

Past



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## Message from the Principal

This year we have seen some highs and lows.

The loss of Frs Carroll and Edwards was very significant given the contribution of each man to St Joseph's. In previous editions this would have been noted. Fr Edwards was much loved by the boys who started on day one of what was then Don Bosco High School for a very brief period. He later returned in the 1990s demonstrating in that incarnation that he had lost none of his ability to brighten a day with his bubbly, engaging style. Fr Carroll worked behind the scenes for many years supporting the College and its Salesian Principals in all matters financial and was a much loved priest, preacher, Business Manager and carpenter in his final involvement spread over the last 16 years of his life.

We were very pleased to see the rise of Damian Hardwick as coach of Richmond in 2010 and delighted to see Cameron O'Shea (2009) drafted by Port Adelaide to join Matthew Lobbe (2006).

Unfortunately, Josh Cullinan (1993) chose the year of the massive swing to stand as the ALP candidate for the seat of Ferntree Gully. It would have been very interesting to have a past student as the local member. We wouldn't have expected extra favours but clearly he would understand the role the College attempts to play within this local community.

In October on the lucky date of 10/10/10 we blessed and opened our new iconic Administration Building and in doing so honoured the service of Jack Turner to St Joseph's over an unbroken period of 45 years. He is the first non-priest to be so honoured; he joins Frs Edwards, Miller, Carroll, Bainbridge and Mackay who have buildings or spaces named in their honour as well as former Rectors Frs Edwards, O'Sullivan, O'Mara, Ledda, Cantamessa, Prest and Chambers who have homeroom classes named after them.

Vincent J Feeny  
PRINCIPAL



Mr Vin Feeny with some past students from 1990

## News around the College

### Official Opening and Blessing of New Administration Building and Naming of the Carroll Trade Centre

On Sunday 10th October, the new administration wing was blessed and opened by the Chairman of the College Board, Fr Noel Mackay and the trade centre was renamed Carroll Trade Centre, after Fr Jim Carroll who died in May 2010 after many loyal and hard working years at St Joseph's College.

It was a great opportunity to come together and celebrate the achievement of a major project that has the capacity to change the way people see the College but more importantly, to honour three men who have given so much to St. Joseph's.

The meeting rooms in the new administration building were named in honour of two men who have given great service to St Joseph's; Fr Noel Mackay and Jack Turner.



New Administration Building



Carroll Trade Centre

### Fr Noel Mackay



Fr Noel Mackay, Chairman of St Joseph's College Board with Mr Vin Feeny, College Principal

Fr Noel has been involved with the College since 1974. As Parish Priest of St Jude's in Scoresby, he has served on the College Board since his first days in Scoresby and has chaired the Finance Committee and the College Board since 2000.

For his intelligent stewardship of the College, his loyal support for all those who live and work in the name of

St Joseph's, the College is pleased in some small way, to honour his dedication.

## Mr Jack Turner



Mr Jack Turner

Jack Turner gave continuous service to the College for over 44 years.

In the early 1970's he was the first lay person elected to the College Board, and served on Finance Committees for many years.

After retiring in 1983, he began working in the office at the College assisting with the finances. After

retiring from this office position he was seconded to the College Finance Committee on which he served until his death in 2009.

## Fr Jim Carroll SDB (1924 - 2010)



Fr Jim Carroll SDB

The trade centre has been named after the much loved Fr Jim Carroll who came to the College as Business Manager in 1994 when times were very tough and money in short supply. He oversaw a cost saving strategy that relied so much upon his own hard work but also ingenuity.

He was respected

by all in the community for his ability to not only manage the books but also for his ability to become a highly skilful maintenance man after hours. In this role as "maintenance man" he not only saved the school a lot of money, but whilst mentoring students on weekends, he taught them the finer skills of carpentry and always with a jovial smile.

Fr Jim was passionate about giving the boys opportunities to develop skills for employment and loved the fact that the College developed an Australian Technical College that formalized those training opportunities. With the change to the funding arrangements and the phasing out of the use of the ATC moniker, the need for a new name became apparent. Only one was needed to be considered by the College Board.

His sister Joan Deany was on hand on the day to unveil the plaque that outlined Fr Jim's story and it has been installed in the foyer of the Carroll Centre. We are pleased to have had the opportunity to honour a great man who always loved to serve our boys.



Mr Vin Feeney unveils plaque for Carroll Trade Centre

## Canonisation of St Mary MacKillop



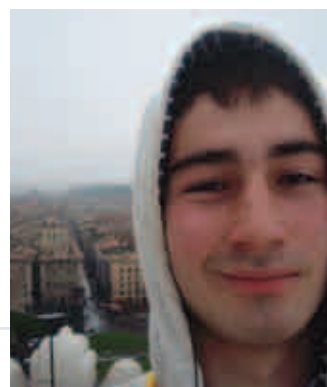
St Joseph's College was represented at the Canonization of St Mary MacKillop in Rome on October 17th by Anthony Freeman, a Year 10 student at St Joseph's College.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne sponsored 65 students from across the State to attend the ceremony and Anthony was chosen to represent the College.

Anthony



Anthony (back row) with some of the Victorian students at the Canonization



## What our past students are doing

### John McCristal (Class of 1980)



*Jane, John, Reuben and Maisy McCristal*

John attended St Joseph's between 1975 and 1979, leaving half way through Year II. He recently attended a thirty year reunion with his classmates and enjoyed catching up with them and reminisce about the old days. He said, "It was also good to see Mr Stephen Poore and Mr Bill Holligan. "

After leaving school John went to work for Myer as a stock boy in their ladies' shoe department. He progressed through Myer's cadet management program whilst attending night school and obtaining his Year II and HSC qualifications. He then did a Law Economics Degree at Monash University in Clayton, and then completed articles with the law firm, Slater and Gordon. He is currently the Managing Director of a franchised business of the law firm, Maurice Blackburn in Gippsland, with offices in Traralgon, Bairnsdale and Warragul. The business has 15 staff and work in the area of workcover and transport accident claims

During his time at the College, John was one of the smallest pupils and was able to hone his negotiating skills which has stood him in good stead in the legal world.

He has been married for eleven years to Jane and they have two children who are nine and seven. He enjoys playing tennis competitively and also cycling and running, as well as playing guitar and singing with his children. He also enjoys travelling and speaks German, French and conversational Italian and Greek. He has been involved in beer making for the last twenty five years and has set up a small micro brewery in his shed.

He lives on a rural property near the township of Tyers in Gippsland and says that it is a great environment for raising kids.

He looks forward to catching up again with his classmates and having a few quiet beers when next they catch up.

### Michael Frizziero (Class of 1980)

After completing school at St Joseph's College, Michael attended Box Hill College of TAFE and completed a Certificate of Technology in Architectural Drafting.

He worked at AV Jennings for a couple of years, then with a small builder and finally, with a small architectural practice before starting his own company. He developed his drafting business into one of the larger drafting services in the Eastern suburbs.

He then started a building company and was one of the largest builders in the Eastern suburbs....until it all went bad, and he lost everything. He said, "my wife stayed by my side, so I knew she was not after the money, as there was none. "

Michael went back to night school, and learnt how to draw on CAD, then started another drafting business and got his life back on track. He currently employs 12-14 people in his drafting business and also develops investment properties.



*Michael's family - Juliania, Jessica, Maria, Jacinta, David*

Being a "good practising Catholic", Michael and Maria have 4 children, a 21 year old girl at University, a 19 year old boy doing a carpentry apprenticeship, and 16 year old and 14 year old girls, both at high school.

He thinks that, "as we go through the journey of life, we all realise how lucky and truly blessed we are when we see our kids happy and that they are in some way, part of us."

In 2004 he took his family to Tuscany for 6 months and put his kids into full time school over there so he could give them the Italian language and an extraordinary experience living there.

He has coached Soccer at Knox City Soccer Club for many years, and only stopped playing about 2 years ago. He also enjoys motorbike riding, and has a Honda Fireblade 1000 (repsol) and does many track days at Phillip Island.

He states, "I am happy with all in my life, and can say all the visits to Father O'Mara's and Bill Holligan's offices served me well. I have no regrets."

### Daran Ponton (Class of 1980)



Daran states, "My time has been put to good use in the years since completing HSC at St Joseph's."

Upon completion of Form 6, Daran was offered a scholarship to study Textile Science at the University of NSW. Initially, he thought he would serve out the first year of the Applied Science degree then transfer back to Melbourne. However, the lure of living on campus in Sydney drew him back for the duration of the degree.

He did however, return to Melbourne to take on a factory management role with a division of the Sheridan Bed Linen group of companies, where he could apply his technical skills. He also learnt some valuable lessons about how to lead and manage a group of employees from a broad spectrum of social and cultural backgrounds.

After 5-6 years in this role, Daran realised that he needed to broaden his career opportunities. He commenced an MBA at Monash University: 3 years of "hard time", squeezing studies into an already busy work, family and social life.

It was shortly after completing the MBA that he was offered a position within the Quality Assurance Team at Myer: a role that allowed him to apply his technical and business skills in a retail setting. Within 12 months, he became the manager of the department: a role he has held for almost 15 years.

More importantly, Daran is married to his beautiful wife Sue and they have 2 great children (Stacey 16 and Nathan 14). The children keep both Sue and Daran busy with their various activities: mainly tennis. He says, "We may moan about being the children's taxi, but we know that they are only reliant on us for a few years, and we need to take advantage of this contact time with the kids whilst we can. It seems they grow up too quickly."

He is the President of the local tennis club (the Boronia Tennis Club) and finds time to still play a little tennis himself.

## Mark Lisle (Class of 1980)



Zac, Corey, Jordan, Shelley and Mark

Mark attended St Joseph's College from 1975 to 1980. After his HSC year he took a year off study, worked in a bank, saved some money and concentrated on basketball. From 1982 to 1985 he completed a Bachelor of Business (Accountancy) at RMIT. He played NBL basketball with the Nunawading Spectres between 1982 and 1983. He played VFL/AFL football with North Melbourne from 1984-1989, playing 37 senior games with the club. He then played VFA football with Box Hill from 1990 - 1994.

In 1986, Mark married his wife, Shelley, and they have three boys, Jordan (20), Zac (18) and Corey (13).

Mark is a partner in a city firm of chartered accountants, Rundles, where he has worked for 25 years.

These days, at the age of 48, his sporting endeavours are limited to walking the dog, the occasional game of golf and boxing at a smelly gym near where he lives. His favourite holiday spot is Port Fairy where the family has a house.

His fondest memories of St Joseph's are playing as much sport as he could, under the guidance of the Salesians and laughing at Tony Porcaro the whole way through HSC.

He still regularly sees six friends he went to St Joseph's with. One of his favourite mottos is: A loser says, "I'm not as bad as some"; a winner says "I'm not as good as I ought to be."

## Tim Lancaster (Class of 1990)



Tim completed his secondary education at St Joseph's in 1990. In 1991 he enlisted in the Royal Australian Army choosing to specialise in signals and electronic warfare. He served six and half years with the Army fulfilling various defence postings and travelling the world.

In 1997 Tim was successful in joining the New South Wales Police Force which included 3 years in Kings Cross followed by a move to Deniliquin in the Riverina region of NSW.

After leaving New South Wales Police in 2001, Tim moved back home to Melbourne and took a position as State Security Manager with a large national company. In 2003 he fulfilled his lifelong ambition of becoming a career firefighter with the Country Fire Authority.

In 2005 he married Megan and they bought their first home in Rowville remaining there until 2010. Recently they moved into their newly renovated home in Vermont.

Tim enjoys keeping fit, hitting the gym, playing basketball, the occasional "hack" game of golf, walking his dog and spending time with his wife and family. In 2011 Tim is travelling to New York City to compete in the World Police and Fire Games.

## Brian Jackson (Class of 1980)

Brian Jackson, along with his two brothers Paul & Gary, attended



Grace, Brian and Michelle

St Joseph's College. Brian graduated in 1980 and for the next 3 years worked in a bank before doing an Accounting degree at Bendigo College (now Latrobe University) from 1984 to 1986.

After graduating in 1987 Brian worked in Chartered Accounting for 3 years before taking an extended break in 1990 to travel to UK and Europe. From 1991 Brian

has had a number of different accounting roles within various industries. Currently, he is the Accounting Manager for BAE Systems Australia Logistics P/L based in Williamstown.

Brian and his wife Michelle have a 14 month old little girl Grace and live in Richmond.

Brian has many fond memories of his high school days and still keeps in regular contact with many of his former school mates. Like many former St Joseph's students Brian played football for several years with Upper FTG in the 80's and early 90's.

## Joe Cannatelli (Class of 1990)



Joe finished Year 12 at St Joseph's in 1990. Today Joe is the owner of the aptly named, JC's Quality Foods P/L. JC's main product is nuts, dried fruits and confectionary and what a story. It started over 15 years ago with a single product, a kid's confectionary bar and a single vehicle, his mum and dad's two tone Commodore.

Joe grew up on an apple and pear orchard farm in Wantirna South, two Ventura buses and 50 minutes from Ferntree Gully, via the old Knox City bus stop, where their parents ran a 7 day-a-week fruit shop. It was during these tough beginnings that Joe developed a love of the "mum and dad" store and fresh produce, including nuts.

After completing Year 12, Joe studied one year for an Economics Degree at Deakin University (Warrnambool). Joe was between working with his father Frank in the family fruit shop and doing big hours in the hustle and bustle of Footscray's Wholesale Market, when he decided to have a go at his own little fruit shop in Croydon.

The confectionary line Joe had on his counter was selling better than his fruit and vegetables. So, in the afternoons, while his mother looked after the shop, Joe was off distributing this single line to other fruit shops in the area, from the back of the Commodore, then to all of Melbourne, and finally to the entire State. So JC's Quality Foods was born.

Now both fruit shops have closed, his mother and father have retired, and now his brother Louis (St Joseph's past student), is Joe's National Manager. JC's is not only national but also international.

Surprisingly with so much happening, Joe somehow has still found time to be an Ambassador for Australia Day, and is involved with *Variety*, Pat Rafter's *Cherish the Children Foundation* and *Oxfam*. He still regularly catches up with his mates, who were all "St Joey's boys".

## Reunions 2010

### Class of 1980 Reunion

Congratulations to the Class of 1980 for their successful reunion at the Ferntree Bowling Club on October 2. The reunion was organized by Bernard Murphy and Jonathan Spencer. The group gathered at the College for pre-dinner drinks and a tour of the College by the Principal, Mr Vin Feeney which provided an opportunity to recall events from school days and to observe the many changes at the College since the group left.

They then moved to the Ferntree Gully Bowling Club for dinner. A highlight of the evening was the DVD prepared by Jonathan Spencer with many photos he had of the Class of 1980.

## Class of 1990 Reunion

Congratulations to the Class of 1990 for their successful reunion on Saturday November 13th organized by Brendan King and Brett Ashworth. Part of the group met at the College on Saturday at noon for a BBQ lunch and a tour of the College with Mr Vin Feeney, the College Principal and commented on the many new buildings and facilities at the College. That evening a larger group of over 25 people met at the Rising Sun Hotel in Richmond for dinner and a long night of celebration as they renewed past friendships.

## Class of 2000 Reunion

Congratulations to the Class of 2000 for the successful reunion organised by Simon Vince. The large group gathered at the Switch Bar, Knox Ozone and enjoyed the evening catching with school friends. It's great to see the ten year reunions proving so popular.

### 1980 Reunion



1990 Reunion



2000 Reunion



## Reunions in 2011

Our number of reunions is growing every year as year groups realise the value of gathering together to renew friendships. All planning can be done by a small committee using mobiles, emails and now 'Facebook.'

**In 2011 we would like to plan for 10, 20, 30, 40 year reunions. That is, the Year 12 Class of 2001, 1991, 1981, Form 1, 1971 (Class of 1976)**

If anyone from the 2001 (Year 12), 1991 (Year 12), 1981 (Year 12), 1971 (Form 1) class groups is interested in helping to organize a reunion, please contact Peter Naughtin at the College and he will assist with your planning. Experience has shown that successful reunions occur when they are organized by people from those years.

**Contact:** Peter Naughtin at the College (97582000), or email (pnaughtin@stjosephs.com.au)

## News on Past Students and Staff

If you would like to send your profile or have any past student news - marriages, births, deaths that you want published in the newsletter, please send your news item, photo, or profile to St Joseph's College (5 Brenock Park Drive, Ferntree Gully) or email to the College website - [www.stjosephs.com.au/ourcommunity/paststudents](http://www.stjosephs.com.au/ourcommunity/paststudents)

## Update Contact Details

If you change your contact details, please let the Past Students Network know. Send change of address, mobile, e-mail to Peter Naughtin (Past Student Coordinator) at the: [College-pnaughtin@stjosephs.com.au](mailto:College-pnaughtin@stjosephs.com.au)

## In Memoriam 2010

Fr Bill Edwards SDB (1928 - 2010)

Fr Jim Carroll SDB (1924 - 2010)

## Christmas Wishes

We wish all past students a happy and holy Christmas and God's blessing for the New Year.

**Vincent J Feeney (Principal),  
Fr Joe Binh Dinh (Rector)**



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