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## From the Editor

# Companions

A copy of the latest *Madonna* magazine landed on my desk last week. Published quarterly by the Jesuit Communications office in Melbourne, *Madonna* is described as a 'magazine of spiritual reading for lay people'. Our own Fr Ross Jones is a contributor.

While reading this issue I was particularly struck by the story of the Gethsemane Community in Petersham, a suburb not far from my own home in Sydney's Inner West. Gethsemane provides support by way of both permanent housing and advocacy to men and women suffering from mental illness and or other disabilities.

In 1995 Gethsemane's Sr Myree Harris RSJ began a Christmas project to provide presents and cards to men and women with disabilities who were living in licensed boarding houses. Personalised gift parcels of toiletries, socks, underwear and lollies and Christmas cards were sent to each person using a coded system so as to protect their privacy. As the residents moved on to other facilities, their Christmas packs followed and at each new facility there were even more residents to help. Today there are more than 800 people on the list. Schools have become involved in the program to help pack parcels and donate toiletries.

Sure, stories of charity, particularly at Christmas time, are familiar to us. Here at Riverview the Ignatian Service program provides us with countless stories like this one—acts of generosity and service that touch the lives of people in desperate need of outreach. But what moved me while reading was the obvious impact the Christmas project had on Sister Myree. Those men and women had clearly moved something in her.

Throughout last year I was privileged to spend some time assisting Sr Anne Jordan of Cana Communities, a similar organisation to Gethsemane, which supports the community of homeless in Redfern. Anne has spoken to me at length about 'companioning', a concept central to Cana's mission. Companioning is two-fold: those who are provided with support and care are given a companion in those staff, volunteers, and individuals who come to their aid; in return those same staff, volunteers and individuals are companioned by those same people they assist—whether that be through the sharing of stories, time spent together, or even just memories of their experiences.

I wish you a safe and happy Christmas and holiday break.

**LAUREN SYKES**  
EDITOR

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# The power of patrons



Recently I visited a high school with a very decentralised pastoral care structure for its many students. Students were grouped into a number of Houses, each geographically separate to enhance the students' identity and belonging—an impressive strategy. But I was just a little disappointed to see that the Houses were named after Australian native plants. Nothing against grevilleas or wattles, mind you, but it seemed to me an opportunity missed. At the turn of last century some of Riverview's sports houses were named after colours. Again, functional but less than inspiring.

When our new House System was created here in 1983, Patrons were adopted for Houses. This dimension added a richness to the students' sense of belonging. The Patrons' lives were heroic and inspirational. Their story could be told and retold to capture the imagination of a young boy; to point to the possibility of a life lived beyond the self. Annual House Masses became a further opportunity to see those Patrons as part of the 'communion of the saints', that bright tapestry of witnesses taking us back to Jesus himself.

In expanding the House System to now embrace Years 7 and 8, we have established four new Houses, bringing the total to 16. The boys and staff were invited to consider nine possibilities. These were the favoured and chosen ones.

## ROMERO HOUSE

Óscar Romero (1917–1980) was Archbishop of San Salvador, in El Salvador, from 1977 until his assassination in 1980. During his formation for priesthood he studied at

the Jesuit Gregorian University in Rome. In time, he became bishop of a poor rural diocese before becoming Archbishop of San Salvador. This surprised many who were looking for a new visionary leadership grounded in 'liberation theology'. Romero was regarded as conservative—perhaps a timid one—who would align himself safely with the government of the day.

That was true for a time. But there was a turning point when his close friend, Fr Rutilio Grande SJ, superior of the Jesuit mission in El Salvador who worked closely with the poor, was murdered. Romero later said, *"When I looked at Rutilio lying there dead I thought, 'If they have killed him for doing what he did, then I too have to walk the same path.'"* The lamb became a lion. His outspokenness against poverty, social injustice, extrajudicial murders and torture became his trademark. Romero raised the ire of the paramilitary right-wing groups and the government. Inevitably, almost, he was assassinated while celebrating Mass, aged only 62. Óscar Romero has been declared a Servant of God (a step on the way to sainthood). Interestingly, he is also honored in the Anglican and Lutheran Christian traditions.

## FERNANDO HOUSE

Richie Fernando (1970–1996) was a College graduate from the Jesuit Ateneo de Manila University who, aged 20, entered the Philippines Jesuit novitiate in 1990. Though he came from a relatively privileged background, the experiences he had living with the poor and sharing their lives while a novice had a profound effect upon him.

**“I wish, when I die, people remember not how great, powerful, or talented I was, but that I served and spoke for the truth, I gave witness to what is right, I was sincere in all my works and actions. In other words, I loved and I followed Christ.”**

**RICHIE FERNANDO**

Everyone noticed his life became simpler. After some studies, Fernando was sent to Cambodia for his ‘regency’—a two or three year period in a Jesuit’s formation which is both pastoral and practical. There he worked for the Jesuit Refugee Service in Banteay Prieb at a school for the victims of land mines, helping them put their lives together and learn a trade. Our boys who take the Cambodian Immersion know this school and his story well.

It so happened that one of the students, in a severely distressed state, came to school one day with a grenade and the intention to wreak a great deal of havoc. Ushering a class of students out of a room, Richie embraced the boy to try and calm him down, but the grenade was dropped and discharged behind Riche and he was killed instantly. The young man survived. Richie was 26 years old.

For Richie, education was a means of liberating people, freeing them for a future. He was strongly drawn to work with the poor and found life among them. He was passionate, too, about justice. For Richie, pastoral care—even for those who, at times, might appear the most unlovable—was always a priority. The following prayer was found in Richie’s diary after his death: “I wish, when I die, people remember not how great, powerful, or talented I was, but that I served and spoke for the truth, I gave witness to what is right, I was sincere in all my works and actions. In other words, I loved and I followed Christ.”

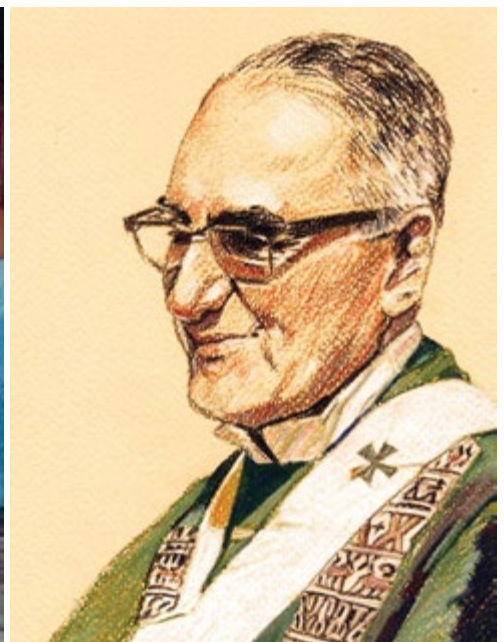
#### **SMITH HOUSE**

Shirley Smith (1924–1998), better known as ‘Mum Shirl’, was a prominent Aboriginal Australian and activist, committed to justice and welfare of indigenous Australians. Mum Shirl was a founding

member of the Aboriginal Legal Service, the Aboriginal Medical Service, the Aboriginal Children’s Service and the Aboriginal Housing Company in Redfern.

Shirl Smith began to visit Aboriginal people in jail after one of her brothers was incarcerated and discovered that her visits were beneficial to other prisoners as well. Her community activism also saw her accompanying indigenous people, who were unfamiliar with the legal system, to court when they had been charged with a crime. Her nickname came from her habit of replying, “I’m his Mum” whenever officials queried her relationship with the prisoners. This was to be the name by which she became widely known. Because of her work visiting Aboriginal prisoners, Mum Shirl is the only woman in Australia to have been given unrestricted access to prisons in New South Wales. Later the Department of Corrective Services revoked her pass, making her prisoner support work near impossible.

Mum Shirl’s welfare work, however, was not confined only to prisons. She also spent considerable time and money finding homes for children whose parents could not look after them, and helping displaced children to find their own parents again. The children with nowhere to go often



**(Left to right)** Shirley 'Mum Shirl' Smith; Richie Fernando; Óscar Romero



(Left to right) Shirley 'Mum Shirl' Smith; Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu ('Mother Teresa')

ended up living with her. By the early 1990s she had raised over 60 children. Likewise, many people with no family or friends in Sydney arrived at Mum Shirl's house in Redfern seeking shelter.

Mum Shirl was an integral and committed part of the Catholic Church in Redfern, St Vincent's, with the renowned Fr Ted Kennedy. He once said of her, "*She comforted the afflicted—but she didn't promise not to afflict the comfortable.*" She also gave regularly of her time to visit schools and communities as part of educating the broader Australian community on Aboriginal issues and concerns.

Shirley Smith was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire in 1977 and the Order of Australia (1985). The National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee named Mum Shirl as Aborigine of the Year in 1990. Just a few months before her death, the National Trust acknowledged her as one of Australia's living national treasures.

#### TERESA HOUSE

Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu (1910–1997) was born in Skopje, Macedonia, of Albanian descent. At home, her poor family was always characterised by outreach to the needy. She is now known as Blessed Teresa of Calcutta MC, more commonly known as Mother Teresa, and lived for most of her life in India as a Catholic missionary sister.

Mother Teresa began her religious life as a Loreto sister, beginning her studies in Dublin. She took the name Mary Teresa. But, after working in a private school for girls in Calcutta for 19 years, she was moved by the condition of the people living and dying in the streets. She recognised what she described as "*a call within a call*". Though a fully-professed member of the Loreto order, she was allowed to leave to found the congregation of religious sisters, the Missionaries of Charity (MC). Her first ministry was a home for the dying. The congregation now consists of nearly 5,000 sisters and is active in almost 140 countries (including Australia). They run hospices and homes for people with HIV/AIDS, leprosy and tuberculosis; soup kitchens; dispensaries and mobile clinics; children's

and family counselling programmes; orphanages; and schools. Riverview boys on immersion to India work with the Missionaries of Charity.

Mother Teresa was the recipient of numerous honours including the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize. In 2003, she was beatified as "Blessed Teresa of Calcutta". In recent times, her spiritual diaries revealed that she spent long periods of time in spiritual desolation, "*the dark night of the soul*". Yet she always found God in the faces of the poor whom she lovingly attended.

The word *Patron* has many meanings and connotations in English. One of them is benefactor or protector, as in the usage *patron saint*. Our House Patrons are indeed that. They enrich us in their modelling of core values: faith, generosity, courage and compassion. The witness they give serves to protect us from choosing the safe and secure options, from heeding all those false and seductive voices that narrow our horizons, from embracing anything that would have us at times sell ourselves short.

FR ROSS JONES SJ

# The 'lowercase' tradition

**In July 2014 Fr Jose Mesa SJ, the Secretary for Secondary and Pre-secondary Education for the Society of Jesus throughout the world, visited Sydney to remind teachers and administrators to embrace the tradition that has been cultivated by Jesuits over the best part of five centuries.**

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Fr Mesa differentiated between TRADITION and tradition—the former relating to the past and to the events of yesteryear, and not the present or the future; that TRADITION produces quaint museums rather than schools. Fr Mesa exhorted Jesuit schools to be agencies of creativity and renewal by embracing the best of what is available in the contemporary world—truly the tradition that the Jesuits have built and become renowned for over the course of their illustrious history. It is in this context that a number of developments have been pursued throughout 2014.

As this publication goes to print the final consultations and amendments are being undertaken to the *Strategic Directions 2015-2020* document, before the formal launch in January 2015. The process has absorbed considerable time in order to codify the key domains of school life and how they can be progressively developed over the coming years. Informed by satisfaction survey data and validated by various fora that have considered the contemporary educational environment and desirable futures, the *Strategic Directions* document has been the object of ongoing refinement by the College Council over the latter half of 2014. The grounding characteristics and principles of this intensive process lie in Ignatian spirituality; the vision of forming 'men for others'—faith-filled young men with a deep regard for social justice, be that in a 16th century context or in the dynamic landscape of the 21st century.

When the *Strategic Directions* document is released the College Executive will develop action plans over the next five years to drive the intentioned path of development and these will be a point of formal review by the College Council on a perennial basis. Many thanks are extended to those who have contributed generously to the process.

The Master Plan, which is focused on facilities provision, landscape architecture and urban planning, has also been the object of considerable deliberation and work since the earliest weeks of 2014. Following a rigorous process of interview and selection, PMDL was chosen to lead the College through an audit of the facilities and grounds. Since that time many hours have been spent articulating the nature of pedagogical practice at the College, the adequacy of existing classrooms, laboratories, studios and contingent learning spaces, along with the wide range of facilities that have been developed over Riverview's very long and proud history. Because of the scale of the College's operation, this process is not dissimilar to that of a university and has taken longer than anticipated, but it is hoped that a coherent and integrated Master Plan can be released by May 2015. Traditional master plans take the form of impressive designs on glossy prints, but with sophisticated technology it is envisaged that it will be possible to take a virtual tour of the College into its future buildings and grounds deployment.



# Strategic Directions

2015-2020

Strategic Directions Plan 2015-2020

While a number of the College's print publications have been upgraded over the last 12 months, the redevelopment of the College's public website and parent portal has limped along, largely due to technical difficulties. However, I am pleased to report that as a result of a small committee at the College and the expertise of the newly appointed Director of IT, Mr Brett Houghton, a new website and parent portal are timed to be operative to complement the release of *Strategic Directions*. Products of intensive planning and involving the most contemporary technology, the new sites will provide a range of new efficiencies and operations that have been elusive for some time.

Over recent weeks four new Houses were announced that have etched their way into the ongoing history of the College. Following a decision to re-structure the Middle School and develop a fully integrated House system in the secondary school, a time of discernment and consultation was entered into that saw four Houses take the name of significant patrons whose lives are considered honourable and noteworthy. They are as follows:

- / *Fernando*, named in honour of Richie Fernando SJ
- / *Romero*, named in honour of Archbishop Oscar Romero
- / *Smith*, named in honour of Shirley 'Mum Shirl' Smith
- / *Teresa*, named in honour of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

Designed to strengthen teaching and learning arrangements and deepen the spirit of *cura personalis* at the College, this significant change will come into effect for the 2015 academic year.

And so, to return to Fr Mesa's exhortation, it has been a year of adaptation and renewal, one which is producing appreciable gains after some sustained and intense work. I am thankful to a benevolent God for the blessings that are endowed on this wonderful school I look forward to the future with great optimism and confidence.

**DR PAUL A HINE**

# Weather fails to dampen Indian Bazaar spirit

**The final Indian Bazaar to be held under the stewardship of Fr Phil Crotty SJ dawned grey and drizzly on 13 September. His prayers—which have consistently delivered blue skies and abundant sunshine in previous years—had gone unanswered, it seemed.**

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*"I spent the days before the bazaar looking up every weather website to see if I could find a favourable one. I couldn't", says Fr Crotty.*

*"But people came just the same because it was their Bazaar. That's why, in spite of the clouds and the morning shower, the treasury found that the incoming funds, hour by hour, were keeping pace with last year, and the year before."*

By mid-morning the clouds had shifted, and the grounds of Saint Ignatius' College, Riverview were brimming, just as they do every year, with people pouring in to support the Mission's biggest fundraising drive of the year.

*"It was a great success, because it did what it was meant to do, create a joyous celebration of the fact that the friends of Jesuit Mission are people who really do care for those in the developing world who are struggling for the basic needs of life. That's why we claim that the Indian Bazaar is not just a fundraiser, but it is also a friend-raiser", says Fr Crotty.*

The Bazaar—always a poignant event for Fr Crotty given his five decades of missionary work in India, for which the fundraiser was originally initiated—was particularly important this year.

In October the much loved Jesuit will step down from the role he's held for the past six years and will hand over the reins to Riverview alumnus Fr Jeremy Clarke SJ (OR87).

*"I'll miss the friendliness and the enthusiasm of the many volunteers connected with the Bazaar", says Fr Crotty. "I'll miss the buzz that happens around the lead up, and the excitement of the day itself. I won't miss the weariness that comes to my feet at the end of the day."*

For more about Jesuit Mission's work and how you can support it, visit [www.jesuitmission.org.au](http://www.jesuitmission.org.au)

## PROVINCE EXPRESS

# Grandparents Day

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Not even a complete College blackout could overshadow the warmth and convivial spirit of this year's Grandparents Day at Regis. Despite having no AV presentation, no keyboard accompaniment to hymns and no sounds or lights, Fr Jack McLain SJ concelebrated a truly special mass. Frances Doran, grandmother of Joe Ruddick, and John McDonald, grandfather of Luca McDonald, shared touching reflections on what it means to be grandparents and the special times they have shared with their grandchildren over the years. Zac Sheerin and Paddy O'Brien shared their heartfelt appreciation of their grandparents. A morning tea was then shared, after which the Regis boys proudly gave their grandparents and friends a tour of the Campus, showing off their work. It was a lovely and memorable day for all involved.



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## The Young Scientist—Ben Knappick (Year 5.4)

This year I have been very lucky to participate in the NSW Science Teachers Association (STANSW) Young Scientist Competition. This amazing experience all started in Term 2 when all boys in Years 5 and 6 were asked to build something to help solve a problem in our world. One day when my mum was taking me to school I noticed a billboard on the side of the road and thought to myself: 'What is this actually doing? Could it do something more useful than just advertising?' I thought that billboards could perhaps help the environment by, let's say, filtering the carbon filled air alongside the road and provide clean air—that's how I came up with the idea. I built my project over many weekends and once I had finished I brought it into class with a speech about how it worked and I was one of a lucky few to be chosen by our teacher, Mr Fairhurst, to take their project into the STANSW competition.

First we had to display and present our invention at the University of Sydney's Open Day. There were many visitors to the pavilion and about six Riverview boys' projects were on display with many others from schools from all around NSW. At the end of the day prizes were given to a few in each age group and three boys from Riverview won: Nicholas Bernaur and Jamie Bannister from Year 6 and myself from Year 5. I must say I was very excited, proud and happy. Jamie, Nicholas and myself are being put forward for the BHP Billiton National Engineering Awards.

This wasn't the official announcement and so we were then asked to go the University of Wollongong for a big formal event at their new Innovation Campus. We were invited to explore their Science Planetarium and Museum and then we attended the very important and big ceremony with lots of



official guests. There were many speeches including a very funny one about the importance of flies and how they help us.

I can't believe that this is all happening and how much fun I have had, all because of this one idea that I had to help make our environment clean and our world a better place.

Thank you to Mr Fairhurst and the College for giving me this great opportunity.

# Regis Art Show

The annual Regis Art Exhibition on Friday 17 October showcased artworks produced by Regis boys over the course of the year. Displays included self-portraits, Japanese inspired ink paintings, and pottery, while the Regis Art Club also profiled playing cards printed with unique designs, which were sold to raise funds in support of Jesuit Mission. Congratulations to Regis Visual Arts Teacher Ian McPherson on such a wonderful display of artistic endeavour.



## Be our guest!

Of course the story is a classic one—you could say it's a tale 'as old as time'—and over three nights in early September *Beauty and the Beast Jr* was brought to life in front of near-to-full house audiences in Ramsay Hall.

More than 110 boys, and girls from Years 5–8 at Monte Sant' Angelo, Loreto Kirribilli and a number of smaller schools from around Sydney are to be congratulated on their performance. Viko Aufaga commanded the stage as the Beast; Paddy Flannery was suitably annoying as Gaston, and Dashiell Upton was utterly convincing as punch-drunk offsider Lefou. Patrick Fuccilli's rendition of Lumiere's *Be our Guest* was worth the price of admission alone. Kara Blackley played a beautiful, yet feisty, Belle, whose voice delighted the audiences. Rebekah Parsons (Mrs Potts), Jacqueline Fai (Madame De La Grande Bouche) and Lola Coles (Babette) all

worked beautifully together and showed maturity well beyond their years. The 'silly girls' (Rose Eagleton, Evangeline McCowage and Nicola McManis) although very politically incorrect, were hilarious as the 'love struck' groupies of Gaston.

For me, however, the strength of the show was in the chorus. The colour, movement, singing and dancing in the big chorus numbers brought a smile to the face of all who saw it.

The backstage crew is to be congratulated for their commitment to the task. Without them the show would not go on.

Of course such an event does not happen without the perseverance and dedication of those behind the scenes. To the parents, the staff, and so many others, thank you so much for the wonderful memories!

**MR MARTIN COLLINS**



# Taking the plunge— Immersions 2014

**To ‘immerse’ means to plunge into; to be involved deeply. Immersions offer students the opportunity for growth and transformation through the experience of service.**

**Yet they are so much more—those involved are called upon: to work alongside people who are fighting the injustices of our world; to experience a totally different way of living; to reflect on the experience, discerning and naming those transformative moments.**

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## Micronesia



**Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.**

### ST FRANCIS XAVIER SJ

The Immersion experience begins with you, the assisting teacher, ten 17-year-old boys, their luggage, and their baggage.

As much as you can, you prepare for everything. You do what is necessary. Planning starts months in advance. Of

course there is the formal documentation: passports, visas, vaccinations, risk assessments. There is fundraising to do, meetings to hold (and students to inevitably chase to attend those meetings), phone calls, parents, emails and gradually the experience starts to take shape.

Then, you plan for the possible. The students are briefed about cultural sensitivities and basic phrases to help them get by. Itineraries are finalised and distributed. Bags are packed. Flights are taken. Barriers are broken. Comfort zones are left behind.

Doing the impossible seems to take no effort at all. The boys do that all on their own. I don't know how they do it, but they just step up. All that's left for you to do is sit back and wonder if these are the same students who couldn't quite work out how to look after their own passports just seven days previously. You watch at how easy it is for them to be typical teenage boys wherever they go, almost like they are continuing games and conversations that they had with their friends back home.

So what does a teacher get out of the Immersion experience? My experiences with immersions at Riverview have been some of the most stressful, wonderful,

unique, eye-opening, frustrating, heart-breaking, illuminating and memorable trips I've ever done.

Besides learning about your students, your hosts, their culture and the amazing places you travel to, a great deal of the immersion is spent learning about yourself.

I have learnt that I am a great deal more patient than I, and my mother, gave myself credit for. I have learnt that I can survive without coffee for a time period of exactly 21 days. I have learnt that I can be a morning person, when provided with no other alternative. I have learnt Swahili, I have learnt Chuukese (poorly) and I have crafted enough paper cranes to make Sadako herself proud. I even owned a goat for about 14 hours.

The immersion program is a fantastic opportunity for students and staff members alike. What I have been able to partake in and experience has without a doubt changed the way I see the world, and the way I see my role as a teacher. It has brought me in contact with some amazing people, doing amazing things. I only hope that it continues to have the breadth of support and the depth of experience to expand all over the world.

**KOBE PERDRIAU**



He who goes about to reform  
the world must begin with  
himself, or he loses his labour.

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

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# Borrooloola

The gentle crackling of the fire accompanies the husky tones of the elders as they sing in *Yanyuwa* while rhythmically clanging clapsticks, laughing intermittently as the 'boys in blue' try their best to perform the dance they've just been taught. Nancy McDinny, artist and elder, grins cheekily along with the women at the sight of those painted boys stamping the ground. Stuart Hoosan, Nancy's husband, sits on the sidelines, a knowing smile on his face. There's only once place in the world this can be...Borrooloola.

An immersion to Borrooloola is unlike any other. The ochre tones in the landscape complement the kaleidoscopic sky and yet, despite such beauty, there are many predators waiting to prey on the less advantaged and their presence is a reminder of the savage beauty of the outback. Alcohol, domestic violence and prejudice also feature in this often crisis-ridden town and yet, just like the luminescent night sky of this remote area, even the biggest polluters can't diminish the glow of culture and the vibrant songlines which unite the land and people.

It is easy to be overwhelmed by the magnitude of the outback and the problems in Borrooloola. Such knowledge is a potent reminder of the importance of place and the vast distance we travel from all that is familiar. It is a reminder that being in Borrooloola is about being barefoot in the greatest sense as you learn to reveal your true

skin and make contact with the earth and the custodians of the land we must share in the most honest and revealing fashion. It is truly remarkable.

Watching the boys interact with the elders and children in the community with so much respect was a great source of pride for me and reflected the deep grace that so often accompanies effortless thoughtfulness. My beautiful staff companions, Karen Broad and Dale Clarke, were equally moved by the experience. The natural ebb and flow of energy at the outstation, *Sandridge*, seeped into the fabric of our group and left us feeling humbled and thankful to be so immersed in a family and culture that is cultivated through singing, dancing and laughing together. Always together, with open hearts and minds.

The growth that stems from the immersion experience is a direct result of learning how to be in an altogether new way, particularly in Borrooloola, where the complex nature of Aboriginal affairs can be confusing and personal challenges can lead to uncomfortable moments. It's about learning from the community we stay with, from each other, from the wisdom of Malarndirri and from the profound connection to self, fostered through daily reflection and deep engagement with the search for God in all things.

**DEBRA WILLIAMS**

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## Riverview Bursary Program

# Bursary Thank You Celebration

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The Bursary Thank You Celebration is a really special gathering. It speaks to two key virtues in Ignatian spirituality: generosity and inclusion. When the Society began its business and was persuaded to go into education, the very first school it ran in Messina in 1548 was indeed a school of benefaction. The spirit of the enterprise was the generosity of those who were prepared to provide opportunities for all. It is in this spirit that the Bursary Program doesn't just resonate with the roots of Riverview, but touches back into the foundational story of what it is that sits within the Society of

Jesus. It hits to the core. The young men on bursaries appreciate an opportunity that otherwise would not have been available.

There's that old saying in Spanish folklore that says, *'Everything we do is an echo into eternity'*. The echo that these young men have made already is obvious. That echo will continue and resonate more strongly throughout the course of their lives. Where did it begin? *Here*. How did it begin? Because of the generosity of our community.

**DR PAUL A HINE**



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## Pat Mercer (OR2014)



Growing up my parents taught me the importance of working hard to get what you want in life. As a kid I watched them struggle everyday, effectively tearing our family apart. We lived separately in our grandparents' houses for five years before we finally had a home of our own. My mum

worked night shifts at a hospital and our dad worked till late at night building a home big enough for us all. When an opportunity to tree change from inner city Melbourne to the town of Cumnock in rural NSW came up my parents jumped at it, not fully knowing what dangers they were throwing our family into.

The reality was a three-bedroom house for a family of eight, with another baby on the way; a house kilometres away from the nearest neighbours; and a building that had not been lived in for 20 years, riddled with asbestos and rats the size of terriers. In the first weeks we woke up to find all our food ransacked by vermin. I started high school two hours away in Orange.

Just as my parents began to break down we were saved by the compassion of our neighbours, who offered to put us up for a while, which eventually stretched into a seven month stint, while Dad gutted and

rebuilt our farmhouse. Soon enough the strength of the love and care our family had for one another shone through, as we found our groundings in our new lives. Simply being able to spend real time with my parents, to enjoy the company of siblings and to develop our relationships in isolation helped my family weather the further hardships over the next few years as we took the financial strain of feeding nine mouths with no source of income, the exhaustion of rebuilding our house, high school bullying, car crashes, drought, isolation, living off Centrelink and Salvation Army support and mental health issues. Nothing broke us, and we are ultimately a better family for having gone through it all.

Despite this, my parents saw that the country was no place to raise teenagers. Once again they worked as hard as they could to give us opportunities in life. My mum especially opened up doors for me

and my future, most notably helping to support me in my opportunity coming to Riverview, knowing that whilst my parents lost a considerable part of their family unit, school in Sydney was far more important in my development and future.

In my experience God, as an agent of love, has been shown through the courage, love, support and care of my family through times of adversity; through the courage I have found within myself to tackle each change in my life as best I can; and through finding ways to give back to those around me. I would like to thank the College and all those involved with the bursary program for giving me the opportunity to discover so much about myself and the world, for allowing me to find a new family in the Riverview community, and for supporting my family through the trials we have faced.



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PAT MERCER (OR2014)

## Andrew MacAlpine (OR2005)



My story starts a few decades ago as a chubby little primary school kid in outback NSW attending a school of only six children. I was initially booked into Joeys, which became infeasible due to the amount of stairs. A Riverview parent asked if we had considered Saint Ignatius' College, assuring us the school was more accessible than Joeys. We gave Riverview a call. Never having had a boarder in an electric power

chair, the College was at a crossroads—it would take an overhaul of infrastructure, the role of the infirmary, staff and a new approach to boarding if it were to accommodate me.

Luckily, Leanne Neal, in charge of the Infirmary, has been one of the greatest influences on Riverview and has shaped it into the school it is today. Along with Chris Hayes and Shane Hogan, the decision to invest in me was made and Riverview welcomed me as one of three Year 6 boarders in 1999.

Each year as I progressed, a building plan was simultaneously occurring in the background to make the areas I would visit in the following years accessible. For this I am always grateful to Bob Marsh the Facilities Manager at Riverview for his commitment to transforming the school.

All went well at Riverview. But by Year 11 four years of drought had seriously impacted on our family's financial situation. This was compounded by my father having to undergo a spinal fusion, resulting in no physical work while he recovered over 12

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ANDREW MACALPINE (OR2005)

months. We were reduced to depending on Mum's nursing income to support us. I convinced my parents to apply for a bursary, which we were lucky enough to receive for Years 11 and 12. This was a huge relief, as I felt guilty that every day I was enjoying school, that enjoyment was costing my family money, which was very difficult for them to find.

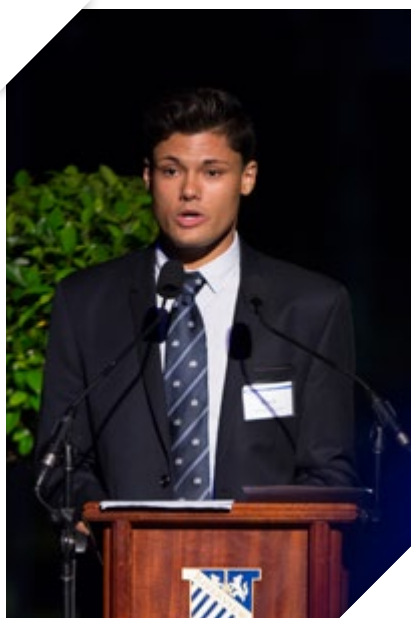
After finishing Year 11 and flagging my intentions to attend university, Riverview worked with Bond University to offer me an academic scholarship to study Law and Business. Riverview wasn't far away. Will

Marsh and Alex Smith similarly took up scholarships and the three of us ventured to Bond. We shared a balcony between our rooms and those boys displayed the Riverview spirit and sense of camaraderie, assisting and supporting me over the four years to make sure I could complete my degrees. I feel we were driven by this sense of acknowledgement Riverview attempts to instil in all boys that attend the College, a sense of social responsibility and need to give back to the community, to repay the debt we all have for the privilege of attending Riverview regardless of whether we are supported by a bursary or not.

After uni, I went on to work in Business Development for CA Technologies. After a few years I accepted an offer to work for Ernst & Young as a Process Improvement & Risk Management Consultant. I have been involved with billion dollar rail, housing and infrastructure projects, across a range of industries and government sectors.

But even today, Riverview is never far away. This school shapes our future beyond anything any of us could have imagined upon our arrival here, especially for this little country kid from Coolabah.

## Zach Martin-Dennis (OR2011)



### And I am home, and at home, in both.

**ZACH MARTIN-DENNIS (OR2011)**

In his recent Quarterly Essay *A Rightful Place*, Noel Pearson examines the 18th century Irish Statesman Edmund Burke:

*Burke was one of the first major political thinkers to place future generations at the heart of politics....Burke's view of society, as an association of the dead, the living and the unborn, carries a precious hint as to how responsibility for future*

*generations arises. It arises from love; and love directed towards what is unknown must arise from what is known. The future is not known, nor are the people who will inhabit it. But the past is known, and the dead, our dead, are still objects of love and veneration. It is by expanding on them some part of our care, Burke believed, that we also care for the unborn.*

I hope Pearson's reflection on Burke will allow me to marry the idea that your generosity in supporting the Riverview Bursary Program; for the unknown, but based on a known—the value that Saint Ignatius' College, this great institution, was and is, a positive enabler in the lives of so many here—and love; guide us to the place we are today, and for which I wish to express my enormous gratitude.

His idea allows me to put into context that, which, I know some find a little complicated, politically correct even.

I wish to pay my respects to the Cammeraygal people on whose ancestral land we gather tonight.

In acknowledging the past we give birth to our future. In acknowledging our divergent and shared history, we walk as one. In acknowledging our love and belief in the spirit of Ignatius: in this place; of Jesuits since 1880, together with the ancestors, who came long before, we acknowledge that God is within us all. Within—all things,

places, peoples and cultures—past, present and future.

My name is Zach Martin-Dennis and I'm of the Kunja and Budjiti peoples on my mother's side and Gamillaroi on my father's. Growing up in Bourke, I subsequently came to Riverview, and then to St John's College, where I've been for the duration of my commerce degree. I've been a Cadet in the Commercial Division at Westpac since 2011 and the part-time work I do with them really underscores the theory of my degree. Last year I completed a project for the Bourke Aboriginal Health Service.

None of this would have been possible if I had not been studying at Sydney University and had the support of the Business School. None of this would have been possible, if I had not preceded university and come to Riverview. One day I am attending lectures at Australia's oldest University, and the next I am sitting with the oldest living culture in the world, at Engonnia, an hour out of Bourke, surrounded by family and story.

And I am home, and at home, in both.

# Congratulations Graduates of 2014



The final day of Term 3 ushered in its own sleeve of history with the Valete Assembly. The Insignis Medal was awarded to Henry Fisher, along with other major awards that commemorated another year of achievement and College Leadership. Guest speaker and Insignis Medal recipient of his year Michael Henry (OR88) addressed the boys on the impact Jesuit Education will have on their lives:

*Your education here is an important part of what defines you. It will remain with you for your entire life. The education is yours. It is particular to you. No one can take it from you. Soon you will take off your blazer and tie for the last time; but, be under no misapprehension, the fact that you were the beneficiary of a Jesuit education at Riverview will not be lost on people. Whilst that fact will no longer be on public display by reason of you wearing your uniform, it will be on display nonetheless—by your words and your deeds.*

Other events signalled the crescendo of the year for Year 12, including the gloss and glitter of the Blue and White and the Valete Mass and Dinner. In all, so much history, so many vignettes, and, not without a small amount of emotion for those who had the fortune to be part of it. I wish to pay tribute to the young men in the graduating class, who not only placed their own signature on a memorable chapter in the College's history, but who responded to each and every event with great dignity and respect. They have continued the fine tradition that allows the College to honour them and their inputs to the College over the many years of their enrolment.

## Major Award Winners — Valete 2014

**The Insignis Gold Medal Award:** Henry Fisher

**The Dr James L'Estrange Prize for Ignatian Service:**  
Michael Rodgers

**The Michael Cunich Memorial Prize for Excellence of Character:** Gianni Taranto

**Prizes for Outstanding Academic Achievement:**  
Chris Chan, Henry Fisher, William Lawless

**The Shore School Centenary Prize for a Senior Day Student:**  
Gabriel Cooper

**The Gordon Oxenham Memorial Prize for Year 12 Division Boarders:** Jonathan Crosby

## The Kircher Collection

Seeking to showcase student academic achievement at SIC, the Kircher Collection will be making its appearance early in 2015. Named for German Jesuit priest and scholar Athanasius Kircher (1601-1680), this unique publication serves as a form of intellectual collage of student research and innovation at Riverview.

The best original works by students in the Higher School Certificate Extension courses in History, English, Music and Visual Arts are being assembled, to be published together in a single unique volume. The volume will include

historiographical essays, creative and digital literature, as well as CD with recorded music and photographs.

Fr Kircher has been called the 'last Renaissance man', as he functioned as a 'one-man intellectual clearinghouse' for cultural and scientific information from across Europe and the international network of Jesuit missionaries.

Details of the formal presentation of the Collection to the College community will be forthcoming shortly.

**DR PANAYIOTIS DIAMADIS**



# Welcome, leaders of 2014/2015

Congratulations are extended to the students who have been elected into leadership positions for 2015. The College is in very capable hands.

## Student Leaders 2014/2015

College Captain	Xavier Eales (Cheshire)
College Vice Captain (Captain of Day Boys)	Charlie Vaux (Claver)
College Vice-Captain (Captain of Boarders)	Sean Hogan (Gonzaga)
Student Representative Council	Nicholas Duff (Cheshire) Samuel De Angelis (Chisholm) Xavier Fitzpatrick (Owen) John Kennedy (Dalton) William Young (MacKillop)
College Prefect	Thomas Worner (Chisholm) Charlie Howard (Dalton) Benjamin O'Dea (More)

## Boarding Positions

<b>Beadle</b>	Nicholas Duff	
<b>Sacristan</b>	Alexander Hamilton	
<b>Proctor</b>	Max Bell	James Lott
	Kyle Bull	Hamish Markey
	Lachlan Buttenshaw	Dylan McGirr
	Jonathon Condon	Isaac Meincke
	Charles Debus	Tristen Russell
	Xavier Fitzpatrick	Toby Saunders
	Alexander Fry	Jackson Scott
	Thomas Garraway	Matthew Weeks
	Jack Griffiths	Jock Wilcox
	Michael Long	Tom Worner

	House Captain	House Vice-Captains
Campion	Tom Lewis	Jock Windsor Patrick Cuda
Cheshire	Nicholas Duff	Nicholas Kalogerou Lachlan Ryan
Chisholm	Samuel De Angelis	Jack McGregor Jamie Szabo
Claver	Zach McNamee	Benjamin Mackaness Dominic Tynan
Dalton	John Kennedy	Charlie Howard Dylan McGirr
Gonzaga	Jack MacDonagh	Jock Wilcox Lachlan Archer
MacKillop	Isaac Meincke	Alexander Hancock Sam Eaton
More	Anthony Bajjani	Conor Hurley Max Zekulich
Owen	Xavier Winston-Smith	Jesse Kehoe Xavier Fitzpatrick
Ricci	James Benson	Timothy Curtis Samuel Mills
Southwell	Ben Johnston	Alex Meagher Perry Fisher
Xavier	Paul Salem	James Lott Benjamin Hugh



## 2014 Archbishop's Award

Congratulations to Edward Jude, the 2014 recipient of the Archbishop's Award for Student Excellence. The citation for Ed's award is as follows:

*Edward Jude attends Saint Ignatius' College, Riverview as a boarding student from Wagga Wagga. His leadership has been marked by humility and service. Edward has been deeply involved in the co-curriculum, curriculum and spiritual life of the College. He is an extraordinary*

*Minister of Holy Communion and in his final year has fulfilled the significant leadership role of College Sacristan. In July 2013 he travelled to Tanzania to undertake service work.*

*Edward has truly embraced all opportunities with passion and used his talents and abilities for the service of others, in a faith that does justice.*

# Conversations—the unassuming presence of prayers

**Outstanding artworks were exhibited in this year's 2014 HSC Bodies of Work exhibition, which was held in late July at the Memorial Hall.**

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The artworks that were on show were the result of a year of ongoing reflections. These had prompted diverse processes involving intentional and prudent artmaking decisions and actions. The reflections that inspired the gradual creation of our HSC artworks involved many different types of conversations. It was through these that the spiritual and intellectual focuses of the works became increasingly clearer to our Year 12 artists and their various audiences. Conversations about the developing works were often complex and sometimes difficult, but clearly evidenced the boys' intense interest and commitment to the meanings that they were publically presenting through the qualities of their works. The intense conversations that were an integral part of the artmaking

process enabled issues to be identified and resolutions to be eventually grasped. Conversations highlighted struggles, joys and subsequent enlightenment for each artist. In this way, conversations that eventuated during the making of our HSC artworks held the unassuming presence of prayers—the prayers of the boys, their teachers and of all who were supporting our HSC Visual Arts students during their unique artmaking journeys.

Extraordinary artworks, formed by many diverse spiritual and intellectual conversations, are now discussed by the HSC student/artist or their teacher.

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Selected works from the HSC Visual Arts Exhibition





## Benjamin Clarke

### TITLE

*Muses of Temperament (the four temperaments of Hippocrates complexified)*

### MEDIA

Acrylics on watercolour paper

### TEACHER

Ms Julie Stevens

My eleven paintings, depicting the female form using multiple abstract expressionist techniques, are reminiscent of the classical ideal of the woman as a divine figure. They are reminiscent of pre-modernist artworks that use female nudes to personify aspects of the human experience such as “Liberty”, “Truth” and “Beauty”. To capture this classical ideal, I drew the form of the female images

not from live models but from 19th Century French paintings from the likes of Lagrenée, Corot, Chasseriau and Duval. The varying colours and textures were inspired by components of Hippocrates’ four temperaments or four humours. The idea was that the balance or imbalance of blood, bile and phlegm in the body formed aspects of one’s personality and behaviour. Originally my concept was to present four women representing each of these temperaments, but I found that by mixing and distorting aspects of these temperaments while experimenting with new techniques, a more bizarre, dynamic and undeniably human quality could emerge in each work. The figures range from the strident rigidity of the Choleric to the restrained passivity of the Phlegmatic. These are classical embodiments of all humanity’s many forms; ancient personifications modernised by a new style of painting.

## Ariel Del Rosario

### TITLE

*Breakwater*

### MEDIA

Charcoal, acrylic paint and ink on paper

### TEACHER

Ms Julie Stevens

There’s something strange about the juxtaposition of the ubiquitous yet perfectly formed geometric shapes with their surrounding environment. They almost appear out of place—lost and discarded, perhaps dormant and waiting to be reawakened. I first came to really notice these objects amassed on a beach, lying in the shadow of an impressive industrial backdrop. Then I began to see these shapes everywhere. These omnipresent concrete blocks. Moulded into shape by man, they emerged at odds with their landscape yet seemed to perfectly define the chaotic defiance of human activity against nature. Through our own persistence, we have created our own environment, forcing our own rigid dimensions in an organic world.





## Charles Campbell

### TITLE

*Illumination of Darkness*

### MEDIA

Drawing on Scratch art board

### TEACHER

Mr Mark Anderson

Charles' beautiful drawings of wild animals on large black expansive backgrounds suggest both majesty and mystery. For Charles these wild animals have a spiritual dimension and we think we understand them but we do not. Through his detailed drawings,

he illuminates the natural beauty of these wild animals and brings them out of the darkness. And yet the darkness suggests we do not fully understand their world, our world. These ideas were discussed in addition to the technical drawing aspects of the Scratch art format in which white lines are placed on a black background. The level of detail used to create the numerous fur patterns grounds the viewer and bring us back to the tangible. It is between these two extremes—the white, minute detailed lines that define the wild animals and the black, expansive space that the wonderful tension and mystery is created.

## Hugo Rose

### TITLE

*Self-Portrait*

### MEDIA

Drawing/Collage: Markers, ink, acrylics, collaged photos on board and paper

### TEACHER

Mr Mark Anderson

Hugo's fine artwork "*Self-portrait*" combines drawing, painting and collaged materials to form a complex self-expressive and self-reflective narrative. Hugo spent hours drawing strange iconic faces with bold, graphic lines. These faces underpin the work and suggest both comedy and tragedy. We do not know the meanings behind the faces but are taken by their power and repetition. These faces are placed in a cosmology of patterns, drips, darkness, blank spaces and micro-world facades. Interspersed among the faces and patterns are lizards, icons of Mary taken from the Medieval period and text from schoolbooks—all suggesting a building of layers that has no clear outcomes. This is the strength of the work. We are drawn in but not given the "answer". The work pushes us to consider, reflect, discern and appreciate.

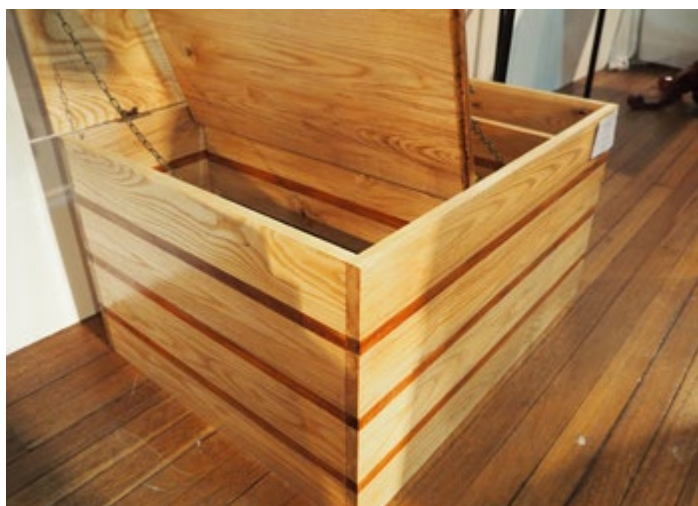


# Industrial Technology Major Project Showcase

Many were fortunate to see the quality of the HSC Technology and Applied Studies (TAS) Exhibition, which was held in the Memorial Hall in August.

A truly remarkable range of projects was on display—from kaleidoscopic holographs and musical journalism through digital photography to exquisite works of furniture. Amid so many wonderful exhibits was a baby's cot that was 'road tested' on the night by the young man for whom it was made, indicating that each of these projects had a very real practical use, as well as the technical and aesthetic sophistry that

was synonymous with them. Some of the design elements that were incorporated into the works spoke to enormous creativity and innovation, all of which were formalised through the theory component of the course. The boys deserve special commendation for the persistence that they have shown and for their commitment to excellence, as do the teachers who have worked so intensively with them across the year. The rewards not only lie in the satisfaction and fulfilment of the calibre of the projects, but also in the gains from assessment that were undertaken through moderation.



# Commemorating the Restoration, 200 years on

Saint Ignatius' Day, 31 July, commemorates the life and the death of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, who formed the Society of Jesus and gave shape and direction to the core precepts of Jesuit spirituality. Typically honoured at Riverview with a day of service, 2014 signalled a change—staff and senior students gathered with companions and colleagues from St Aloysius' and Loyola Senior High School to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Society. The Most Reverend William Wright, D.D, Bishop of Maitland and Old Boy of St Aloysius' College, presided over Mass at St Mary's Cathedral. Boys in the Junior schools at Riverview and Aloys shared lunch at Riverview to celebrate the significance of the day and to offer thanks for the endowments the Jesuits have brought to education throughout the world. Were it not for the Restoration, schools such as Riverview would not exist. Thus the opportunity to come together in solidarity and prayer was very timely and much appreciated by all.



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## Food for our future

National Science Week was celebrated at the College in August with a range of workshops, lectures and activities. The annual Science Research Project Display generated some exceptional hypotheses and experiments that encouraged the boys to reach beyond the immediacy of their texts to test the sensory relationship between taste and smell, the viscosity of fluids against meniscus strength, the permeability of Wifi against variable density as well as the

realms of memory and cognition implicit to neuroscience. It was no easy task for the judging panel to come to some excruciating decisions about which projects constituted the highest order thinking in order to quality for special awards, the general quality of work was little short of exceptional. Congratulations to all staff and students involved on a wonderful celebration of all things science.



## 2014 Media Show

Over 500 parents, students and staff visited the visual multimedia extravaganza in the Wallace Building on a Friday evening in October and what entertainment they were treated to! An impressive suite of work was on display, from live television to film trailers, as well as storyboards, animations, silent film and some truly dazzling photography. Some of the special effects were stunning, as were images captured in the photojournalism section of the exhibition. That boys as young as Year 7 could produce such sophisticated

and creative work is truly remarkable; testament to their own ability and the quality of teaching and learning that has transpired throughout 2014. A number of contemporary themes and issues such as video piracy were profiled while the Retrospective Display looked back on the archive of work that has been produced over the last decade. At times there was something of a sensory bombardment as graphics, audio and imagery clashed with an animated crowd in confined spaces—such was the impact of the exhibition.



## Remembrance Day

Solemnity and respect were the order of the day at the College's Remembrance Day service. The boys entered the Gartlan in absolute silence; an auditory cadence that was maintained throughout proceedings and one that created a very moving atmosphere. Captain Tim Butcher (OR2007) joined College Chaplain Fr Jack McLain SJ, who served in the United States armed forces for 22 years, in reciting the

*Ode of Remembrance* and commemorating the occasion with the *Last Post* and one minute of silence. As much as the ceremony honoured those who gave lives in the service of their country, it gave thanks for the peace that descended on the world at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, after four years of war and the destruction that accompanied it.



## Sustaining Environmental Stewardship

In August ten Year 10 geography students travelled to Harden, in the South West Slopes of NSW, to participate in an organised tree planting session on the property of Old Boy Dan Flannery (OR98). The trip was planned in collaboration with Trish Murphy, boarding parent and Harden resident, who works with organisations that want to offset their carbon footprint.

The trip was organised as a pilot, with the intention of becoming an ongoing feature of Riverview's Environmental Stewardship and Carbon Offset Program, developed by the Environment Committee. This year the group planted near to 1600 River Red Gums, and it's intended that in the next five years the College will undertake the planting of up to 10,000 trees.





## Making art mobile

A group of Riverview boys recently participated in the construction of Australia's largest e-waste artwork at Custom's House in Sydney's CBD. The event was organised by MobileMuster,

the Australian mobile phone industry's official product stewardship program. Designed by internationally acclaimed artist Chris Jordan, the massive four by eight metre artwork of an analogue phone

featuring the number 23 on its screens was built using almost 6,000 unused mobile phones, and aims to draw attention to Australia's mounting e-waste problem.



## MasterClass wrap-up

August's MasterClass luncheon, held in the stately surrounds of the Sydney Cricket Ground, profiled the extraordinary diversity and depth of the co-curricular program at the College. Attended by 350 parents and friends of Riverview, the function had a three fold purpose: to celebrate the strength of community—which the numbers attested to emphatically, to celebrate the range of opportunities that exist for the

boys to participate—from myriad sports to cultural and artistic pursuits, and, to raise funds in support of the program. That special guests Cate Blanchett and Amelia Ferrugia, both current parents, as well as Andrew O'Keefe (OR89) and Rowan Webb (OR89) featured in the program, ensured that the day would have its own X factor, and it did. Astoundingly, the function raised more than \$100,000 for the Co-Curricular

Program. Special thanks are extended to the Masters for making time available and for sharing their bountiful talents with the College community, and to the organising committee, especially current parents Michael Fahey, Gavin Smith & Jacqui Zannino, who spent hours attending to the logistics that ensured the day would be the success that it was.

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# Performing Arts

## MUSIC

### Chapel Concert

A highlight of the musical calendar, the Chapel Concert entertained an enthralled audience in the gracious surrounds of the Dalton Chapel in July. All who attended were impressed with the talent of the boys and the diversity of musical genres on display—from the Riverview Orchestra performing Rossini's *Barber of Seville*, to

more contemporary performances that simulated Michael Buble and Archie Roach. Add to that the dulcet tones of the Ignatian Choir's harmonising tenors and basses, some in conjunction with the orchestra and what wonderful music the audience was treated to on the night. The precocious musical prowess of some of the senior

boys—Tim Fisher on flute, Hugo Chan on cello, Robert Baudish on violin, Kris Silitonga on guitar, Sam Rubino on soprano sax and Josh McElroy on voice—was at times quite breath taking; indicative not only of exceptional proficiency but great discipline and stagecraft.



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### HSC Music Concert

Appearing in the calendar alongside the Chapel Concert, the HSC music showcase had its own exquisite impact as the boys in the Senior music program displayed their expertise on a range of instruments. A full range of instruments and performances as well as some superb vocal solos attested to the abundance of musicianship on display. While all of the boys need to be commended for their performance and commitment to excellence, Mr Dev Gopalasamy and the music teachers deserve special acknowledgement for the guidance and support that produced such quality outcomes in the public domain.



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## MUSIC

# Percussion success in Brisbane

Students from Riverview's Drumline performed magnificently at the Brisbane Eisteddfod in August. Congratulations to: Jim Osborne (Year 8) who, accompanied by brother Tom (Year 10), came first in the Junior High Mallet competition on vibraphone and first in the Individual Drumkit solo; Tom Hatzidis and Charlie Hunter, both in Year 6, who won the Primary Percussion Duet; and to all the boys in the Drumline, which placed second by the slimmest of margins.



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## CO-CURRICULAR DRAMA

# Frankenstein

The O'Kelly Theatre came alive in late August with the Year 10 production of Mary Shelley's classic *Frankenstein*. Under the skilful direction of Belinda Clarke and Debra Williams, the students are to be commended for their passionate portrayal and for all aspects of their performance and stagecraft.



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# The Count of Monte Cristo

Betrayal, obsession and redemption provided the backdrop for a compelling adaptation of the Alexandre Dumas classic, brought to life by students in Year 11. This was a particularly challenging script, made so by the length of the play and the depth of the plot, in addition to some of the demanding scenes consonant with the Romantic period of theatre. Special thanks are extended to Mr Paul Bevis and Ms Emma Whiteman who worked intensively with the boys to reach such a fine standard of performance on the night.



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## DRAMA



### Callum McManis

Congratulations to Callum McManis (Year 9), who attended a drama workshop arranged by the AIPA (Australian Institute of Performing Arts) and run by leading performing arts specialists in Los Angeles. Callum recently featured in Beth Armstrong's short film *You Cut I Choose*, which featured at this year's Melbourne Film Festival to fantastic reviews.



### Theatresports success

Riverview has experienced unprecedented Theatresports success in 2014, with all Riverview teams reaching grand finals in their respective groups. The Junior Theatresports team of Jack Bickersteth, Patrick Conaghan, Ralph Housego, Hugh Rocks and Sean Walton participated against Newington College in their finale event on Friday 14 November, finishing second. The Senior team comprising Charlie Vaux, John Kennedy, Lachlan Ryan and Peter Marley competed in the Cranston Cup—the national adult Theatresports competition—across October and November, and will participate in the grand final event at the Enmore Theatre at the end of November. Congratulations to all boys involved on such a fantastic achievement!



### OnStage

Congratulations to Year 12 students Elijah Williams and Joshua McElroy whose Individual Performances for elective drama were nominated for OnStage, the annual showcase of HSC Drama works, presented by the Board of Studies.

# Sport

## AFL

### AFL is growing

The AFL season witnessed further migration into the Saturday Independent Schools Competition, with half of the school teams playing on Saturday and half on Sunday. The College had over 140 students participate in AFL this season and in the Sunday club competition two sides made the grand final. The 1st XVIII had a stellar season but suffered a few injuries late in the season which ultimately led to

their demise against a red hot Maroubra side. Our U15 White team also made the grand final and went down narrowly to St Ives. Meanwhile, the Independent Schools Competition continues to grow and we anticipate being fully integrated into this competition in 2016.

On the representative scene the College performed admirably. Both James Loneragan and Luke Robertson were

selected for the NSW Rams U16 side that competed in and won its division in the National Championships on the Gold Coast. Additionally, there are no fewer than 20 boys training with the Swans Academy twice a week in addition to their school games.

**MATTHEW ROBERTSON**  
MIC AFL



## CROSS COUNTRY

### An excellent season, a well-oiled team



The 2014 Cross Country season was a development season for the new squad, with a total of 50 runners training and 35 regular runners on the weekend. An excellent season of individual results was capped off with 12 students representing the GPS at the CIS trials at Eastern Creek. Thomas Gorman, Charlie Doherty and Matthew Dempsey were then chosen to represent CIS.

Even with fantastic individual results, the squad showed all characteristics of a well-oiled team, with support and motivation by all, lead by our Captain Christian Beatty. A big thank you definitely goes out to the staff and parents that supported throughout our season including at the Saint Ignatius' Invitational that was a big success.

**MICHAEL NICOLETTI**  
MIC CROSS COUNTRY

## FENCING

# New skills learned, friendships made



2014 has seen a great improvement in the calibre of fencing at Riverview, with many successful individual and team performances in the State Schools Championships competition.

Throughout the year many students participated in numerous individual and team events. The Senior A team of Christian Damiano, Oscar Eggleton and Matthew Goodson and the Junior A team of Matthew Goodson, Christian Damiano, Marcus Pannozzo and Joshua Bennett participated at the State Championships, with the Junior team ranked second after the round robin and winning a silver medal.

Matthew Goodson won an individual gold medal at the National Championships, and paired with Marcus Pannozzo to win gold for NSW in the team event.

We would like to congratulate all fencers for the effort and determination they have shown throughout the year. New skills have been learned and friendships made. All students have made the College proud with their achievements.

**ANDREW SZANDURSKI**  
MIC FENCING

## FOOTBALL

# A season of two halves



The 2014 Football season was one of two halves: the first dry; the second wet. Fields slowly developed into dustbowls and then rapidly became quagmires as the rain started in the latter part of the season. The second last round with Sydney Grammar was completely washed out. The last round with The Scots College was threatened by rain but went ahead, although several games were abandoned. Our own Second Field went into its third match before the referee abandoned play on the basis of the ground becoming unsafe to continue. At Newington two games were played before consistent rain forced the cancellation of the remaining fixtures. The games at St George (Barton Park) Fields were able to go ahead, and by the time the

3rd, 2nd and 1st XI fixtures took place there was clear skies and sunshine. Although after these matches the rain came again.

The 2nd XI won its last match, and this was sufficient for the boys to secure the Premiership—the eighth won by the 2nd XI in the last 16 seasons. Congratulations to coaches Mr Richard Hart and Mr Jim Magill and to the players on their success. The 1st XI won its last match emphatically and while this resulted in an undefeated GPS season, it was not sufficient for them to retain their Premiership, won by Newington due to a number of draws recorded.

The 14C XI was the last team to complete a game on Riverview soil for the season. This team showed particular pluck and



improvement over the course of the season, and coach, Mr Craig Ueland, was very proud of the manner on which they conducted themselves.

**PETER STEFFAN**  
MIC FOOTBALL

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## FUTSAL

# Our most successful season

The third season of futsal at Riverview was perhaps the most successful in the sport's short, but rich, history at the College. All six teams qualified for the finals.

In the Manly Vale competition the Riverview Juniors fought their way to a remarkably close grand final, ultimately losing 0–1. The Riverview Wolves regularly demonstrated a very high level of skill for their age, dominating the First division, and won their grand final 1–0.

The Year 9 team played valiantly in the Under 16s competition, losing in a very close semi-final. The Year 10 team was the class of the competition and deservedly triumphed in the grand final to conclude a very competitive campaign.

In the Under 18s competition the Riverview Seniors team had a fantastic season considering their experience, bowing out in the semi-final.

The Riverview 1sts was the team to beat in Division. Futsal captain William Minehan led the team to a memorable campaign, regularly decimating an often formidable opposition.

All of the boys are to be commended for the way they carried themselves and the way they performed this season. A huge vote of thanks goes out to our expert coaches, Jim Magill, Sab Trovato, Rob Stuart and Bruno Jasiczek, without whom this level of success and fun simply would not have been possible.

**CAMERON HART**  
FUTSAL COORDINATOR

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## MARTIAL ARTS

# Valiant performances, maturity and proficiency

2014 has been a very successful year for the SIC Taekwondo squad which has continued to be a highly competitive team and this year welcomed a number of new participants. Under the expert instruction of Master Greg Wyllie and Lincoln Mark (OR2011), the athletes continued to develop and hone their skills, which saw a number of them achieve higher ranks and belts. In particular Nicholas Bosworth, Michael Rogers and Thomas Lucchese achieved the highest honour awarded to school aged participants. Each student was awarded with the rank of 1st Dan Black Belt—a level higher than Probationary Black Belt—and one that signifies their maturity and proficiency in taekwondo.

In September this year the College played host to the 23rd NSW ALL Schools Taekwondo Championship Tournament. The event, which was held in the Gartlan Centre, attracted close to 300 competitors representing 80 schools. Our SIC team displayed their talents in a number of bouts and were awarded with individual gold, silver and bronze medals for their effort. Despite a valiant performance by the entire squad, the team placed fourth.

**MARYANNE HUMPHREY**  
MIC TAEKWONDO



## MOUNTAIN BIKING

# A thriving sport

Throughout winter the Mountain Biking team travels to many varied courses to participate in competitions.

The team competed at Yellomundee in June, and Canberra in August to compete in the ACT Interschools at Mt Stromlo Forest. This course is purpose-built for mountain biking and there are many, many different trails to experience. Because this event is held in the winter terms we compete with a smaller team of 14 riders but still we are one of the largest groups at the event and are very well recognised, this being our seventh successive appearance.

The race is a four-hour 'enduro' event where the team that completes the most laps in the four-hour time limit is declared the winner. In very cold and windy conditions

all four Riverview teams did an excellent job to compete against at least 300 students from 55 schools. While in Canberra we took advantage of the weekend to experience the wonderful mountain biking trails of Sparrow Hill Pine Forest, just outside Queanbeyan, cycling for three hours in beautiful conditions over many kilometres of single track pine trails.

Across Term 4 we competed against Barker, Knox, King's, Waverley and our new member school, St Andrew's College. Next year St Pius is also planning on joining us, clear and strong evidence that the sport is growing very fast and can cater for all boys, no matter what their talent.

**JEREMY BENNETT**  
MIC MOUNTAIN BIKING



## RUGBY

# Strength and depth



The 2014 season was successful on many levels. No we didn't win the GPS 1st XV Premiership, we finished second to a highly favoured Scots College team that finished undefeated. The much-anticipated Riverview v Joeys games lived up to all expectations with Riverview winning both 1st XV matches. A big thank you to the wider Riverview community—boys, parents and Old Boys—who cooperated to make the day a festival of Rugby for our boys and not one where incidents on the sidelines take all the

headlines in the newspaper and online chat forums.

Congratulations to the boys who represented GPS (12), NSW (8) and Australian Schoolboys (3) Rugby this season. Especially to Henry Hutchison, Evan Pritchard and Jack McGregor who were selected for Australian Schoolboys team. This shows the strength and depth of the talent that exists on the rugby field at Riverview. It's evident that the Riverview talent continues to develop once boys leave

the College, as evidenced by the boys who feature in Senior competitions such as Super Rugby, NRC and Grade.

Farewell to Mr Travis Partridge who leaves the role of Master in Charge of Rugby. Mr Partridge instilled a new culture of working as a team to achieve a goal in all our rugby teams through his commitment to the sport and recruitment of the best coaches.

**MR ANDREW SZABO**  
COLLEGE SPORTSMASTER

# Highlights from snowsports

Congratulations to all involved on a great season of Snowsports in 2014 that comprised many individual and team highlights.

Twenty eight students represented the College in both the Redlands Cup, and the Sydney Interschools Snowsports Championships. All up we recorded 11 top ten finishes, with three individual podium finishes: two to Max Evans, and a bronze to Matthew Weeks in the Division One Skier X. We picked up two silvers and a bronze in the team competition.

Overall the College finished first in the Secondary Male Pointscore Category Two—a fantastic result—and 11 boys qualified to represent at the NSW Interschools competition.

At the Australian Interschools Championships Matt Weeks saved his best performance for the end of the season, picking up a magnificent bronze in the Division 1 Alpine. Matt, together with Jake Perko-Bennett and Will Crowe, picked up a bronze in the Skier X event. In Division 3 the College's three most consistent moguls skiers of the last two seasons, Tom Van Dongen, Taffy Jackson and Archer Gunning, placed fourth in the teams category by the narrowest of margins.

Congratulations to all the boys, including those who had skied so well in the Sydney Championships. And once again, on behalf of the team, the parents, and the College, a huge thankyou to Leisa Griffin for the countless hours she spent compiling teams, registrations, course officials and team managers for the Sydney, NSW and Australian Championships.

**CHRISTOPHER BAXTER**  
MIC SNOWSPORTS



## WINTER TENNIS

# 2014 Barclay Academy Tennis Challenge

Our annual Tennis Challenge was held on 23 October at the Macquarie University Courts and was an interesting evening of tennis which pitted our Riverview squad of 16 players and four coaches against the Barclay Academy boys and girls who were in Australia for 12 months to improve their tennis and to study English.

Most of the matches were of a high standard and were played with great sportsmanship. The most entertaining was arguably the set between great Australian Davis Cup and grand-slam singles and doubles legend Tony Roche who played with his 10-year-old grandson against Sam Lo (Year 6) and Master in Charge Tennis Richard Hart. History will record that the Roche pair won in a close tie-break set.

Overall Barclay Academy came out on top in the Challenge against a very young Riverview squad.

Many thanks to Vince, Tomoko and David (OR 2008) Barclay for their continued hospitality and encouragement of the Riverview Tennis program.

**RICHARD HART**  
MIC TENNIS



## VOLLEYBALL

# A big year, a thrilling win

2014 was a big year for Volleyball: It was the first year that we had five teams—three Opens and two Juniors; it was the first year that we had two courts to play on in the Gartlan; but more importantly, it was the first year that any Riverview team has beaten Sydney High, who has been the Volleyball GPS champion for over 20 years.

We faced Sydney High in the very first game of the 2014 season. After watching numerous YouTube clips on High the Riverview boys were a little anxious to be facing them. The U16s had a gruelling match with the teams locked at one set-all going in to the third set and they came out victorious. It was the most thrilling game

that we have had—the one win that eluded us for the five years that I have been involved in Volleyball, and it was a game that will be talked about by volleyballers for a long time. Well done boys!

**MARYANNE O'DONOGHUE**  
MIC TENNIS

# All ex-students are members of the OIU

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OIU mentors with their mentees at the seventh Indigenous Mentoring Camp

Not every student who attended Saint Ignatius' College Riverview returns in the days, months or years later to rejoice in the Jesuit education, the life-long friendships and camaraderie, to be a parent, an OIU Committee member, Rugby BBQ tong-master, reunion attendee or even as a casual, inquisitive visitor.

One of the jobs of the OIU and our friends and supporters in the Riverview Development Office (thanks Janelle!) is to

try to ensure we keep in contact with as many old boys as possible. It's a massive task in these modern days to keep in contact with the more than 8,000 members whether through mail, email, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Viewpoint, the Portal, classmate lists, the website ([www.oiu.org.au](http://www.oiu.org.au)) and whatever the new thing will be next year. But, from time to time someone writes or calls with a simple message that they never want to be contacted about anything to do with the College or the OIU ever again.

One can only imagine the back-story behind such requests.

For others, life is simply a matter of, 'I've moved on'; 'I have another life and my time at the College, while important, has been overtaken by the myriad things life throws up'; 'I will attend the odd reunion every 10 years or so, but I have five daughters and...'

I attended a funeral of an Old Boy from the class of 1928 where I met a chap from around that vintage wearing his OIU tie.

He told me had only been at the College for a few months in about 1929 but had to leave for family reasons. After he left, his classmates kept in touch. Not long after that he went to a reunion and ever since has always considered himself an Old Boy and always cherished his, albeit short, time at the school.

Some students leave the College in different circumstances that are not straight forward and, sometimes, when it was not their preference to do so. I believe that any student who does not leave the school of their own volition should still be considered members and included in the activities of the OIU.

This is not to belittle or judge decisions made by the College or the actions of students who have committed serious offences.

The OIU goes to great lengths to assist those who have committed much worse crimes than those which have caused the expulsion of students from Riverview. When we on the Ignatian Service Association hear about an Old Boy who is in gaol we do all we can to ensure that, should they need our help, the OIU will do whatever we can to assist. Some accept, some don't. We don't judge, but, by virtue of our connection, there is still that bond. (If you know of any Old Boys in gaol, please let us know.)

"Each of us is more than the worst thing we have ever done", says Bryan Stevenson, a US prisoners' rights activist. He says that just because you've told a lie does not make you just a liar and just because you steal something does not make you just a thief—that there are many more things which form a person and, we would like to think, by virtue of a student's education here (*cura personalis*) whether it was for a few months or years, we have a link, and therefore a responsibility to be there for all former students.

Our identity is at risk when we don't care about these difficult things, and while many of us come back year after year and reunite and re-live the good times and get involved by doing good work and send our sons here for more of the same, I believe we need to look after those in our year groups who have



## No matter when and how you left Riverview you will always be welcome as a member of the OIU

TIM GAVAN

not fared so well, who may not have left on the best terms, who later may fall into bad company and become marginalised.

The strong brand of the OIU and its reputation for doing such overtly good works sometimes for great and worthy organisations just outside the metaphoric gates of our community, is only as good as how well we look after our own members who cannot look after themselves, who feel disenfranchised through poor choices or through no choice such as their sexuality, colour or their intellectual, physical or emotional state and who will never get to another reunion, a Gold Challenge or be a future parent.

In some ways the more overt activities are safer and easier; the harder task is to pick up the phone to that bloke you haven't heard of for a while to make sure he's OK. These are acts of kindness nobody will ever know about—do it anyway! This simple intervention of staying in touch with a former classmate who may not fit the mould should be done as soon as possible after they leave the school when the connection is more easily made and not years later.

No matter when and how you left Riverview you will always be welcome as a member of the OIU.

My tenure as President has come to an end and Daniel Moran (OR86) takes over as President. Dan is a parent as well as an Old Boy and has been heavily involved in many OIU and school activities over the years, most notably with the Cana Community and Teresa House.

It has been an honour to serve as President.

I wish to thank an extraordinary Executive Committee: John Allen, Brent Cubis, Tim Peisley, Dan Moran, Rob Hartman, Peter Best, Rex Hoeben, Peter Farrell, Michael McGrath, Steve Newnham and Chris Tait for their support and advice. The time and effort they have put into the various activities of the OIU has been the main reason it continues to be held in such high regard at Riverview, among the Jesuit Community and in other school alumni organisations.

The General Committee too has been more involved in the strategic direction of the

Union and I thank those members for their time and efforts.

The OIU continues to grow into a large and more complex organisation requiring expertise in finance, strategy, media and communications, herding cats (organising BBQ rosters) and a fair share of understanding, liaison and negotiations with our major stakeholders including the school and the Jesuits and their communities.

The various committees have worked harder to achieve more over the last 12 months in much the same way that the College motto dares us to do.

The Ignatian Service Association led by Nick Harrington and strongly supported by the tireless John Allen continued its many important mentoring, charitable, member support and social justice activities and, in association with the school, has added Refugee Student Mentoring to its activities. The important work of supporting the transition of young old boys into adult life through its association with The Cardoner Project also continues.

The Finance Committee led by Hon Treasurer Brent Cubis is charged with the management of over \$1 million in

funds under management and this year oversaw the distribution of over \$70,000 to various causes including the annual \$20,000 to Riverview's Bursary Program, the commencement of a bursary system for Loyola College Mt Druitt and in months to come the investment of capital into a residential investment to support the accommodation needs of young old boys and their families.

The strong 'can do' attitude of 'The Tongmaster' and 'Careers Puppetmaster' Charlie Pidcock deserves special mention and acknowledgement.

The strong support from the College Leadership team also needs acknowledgement. Thanks to Dr Hine, Fr Ross and the College Council through John Wilcox for their advice, vision and flexibility to allow us to do the work we do.

To Mark White and his facilities support staff, thanks for your assistance and for always being there to open, close, organise and 'un-organise' the many interactions we have with the school.

Special thanks and acknowledgement to Catering Industries for their generosity and support. In particular Antony Hastie and especially to Charles Cuschieri and his

sons who also superbly make the golf days happen like clockwork.

We could not function without the tireless efforts of the Riverview Development Office. To Peter McLean, Janelle Handley, Suzie Marks and Lauren Sykes (the communications expert!) thanks for your patience, innovation and massive contribution to the success of the OIU.

Finally, again, thanks to Christine Zimbulis, with special mention of her care, protection of our interests, attention to detail and dedication.

Next year there is unfinished business for me in supporting Old Boys and their families suffering mental health challenges; continuing to develop a support structure for young Old Boys and becoming more involved in the Refugee Student Mentoring Program.

Thanks to everyone else, especially my family, for your support and encouragement. It's been an honour to serve.

**TIM GAVAN**  
OIU PRESIDENT  
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## Past Parents' Association

# From the President

Our Spring Luncheon held on 2 September in Cova Cottage was such a happy and successful occasion. The food was delicious, the view over the river was stunning, and our guest speaker Pat McDermott entertained us with her hilarious reminiscences on 'having sons at Riverview'. We all identified with her words!

The Queen's Birthday Honours List in June awarded past parent Christine Robertson from Eastwood, with an Order of the Medal of Australia (OAM) for her services to children, particularly as a foster carer. For over 21 years through CatholicCare, Christine and her family have given a home, love and support to over 68 children with stays spanning 12 hours, 12 months to over 12 years, including siblings, two sets of twins and one set of triplets.

In September, another past parent, Bernadette Kelly from Wagga Wagga, was acknowledged as the first-ever recipient of a Life

Membership honour from the Multicultural Council of Wagga Wagga. Bernadette, a founding member of MCWW, has for the past 26 years been at the forefront of enabling refugees to find peace, assistance and the services needed to begin life in Australia. Congratulations to Christine and Bernadette—they are indeed women for others.

I wish you all the joys of Christmas and the hopeful peace of a New Year. Mass and a light luncheon will be held on Monday 16 February 2015 at 11am at the College.

Please contact me if you would like your name to be added to the Past Parents' mailing list for events throughout 2015.

**ANNE DALTON**  
PRESIDENT, PAST PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

# Frenetic and filled with gratitude



In its 83rd year I am pleased to say the spirit of the Riverview P&F community is very much alive and thriving. In these days and times where often both parents work and free time is short or nonexistent, I am always impressed by (and extremely grateful for) the willingness of parents and friends who donate their time to help out in whatever way possible.

The second half of 2014 has been just as frenetic as the first. Despite several wet weekends the winter canteens continued to be a popular place to grab lunch, catch up with old and new friends and to lose your voice while cheering on the boys in blue and white. My thanks to Simone Robertson for stocking the canteen each weekend and to Tricia Cobb and her team of Parent Year Co-ordinators who made sure these winter canteens ran smoothly.

The City Country Mother's Lunch was once again a truly wonderful afternoon. Not only was it an opportunity to meet other mums from Sydney and country NSW, this year we heard two fellow mothers talk about their

experiences as Riverview parents. Nicole Rogerson, as a mother of a son with autism, spoke about the importance of the College's Special Education Inclusion Program (SEIP) and what it has meant for her family. Sarah Rennie spoke as an 'international' parent about the issues which parents of boarders face each day—in her case with a few added twists such as time zones and international travel. Many thanks to Kim Whiteley, Virginia Thompson and Bronwyn Hill for pulling this afternoon together, it really is a highlight on the P&F calendar.

Another highlight was the MasterClass Lunch, which raised funds for the College's Co-Curricular Program and was a thoroughly entertaining afternoon and another great opportunity for parents and friends to catch up.

Starting two years ago, the solo parents monthly drinks have become a regular feature on the P&F calendar and continue to grow in popularity. Thanks to Rosie Trill for all her efforts.

As a result of the success of P&F events such as Riverview Royale and the winter canteens, I am pleased to report that the P&F looks on track to end the year in a similarly strong financial position as in previous years. At the time of writing the final figure to be donated to the College for 2014 is still to be finalised. We can however confirm that the commitment to the P&F-named bursary position will be comfortably honoured and that the additional sum to be donated to the College will be in the vicinity of \$115,000. This will leave a surplus of \$12,000 for the start of 2015, in line with the 2014 start of year surplus.

A final round of thanks to my Executive Committee for their constant support and to College staff especially Dr Hine, Fr Ross, Adam Lewis, John Frare, Mark White, Dee Dwyer and Antony Hastie for being approachable and always happy to help. It has been an absolute privilege to be President of such a wonderful community. Wishing all a happy and safe Christmas.

**JEANMAREE FURTADO**  
2014 P&F PRESIDENT

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## Community News

# Riverview Father & Son Golf Day

The Riverview Father & Son Golf Day, sponsored by the OIU, was held on Monday 6 October at the Coast Golf Club with over 90 boys from Regis through to Year 12 and their fathers taking part. The golfers ranged from those who play regularly, to those who play once a year, right through to some who had never played, but all would agree it was a great day spent together.

The best team aggregate (OIU Trophy) was won by Max and Rory Donnelly and Ron and Tim Ross, with Robert and Jack Seymour and Simon Greig and Oliver Seymour runners up. The day's major trophy, the Father Chris Gleeson SJ Trophy for best father and son, was won by Michael and Louis Callanan. The runners up father and son went to Adam and Archie Cornell, and Brent and Tom Cubis won the encouragement award.

Thank you to John Allen for helping with the coordination of the event, Nick Cuschieri for giving up his day to register the golfers and tally the scores at the completion of the day. Thanks also to Hugh Bonnefin of Wine Brothers for donating prizes, to Len Ancliffe for supplying the trophies and of course to all the fathers, grandfathers, guardians and students for coming along making the day such a success.

**CHRISTINE ZIMBULIS**  
ALUMNI & SPECIAL EVENTS MANAGER



**Top to bottom:** Max & Rory Donnelly, Ron & Tim Ross;  
Michael & Louis Callanan

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## The Worst Kept Secrets

Congratulations to Thomas de Angelis (OR2009), whose play *The Worst Kept Secrets* opened at Sydney's Seymour Centre in mid-November to great reviews. *The Worst Kept Secrets* is written and directed by Tom and stars fellow 2009 alumni Sam Boneham and Matt Morrow, and Riverview parents Sonia Todd and Rhett Walton. James Anthony, also a Class of 2009 graduate, wrote the original music for the production.



# Indigenous Mentor Camp



On the weekend of 31 Oct to 2 Nov 2014, the OIU held its seventh Indigenous Mentor Camp, with 27 of the 36 Indigenous boys currently enrolled at the College attending with their mentors. We had boys from Redfern, Moree, Darwin, Broome, Alice Springs and all places in between. Once again we were blessed by the generosity of Glen Joseph (OR72), one of our mentors,

who allowed us to stage the camp at his farm Raineville, at O'Connell near Bathurst.

The camp is a wonderful opportunity to develop our community as well as the specific relationships between each mentor and mentee. Activities this year included water-skiing on Chifley Dam, motor bike riding, cattle work and learning to drive on the farm. We had a superb Tae Kwon Do demonstration by young Old Boy Pete Hartman (OR02), where all the boys and mentors learnt how to chop wood with their bare hands!

The water skiing was a big hit! Many thanks to Dan Moran (OR86) and Charlie Pidcock (OR87) who provided the boats. The conditions were challenging with 50km/h winds but this simply added to the fun.

Some of the boys were able to get airborne on the doughnuts when heading into the wind! Many great memories for all.

2015 will be the 10th year of the OIU Indigenous Mentor Program. With another seven boys joining us next year, we always require good men to join our mentor community. If you are interested, or if you know someone who may be interested, please contact me anytime. All are welcome—not just Old Boys. The only requirement is that you care for Indigenous education and are able to commit a minimal amount of time. Over half of our current mentors are not Old Boys; many are current or past parents who see merit in the work.

**JOHN ALLEN (OR81)**

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# Memoirs of a Go-Go Dancer

Justin Sheedy (OR86), author of *Nor the Years Condemn* and *Ghosts of the Empire* is back with a sequel to his first book and comic memoir of growing up in 1970s Australia, *Goodbye Crackernight*.

*Memoirs of a Go-Go Dancer* details the wonders, triumphs and agonies of teenage life in the 1980s, and opens with Justin's rich homage to his experience of Riverview in the 1980s:

**Justin Sheedy's first job out of school was a symbol of his rebellion against the 1980s—a decade so lame it cried out**

**for any other. Crackernight, the annual fireworks festival of his childhood, was gone. So was childhood. Justin's teenage would be a search for new fireworks. He would find them. In his legendary schoolteachers, in questioning his elders, in playing rock and roll, in marching against nuclear madness, and in that scariest of all things known to Man: GIRLS. And all that was before he became a Go-Go Dancer! Then the fun really started.**

*Memoirs of a Go-Go Dancer* will be available in stores this Christmas.



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# The Honourable Justice Derek Michael Price (OR67)



Riverview Old Boy and past parent the Honourable Justice Derek Michael Price AM (OR67) has been appointed as the new Chief Judge of the District Court of NSW.

The Chief Judge is the principal judicial officer of the NSW District Court and is appointed by the Governor of NSW in line with the District Court Act 1973. In a statement Attorney General Brad Hazzard commended Justice Price for his leadership, experience and sound judgement:

*"Justice Price has had a long and distinguished career, having worked in the justice system for more than four decades," Mr Hazzard said.*

*"His leadership saw the Court being recognized in the annual Report on Government Services as*

*one of the most efficient Local Court jurisdictions in Australia.*

*"In June 2010 His Honour was made a member of the Order of Australia for service to the law and the judiciary, the development and delivery of justice initiatives for the Indigenous community, children and young persons, and for his contributions to legal organisations."*

Justice Price remains a judge of the Supreme Court and will sit, from time to time, on the Court of Criminal Appeal.

## Are you interested and able to volunteer to assist with tutoring Indigenous boys in 2015?

Riverview will have close to 40 Indigenous boys enrolled in 2015. They come from Redfern, Moree, Darwin, Broome, Alice Springs and all places in between. After discussions with Julie Zwar, (Teacher—Learning Enrichment), Anthony Reilly (Indigenous Student Co-ordinator), Dom Wilkinson (Head of Learning Enrichment) and various Boarding Masters, we have found that there is a need for volunteer tutors to work with boys one-on-one during first and second study times in Boarding for 2015. While the tutoring would be available to all boys, we would like to target the Indigenous boys, particularly the incoming Year 7 and other year groups. Although the study

times vary, they appear to be from 5–6pm and 7–8pm. There is also a Sunday night slot, roughly from 7–8. Maths tutors are particularly desirable, but general support in all areas would be welcome. We also have some boys who need intensive reading support. The tutors are required in both the Junior and Senior Boarding houses. Although tutors would need working with children checks, these can be done online.

**Please contact John Allen if you are able to assist on 0411 02 95 95 or [john@jenjo.com.au](mailto:john@jenjo.com.au)**

# John Scahill

## Dux of Riverview 1971

**Editor's note:** Welcome to Alumni in Focus, where we delve into the life of a Riverview Old Boy, sharing glimpses of his world both during and post-school. James Rodgers begins here with John Scahill (OR71).

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In 1962, 52 years ago, I first met John Scahill when we both attended St Leo's College in Year 3. We have remained friends ever since. We both left Riverview in 1971, John as Dux of the College. His career since has been distinguished and decorated. But in this article, I want to explore what experiences at Riverview influenced the course of his life since.

In summary, after school, his studies took him from Sydney University to Melbourne University; from Iceland to Durham University and back to Melbourne. Then, he taught at St Scholastica's at Glebe for four years before tutoring in the English Department at Sydney University.

Late in 1989, without the benefit of tenure at Sydney, John had to look abroad. Under the influence of his classical Greek teacher at Sydney University, Professor Treweek, John had learned 'a little' Japanese while pursuing a PhD during the 1980s. There is a nice symmetry here. One former Riverview Dux—John Scahill—was taught by another Dux from another age, the brilliant Athansius Treweek (OR28). So, in 1990, John went to Japan and stayed for 20 years, initially teaching at Seikei University

in Tokyo before transferring to Japan's oldest university, Keio. Professor Scahill returned to Australia in 2010 and for the last four years he has taught ESL to foreign students who wish to go to university in Australia at Insearch (attached to UTS). He considers this 'most rewarding work'.

So how did Riverview prepare him for a life of study, research, teaching, lecturing, serving?

When John commenced at Riverview in 1966, there had been only remote prior family connections with the College, but his parents valued the sort of education and range of subjects in the classical tradition that Riverview offered. John thrived, sitting at the feet of some of Riverview's more influential and inspirational teachers. One of them, Joe Castley, became a lifelong friend. Through literature, Joe challenged us morally and encouraged us to be seriously engaged in life.

John learned about leadership. He led and influenced others with integrity as a Prefect and as Senior CUO in the Cadet Corps. Debating and public speaking drew out a rather reserved, retiring young man. Father Charles McDonald SJ encouraged him to use his formidable intellect and questing intelligence to marshal content and arguments while always seeing the two truths in every proposition. He was twice a member of GPS Premiership-winning debating sides (in 1970 and 1971, when he was captain). He won the prestigious Lawrence Campbell Oratory Competition when one of his opponents was Sydney

Grammar's Malcolm Turnbull. In this gruelling competition, he spoke for 10 minutes, with 15 minutes' preparation, without notes, on the line from Blake's 'Proverbs of Hell': "he who desires but acts not breeds pestilence".

He captained the GPS side and was a gold medallist for both debate and public speaking. In Year 12 that year, John was placed first in Religious Knowledge, Greek and Latin, and second in 1st Level Maths. He was Dux of the College. At a time when the HSC was in its infancy, exact aggregates were not revealed but surely John's was one of the highest in the State. Our education, thankfully, was not focussed on exam marks but formation of the mind was what was most valued.

John has since devoted his life to scholarship, to teaching. He has made significant contributions to research and to the pursuit of ideas and ideals. If we are entirely honest, John could have thrived anywhere. He had impressive gifts and a most encouraging family. But, perhaps Riverview gave him opportunities and confidence in his gifts. He was encouraged to seek what Ignatius calls the magis, the more. Father General Adolfo Nicolás SJ counsels us to see this not as an imperative to do 'more' but to do it more deeply, with an emphasis on quality.

This is what John Scahill has done: a man of vast intellect, invariably graciousness and admirable humility.

**JAMES RODGERS**

# Reunions & Events

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## CLASS OF 2004

### 10 Year Reunion



(From left) Jackson Bird, Mike Boyd; Tom Murray, Bryce O'Brien, Christian O'Brien

The Class of 2004's 10 Year Reunion was a resounding success. Proceedings began with lunch in the new state of the art Boathouse with over 130 old boys treated to a fantastic spread of blue and white 'palm beach' style seating arrangements looking over the Lane Cover River. It was a great atmosphere to catch up with old friends before heading down to the

1st XV Riverview v Joeys match. Despite the wet and rainy conditions, it was an eclectic atmosphere inside the dedicated marquee. After a few Iggy the Moochas we watched the team edge out our rivals from across the river in a gripping match. Following the game, busses took us to the next venue the Chippendale Hotel where light refreshments and drinks continued

throughout the night. Special thanks to Christine Zimbulis for arranging the event, the Longueville Hotel for donating drinks, the catering team for their efforts, the Chippendale Hotel for donating refreshments and lastly to the Old Boys in attendance for the kind donation to the Old Ignatians' Union Bursary Fund.

**MATT HOR**



Ticka Tynan with Les Kirkpatrick

## CLASS OF 1984

### 30 Year Reunion

The Class of 1984 held its 30 year Reunion at the Riverview Boatshed in August. To mark the occasion we had a 'Friday Long Leisurely Lunch' with 116 in attendance, including eight staff members from 30 years ago. It was an outstanding afternoon and evening where we also raised \$1500 for the Class Bursary Fund. As MC, Damian "Ticka" Tynan directed traffic and ran trivia and we heard speeches from Patrick Clarke and Mr Les "The Kirk" Kirkpatrick, our 1984 Year 12 Master and Coach of our 1st XV. We also held a moment's silence to acknowledge the nine students in our

Year who can no longer join us at future reunions. In addition to reflecting on what a great bunch of blokes we are, we also paid particular tribute to Geoff Larbalestier and Tom Palmer who literally flew in from overseas for 24 hours for the reunion. Top efforts! At 6pm we boarded buses for The Great Northern, singing songs and telling tall stories all the way. The following day we had a family day at Riverview to watch the footy. A wonderful catch-up for all. We'll all be back in five years!

**DAMIAN 'TICKA' TYNAN**

# 50 Year Reunion

The Class of 64 held a wonderful 50 Year Reunion at the College in late September. Old classmates met in the College Archives where a special exhibition of life at Riverview in the 1960s had been prepared for the occasion.

From the Archives we made a short walk through the Rose Garden to Cova Cottage above the wharf. Richard Lyle was a very polished and colourful MC and introduced our guest of honour, current Rector Fr Ross Jones SJ. Chris Morgan, stroke of the winning VIII of 1964 presented every guest with a collector's edition of the 1964 Penny as a memento of that good year, the last year the Australian penny was minted prior to the introduction of decimal currency.

David Brennan set a tone of frivolity with his amusing operatic adaptation of the National Anthem before Ross Finley ran a very professional video production of our days at Riverview. A lot of laughs and "who's that?" interrupted the showing and it certainly set the scene for a good lunch of reminiscing.

Fr Jones welcomed us with an interesting background to our venue Cova Cottage (which many of us remembered as Bruce Kinnaird's—and later Peter May's—family residence) before delivering a poignant Grace.

After a delicious lunch, courtesy of Charles Cuschieri's Catering Industries, Paddy McHugh 'a good dog for a hard road' was called upon to toast the College. In a whimsical and insightful way he covered many of the activities and memorable personalities of the time, boys and teachers alike. On behalf of all present, he expressed a deep gratitude to the Jesuits and toasted their success in educating us and so many others.

The reunion moved from Cova Cottage to the Diddy for further serious discussion. Our special thanks to the College Archivist, the Development Office and staff of Riverview who contributed so much to the day.

**DENNIS O'BRIEN**



**(Top to bottom)** Seven trophies for GPS competition in a year. To this day no other school has held seven trophies in a year; Paddy McHugh, who proposed the toast to the College & Michael McGlynn

## GPS Gold Challenge

A sensational weekend was held at Riverview on 4 October for the GPS Gold Challenge—so many people from different schools remarked on what great facilities we have at Riverview. There were over 600 men (aged 49/50) competing in the full range of sports we played 32 years ago—and as you can imagine every type of muscle strain and tear appeared which were well worked on by the extensive physio team on hand.

Pleasingly Riverview had the most attendees of any school in both 1981 (49) and 1982 (41) years, which was a great result. The team of 1981 also managed to win the pointscore overall which was fantastic. The event culminated in a closing dinner in the Ramsay Hall where there was much laughter, catching up with old mates and talking about the great days at View. It was also great to enjoy the company of those



from all the other GPS schools with whom we may have shared university or work days. The debate was a highlight, and covered the topic 'GPS schools should become co-educational' which also was won by Riverview!

**1981 cricket team**

It was such a unique weekend many are now planning for another in 10 years!

**MICHAEL MCGRATH**

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## Loyola Mass and Lunch



This was our annual gathering, held on Thursday 23 October, when we welcomed back to Riverview 40 wonderful widows of our Old Ignatians. Many of them have retained their connections with Riverview as mothers or grandmothers but, for all of them, Riverview has a treasured place in their hearts.

Fr Jack McLain S.J offered Mass for the intentions of all widows and their families. At lunch, our guests were hosted by 17 of our current Riverview boys, some of whom were related to our guests. Two of our outstandingly talented Year 10 Musicians (Zac Roddy and George Goodfellow) entertained us with three hauntingly beautiful songs.

Nona Fisher, from Bathurst, widow of Tony (OR46) spoke eloquently and passionately about how much Riverview had been part of her life as wife, mother and grandmother. We were much enriched by all our guests. Some had travelled from Lithgow or Mudgee to be there. They still call Riverview home!

**JAMES RODGERS**

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## Riverview in Wagga Wagga

Riverview's Class of 1980 invited members of the Riverview community to the Wagga Wagga Picnic Races this year to raise funds for one of their mates.

The ticket price included a donation to Andrew 'Cookie' Cook, a Wagga Wagga farmer and Riverview Old Boy who became a quadriplegic in a farming accident on 4 December 2011. A large contingent of past and present parents, Old Boys from Sydney, the Riverina and Victoria and friends of the Cook family gathered under the Riverview Marquee on a glorious spring day.

The 1980 Committee had even sponsored the last race—the 1980 Riverview Old Boys Plate—so they got their name up in lights! In one of those happy coincidences, the owners of the winning horse currently have a grandson at the school.

Local Old Boy and Committee Organiser Nick Coulthurst summed up the day:

"We love coming to the races but it had a special meaning this year. To see all these friends come out in support of 'Cookie' was special."

After drawing the winning ticket for the wine raffle, Mrs Wendy Cook commented "We wanted to thank you very much for organising the event at the races. I'm very appreciative of the work that your Committee put in to get it to all run well. I'm very humble to know that you guys are always there for Cookie and have kept in touch."

The Committee wishes to thank all those who contributed to such a successful day, including local Wagga family and friends and the very efficient and welcoming staff of the Murrumbidgee Turf Club.

**DANIEL BOLGER**



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## Family Celebrations



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(From left) Timothy Leung, James Bolster, Andy Thomas, Michael Murphy, Patrick McNamee, Oscar Lewis and Bruce Rixon, Former Director of Performing Arts; Lucy and Adam McCarthy with twins Sebastian and Henrietta

## Weddings 2014

### JANUARY

Chrys **Tellidis** (OR2002) & Kylie **Schillings**  
Nigel **Carson** (OR2000) & Renee **Stanton**

### FEBRUARY

Nicholas **Lockyer** (OR2002)  
& Caroline **Selwyn**  
Richard **Giblin** (OR2001) & Sarah **Leash**  
Michael **Murphy** (OR2007) & Monica **Pippard**

### MARCH

Anthony **Stenmark** (OR2000)  
& Georgia **Wallace**  
John **Sheehy** (OR2002) & Rebecca **Pearson**

### APRIL

Christopher **Frankish** (OR2001)  
& Felicity **Roberts**

### MAY

Frank **Beresh** (OR2001) & Caroline **Petek**  
Adrian **Slater** (OR98)  
& Srijaniani **Srisathkurunathan**

### JULY

Thomas **Ward** (OR96) & Sarah **Harris**

### AUGUST

Patrick **Tait** (OR2003) & Adriana **Aquila**  
Hugh **O'Neill** (OR2001) & Holly **Gay**

### SEPTEMBER

Thomas **Hinton** (OR2000)  
& Shingiria **Satumba**  
Patrick **Menary** (OR2007)  
& Kate **Haslington**

### OCTOBER

Joe **Dennis** (OR2001) Kate **Garnock**  
Nicholas **Mannion** (OR2002)  
& Michelle **Coolican**

### NOVEMBER

Daniel **Osborne** (OR2001) & Kylie **Henry**  
Christopher **Needham** (OR2003)  
& Stephanie **Partridge**  
Edward **Tighe** (OR2003) & Felicity **Smith**  
Louis **Izzo** (OR99) & Alison **Park**  
William **Mansfield** (OR2002) & Angela **Raven**

### DECEMBER

Nicholas **Falinski** (OR2000) & Leigh **Perry**  
Robert **Dawes** (OR2003) & Annalicia **Young**

## Baptisms 2014

### JANUARY

**Jude** son of Kelly & Benjamin Ledwidge (OR97)

### FEBRUARY

**Nancy** daughter of Alissa &  
Thomas Malone (OR97)  
**Clancy** son of Sandy & Benjamin Willis (OR98)

### MARCH

**Sebastian & Henrietta**, son & daughter  
of Lucy & Adam McCarthy (OR92)  
**Benjamin** son of Stephanie &  
Michael Bailey (OR92)

### APRIL

**Archie** son on Kathryn &  
Jonathan Peters (OR87)

### MAY

**Charlotte** daughter of Laura &  
Timothy Corcoran (OR2003)

**Giuliana** daughter of Nicole &  
James Wedesweiler (OR94)

**Oliver** son of Emily & William Jacka (OR98)

**Millie** daughter of Lauren &  
Christopher Moran (OR92)

**Xavier** son of Victoria & Timothy  
Odiillo Maher (OR89)

### JUNE

**Darcy** son of Karen & Daniel Walters (OR96)  
**Noah** son of Julia & Matthew Kelly (OR2000)

### JULY

**Lucy** daughter of Stephanie  
& Mark Held (OR95)

### AUGUST

**Abigail** daughter of Vanessa &  
Glen Sutherland (OR92)

**Scarlett** daughter of Erin &  
Simon Nesbitt (OR2000)

**Edward** son of Naomi & Julian Delany (OR90)

**Hugo** son of Sasha & Timothy  
Curran (OR2001)

### SEPTEMBER

**Jack** son of Natasha & Anthony Reilly (Staff)  
**Jake** son of Mary & Adrian Luciano (OR90)

**Arabella** daughter of Margaret  
& Marc De Angelis (OR95)

### OCTOBER

**Abigail** daughter of Caroline &  
Timothy Delaney (OR2000)

### NOVEMBER

**Archer** son of Jacqueline &  
Richard Austin (OR99)

# The Bolger family

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**(Clockwise from left)** Tony Bolger in 1945; Jim Roche and family; Murray Bolger (second from the left) and friends, Riverview 1916; Tony Bolger manning the BBQ at a Young Old Ignatians' Union Reunion in 1980

Dr Jim Roche OAM (OR49) wrote to me in August this year after the article on the 'Generations of Riverview' was published in the last edition of *The Ignatian*. That article was about the considerable connections of the Anderson family.

Along with Dr Roche's letter, a hefty but fascinating 254 page self-published history of the Roche and Sheedy families landed on my desk and this gave me the idea for this article.

As Dr Roche writes, "Many of our relations went to Riverview (including the Bolgers, Sykeses, O'Briens, Wilkinsons, Garrys, Ramsays, Oxenhams, Winston-Smiths, Cahills, Chatfields, Heggatons and Kevin Fagan). It is truly a Riverview family".

So, with acknowledgement to Dr Roche, we will feature one of the graduating class of 2014 and his connections to Riverview.

Bernie Bolger (OR2014) finishes at Riverview this year. His younger brother, Douglas, is currently in Year 9. Their parents are Daniel Bolger (OR80) and Christine Lynch (whose brothers and nephews through the Lynch family have all been to, or are currently still at, Riverview). Christine's mother is Ruth (nee Oxenham), so the family also extends across all the Oxenham connections at Riverview!

Daniel Bolger's father, Tony Bolger (OR45), joined the Roche family when he married his wife Patricia in 1958. They sent their sons—Andrew (OR78), Daniel (OR80) and Matthew (OR84)—to Riverview.

Tony Bolger's father, Murray (OR16) had also been to Riverview and had also married into the Roche family when he and Barbara Roche were married in 1926. Murray Bolger (1900–1962), a grazier originally from

Wallendbeen, was a stalwart of the Old Ignatians' Union.

That's as far as the Riverview connections go for this generation of the Bolger family—directly from great grandfather to grandfather to father to sons. But, Jim Roche's history traces the Bolgers back seven generations, right back to Bernie's great great great great grandfather, Simon Bolger (1791–1846).

Like many of the old Riverview families, their connections criss-cross through generations and families. This seems to confirm that many are related to many more and that, eventually, they're all related to each other!

**JAMES RODGERS**

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## Requiescant in Pace

### Bruce Horsley (OR41)

died on 20 September. Father of Patrick (OR73), Richard (OR76), and John (OR77) (dec).

### Warren Asprey (OR46)

died on 30 June. Father of Anthony (OR75) and Danielle; father-in-law of Eddie Moore (OR82) and grandfather of Max Moore (Year 8); brother of Raymond (OR46).

### John Amery Costelloe (OR48)

died on 11 September. Husband of Lyris. John was born in Rabual, New Guinea and spent his first nine years there. He lived with his paternal grandparents in Balranald NSW for about a year. He then spent the next couple of years at St John the Baptist's in Hunters Hill before going to Riverview where he boarded. John took up teaching and spent some years in Nyngan, Emmaville and Finley, spending his last years at Kingswood South Primary School.

One year while he was boarding, his holiday money hadn't arrived, and rather than ask, he rode his push bike to Melbourne to his maternal grandmother's. It took him about a week and when he arrived he was filthy and starving! Whilst in New Guinea, he said it was a boy's dream. He mainly spoke Pidgin English.

### YVETTE COSTELLOE

### Barry Ernest Dillon (OR49)

died on 11 July. Father of Ernest (OR76) and husband of Carol.

### John Joseph Garry (OR49)

first went to Riverview in 1941 at the age of seven years and he was the youngest boy to have gone there; he was with his older brother Leon and was there for two years before returning to Binalong as Australia was at war. He returned to Riverview in 1945 for five years.

His father was at Riverview in 1904 and later his cousins the Bolgers and Roches attended the school.

He was raised on 'Mylora' at Binalong and this property had been in the family since 1840.

After leaving school he worked on 'Mylora' and 'Haddon Rig'. Charles Chauvel made his first colour film called *Jedda*. He bought Mylora's old blitz truck which was taken to the Gulf of Carpentaria as it was used in the film. They filmed large mobs of cattle moving south of Arnhem Land and John was with them for the eight months of filming.

In 1952 he began running his own property 'Myrana' after his father's property was divided. He played polo for the next ten years and he went overseas on a number of occasions for polo. He later took up fox hunting.

He died on 15 April 2014 after a long illness. Leaving his wife Marilyn and children Matthew (OR85) and Emma and six grandchildren.

### DR JIM ROCHE (OR49)

### Raymond Leon Carroll (OR53)

died on 20 July 2014.

### Terrence Joseph Cody (OR55)

died on 30 August.

Dr Terrence Joseph Cody was a prime example of a Riverview boy of the 1950s.

It is no secret—and he did not wish to make it such—that Terry was a recipient of a bursary to attend Riverview.

He was in our leaving class of 1955 and he passed well, so as to enable him to study Medicine at University. He was an outstanding gynaecologist and was well liked and respected by his confreres and patients alike.

At Riverview he was also well liked and popular. Terry was an engaging personality, listened to what you had to say and offered sound logic in reply. He was never argumentative or ego driven. He played in all sports and excelled in academia.

He was an ardent supporter of Riverview and attended our reunions. I remember at our 50th Golden Anniversary he made an outstanding speech about what Riverview had done for him. Terrence was a man of exceptional character, a quiet, unassuming

and unpretentious person. He let his results speak for themselves.

A loving husband, father, grandfather and friend he will be sorely missed by all. He is survived by son and daughter, Anthony and Jacqueline, and their respective spouses, Louise and Hugh; and grandchildren, Mia and Lily.

R.I.P.

### TERRY A. PFAFFLIN

### John Warren Collins (OR59)

died on 5 May 2014.

### Ian 'Jake' Hayson (OR63)

It is with deep sorrow that I report that my brother Ian 'Jake' Hayson (Ian Jacobs) died suddenly at his home on 17 November 2014, aged 69 years.

Ian attended Riverview from 1958 to 1963. He was a keen athlete and was involved in most school activities, including Rugby (1st XV), Rowing (1st IV), and Cadets, and was Prefect in his senior year.

Ian was a kind-hearted, flamboyant personality—gregarious, forthright, strong minded and very much a leader. His presence was effervescent with his most infectious laugh, smile and a great penchant for having a chat. He had a diverse group of friends and those who met him will never forget him.

He had a successful career in real estate and property development and for many years worked with our father Tom Hayson AM (formerly known as Tom Jacobs) a radio broadcaster, now in his 95th year. Their developments included the revitalisation of Darling Harbour, which was opened by the Queen in 1988 and the conversion of many buildings such as Manly Wharf, MCentral, Sky Garden and the Golden Gate Apartments in Surfers Paradise.

Ian had three children with his first wife Ietstje—Melissa, Justin (OR91) and Ben (OR96)—and four children with his wife Natalie—Jack (OR2014), Max (currently Year 11 Dalton) Ruby and Sam—and was grandfather to Noa, Charlie and Viggo.

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## Requiescant in Pace

Married for over 20 years, Natalie and Ian enjoyed a rich, full life together. Natalie has always been a great support to Ian and they relished their lifestyle at Palm Beach.

Saint Ignatius' College Riverview meant a great deal to Ian and he was an enthusiastic and loyal supporter of the school. He was a fixture at his sons' sporting events and recently attended his 50-year reunion. My wife Anne and I were most honoured to celebrate Jack's Graduation at the Blue and White Ball in September where Ian was jubilant surrounded by family and friends.

Ian achieved much in his very colourful life and he will be greatly missed.

### PAUL HAYSON (OR65) AND FAMILY

#### Robert Bruce Gordon (OR65)

died on 2 October. Brother of John (OR69) (dec); husband of Anne.

#### Nigel Robert Collopy (OR72)

died on 26 October. Son of Frank Collopy (OR42) (dec) and Aileen; brother of Jim (OR65) and Richard (OR67) and uncle of

Jack Collopy (OR93). He had been a teacher at various schools in Australia.

#### Jonathan Rowbotham (OR77)

died on 28 July. Nephew of John Theodore (OR31) and Edward (Ned) Theodore (OR35); cousin of Edward Theodore (OR64), Simon Pickworth (OR92) and Lachlan Anderson (Year 9).

#### Matthew Patrick Collins (OR79)

It is with great sadness that the Collins family advise of the death of Matt on 10 August 2014. After a three-year battle with the asbestos-related disease Mesothelioma, Matt finally and very bravely succumbed whilst undergoing treatment at a private hospital in London. This was the very same disease that took our father, Patrick Collins (OR51) in 2007.

When we think of his life, it can truly be said that Matt was a man who somehow crammed several lives into just 52 years. He was a licensed electrical tradesman, professional engineer and MBA qualified businessman. Fluent in two languages and conversant with several others. Matt

worked, sailed, motorcycled, skied and lived across three continents and in many a far-flung corner of the world. He worked with the very best in his profession and cut the mustard. Having embraced his life, he somehow had the strength and presence to observe his own death. Matt carried a wonderful spirit, gave us a beautiful friendship and when facing death was magnanimous and courageous beyond belief. With us forever, Matt is survived by his loving wife Iman and children Serena, Charlie, Liam and little Malik.

Resting in the arms of the Lord.

### TIM COLLINS

#### Kevin Daniel O'Halloran (OR82)

died on 20 October. Son of David and Druscille, brother of Donald (OR83).

#### Justin Peter Roche (OR86)

died on 29 July. Brother of Michael (dec) (OR79) and Adrian (OR83).

#### Daniel Gerard Rowland (OR94)

died on 6 August.

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## The War Memorial at Riverview

In the July 2014 edition of the Ignatian I asked for information which might help us bring up to date our information on those Old Boys who served in the more recent conflicts of the 20th and 21st centuries.

We are looking to record these names on a more permanent basis on our Riverview War Memorial. Many people have been most helpful. As a result of this, the names for each of these conflicts are now:

### The South African (Boer) War:

G. Austin  
J. Campbell  
A. Cosgrove  
C. Cripps  
J. d'Apice  
J. Davidson  
T. Dillon  
J. Flemming  
T. Lane Mullins  
R. Lenehan  
C. McBride  
T. Moore  
J. O'Brien

D. O'Sullivan  
T. Punch  
F. Rudd  
R. Smythe (died on  
active service)

### Korea:

R. Burns  
J. Kelly

### Malaya:

J. Fitzgerald  
J. Gorman  
R. Hannigan  
R. Macken

I. McDermott  
M. McLachlan

### Vietnam:

W. Baggett  
G. Bagot  
M. Boland  
T. Cunich  
R. Hannigan  
G. Hartigan  
T. Hayes  
G. Heffernan  
J. Kelly  
B. Kinsella  
T. Kinsella

T. Knight  
K. Lynch  
M. Maloney  
T. O'Sullivan  
J. Oxenham  
A. Rudd  
A. Shanny  
E. Varga  
R. Zions

### Persian Gulf, Rwanda, East Timor, Afghanistan, Iraq:

M. Brooks  
J.M. Cahill

G. Connolly  
M. Dalton  
J. Flynn  
A. Heath  
T. Hovey  
P. Mulcahy  
P. Scott  
G. Stephenson  
J. Wick

I would appreciate any  
further information. Do  
we have all the names?

### JAMES RODGERS

For the Diary

# 2015 Events & Reunions

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
<b>Saturday 21 February 2015</b>	Gold Cup Regatta	
<b>March/April (date tbc)</b>	London OIU Reunion	Expressions of interest to: Toby Tait (OR2001): <a href="mailto:tobytaid@gmail.com">tobytaid@gmail.com</a>
<b>Saturday 14 March 2015</b>	Riverview in Griffith (venue tba)	Christine Zimbulis: <a href="mailto:cszimbulis@riverview.nsw.edu.au">cszimbulis@riverview.nsw.edu.au</a>
<b>Wednesday 25 March 2015</b>	OIU Golf Day (Avondale Golf Club)	Charles Cuschieri: <a href="mailto:charles@cateringindustries.com.au">charles@cateringindustries.com.au</a>
<b>Saturday 16 May 2015</b>	Riverview in Dubbo	Christine Zimbulis: <a href="mailto:cszimbulis@riverview.nsw.edu.au">cszimbulis@riverview.nsw.edu.au</a>
<b>Thursday 21 May 2015</b>	Nostalgia Mass & Lunch (1930—1964) (Dalton Chapel/Ramsay Hall)	Christine Zimbulis: <a href="mailto:cszimbulis@riverview.nsw.edu.au">cszimbulis@riverview.nsw.edu.au</a>
<b>Saturday 13 June 2015</b>	Riverview in Newcastle (Venue tba)	Christine Zimbulis: <a href="mailto:cszimbulis@riverview.nsw.edu.au">cszimbulis@riverview.nsw.edu.au</a>
<b>Tuesday 16 June 2015</b>	Class of 1955 60 Year Reunion (Dalton Chapel/Parlour)	Christine Zimbulis: <a href="mailto:cszimbulis@riverview.nsw.edu.au">cszimbulis@riverview.nsw.edu.au</a>
<b>Saturday 11 July 2015</b>	Riverview in Mudgee (venue tba)	Christine Zimbulis: <a href="mailto:cszimbulis@riverview.nsw.edu.au">cszimbulis@riverview.nsw.edu.au</a>
<b>Friday 24 July 2015</b>	OIU Annual Back to View Mass & Dinner (Dalton Chapel/Ramsay Hall)	Daniel Moran: <a href="mailto:oiupresident@riverview.nsw.edu.au">oiupresident@riverview.nsw.edu.au</a>
<b>Thursday 20 August 2015</b>	GPSOBU Golf Day (Manly Golf Club)	Charles Cuschieri: <a href="mailto:charles@cateringindustries.com.au">charles@cateringindustries.com.au</a>
<b>Wednesday 2 September 2015</b>	OIU v SJCOBU Golf Day (Avondale Golf Club)	Charles Cuschieri: <a href="mailto:charles@cateringindustries.com.au">charles@cateringindustries.com.au</a>
<b>Friday 25 September 2015</b>	Class of 1965 50 Year Reunion (Cova Cottage)	Peter Cahill: <a href="mailto:p.cahill@bigpond.net.au">p.cahill@bigpond.net.au</a>
<b>Thursday 29 October 2015</b>	Class of 1960 55 Year Reunion (Sydney City Location tba)	John Hardyman: <a href="mailto:john_jeanette@hotmail.com">john_jeanette@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Friday 20 November 2015</b>	OIU AGM	Daniel Moran: <a href="mailto:oiupresident@riverview.nsw.edu.au">oiupresident@riverview.nsw.edu.au</a>

The Development Office can assist with the organisation of your reunion. For further information contact Christine Zimbulis, Alumni & Special Events Manager on 02 9882 8595 or email: [cszimbulis@riverview.nsw.edu.au](mailto:cszimbulis@riverview.nsw.edu.au)

Please remember to update your details at [www.oiu.org.au](http://www.oiu.org.au) so you don't miss out on receiving any invitations.



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