Maadi Cup regatta.

Hopes were high for a medal, particularly for the U17 eight, which had won its section in the Head of Harbour competition on Lake Pupuke in February, and had come fourth in the U19 final. Andrew Clark and Matthew Chapman had finished first and third respectively in the U19 single sculls, and then teamed up to win the U19 doubles at this event.

In Twizel, the U17 eight and Andrew Clarke were the biggest success stories, both qualifying for their A finals on the last day. In both races, we drew lane eight which meant our boys had to work a bit harder in conditions that had deteriorated to snow and rain. Andrew came fifth in his final, while the U17 finished fourth.

- - Bridget Scott



Rowing in chilly conditions on Lake Ruataniwha. Photo: Bridget Scott

Centenary Appeal



Centenary Square is a wonderful environment for welcoming people into Sacred Heart.

Launched during 2003, the Centenary Appeal had two goals - to leave a physical reminder of this important milestone in the College's history by building Centenary Square, and to leave a lasting legacy for future students by establishing a Scholarship Fund.

Centenary Square is an impressive front entrance to the College; it also links important places, and provides a pleasant area to gather, to sit, relax and play. The appeal target has almost been reached - there is \$25,000 to go.

Major donors to Centenary Square are Peter Newfield, Brian and Jill Mahony, Peter and Ingrid Coakley, Paul and Anna Friedlander, Paul and Helen Gleeson, Anthony Howard, Grant

and Jenny Lilly, Warren and Margaret Long, Mr and Mrs Tseung, Willie Lynch and John and Dianne Molloy. Special thanks to Malcolm Gray at Westpac Bank for his support.

The Centenary Scholarship Fund has reached its target of \$100,000. It has been consolidated into a special investment account and renamed the Marist Scholarship Fund. It is administered by a committee comprising the Principal of Sacred Heart College, and representatives from the Development Foundation, Marist Brothers and Sacred Heart College Board of Trustees. It is envisaged that this scholarship fund will be increased over time by donations and special events, to expand it into a major asset for the College and its students.

Major donors to the Marist Scholarship Fund are Leo and Kathy Davis, Peter Dew, Warren and Margaret Long, the Pickup Family, and Mr and Mrs Yoon. Included in the fund is a donation in memory of Michael Lui made by his parents, and a generous legacy from the Marist Brothers.

The College and the Development Foundation thank everyone who donated to the Centenary Appeal; every dollar is important and makes a difference.

For a donation form contact Lyn Luxton (details below).

Annual Giving 2004

The Annual Giving Appeal is an important way for the Sacred Heart community to support small projects that directly benefit students, but are not included in the current budget. The following projects have been chosen for 2004:

Computer assisted literacy

This innovative programme uses various software to assist students for whom writing, reading and spelling are barriers to learning. Sacred Heart College is leading the way in this field in New Zealand schools. The process develops self-belief and empowers students to progress in all areas of learning. Support for this project will enable staff to be trained and increase the number of students able to take part.

Sports equipment

A second athletics high jump mat will enable two levels of competition to be run concurrently and also be used for physical education programmes in the gymnasium. As the school roll increases so does the need to provide more activities, and wear and tear on equipment and grounds is also increased. The installation of rubber matting on the cricket practice pitch to protect the run-up area during wet weather or periods of heavy use is another sports project that will extend the quality of the pitch and enable more students to participate.

Outdoor seating and shelter

This project will provide outdoor seating and areas of shelter throughout the College and enhance the recent building expansion. This includes spectator seating adjacent to the top field and around the College grounds in areas that are well used by students.

Educational software - senior ICT and media studies

Purchase of software that will enable senior ICT students to undertake industry-level courses while at school. Software includes video editing capability which allows senior media students to edit their video work.

Your contribution makes a difference. Please complete the Annual Giving form included with this newsletter and return to PO Box 18377, Glen Innes.

A passion for giving

It is with great sadness that we record the death last year of Tony Marinovich, the patron and first member of the St Marcellin Champagnat Society. Tony was a loyal and generous supporter of Sacred Heart College over many years. He said that he had received the ultimate start with a Marist education from Sacred Heart, and that he wanted to share that with future generations. He was passionate about the St Marcellin Champagnat Society, which was created to acknowledge those who make a bequest or endowment to Sacred Heart College, and he was a charming and devoted advocate for the Bequest Programme. His energy and enthusiasm is greatly missed by his friends at Sacred Heart College.

To find out more about the Sacred Heart College Bequest Programme, or to receive a brochure, contact Lyn Luxton in the Development Foundation office, phone 0-9-529 3743 or email shcdf@sacredheart.school.nz



Old boys back on sacred boards



Neil Finn

Over two nights last November, a crowd of more than 1200 poured into Centenary Square to celebrate 100 years of music at the College as a conclusion to the centenary celebrations.

And celebrate they did, with a lineup of musicians and singers that would have done any school, anywhere in the world proud.

First up were The Tutanakais' (Paul Harrop, Bob Burnes, Charlie Stone and Lou Mihaljevich), followed by a jazz ensemble of former Split Enzer Eddie Rayner, Bernie Allen and Denis Hepi. Talent after talent took to the stage - Mike Chunn, Greg Clark, Brian Donnelly, Peter Urlich, Geoff Chunn, Larry Morris, opera singer Roger Gill, Ian Morris, Rikki Morris and up-and-coming new performer Simon Comber.

Dave Dobbyn and Neil Finn, New Zealand rock royalty, took centre stage for the evening's finale. Joining them were current students Jordon Clark (on drums for most of the evening) and Simon Ulenberg with Barney Chunn and Elroy Finn playing alongside their famous parents and several star turns by student musician and vocalist Hugh McCarroll.

The crowd danced and sang every word they knew (including the school song), wishing it would never end. But at 1am it had to and the crowds dispersed into the night, many still singing. It was an unforgettable occasion.

The College extends its appreciation to everyone who worked so hard to put the concerts together and its heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the performers who gave their time, talent and energy so selflessly for this momentous occasion.

More than \$35,000 was raised for the Centenary Square and other College projects, and 100 years of musical history was celebrated in grand style when the boys came home. Hopefully, one day, history will repeat.



Mike Chunn, Neil Finn and Dave Dobbyn.



The Tutanakais.



Dave Dobbyn.



Roger Gill.



Jordan Clark.



Among the popular activities: face painting and dunking a teacher (Amanda Bergman).

More than a Fair day's work

The 2004 Fair attracted thousands and achieved its best-ever profit of around \$64,000. The funds in part will be used for the relocation and upgrade of the school tuckshop, which has barely changed since opening in 1956.

Following months of preparation, Sunday 21 March arrived and we were blessed with a glorious day. We had around 330 parents and friends working on the stalls and 50 senior boys made themselves available to help in many places, parking cars, organising golf, as sellers and runners on the quick-fire, and enjoying themselves at the dunker.

By 10am there were 1000 cars parked on the rugby fields and an estimated 3500 people on the College Green, with hundreds more hunting out bargains at the white elephant, clothes and books sale in the hall.

Around 11.30am the estimated crowd was close to 8000 and the food stalls were starting to run low in stocks. By noon we had sold as many chips and hot dogs as in the entire fair last year; burger patties at the barbecue had run out and a quick visit to the Mad Butcher was needed for more stock.

One highlight was the Remax Hot Air Balloon, which was a great advertising item and could be seen all over the eastern suburbs. There was also plenty of humour to be found at the dunker where we had wonderful support from Phil Mahoney, the staff and the senior boys who all volunteered to take a dunking.

There are so many people to thank:

The staff, students, parents, friends and Marist Brothers of the College who contributed in so many ways - from motivating involvement, to cleaning up the grounds, to running morning collections, to managing and staffing stalls and activities on the day itself.

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A powerhouse at Sacred Heart

Along with the Development Foundation, which has a huge fundraising task, the PTA also tries to help fundraise to ensure that day-to-day needs for equipment and programmes are met.

This year our major fundraiser, the fair, supported the refurbishment of the tuckshop. Each year, the PTA also funds the College gardens, the Brother Gerard Crotty Music Scholarship, the Year 7 & 8 Outdoor Education programme, annual grants to the Library, the Takuilau College trip, the Karapiro camp, and items for music, science, IT, sport, parents evenings, and other areas deemed necessary by staff and approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Kelvin Mephan, President, PTA

At the centre of Catholicism



Br Richard Dunleavy, the new leader of the Marist Brothers at Sacred Heart College, has been at the pinnacle of Catholic administration over the past two decades. With two sojourns in Rome, totalling 13 years, he has gained as much insight into international issues as an espionage professional, and a special admiration for the Pope.

Br Richard's road to Rome began as a student at Sacred Heart College in 1946. He heard his calling, and became a Brother as a young man, studying in Belgium and Switzerland in the 1960s. After teaching at his old school during the 1960s and 1970s, he then became involved in Marist Brothers leadership, and was head of the New Zealand and Pacific wing of the Brothers' international organisation during the early 1980s. He was first elected for the international council in 1985, and spent nine years based in Rome but travelling the world visiting Marist communities. He was often in trouble spots, such as Rwanda, Pakistan, and Hungary just after the fall of the Berlin wall. Returning to New Zealand in 1993, he became

pastoral assistant to the newly installed Bishop Pat Dunn of Auckland, for three years. But problems within the Marist Brothers administration in Rome saw him back in the city just before the turn of the millennium, this time as Secretary General.

"One of the challenges of any international centre is not just the question of language, but of cultural mentality," he explains. "It can cause management issues and at the time I became Secretary General, a new way was needed within the organisation." Taking a leaf out of Roger Hall's play *Glide Time*, Br Richard introduced a flexible, informal work regime that initially met with resistance, particularly from cultures that were accustomed to strict order, and hierarchy. "I encouraged simplicity and informality, because I felt it was an important way to make people feel more comfortable. But I also wanted them to take more responsibility, so that they really matured."

Br Richard says one of the highlights of his time in Rome was that a good spirit developed among the staff, and consequently its administration improved. But there were many other highlights.

"I was in Rome, the centre of many important events for the world and for the church, and living against a backdrop of 4000 years of history. I never lost a sense of privilege of being in that situation."

He also enjoyed being part of a flow of information on world matters, from countries as far flung as Paraguay and Papua New Guinea, and says the Vatican is one of the best informed intelligence networks in the world. Part of his role as Secretary General was to disseminate this information to Marist communities around the world, a task made easy with email. It is a medium that has had an

enormously positive impact on communication, he says.

Br Richard met with the Pope on a number of occasions, and his admiration for the man is inspiring. "There are people in the church who say he is too conservative. But I say no, he is really a conservationist. There is a big difference. His message is that the laws of nature apply to human beings as much as any living thing, and so we should scrutinise very carefully the adaptations we make, like use of the contraceptive pill or genetic modification of food. With regard to the family, the Pope would see the natural law as marriage between husband and wife who are jointly responsible for their children."

He reflects that the western world is in the middle of a social cyclone, and the breakdown of the family is the most obvious element. "We don't know what will happen in the future, when we emerge through this cycle. But we have to be positive. That's why the Christian education given to the young men at Sacred Heart is so vital - to prepare them for the future, how ever it will evolve."



With the Pope... "There are people who say he is too conservative. I say he is really a conservationist. There's a big difference."

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Old Boys

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Paeroa	28 May	Willie Lynch	0-9-862 8643	Edgcumbe	5 November	Peter O'Sullivan	0-7-322 8033
Hawera	11 July	Ray Edwards	0-6-278 7829	Tauranga	12 November	Chris Rejther	0-7-577 6565
Cambridge	23 July	Greg Gascoigne	0-7-827 1897	Whangarei	19 November	Vince Stead	0-9-435 1366
Papakura	6 August	Bill McEntee	0-9-298 9216	Rotorua	29 November	Graeme Dennett	0-7-349 4401
Napier	22 August	David Pryor	0-6-844 8795	Auckland	17 September	Br Marcel	0-9-575 8588
Wellington	13 October	John Irwin	0-4-232 7789				

Reunion in Samoa



Left, Herman Bartley, Hans Kruse, P.M. Tuilaepa Aiono Sialele Malielegaoi, Br Marcel, John Macdonald. at the Sunday lunch for Sacred Heart College and St Paul's College old boys in Apia.

A SHCOBA reunion was held in Apia in association with St Paul's old boys, 12-14 March. The event recognised the SHC Centenary and was a preparation for the St Paul's 50th Jubilee in 2005.

A social was held on the Friday night with an attendance of 22. Saturday was a free day. The Mass on Sunday morning at the Cathedral was followed by a lunch at the Kitano Tusitala Hotel, and attended by 30 people. The Samoan Prime Minister, the Hon Tuilaepa Aiono Sialele Malielegaoi, an old boy of St Paul's, was among the guests.

John Macdonald (1955) and **Herman Bartley** (1955) were the two SHC old boys who arranged these events with Isitolo Leota

(1974) and Seehoj Chan Mow (1971) of St Paul's.

The old boys in Samoa are keen to establish a formal group and hold a regular meeting each year. They were also most insistent that their members should pay their subscriptions to the New Zealand SHCOBA!

SHC guests at the reunion were:

John Macdonald (1955), **Alexander Macdonald** (1969), **Lui Chan Chui** (1962), **Dean Atkins** (1990), **Hans Kruse** (1949), **Konrad Keil** (1985), **Herman Bartley** (1955), **Pat Ah Kuoi** (1958), **Mark Paul** (1971), **Montini Ott** (1989), **Clifford Bartley and Schwarz Hunt**.

Centenary Memorial Book

The Sacred Heart College Centenary Memorial Book contains the names of all 13,440 old boys (and two Old Girls), who attended the school from 1903 to 2003. This bound volume was presented to the College Principal, Philip Mahoney, at the Annual Anzac Memorial Mass on 4 May 2003, together with another bound volume, the SHC Roll of Honour Memorial Book. This book contains photos and biographies of all 147 old boys who died serving New Zealand in the wars.

Old boys may also be interested in viewing three other books, when next at the College. These are: A Sports History of Sacred Heart College (1903-2003), Old Boy Priests (1903-2003), and Old Boys who have excelled in the Civic, Academic, Cultural and Professional Worlds. Copies of these books are in the College Archives and the College Library.

Recent recipients of NZ honours

Ewen Derrick (1946), QSO for services to the community.

Dave Dobbey (1974), ONZM for services to music.

Bob Fenwick (1954), president of the Export Institute, ONZM for services to business and export.

Steve Jelcich (1942), ONZM for services to architecture and the community.

Milan Mrkusich (1941), abstract painter, NZ Arts Foundation Icon Award.

Kevin O'Connor (1943), former professor of range management at Lincoln University, ONZM for services to the environment and agriculture.

Updates

Rowan Cann (1999) has completed a three-year course at the Australian Ballet School, and was one of 100 aspirants from around the world to be selected to tour for the Monaco Dance Forum in 2003. He toured with the NZ Ballet's production of *Romeo & Juliet* this year.

Don Innes (1964) returned to the US after leaving College and now works as a manager with CH2M Hill, an environmental engineering firm based in Woodstock, Georgia. Younger brother **Jim (1964)** was one of the most highly decorated US helicopter pilots of the Vietnam War, and was shot down five times. He is now with a squadron in Colombia, hunting down drug lords.

Richard Keenan (1995), having completed his LLB in Auckland, spent a year at Keble College, Oxford, thanks to the generosity of an old boy, where he completed a Masters in Law and is now with Simpson Grierson in Auckland.

Craig Little (1964), a founding member of the Auckland Regional Council, is now helping the church as chairman of St Patrick's Cathedral Heritage Foundation, involved in the restoration and maintenance of Auckland's 150 year-old Cathedral, Presbytery and Liston House.

Hamish McCarrroll (head prefect 2000), Mark Thompson (head prefect 2001), and Simon Fitness (head prefect and dux 1999) are all studying law and very involved in extra-curricular activities. Simon is a lieutenant with the Royal NZ Artillery.

Ivan Mercep (1946) is the chief architect for University of Auckland's new Centre for Polynesian Studies, built in the shape of a Samoan fale.

Phil Muller (1956) has been a consultant with Pacific Islands Resource Management specialising in marine resources. Returning to NZ in 1997, he became CEO of Samoan Rugby.

Sio Perez (1983), former 1st XV captain, works with the Council of Elders of the Tokelau Islands supervising the Revenue Division.

Craig Skelton is sales and marketing manager for the Kilmore Racing Club north of Melbourne, where his father, former Melbourne Cup winning jockey Bob, trains a small team. Older brother **Mark (1976)** runs a farm at Ophir, in Otago.

Kieran Crowley (1978) will be coach of the Taranaki NPC team this year. His term as an All Black selector ended with the non-appointment of coach John Mitchell after the World Cup.

Gerald Davis (1995) had an outstanding tour playing for the All Whites in the Federation Cup Tournament in France, which had a viewing audience of 600 million. His parents, Leo (chairman of the Centenary committee) and Kathy were there to support him.

Mark Kennedy (1999), yachtsman, was due to compete in the world championships in Europe in April in the tornado class. This will decide whether or not he makes the NZ Olympic yachting team. Brother **Scott (2003)**, was in the NZ team that competed in the world junior championships in Portugal last year.

Colin Snedden (1933), aged 86, former NZ cricketer and sports broadcaster, is still a keen lawn bowler at the Takapuna Club.

Logan Swan (1992), played in 26 matches for New Zealand and played his last game for the Warriors in September 2003. He continues his rugby league career in England.

Deaths of old boys

Our sympathies to the families who have lost loved ones this year.

Keven Mervyn Daley (1941), died 21/1, aged 77. Brother of Allan, Raymond and the late Desmond. Buried from Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Glen Eden.

Leonard William Doogue (1958), died 9/1 suddenly at Rotorua, where he had spent most of his life. His Requiem Mass was at St Mary's, Rotorua.

Anthony (Tony) Brian Fennell (1953), died 21/2 at Middlemore Hospital. Tony had worked as a painter. Buried after a Requiem Mass at St Anthony's Church, Mangere.

Peter Nolan Hague-Smith (1950), died 8/3 suddenly aged 67 at Tauranga.

Colin Francis Horan (1964), died 26/2 aged 73. Colin was living in Cambridge, and was buried after a Requiem Mass at St Peter's Cambridge.

Br Terence Edwin Kelly (1943), died 15/1 at St Joseph's Hospice, Auckland, aged 77. School dux and University scholarship winner in 1943. Taught at several Marist schools. Buried after a Requiem Mass at St Paul's College where he had lived for the last years of his life.

Michael King (1959), died 30/3 in a motor accident near Maramarua. He attended SHC for one year only.

Kevin Eugene McDonald (1947), died 21/2 at North Shore Hospital. Buried from the Church of St Thomas Moore, Glenfield.

Charles Raymond (Pat) McPhail (1929), died 19/3 at Athenree aged 90. Pat cut the cake at the Centenary Mass in 2003, then one of the oldest surviving Old Boys. His son Brian is on the SHCOBA Committee.

John Gerrard Francis O'Connor (1949), died 31/1 at Te Mana Home, North Shore, aged 66. Buried at North Shore Cemetery, Schnapper Rock Road.

Norman John Sampson (1938), died 20/3 at Ranfurly War Veterans Home, aged 80. Former NZ Army Engineers. Buried after a Requiem Mass at St Mary's Church, Mt Albert.

Andrew (Tom) Sheehan (1935), died 25/3 at Auckland Hospital, aged 82. WWII North Africa. Buried after a Requiem Mass at the Church of the Assumption, Onehunga.

The bottomline

This issue of Confortare commences a new way of disseminating news on old boys, as well as all other groups in the Sacred Heart College community. It is published twice a year, and the next edition is planned for mid-August. I am sure old boys will be aware that this is a major step forward in keeping you informed, and we welcome your feedback.

The publication of Confortare comes at a cost, and so we urge old boys to pay their \$20 annual subscription fee. Not only does it help to pay for the printing and postage of this publication, it also assists the promotion of the SHCOBA regional reunions held each year, and to keep the old boys section of the College website up to date.

I know many plan to pay their fee but sometimes it does not happen. Please support us, when you receive your subscription notice.

- - *Br Marcel, President, SHCOBA*